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# Cleanings In Genesis



## Synopsis

Pink was born in Nottingham, England on April 1, 1886 and became a Christian in 1908, at the age of 22. Though born to Christian parents, prior to conversion he migrated into a Theosophical society (an occult gnostic group popular in England during that time), and quickly rose in prominence within their ranks. His conversion came from his father's patient admonitions from Scripture. It was the verse, Proverbs 14:12, 'there is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death,' which particularly struck his heart and compelled him to renounce Theosophy and follow Jesus. Desiring to grow in knowledge of the Bible, Pink immigrated to the United States to study at Moody Bible Institute. In 1916 he married Vera E. Russell (January 8, 1893 - July 17, 1962), who was from Kentucky. However, he left after just two months for Colorado, then California, then Britain. From 1925 to 1928 he served in Australia, including as pastor of two congregations from 1926 to 1928, when he returned to England, and to the United States the following year. He eventually pastored churches in Colorado, California, Kentucky, and South Carolina. In 1932 he started a monthly magazine entitled *Studies in the Scriptures* which circulated among English-speaking Christians worldwide, though only to a relatively small circulation list of around 1,000. In 1934 Pink returned to England, and within a few years turned his Christian service to writing books and pamphlets. Pink died in Stornoway, Scotland on July 15, 1952. The cause of death was anemia. After Pink's death, his works were republished by a number of publishing houses, among them, Banner of Truth Trust, Baker Book House, Christian Focus Publications, Moody Press, Truth for Today, and reached a much wider audience as a result. Biographer Iain Murray observes of Pink, "the widespread circulation of his writings after his death made him one of the most influential evangelical authors in the second half of the twentieth century." His writing sparked a revival of expository preaching and focused readers' hearts on biblical living. Yet, even today, Pink is left out of most biographical dictionaries and overlooked in many religious histories.

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## **Customer Reviews**

Pink's insight into the Scriptures is staggering. He does a masterful job of linking the major themes of the Old Testament to the New Testament. He also brings out some fascinating types and shadows that provide great insight as to the nature of Jesus. I highly recommend this book to anyone that wants to go deeper into the Word.

Gleanings in Genesis by Arthur W. Pink. I was surprised by his insights into this first book of the Bible. His commentary broached subjects that I need to reconsider (i.e. the gap theory between Genesis 1:1 and Genesis 1:2) and presented those subjects in a unique style. He writes in an easy to read manner. I couldn't put it down. Even my wife who is not a reader was facinated by its content and readability. Pastor Pink ties almost every verse in Genesis to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. He also references his writings extensively which is very helpful. I believe that any student of the Bible must have this book!

This is a book that should be in the library of every Christian. That is, if you want a deeper understanding of God, a deeper understanding of yourself, and a new found awe of the divine authorship of the Holy Scripture. This book is not intended as an exhaustive commentary on Genesis. Pink himself says that the book is intended to bring forth some of the "gleanings" from this incredible Scripture. What it really is, is a book that picks up on, identifies, and speaks briefly on many themes, doctrines, types, etc. that run through the entire Bible. I came away with a deeper understanding of God, his character, and nature, as well as my own fallen nature, and more importantly, a much deeper knowledge, and thankfulness for His Grace, for without it, I (we all) would be lost. Pink frequently throws out undeveloped thoughts and states that the faithful reader

will profit greatly by studying the various scriptures he cites. This is a book that definitely invites separate study, and as the author suggests, you very definitely profit thereby! This book is faith expanding, it will give the novice, or the professional theologian, meat to chew on. Pink is relatively easy to read and is, I think, one of the most under-rated Christian authors/thinkers of the past several generations.

I had heard for some time that one can find Jesus on every page of the old testament but could not see it myself. I went in prayer and ask for understanding of how Jesus could actually be seen in every page. God sent me to this book by A. W. Pink and this book answers that prayer magnificently. If as a Christian, you desire to know Jesus better and more intimately then studying this book will help. I highly recommend this book.

We're using this commentary in a men's Bible study group. I was skeptical at first, but have to come to embrace many of the typologies that Pink presents. It helps paint a clear picture of things to come. Back in those days, before the printing press, Biblical truths were passed on by word of mouth, which would give believers a sense of hope. It is interesting seeing the hope of the coming Messiah, Jesus Christ, back in the early OT books and events. Some points are absolutely brilliant, regarding the schemes of Satan, as he tried to destroy or corrupt the "SEED" that would be his eventual downfall: corruption of mankind before the flood, destroying the seed that would lead to Abraham, attacks on Israel, Herod's killing of the infants at the time of Jesus, etc.

This is just another great book by A.W. Pink. If you read the other reviews closely, you will see that nobody complains about the book, just how it was formatted for their electronic readers. If you want to know deeper insights into the word of God, I would recommend any of Pink's books.

This is not an exhaustive exposition of Genesis by Arthur Pink, instead he takes the major characters and the scriptural events and explains them in context of the Biblical themes that are subsequent to it. These include the Fall, the Ark and Abraham's life, etc. It is worth reading because of his scholarly ability to explain the spiritual side of the events. The Watchmaker company did a very good job of reprinting this book.

AW Pink has become one of my favorite authors in studying Scripture. Depth, truth, explanation I can understand. If you get Genesis, you get all of Scripture. I love this study and the subtle

differences in words. Powerful!

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