



We live in a time that questions everything: identity, truth, morality, the origin of the universe, the meaning of suffering, the significance of marriage, and even the difference between good and evil. Yet, thousands of years before modern debates, a book had already posed and answered all these questions with a depth that remains astonishing.

That book is **Genesis**.

Many consider it simply the story of creation or the tale of Adam and Eve. But Genesis is much more than that: it is the foundation of all Revelation, the root of Christian theology, and the key to understanding God's plan for humanity.

If we do not understand Genesis, it is difficult to understand the rest of the Bible.

Today, I want to accompany you in exploring it with a theological perspective but also with a pastoral heart. Because Genesis is not a book of the past: it is a book that explains your present.

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## 1. What is Genesis and Why is it So Decisive?

Genesis is the first book of Sacred Scripture and opens the Pentateuch (the first five books traditionally attributed to Moses). Its name means "origin" or "beginning."

And that is exactly what it addresses:

- The origin of the universe
- The origin of man
- The origin of sin
- The origin of the family
- The origin of death
- The origin of the chosen people
- The origin of the history of salvation

But above all, Genesis reveals **who God is**.

From the very first line, Scripture does not attempt to prove God's existence. It presumes it:



“In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.”  
(Genesis 1:1)

There is no chaotic mythology, no struggle between deities. There is only a sovereign God who creates out of love and through His Word.

Here we already find a radical difference from the ancient pagan worldviews... and also from many modern ones.

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## 2. Creation: More Than a Story, a Theological Declaration

One of the great contemporary errors is reading Genesis as if it were a scientific manual. The text does not aim to explain the physical “how” of the universe, but the **why and the purpose**.

### 2.1 God Creates Freely and Out of Love

The world is not the result of chance, divine necessity, or an impersonal energy. It is the fruit of a free act.

And each day of creation ends with a solemn phrase:

“And God saw that it was good.”

Matter is good. The body is good. The world is good. Creation is not a mistake.

At a time when many live despising their own bodies or life itself, Genesis proclaims loudly: **to exist is to be loved by God.**

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### 3. Man: Image and Likeness of God

The climax of creation is not the light nor the stars, but man.

| *“Let us make man in our image, after our likeness.” (Genesis 1:26)*

Here lies the root of human dignity.

We are not merely evolved animals. We are not organized matter. We are made in the image of God.

This implies three fundamental truths:

#### 3.1 Inviolable Dignity

Every person, from conception to natural death, possesses absolute value. Genesis is the biblical foundation against abortion, euthanasia, and any form of contempt for life.

#### 3.2 True Freedom

Man is not mechanically determined. He can love... and he can reject God.

#### 3.3 Vocation to Communion

Man was not created for solitude.

| *“It is not good for the man to be alone.” (Genesis 2:18)*

Here marriage is born, even before sin. Sexual difference is not a cultural accident; it is part of the creative design.

In a time of anthropological confusion, Genesis offers luminous clarity: the human being has a received nature, not an invented one.



## 4. Original Sin: The Wound That Explains the World

Without chapter 3 of Genesis, the world makes no sense.

Why do we suffer?

Why do we die?

Why does evil seem so strong?

Why, even wanting to do good, do we often do wrong?

The account of the Fall is not a childish myth but a profound theological description of humanity's original rupture with God.

Sin begins with a doubt planted by the serpent:

┆ *"Did God really say...?" (Genesis 3:1)*

The drama is not eating a fruit. The drama is distrusting God. It is wanting to decide for oneself what is good and what is evil.

This gesture repeats today constantly. Every time man sets himself as the ultimate measure of truth, he reenacts Adam's gesture.

### Consequences of Sin

- Rupture with God
- Inner rupture (shame)
- Marital rupture
- Rupture with creation
- Death

Yet even here, hope appears.

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## 5. The Protoevangelium: The First Promise of Salvation

In the midst of judgment, God makes a promise:

*“I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head.” (Genesis 3:15)*

Christian tradition sees here the **Protoevangelium**, the first announcement of Christ and the Virgin Mary.

Genesis does not end in tragedy. From the first sin, God is already preparing redemption.

This completely changes our perspective: evil does not have the last word.

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## 6. Cain and Abel: Violence Begins in the Wounded Heart

Adam’s first son becomes the first murderer.

Envy, pride, and lack of self-control lead to violence.

*“Sin is crouching at the door; its desire is contrary to you, but you must rule over it.” (Genesis 4:7)*

Here is a key pastoral lesson: evil begins in the heart. Conversion is interior.

In a world marked by verbal, digital, and physical violence, Genesis reminds us that everything begins with what we let grow inside ourselves.

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## 7. The Flood: Judgment and Mercy

Sin spreads. Humanity becomes corrupt. And the flood comes.

Yet God saves Noah.

The ark becomes a figure of the Church: a place of salvation amid chaos.

The flood reminds us that evil has consequences, but God always preserves a faithful remnant.

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## 8. The Tower of Babel: Collective Pride

Humanity wants “to build a tower that reaches the heavens.”

It is the symbol of every civilization that seeks to reach heaven without God.

The result is confusion.

Isn't this the drama of our time? Much technology, much progress... but deep moral disorientation.

Without God, unity becomes uniformity and ultimately fragmentation.

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## 9. Abraham: The Beginning of the History of Faith

With Abraham, something new begins.

God calls a specific man.

“Go from your country... to the land that I will show you.” (Genesis 12:1)



Faith begins with a departure, with a trusting abandonment.

Abraham does not understand everything but trusts. And that trust is counted to him as righteousness.

Here we learn that faith is not a feeling, but loving obedience.

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## 10. Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph: Providence Amid Suffering

The patriarchal stories show betrayals, deceptions, trials... but also divine faithfulness.

Joseph, sold by his brothers, ends up saving them from famine.

*“You meant evil against me, but God meant it for good.” (Genesis 50:20)*

This verse is one of the most consoling in all Scripture.

God can write straight with crooked lines.

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## Practical Applications for Today

Genesis is not just ancient history. It is a mirror of your life.

### 1. Rediscover Your Identity

You are made in God’s image. You are not defined by your failures or your wounds.



## 2. Learn to Distrust the Serpent

Every temptation begins by questioning God's goodness.

## 3. Live Your Family Vocation Seriously

Marriage and family are not temporary cultural constructs.

## 4. Accept That Sin Exists

Denying it does not eliminate it. Recognizing it opens the door to grace.

## 5. Trust in Providence

God does not lose control of history... or of your story.

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# Genesis and Christ

Genesis points toward Christ:

- The New Adam
- The New Eve
- True Sacrifice
- The Definitive Ark
- Fulfillment of the Promise

Without Christ, Genesis is incomplete.  
Without Genesis, Christ is incomprehensible.

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## Conclusion: Return to the Beginning to Understand the End

The modern world experiences an identity crisis because it has forgotten the beginning.

Genesis restores the fundamental coordinates:

- God exists
- God creates out of love
- Man has dignity
- Sin is real
- Salvation is promised
- History has meaning

Returning to Genesis is not moving backward. It is rediscovering the foundation.

Because when we know where we come from, we understand where we are going.

And in the beginning... there was no chaos.  
There was a Word.

And that Word still speaks your name today.