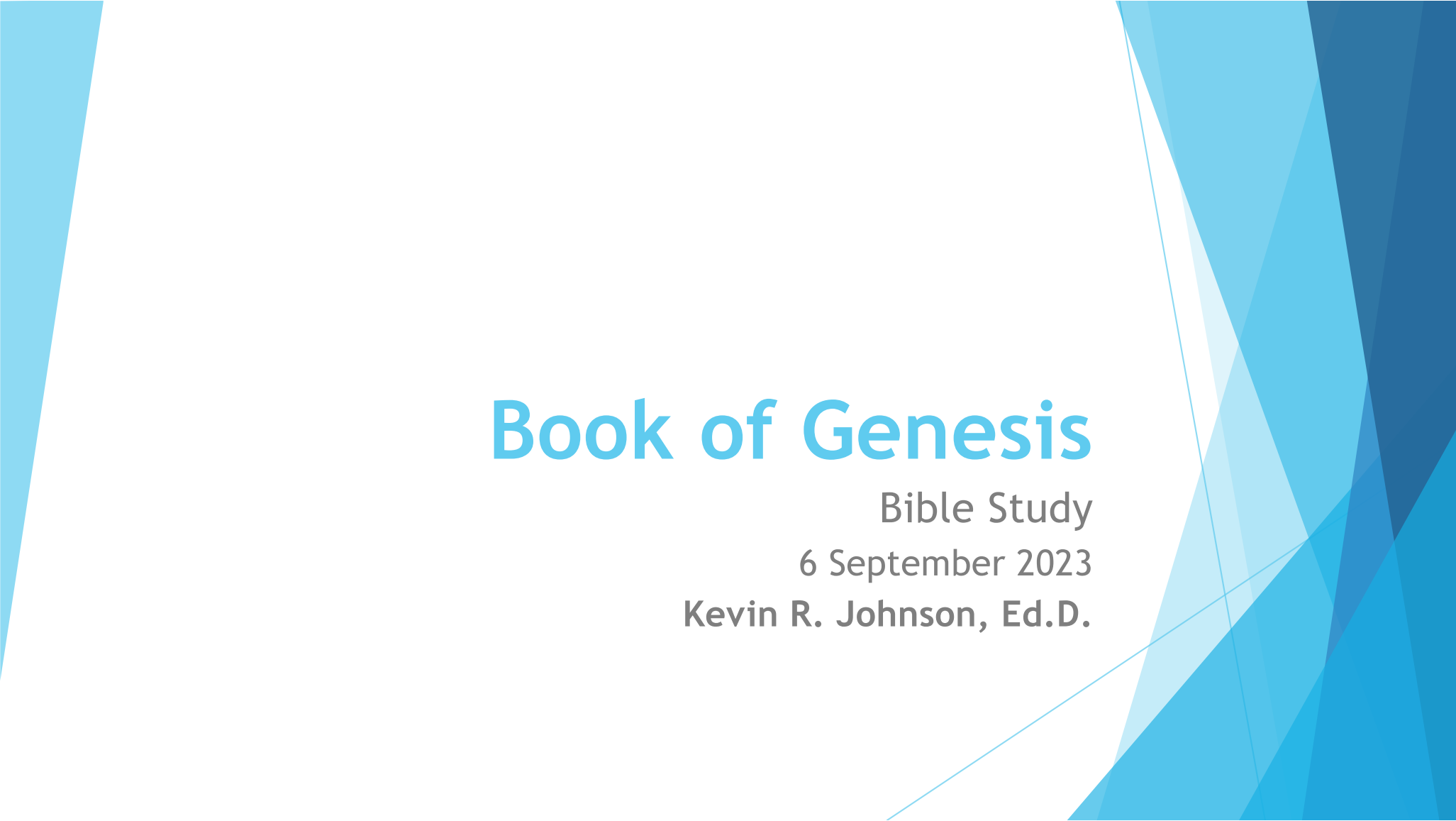


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Bible Study

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What makes
the Bible so
special?



Importance of Bible

- 1) God is the source and the inspiration
- 2) The Bible is written for you—so we can know God!
- 3) The Bible is the truth about God, about the world we live in, about you/us, and about how God wants us to live as we get to know Him.

What's the best
way to understand
the Bible?



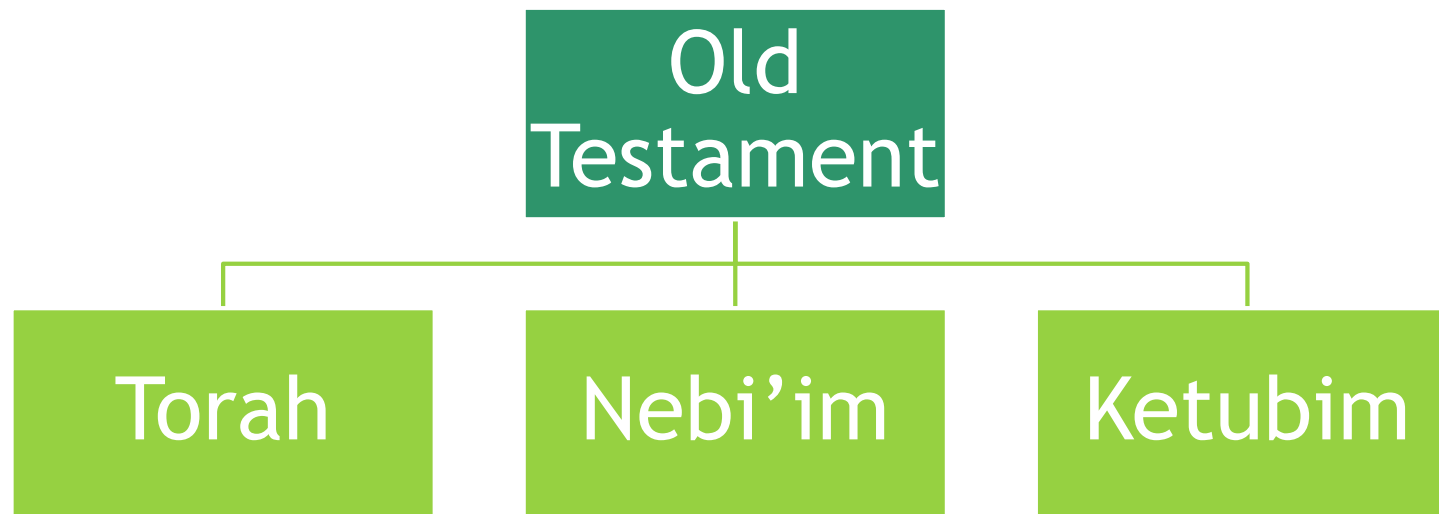
The Testimony of a Quilt



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Old Testament

3 Divisions of the Old Testament



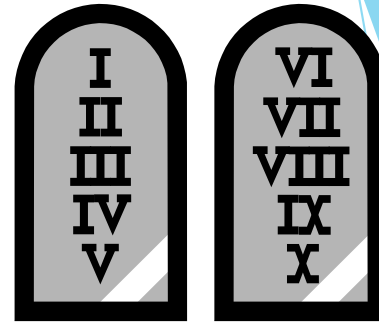
3 Divisions of the Old Testament

Torah	Nebi'im	Ketubim
LAW Genesis Exodus Leviticus Numbers Deuteronomy	PROPHETS <i>Former Prophets</i> Joshua Judges Samuel (1 and 2) Kings (1 and 2) <i>Latter Prophets</i> Isaiah Jeremiah Ezekiel The Twelve (<i>Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, & Malachi</i>)	WRITINGS Psalms Job Proverbs Ruth Song of Songs Ecclesiastes Lamentations Esther Daniel Ezra-Nehemiah Chronicles (1 and 2)

6 Major Divisions of the Torah

6 Major Divisions	
The Beginnings	Genesis 1-11
The Patriarchs/Matriarchs	Genesis 12-50
The Exodus (or Liberation) from Egypt	Exodus 1-16
The Stay at Mount Sinai/Mount Horeb	Exodus 17-40; Leviticus
The Journey	Numbers
Moses' Farwell	Deuteronomy

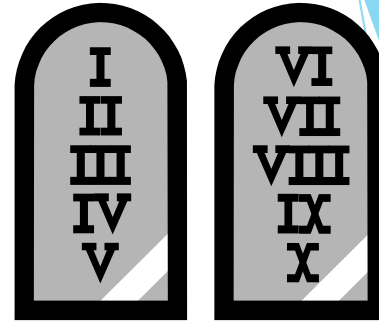
Torah/Pentateuch



► First 5 books of the Old Testament:

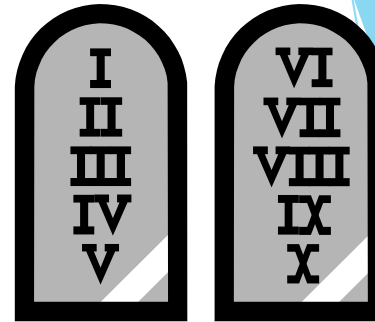
- Genesis
- Exodus
- Leviticus
- Numbers

Torah/Pentateuch

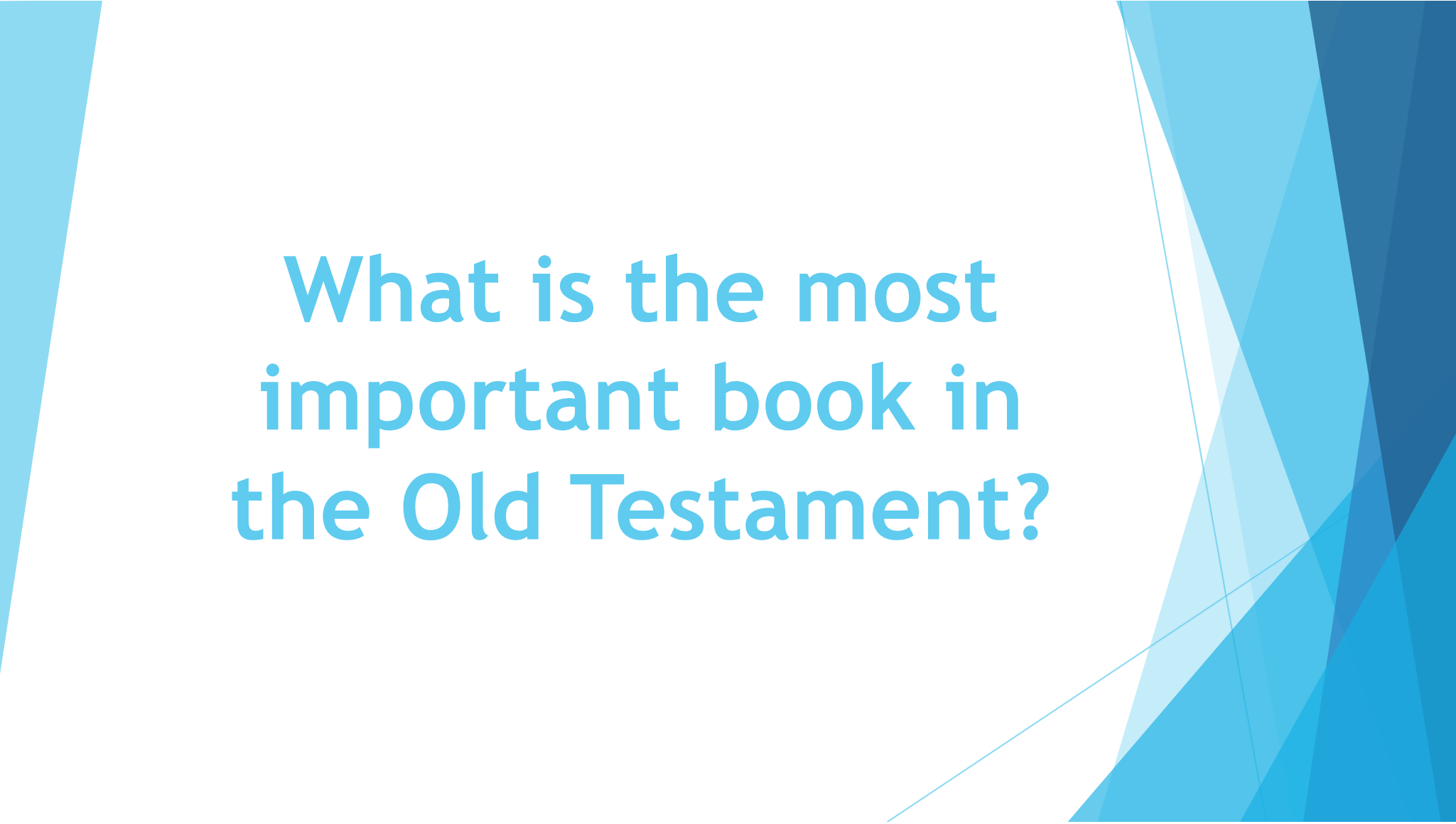


- ▶ How did we get the names of Torah and Pentateuch?
 - *Torah* - is a Hebrew word and means “law.”
 - *Pentateuch* - is a Greek word and means “five books.”

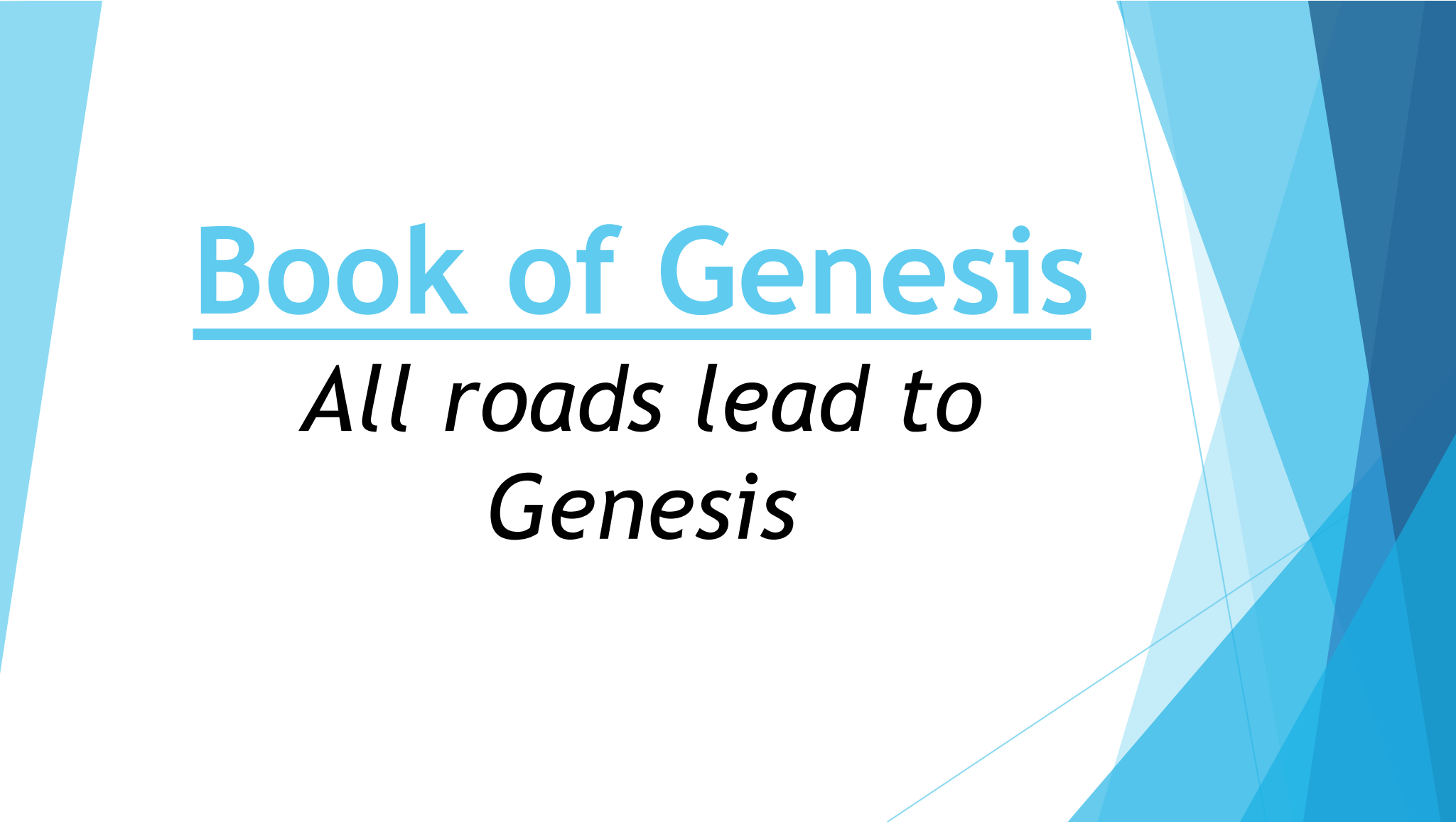
Torah/Pentateuch



- ▶ The Torah is a compilation of prose, poetry, and law.
- ▶ The Torah was authored/shaped by several persons over a period of time.
- ▶ There is no definitive date when it was written or compiled.
- ▶ The Bible stories were initially remembered through oral tradition and then were written down on paper called “scrolls.”

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**What is the most
important book in
the Old Testament?**



Book of Genesis

*All roads lead to
Genesis*

Importance of Genesis

- ▶ God as the Creator
- ▶ God as the Forgiver
- ▶ God as the Redeemer
- ▶ God as the Provider
- ▶ God as the Protector
- ▶ God as the Waymaker
- ▶ God as the Faith Tester
- ▶ God as the Sustainer



The Book of Genesis

Focus	Foundation Events								Foundation People							
Divisions	Creation of the Universe		Fall of man		Flood of Noah		Tower of Babel		Abraham's Faith		Isaac's Family		Jacob's Conflicts		Joseph's Clammily	
	1	2	3	5	6	9	10	11	12	24	25	26	27	36	37	50
Topics	History of the Human Race								History of the Jewish Race							
	Faithfulness of Mankind								Faithfulness of One Man's Family							
Place	Eastward: From Eden to Ur								Westward: From Canaan to Egypt							
Time	2000+ Years (20% of Genesis)								About 350 Years (80% of Genesis)							
Author	Moses															

Four Key Events

Genesis 1-11:9

Creation	1:1-2:25
The Fall of Humanity	3:1-5:32
The Flood	6:1-9:29
The Nations	10:1-11:9

Four Key People

Genesis 11:10-50:26

Abraham	11:10-25:10
Isaac	25:11-26:35
Jacob	27:1-36:43
Joseph	37:1-50:26

Key Fundamental Facts Taught in Genesis

God exists

God sustains the world

Humankind may reject God

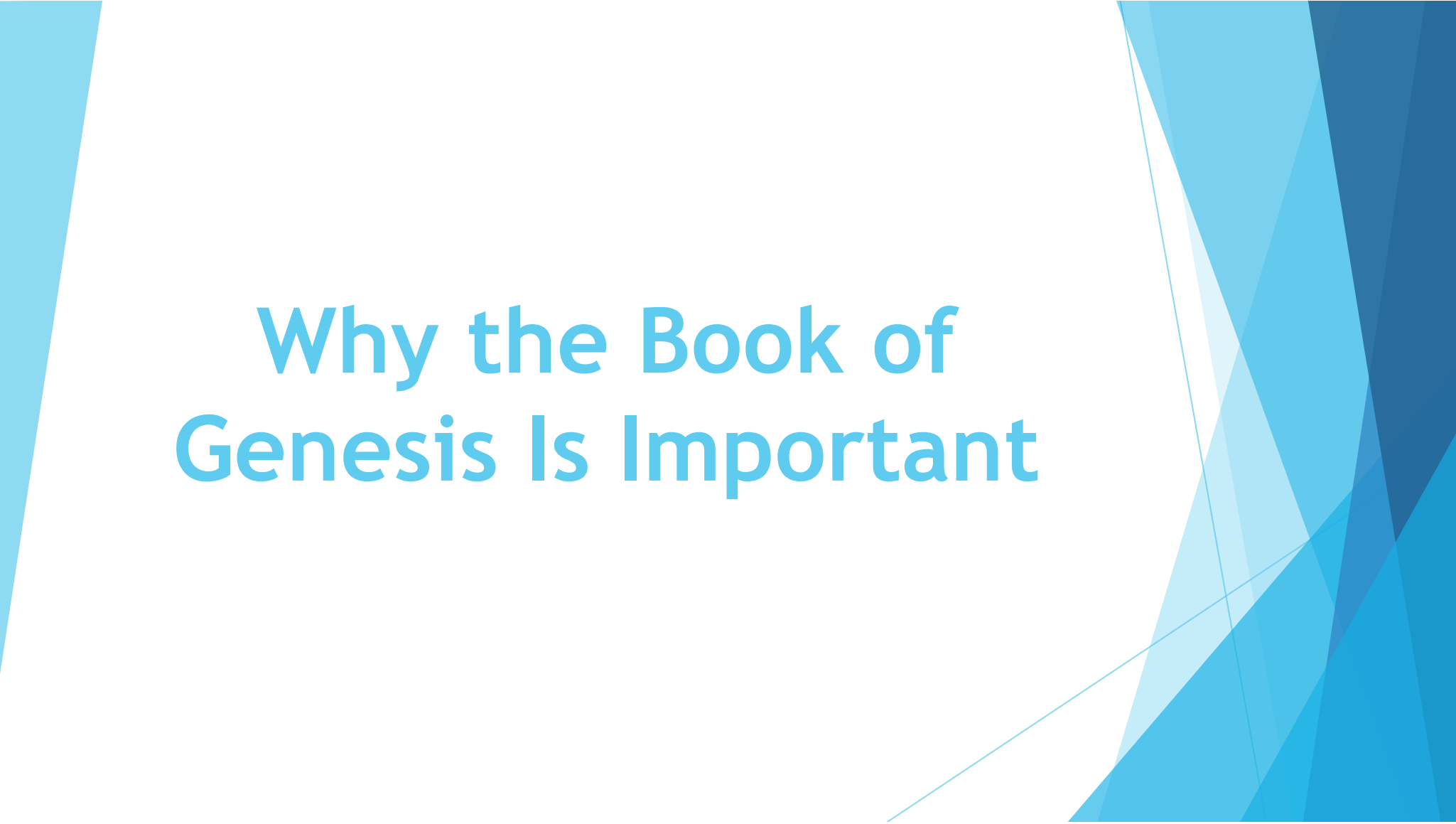
God redeems His people

God acts and creates new history



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**What's your favorite
Biblical story in
Genesis?**

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Why the Book of Genesis Is Important

Other Key Lessons in Genesis

- ▶ Learn about God and creation
- ▶ Learn how others discovered their purpose
- ▶ Learn and wrestle with why God allows people to act in ways that hurt themselves and others
- ▶ Learn about family, family, fights, crises, and how others and we can learn from them



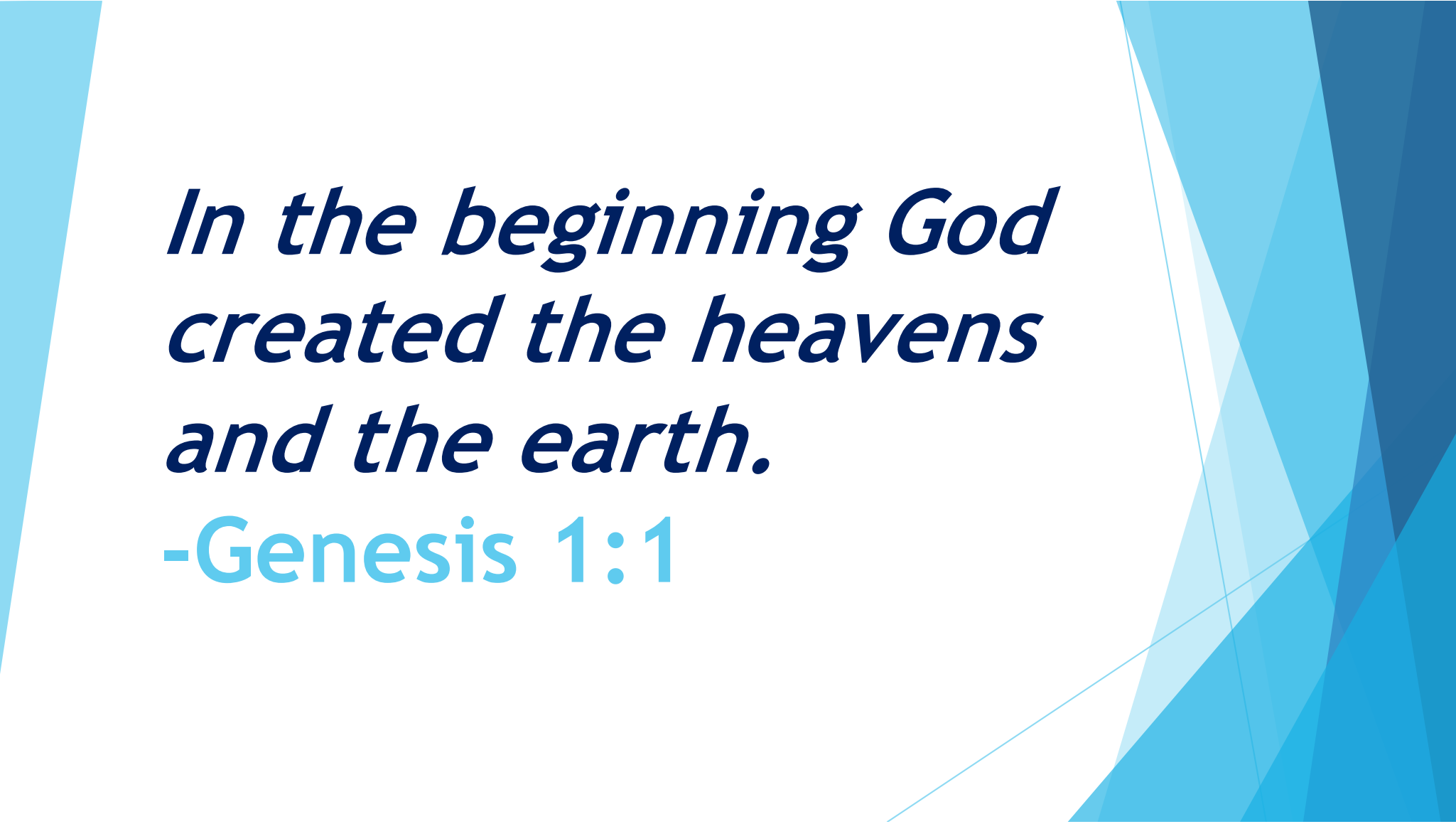
Genesis all about beginnings....

- ▶ *Universe*
- ▶ *Perfect world*
- ▶ *Humanity*
- ▶ *Sin and suffering*
- ▶ *Nations*
- ▶ *Rebellion against God*
- ▶ *God's plan to rescue His people from sin and live in harmony with Him*

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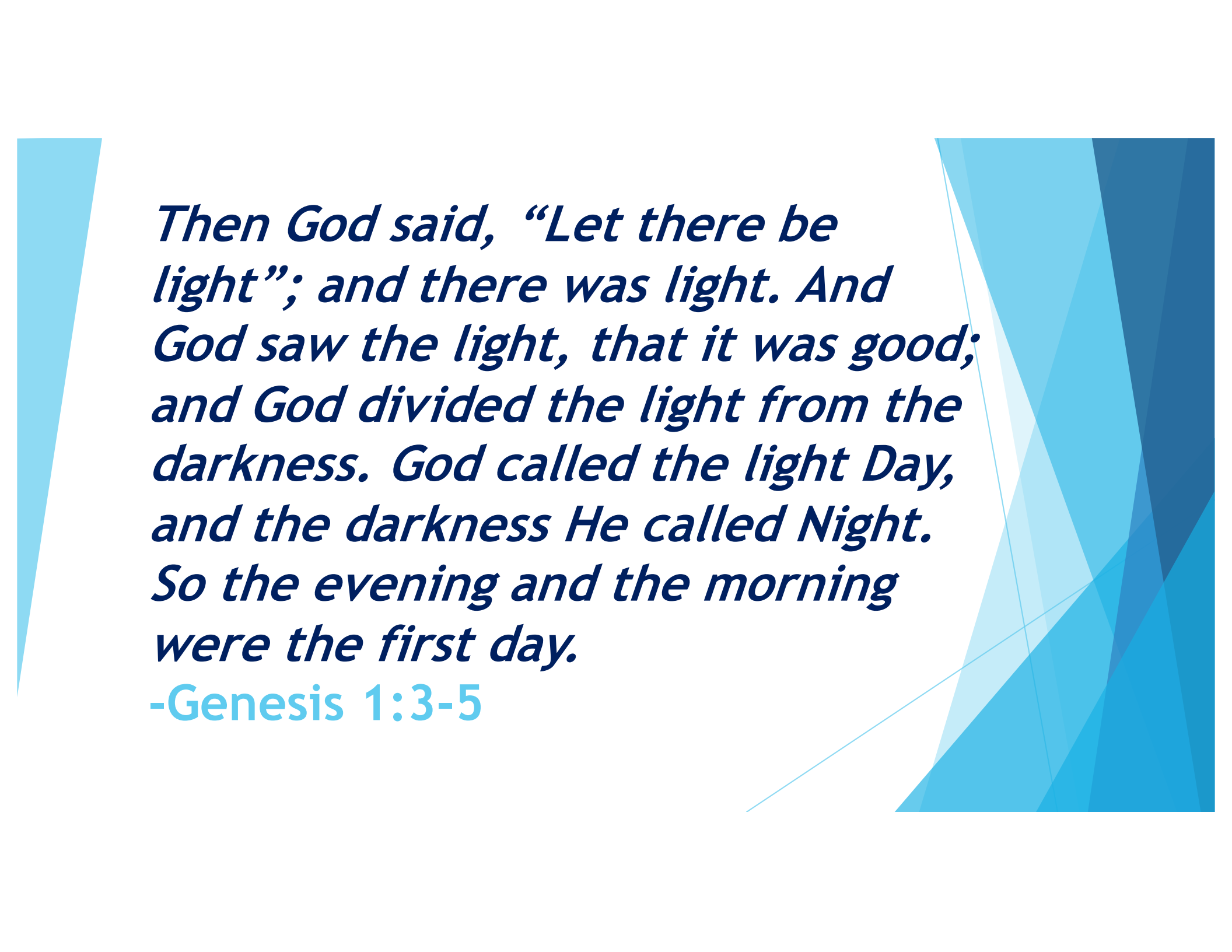
The Beginnings

Genesis 1-2



*In the beginning God
created the heavens
and the earth.*

-Genesis 1:1

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Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. And God saw the light, that it was good; and God divided the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. So the evening and the morning were the first day.

-Genesis 1:3-5

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Study Questions



What key learnings/insights into God's character do you get from Genesis 1?



What do the heavens reveal about God?



In what ways did God's creation of humankind differ from His creation of other parts of the universe?



If you could give a "title" or "position" to humankind based on Genesis 1-2, what would it be?

Tools Needed to Read and Understand the Bible

- ▶ Buy a Parallel Bible
- ▶ Use a good Biblical dictionary
- ▶ Use a journal to record your thoughts and questions
- ▶ Study a Book of the Bible with your spouse, partner, friend and family
- ▶ PRAY, REFLECT, & MEDITATE

