

Welcome to

Journey through the Bible

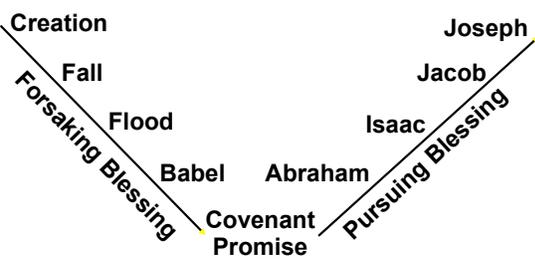
Book by book
Bible study



Genesis- the book of Beginnings

In the beginning, God...

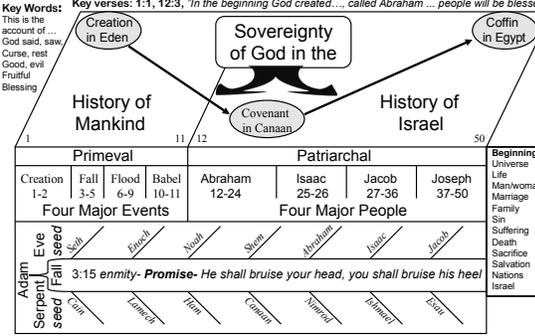
Centrality of the Covenant



GENESIS: The Book of Beginnings (Roots)

Key Words: This is the account of ... God said, saw, Curse, rest Good, evil Fruitful Blessing

Key verses: 1:1, 12:3, "In the beginning God created ... called Abraham ... people will be blessed."



Primeval				Patriarchal		
Creation 1-2	Fall 3-5	Flood 6-9	Babel 10-11	Abraham 12-24	Isaac 25-26	Joseph 37-50
Four Major Events				Four Major People		

Beginnings: Universe, Life, Man/woman, Marriage, Family, Sin, Suffering, Death, Sacrifice, Salvation, Nations, Israel

3:15 enmity- **Promise- He shall bruise your head, you shall bruise his heel!**

Points to Ponder in Genesis 1-11

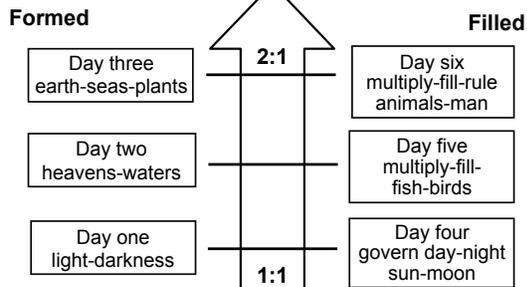
- ☆ **Greatness of God**
- ☆ **Seriousness of Sin**
- ☆ **Frailty & Failures of Humanity**

Genesis 1:1-5

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. ² Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

³ And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. ⁴ God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. ⁵ God called the light "day," and the darkness he called "night." And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day.

"God completed...rested...
blessed the seventh day"



Formless "In the beginning God Created..." **Empty**

ESSENTIALS OF BIBLICAL CREATION

- God preexisted (only He is eternal)
- God is separate from, transcends nature
- God alone is deity (one God)
- God is "multiple" in persons ('us')
- God is rational and intentional, He wills
- God is separate from and over man
- Creation is exclusively God's work
- It is ex nihilo, "out of nothing"
- It is immediate and direct
- It is "of" but not "in" time
- It is universal (complete, all inclusive)

Biblical Creation: Why does it matter?

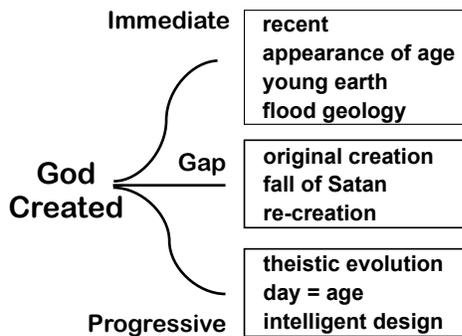


- Common grace,
Acts 17:24-28; Matthew 6:25
- Life's purpose & pleasure
Genesis 1:28; Revelation 4:11;
- Sin & salvation,
Acts 14:15-17; Colossians 1:16-20
- Accountability & Judgment,
Acts 17:31; Rom. 1:20; 2 Pet. 3:3-13

Creation and Accountability

"The God who made the world and everything in it is the LORD of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by hands. And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything, because he himself gives all men life and breath and everything else. From one man he made every nation of men, that they should inhabit the whole earth;

He has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to all men by raising him from the dead." Acts 17:24-28; (NIV)



God's provision and prohibition

Genesis 2:15-18, 25; The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. And the LORD God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die." The LORD God said, "It is not good for man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him." ... Adam and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame.

Satan's perversion and temptation

Genesis 3:1-5; Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden'?" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, but God did say, 'You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.'" You will not certainly die," the serpent said to the woman. "For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

Adam and Eve's response and sin

When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves. Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man, "Where are you?" He answered, "I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid." (3:6-10)

Perfect conditions before the Fall



- Perfect environment
- Every need supplied
- Fellowship with God
- Fully informed
- No evil inside/outside
- Free moral agents

The penalty and God's provision

Genesis 3:17-24;

"Cursed be the ground because of you; through painful toil you will eat food from it all the days of your life. ... By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food until you return to the ground, since from it you were taken; for dust you are and to dust you will return."

The LORD God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife and clothed them. ...

So the LORD God banished him from the Garden of Eden to work the ground from which he had been taken.

**Two “seeds” are introduced:
The “seed” of the serpent/Satan
and the “seed” of the woman**

**You-
Serpent (Satan)
will bruise his
heel (seed of
the woman)
Christ**

**He-
the Seed of the
woman, will
bruise (crush)
your head
Satan**

Romans 5:1, 15, 17

Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people, because all sinned—

But the gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died by the trespass of the one man, how much more did God’s grace and the gift that came by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, overflow to the many!

For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God’s abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ!

Results and evidence of the Fall



Eve’s expectation re:
Cain and the curse

Two seeds- chap. 3

Two sons- chap. 4

Two lines- chaps. 5-6

Two results- chaps. 6-11

The First Family, the First Offerings

Genesis 4:1-5

Adam had relations with his wife Eve, and she became pregnant and gave birth to Cain. She said, “With the help of the LORD I have brought forth a man.” Later she gave birth to his brother Abel.

Now Abel kept flocks, and Cain worked the soil. In the course of time Cain brought some of the fruits of the soil as an offering to the LORD. And Abel also brought an offering—fat portions from some of the firstborn of his flock. The LORD looked with favor on Abel and his offering, but on Cain and his offering he did not look with favor. So Cain was very angry, and his face was downcast.

The First Murder

Genesis 4:6-9

Then the LORD said to Cain, "Why are you angry? Why is your face downcast? If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must rule over it."

Now Cain said to his brother Abel, "Let's go out to the field." While they were in the field, Cain attacked his brother Abel and killed him.

Then the LORD said to Cain, "Where is your brother Abel?" "I don't know," he replied. "Am I my brother's keeper?"

The First Prayers

Genesis 4:25-26

Adam had relations with his wife again; and she gave birth to a son, and named him Seth, saying, "God has granted me another child in place of Abel, since Cain killed him." Seth also had a son, and he named him Enosh.

At that time people began to call on the name of the LORD.

Humanity now in the likeness of Adam

Genesis 5:1-5

This is the written account of Adam's line. When God created man, He made him in the likeness of God. He created them male and female and blessed them. And when they were created, He called them "man." When Adam had lived 130 years, he had a son in his own likeness, in his own image; and he named him Seth. After Seth was born, Adam lived 800 years and had other sons and daughters. Altogether, Adam lived 930 years, and then he died.

The birth of Noah brings a new hope

Genesis 5:28-32

When Lamech had lived 182 years, he had a son. He named him Noah and said, "He will comfort us in the labor and painful toil of our hands caused by the ground the LORD has cursed." After Noah was born, Lamech lived 595 years and had other sons and daughters. Altogether, Lamech lived 777 years, and then he died. After Noah was 500 years old, he became the father of Shem, Ham and Japheth.

Depravity of man and the grace of God

Genesis 6:5-8

The LORD saw how great man's wickedness on the earth had become, and that every inclination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil all the time. The LORD was grieved that he had made man on the earth, and his heart was filled with pain. So the LORD said, "I will wipe mankind, whom I have created, from the face of the earth—men and animals, and creatures that move along the ground, and birds of the air—for I am grieved that I have made them." But Noah found favor in the eyes of the LORD.

God's promise = a new beginning

Genesis 9:7-11

As for you, be fruitful and increase in number; multiply on the earth and increase upon it."

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him: "I now establish my covenant with you and with your descendants after you and with every living creature that was with you ...

I establish my covenant with you: Never again will all life be destroyed by the waters of a flood; never again will there be a flood to destroy the earth."

**Babel: Rebellion, Dispersal, Division
Genesis 10-11**

Now the whole world had one language and a common speech. ... They said to each other, "Come, let us build ourselves a city, with a tower that reaches to the heavens, so that we may make a name for ourselves; otherwise we will be scattered over the face of the whole earth."

So the LORD scattered them from there over all the earth, and they stopped building the city. That is why it was called Babel—because there the LORD confused the language of the whole world. From there the LORD scattered them over the face of the whole earth.

**See you next week!
Read Genesis 12-50
Pursuing the promise ...**