

Quotations,
References, and
Allusions to
Genesis by Our
Lord

Overview



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Quotations, References, Allusions, and Verbal Parallels

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Introduction – NT Reference to the OT

Definitions



Quotation – direct citation or text repeated in the NT from the OT – e.g. “that was spoken by” or “It is written” (e.g. Ge. 2:2; He. 4:4)

Reference – text that is intended to refer to an OT source (e.g. Ge. 45:4; Ac. 7:9)

Allusion – text that intends to call something to mind from the OT without mentioning it explicitly (e.g. Ex. 32:9; Le. 26:41; Ac. 7:51)

Verbal parallels – uses OT wording in a different context (e.g. Ge. 22:2; Mt. 3:17; Mk. 1:11; 12:6; Lk. 3:22)

Numbers and the Unity of the Bible



Blue Letter Bible – 937 Quotations, References, Allusions to OT from NT

<https://www.blueletterbible.org/study/misc/quotes.cfm>

Morris Study Bible (Appendix 11) – 200 References to Genesis from NT

107 to the first 11 chapters of Genesis

42 from the gospels to Genesis



Companion Bible – Appendix 107 – Principle Underlying Quotations from the OT in the New



Numbers and the Unity of the Bible

Roger Nicole (Swiss Reformed Baptist)

295 direct references to OT (278 OT verses cited)

250 have an introductory formula – e.g. “it is written”

352 verses of the NT – about 4.4% - 1 in 22.5

Allusions – run from 600 to over 4000 – depending on definition

Over 10% of NT references the OT

Similar percentage of Jesus’ words reference OT

Numbers and the Unity of the Bible



United Bible Societies Greek NT (UBS, first edition)

401 OT references and allusions (195 by formula)

Gospels reference/allusions to OT – 149 (72)

Mt. – 62 (32); Mk. 30 (11); Lk. 39 (15); Jn. 18 (14)

Genesis

Gospels – ~ 60 (6 quotes) – depending on how verses are grouped

Our Lord – ~ 40 (6 quotes)

Key Topics Referenced in Genesis

Creation

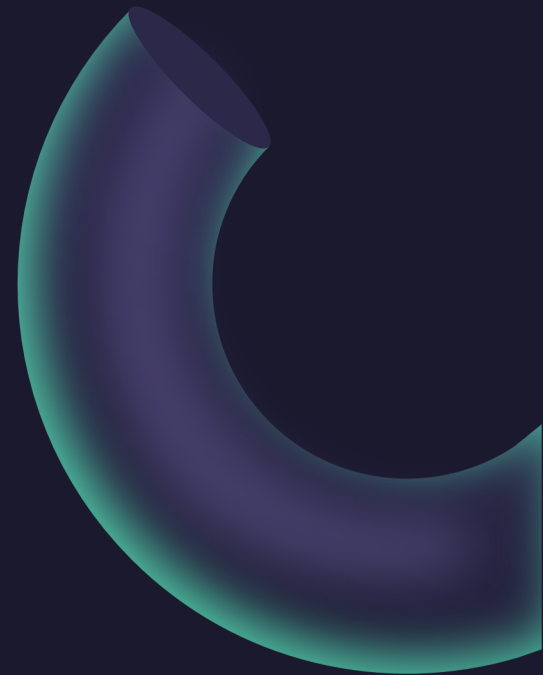
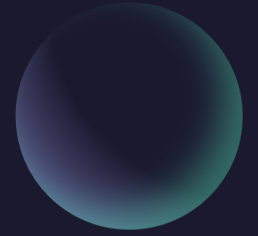
Man and marriage

Satan

Abrahamic covenant – the seed, inheritance, and blessing

Judgment and blood

The way to Heaven





References to Genesis in the Gospels

OT Events Referenced

Creation

The beginning

The creation of man and woman (marriage)

The fall

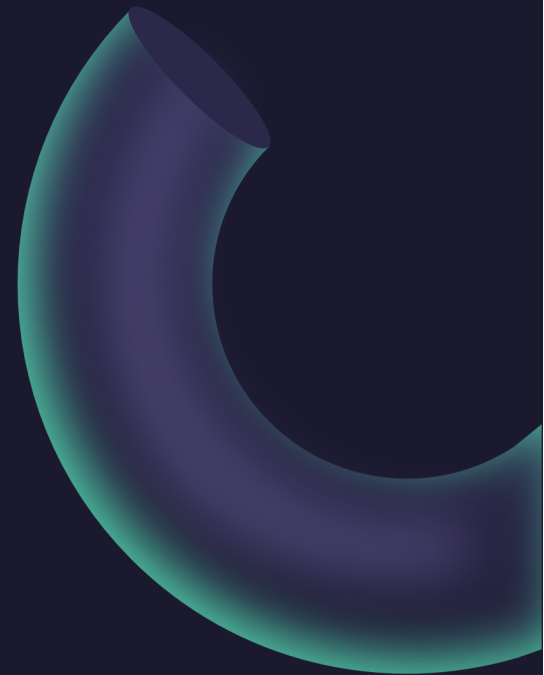
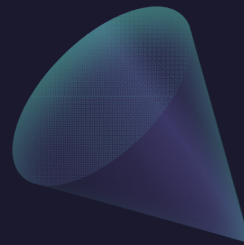
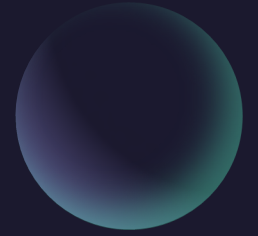
The race of man and the seed

The days of Noah

The covenant with Abraham

Sodom

Jacob's vision of heavenly access



Emphasis on Genesis 1-11

Genesis 1-11 – 21; 12-19 – 7; 20-50 – 9

After the reference to Jacob's vision (Ge. 28:12)

No other events (6 references)

Only references regarding the seed and inheritance of Jacob's seed

General Notes on Gospel References



Most references from Gospel of John are unique

Jn. 1:1-3, 10, 51; 4:5; 7:22; 8:44

The beginning – creation – 1:1-3, 10

Access to heaven – 1:51

Inheritance of Joseph – Jn. 4:5 (see also Mt. 2:18 and Je. 31:15-16)

Circumcision – 7:22

Since the beginning – Satan – 8:44



References to Genesis by Our Lord

Genesis References by Our Lord



Creation (the beginning)

Created by God (2:4)

References the creation (Mk. 13:19)

Will undergo judgment worse than any that has been seen

Other gospel references to creation

(Ge. 1:1 and Jn. 1:1-3; Ge. 2:3 and Jn. 1:10)

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Creation of man as a race

Male and female (1:27; 5:2)

Quoted in Mt. 19:4; Mk. 10:6

In God's image and likeness (1:26-27)

Allusion in the question of paying taxes (Mt. 22:20-21; Mk. 12:16-17; Lk. 20:24-25)

Male and female made for each other (2:24)

Quoted Mt. 19:5; Mk. 10:7-8

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The fall

Satan – a liar (3:4)

Alluded to in Jn. 8:44

Satan – a murderer (4:8)

Alluded to in Jn. 8:44

Enmity – power over Satan – the enemy (3:15) – Lk. 10:19

Blood – Cain refuses to shed the blood of the sacrifice (4:3-7)

Blood – Cain sheds the blood of man (Abel) and defiles the ground (4:8-10)

Referenced in Mt. 23:35 and Lk. 11:51

Shed man's blood and your blood to be shed by man (6:4) – Mt. 26:52

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The race of man and the seed

A new race to come into being through the seed of the Adam (Seth)

(4:25-26; 5:1-32; 11:10-26; 21:2-3, 12; 25:26; 29:35; 38:15-29)

Mt. 1:1-4; Lk. 3:33-38

The seed to come through Abraham and the Abrahamic covenant (12:1-3; 15:18; 17:7-12)

Referenced or alluded to by the Lord

Mt. 3:8-9; 22:32; Mk. 12:26; Lk. 3:8; Jn. 7:22; 8:56, 58

Other references to (Lk. 1:55, 73; Jn. 8:33)

Inheritance (30:22-25; 33:19; 35:16-19) – Mt. 2:18; Jn 4:5

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Days of judgment

Days of Noah (6:4, 12-13; 7:13-18)

Mt. 24:37-39; Mk. 13:19; Lk. 17:26-27

Sodom (18:20; 19:24-26)

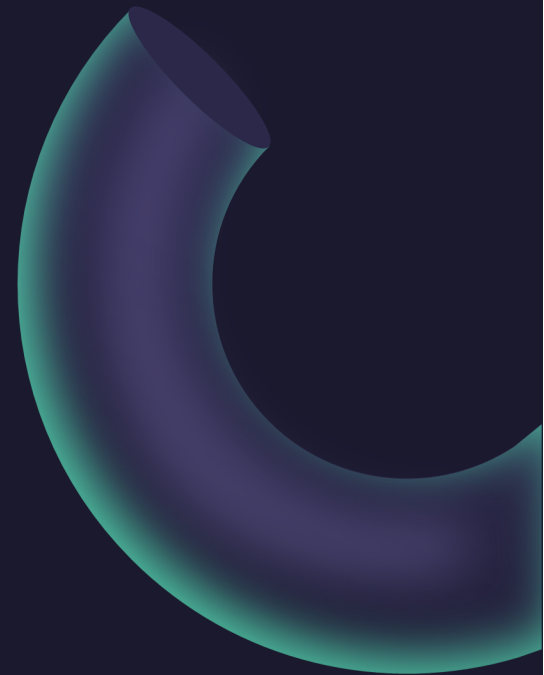
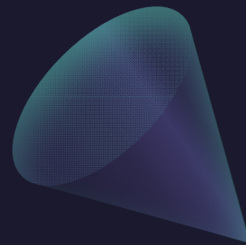
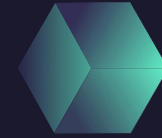
Mt. 10:15; 11:23-24; Lk. 10:12; 17:28-32

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Jacob's vision of heavenly access

The ladder between earth and heaven (28:12)

Alluded to in Jn. 1:51





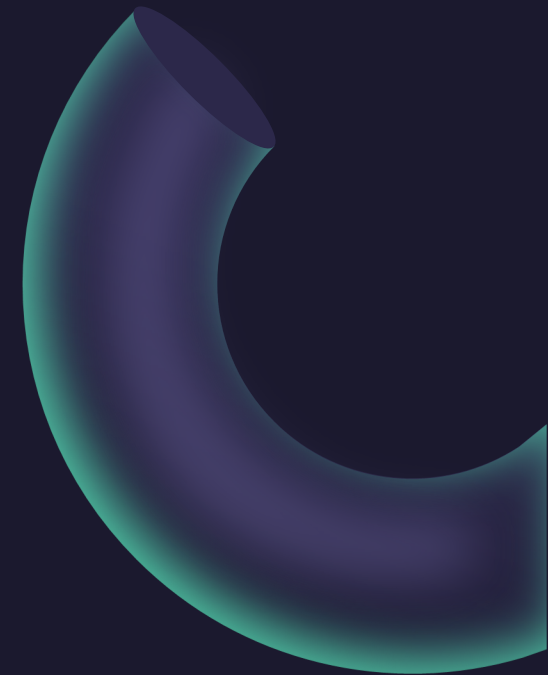
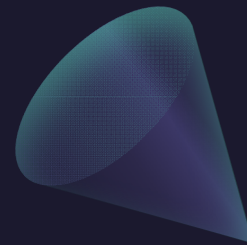
Summary

Conclusions One Might Reach

God had a plan

God's word is true

God is faithful



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