

Through the Bible Course

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**Genesis**

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Introduction:

1. Genesis is the seed plot of The Scriptures.
2. It is the Book of Beginnings.

I. Creation – Genesis 1 and 2

1. Genesis 1:1 – Creation of heaven and earth
2. In Genesis 1:2 “was” can be and often is translated “became.” So the original creation became without form and void. Therefore, there is time for many geological ages between Genesis 1:1 and 1:2.
  - a. “Then the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters” – Genesis 1:2 and so began the process of setting things in order.
3. The word “bara-create” is used only in regard to heaven and earth, Genesis 1:1; animal life, Genesis 1:21; and man, Genesis 1:26-27.
4. Genesis 1:28 was beginning of home and Genesis 2:3 the beginning of the Sabbath.

II. Beginning of Sin – Genesis 3

1. Temptation came from without man – Genesis 3:1
2. Only one prohibition – Genesis 2:17
3. Satan’s threefold temptation
  - a. Genesis 3:6 with 1 John 2:16 – lust of flesh; lust of eyes; pride of life. Also same temptations Satan used against Christ – Matthew 4:3-11.
4. Man’s fall – Genesis 3:6,7
5. Results: Satan cursed – 3:14; curse upon woman – 3:16; earth cursed – 3:17; coming of sorrow – 3:17,18; coming of labor – 3:19; separation from God – 3:8; death 3:19.

III. Beginning of Redemption

1. Foretelling of blood as necessary for redemption – 3:21. Must be death for clothing of skins.
2. Foretelling of coming Redeemer – 3:15.

IV. Beginning of True Worship – Genesis 4

1. Cain brought best he could produce – 4:3
2. Abel brought in faith what God commanded – a blood sacrifice – 4:4

V. The Flood – Genesis 5-10

1. Cause was sinfulness of man which brought judgment.
  - a. Intermingling of children of God with children of world – Genesis 6:12
  - b. Sinfulness of man – Genesis 6:5-7

2. Grace of God shown in choosing Noah to save human race from destruction – Genesis 6:8
3. Noah obeys God and builds ark – Genesis 6:14-22
4. God makes covenant with Noah – chapter 9

VI. Tower of Babel – Chapter 11

1. Man again disobeys God – 11:1-4
2. God again punishes, this time with confusion of tongues – Genesis 11:5-9

VII. God now chooses a nation – chapter 12

1. In first 11 chapters, God deals with all human race, but beginning with chapter 12 through remainder of Old Testament, we have only revelation of God's dealings with Israel. Other nations appear only as they have some relationship with Israel.
2. Abraham chosen – 12:1-3
3. Promises to Abraham 12:1-3; give a land for a possession; make a great nation; I will bless thee; make thy name great; thou shalt be a blessing; bless them that bless thee and curse them that curseth thee; in thee shall all the families of the earth be blessed.
4. Promise will be delayed – 15:13-16
5. Covenant renewed – Genesis 15; 17:6-8; 15 -19
6. Covenant renewed with Isaac – 26:3-5; Ishmael rejected – 17:20-22
7. Covenant renewed to Jacob 28:13-14
8. Joseph used of God to spare Jacob and family so promise could be fulfilled.
9. The covenant of the coming of a redeemer narrowed to the tribe of Judah – 49:9-10

Conclusion:

Joseph's faith that Israel would possess the land – 50:22-26