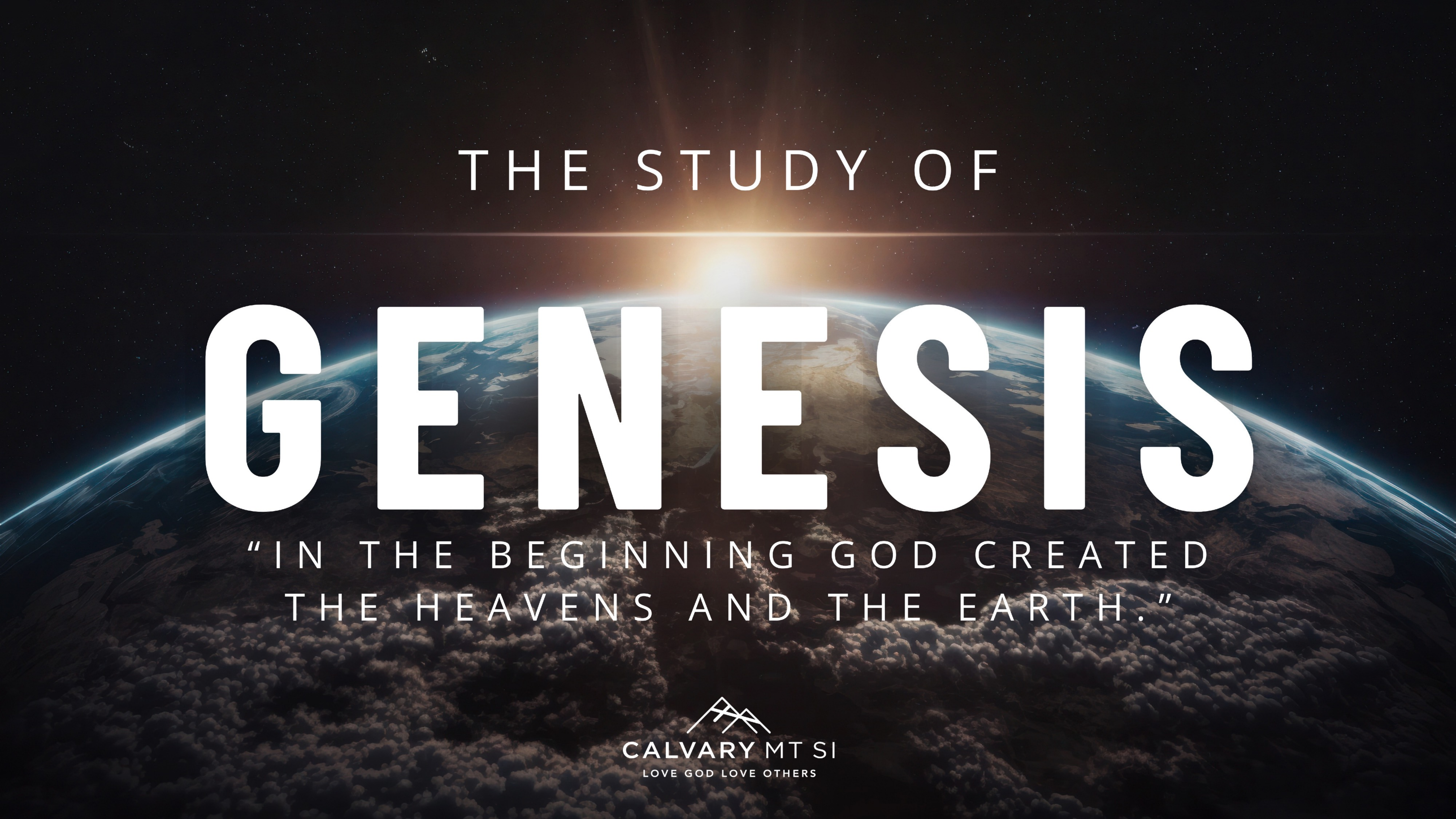




THE STUDY OF

GENESIS

"IN THE BEGINNING GOD CREATED
THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH."

**Promise Passed,
Priorities Tested**
Genesis 25:1-34

THE REDEMPTION STORY: FROM GENESIS TO JESUS

- The Bible is one beautiful story of Jesus and redemption (Ephesians 1:7-10)
- Scripture presents a purposeful narrative revealing God's redemptive plan (2 Timothy 3:16-17)

Big Picture

- Redeemer/Seed Hunt Gen. 3:15;
12:1-3
- Past promises point to future faithfulness, different times - same Lord
- Continuity — From Abraham to Christ (Heb 11:13–16; Gal 3:29)

Genesis 25:1-34

Promise Passed, Priorities Tested

Choose Promise over Appetite, the
Important over the Urgent

(Rom. 15:4; Heb. 13:8)

v.1-11 Legacy of Faith

Abraham leaves Isaac the **altar** and **tent** (26:24-25) the spiritual and material

Grace at the Grave - God's promises outlast His people (Heb. 11:13–16; Rom. 4:20–22) “The righteous shall live by faith” (Rom. 1:17) “Well done, good and faithful servant” (Matt. 25:21)

v.12-18 Ishmael's Line

12 princes (fulfilling 17:20), lives 137 years, settles from Havilah to Shur (25:12–18)

Common Grace ≠ Covenant Grace (Matt 5:45; Eph 1:3)

v.19-26 The Isaac Story Begins

“After Abraham died, God blessed Isaac”
(v.11), then... 20 years of barrenness
(25:20, 26).

Barrenness & Prayer (Rom 9:10–13; Isa
30:18)

Faithful Waiting — Isaac’s Prayer Life (Phil
4:6–7; 1 Thess 5:17)

Jacob's name (“heel-catcher/gripper”) foreshadows his lifelong striving/tripping others

striving—for what only grace can give.
Until he wrestles with God and won't let go...

v.27-34 The Birthright Bargain

What the Birthright Carried:

- Double inheritance (Deut 21:17).
- Spiritual headship of the family.

In this line: the covenant—land, nation, and Messiah (cf. 1 Chr 5:1–2).

Hebrews 12:14–17 (Esau warning)

Ephesians 1:3–14 (our birthright in Christ)

Esau's Choice (2 Cor, 4:18; 1 John 2:15–17)

Trading Eternity for Appetite (Heb, 12:16–17; Mark 8:36)

“See that no one is godless like Esau”

– Heb 12:16–17

“Set your mind on things above”

– Col 3:1–3

“What does it profit a man to gain the world and lose his soul?”

– Mark 8:36

Christ Restores What Esau Sold

1. In the wilderness, Jesus refused the Esau trade ([Matt 4:4](#))
2. On the cross, He chose eternal joy over immediate comfort ([Heb 12:2](#))

Christ Restores What Esau Sold

3. Through Him, the undeserving younger (us) becomes heir of the promise (Gal 3:29; Rom 8:16–17)
4. “He became poor so that we might become rich” – (2 Cor 8:9)
5. “You were bought with a price” – (1 Cor 6:20)

Living as Heirs

1. God's faithfulness spans generations.
2. Faith clings; pride despises.
3. Barrenness births dependence.
4. Grace reverses order.
5. Don't trade forever for a bowl of now.

Living as Heirs

1. Pray, don't plot (Phil 4:6–7; Matt 6:10)
2. Guard your home — impartial love (Jas 2:1; Eph 6:4)
3. Refuse the Esau trade — discipline appetite, prioritize eternity (1 John 2:15–17)
4. Live altar and tent — worship deeply, walk lightly (Rom 12:1–2; Heb 11:9–10)

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Creation, Fall, and Promise

1. God created everything purposefully (Genesis 1:31) and designed us for relationship (Genesis 1:26-27)
2. We sinned, falling short of His glory (Romans 3:23) by rejecting His love (Genesis 3:5-6)

Creation, Fall, and Promise

3. Through sin entered death and separation (Romans 6:23)
4. God promised a Redeemer to restore our relationship with Him (Genesis 3:15)

Creation, Fall, and Promise

5. Jesus Christ is the promised Redeemer who fulfilled this prophecy ([Galatians 4:4-5](#), "But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law")

Abraham's Chronology:

Age 75 (Gen. 12:1-5; 13:16) (Sarai = 65).

- Father a great nation (the Jews)
- Possess a specific land
- Be blessed above all nations
- Through them, all nations would be blessed
- Gospel to Abraham (Gal. 3:8)

Land Covenant - “unconditional”
geographical boundaries (Gen. 12:7;
13:14-15; 15:18-21), temporary exile as
a “conditional” part of the covenant
(Deut. 30:1-10)

Age 86 (Gen. 16:16) Abe and Hagar had
Ishmael,

Age 99 (Gen. 17:1, 17:17) changed his name to Abraham, reiterated the covenant and added that Kings would come from his line, and circumcision as a sign

Age 100 (Gen. 21:5) Abraham fathers Isaac with Sarah

Gen. 22 Gospel type, God speaks and swore He would fulfill these promises by Himself, 1st Love and Lamb

Age 137 (**Gen. 23:1**) Abraham's wife Sarah dies

Age 140 (**Gen. 25:20**) Abraham's son Isaac marries Rebekah

Age 175 (**Gen. 25:7**)³² Abraham dies