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Introduction

- I. Author
 - A. Moses
 - 1. He is not stated as the author in the book.
 - 2. However, the term “book of Moses” is found several times in the Old Testament (2 Chron. 25:4; 35:12; Ezra 3:2; 6:18; Neh. 8:1; 13:1).
 - B. The book of Genesis is related closely to the books of Exodus – Deuteronomy, all written by Moses.
 - C. The New Testament declares Moses as the author.
 - 1. Luke 24:27, 44
 - 2. John 1:17; cf. Gal. 4:21-31 (Gen. 16:15; 21:9-10; Exo. 24:4)
 - 3. John 7:19-23
 - D. This was not disputed until modern liberal scholarship sought to undermine the inspiration of the Bible.
- II. Date
 - A. Genesis was written at the same time as Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy.
 - B. The writing probably began at Mount Sinai and continued through the wilderness journey (Exo. 20; etc.).
- III. Theme
 - A. Generations
 - B. Beginnings
 - C. Redemption
- IV. Outline
 - A. Genesis 1 – 2 - The Creation
 - B. Genesis 3 – 5 - The Corruption
 - C. Genesis 6 – 9 - The Catastrophe
 - D. Genesis 10 – 11 - The Confusion
 - E. Genesis 12 – 50 - The Call
 - 1. Abraham (Gen. 12 – 25)
 - 2. Isaac (Gen. 25 – 26)
 - 3. Jacob (Gen. 27 – 50)