

**The Book of Genesis**  
**Week One – Introduction and Background Issues**

**CLASS DESCRIPTION/SCHEDULE**

**METHODOLOGY**

*A Compositional Approach*

*A Fourfold Framework for Reading the Bible*

1)

2)

3)

4)

**THE “BOOK” OF WHAT?**

**BACKGROUND ISSUES**

*The Name of the Book*

Genesis

Bereshith

*Authorship*

Who was Moses?

Did he use sources?

*Date*

*Provenance*

*Historicity*

## **THE PURPOSE OF GENESIS 1**

*“He Created In Order to Make” (2.3)*

*To “Create” (ברא, bara)*

*To “Make” (אשא, asah)*

## **GENESIS 1.1-2 ---- A BETTER ENGLISH TRANSLATION**

*In a Beginning Period of Time...*

*...God Created the Universe*