

THE BOOK OF BEGINNINGS!

The Book of Genesis

MODULE 1 (Chapters 1 – 10)

A Bible-Believing Study Guide

AV 1611 Bible Companion

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Requirements for this Class

- A. This class will be taught across three semesters.
 1. Module 1 will cover Genesis Chapters 1-10
 2. Module 2 will cover Genesis Chapters 11- 24
 3. Module 3 will cover Genesis Chapters 25-50
- B. An outline of each chapter in Genesis (from chapter 1 through 10) – typed, and submitted to Pastor Craig on a weekly basis.
- C. Include a set of 10 questions for each chapter, along with their answers – typed, and submitted to Pastor Craig on a weekly basis. Both the outline and the 10 questions can be on the same sheet of paper.
- D. Completion of the fill-in notes of this class notebook
- E. At least 80% attendance during this semester.
- F. A final Test at the end of the course – consisting of the questions submitted

An Example of an Outline of a Chapter of Genesis (*make up your own outline*)

Name

Date

Genesis Module 1 Class

Outline of Genesis Chapter One The Creation

- A. Creation of the Universe (Gen 1:1-2)
- B. Creation of Light (Gen 1:3-6)
- C. Creation of the Atmosphere (Gen 1:7-8)
- D. Creation of Land (Gen 1:9-10)
- E. Creation of Trees, Grass and Herbs (Gen 1:11-13)
- F. Creation of the Sun, Moon, and Stars (Gen 1:14-19)
- G. Creation of Sea Life, and Birds (Gen 1:20-23)
- H. Creation of Land Life (Gen 1:24,25)
- I. Creation of Adam and Eve (Gen 1:26-28)
- J. The Dominion of Adam and Eve (Gen 1:29-30)
- K. God's Pleasure in His Creation (Gen 1:31)

Questions from Genesis Chapter 1

1. ...
2. Give a reason why each “day” as described in Genesis chapter 1 is 24 hours long.
3. What kind of animals were created at the same time as the fish?
4. Where is Eden?
5. ...
6. ...
7. ...
8. ...
9. ...
10. ...

Make sure you include well thought out ANSWERS to your questions

The Book of Genesis

Study Introduction

I. Some Preliminary Information

A. The Title of the Book - *The First Book of Moses Called the Book of Genesis*

1. It is called the First Book of Moses because God used Moses to write five books in your Bible: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy - the first book being **Genesis**.
2. The first book of the Bible is the _____ book for the Bible - it is the cornerstone upon which EVERYTHING written in the Bible is based. In other words, the Bible would have no “leg” to stand upon without it. This will be demonstrated throughout our study.

B. The Author: Moses

1. God first commanded Moses to write a _____ (Exodus 17:14; 34:27), and he did write it and keep it up to date (Ex 24:5-7; Numbers 33:2; Deuteronomy 31:9) as they travelled in the wilderness for 40 years.
2. The book that he wrote was called the Book of the _____ of Moses (Dt 30:10; 31:24-26; Joshua 1:8; 8:30-35; 23:6)
3. _____ said that the first five books of the Bible called *the Law* were written exclusively by Moses (notice how that in Mark 12:26, Christ refers to Exodus 3, and that in Mark 7:10, Christ refers to Ex 20:12 and 21:7).
4. Many critics of the Bible have a hard time believing in _____ author because they do not believe what the Bible says about itself, and rather spend their time attempting to uncover who the “real” author was - so as to discredit the Bible as supernatural. The problem with their thesis is that any Bible-believer knows that Moses really wasn’t the author of Genesis - GOD WAS (2 Tim 3:16)!

C. The Date of Writing: somewhere around 1600 B.C.

1. Put into perspective
 - a. Creation occurs around _____ BC
 - b. The Flood occurs _____ BC
 - c. Abraham arrives in the Promised Land in about _____ BC
 - d. Moses leads Israel out of Egypt around _____ BC
2. Moses writes Genesis under the inspiration (supernatural direction) of the Holy Spirit (2Tim 3:16)
3. He wrote it while leading Israel through the Wilderness
4. He wrote all of the first five books of the Old Testament, which God called collectively, “The Law”

D. Moses’ audience - Primarily directed to a Jewish (descendants of Abraham) audience

1. The Book of Genesis is in no way an exhaustive study of the world’s religions, or science, or history, etc., but rather is a revelation of the one and true God, and His dealings with mankind.
2. This Book is distinctly Jewish in nature because God used the Jews to give us
 - a. His Son – the Messiah
 - b. _____ (John 4:22; Gen 49:10; Zech 8:23)
 - c. His _____ (Rom 9:3-5)
 - d. His unfulfilling promises – when you look at the Jews, you are looking at a people-group that God has made many promises to, and cannot break – and therefore, the whole world learns about the character of GOD, instead of just the failures of man!

E. It’s Language – Hebrew

1. In English, we have 26 letters
2. In Hebrew, there are only _____ letters
3. Hebrew is a language that is almost 5,000 years old – the oldest language still surviving
4. It is read from right to left

- The Hebrew Alphabet looks like the following (there are five letters that have two forms – that’s why there are 27 totals letters given below):

א	ב	ג	ד	ה	ו	ז	ח	ט
Alaf	Bet	Gimel	Dalet	He	Yav	Zayin	Chet	Tet
(Silent)	(B/V)	(G)	(D)	(H)	(V/O/U)	(Z)	(Ch)	(T)
י	כ	ך	ל	מ	ם	נ	ן	ס
Yod	Kaf	Khaf	Lamed	Mem	Mem	Nun	Nun	Samech
(Y)	(K/Ch)	(K)	(L)	(M)	(M)	(N)	(N)	(S)
ע	פ	ף	צ	ץ	ק	ר	ש	ת
Ayin	Pe	Pe	Tzade	Tzade	Qef	Resh	Shin	Tav
(Silent)	(P/F)	(P)	(Tz)	(Tz)	(Q)	(R)	(Sh/S)	(T/S)

- The text of the Old Testament looks like what follows – the English on the left is that of the King James Bible, while the one on the right is another translation.
- Remember, it is read from right to left!

ב ראשית
GENESIS

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<p>In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. 2 And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. 3 And God said, Let there be light: and there was light. 4 And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness. 5 And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day. 6 And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters. 7 And God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament: and it was so. 8 And God called the firmament Heaven. And the evening and the morning were the second day:</p>	<p>בראשית ברא אלהים את השמים ואת הארץ : 1 ,earth the and heavens the God created [when] beginning the In 2 והארץ היתה תהו ובהו והשך [being] darkness and ,waste a and desolation a being earth the (and) 3 על־פני תהום ורוח אלהים מרחפת על־פני of face the upon hovering God of spirit the and ,abyss [the] of face the upon 4 המים : ויאמר אלהים יהי־אור ויהי־אור : ,was light and be light Let :God said then ; waters the 5 ורא אלהים את־האור כי־טוב ויבדל אלהים God divided and, good [was it] that light the God saw And 6 בין האור ובין החשך : ויקרא אלהים : God called And ,darkness the (between) and light the between 7 לאור יום ולחשך קרא לילה ויהי־ערב was evening and ; night called he darkness the to and ,day light the to 8 ויהי־בקר יום אחד : ,one^a day^a ,was morning and 9 ויאמר אלהים יהי רקיע בתוך המים ,waters the of midst the in ^bexpanse an ^bbe Let :God said And 10 ויהי מבדיל בין מים למים : ועש אלהים : God made And ,waters to waters between dividing be it let and 11 את־הרקיע ויבדל בין המים אשר מתחת under (from) [were] which waters the between [divided] he and ,expanse the 12 לרקיע ובין המים אשר מעל above (from) [were] which waters the (between) and expanse the (to) 13 לרקיע ויהי־כן : ויקרא אלהים לרקיע : expanse the (to) God called And ,so was it and ; expanse the (to) 14 ושמים ויהי־ערב ויהי־בקר יום שני : ,second day^a ,was morning and was evening and ; heavens</p>	<p>In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. 2 And the earth was waste and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep: and the spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. 3 And God said, Let there be light: and there was light. 4 And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness. 5 And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, one day. 6 And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters. 7 And God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament: and it was so. 8 And God called the firmament Heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, a second day.</p>
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^a G. adds *and it was so* ויהי־כן.
^b G. omits *and it was so* ויהי־כן.
^c G. adds, *and God saw that it was good* וירא אלהים כי טוב.

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F. Its Importance and Significance

1. It is the *Foundation* of the Bible. Just as the Book of the Revelation is the *Capstone* of the Bible.
2. Without it, none of the major themes of the Bible make any sense.

G. Its Theme - "Beginnings"

1. The beginning of _____
2. The beginning of Life and Death
3. The origin of _____
4. The beginnings of music, the arts, and creativity
5. The origin of the _____ – God started off with one race (Adam and Eve). We now have three main variations in the race – through Noah via Shem, Ham, and Japeth
6. It shows us:
 - a. The first day – of time
 - b. The first wedding – Adam and Eve
 - c. The first job – gardening
 - d. The first sin – of doubting God's word
 - e. The first lie – of Satan to Eve
 - f. The first death – spiritually of Adam and Eve, and of physically of Able
 - g. The first argument – between Adam and God
 - h. The first promise – for redemption through the Messiah
 - i. The first birth – Cain
 - j. The first murder – of Able
 - k. The first city – the city of Enoch, the son of Cain
 - l. The first rapture – of Enoch – the g-g-g-g-g-son of Seth
 - m. The first rain – at the Flood
 - n. The first rainbow – after the Flood
 - o. The First Dispensation – Innocence
 - p. The first Covenant – Adamic
 - q. The first Empire – Babylon
 - r. The first cult – Babylonian religion

II. Our Approach to Genesis**A. It is Authentic**

1. It is the Word of God – God was THERE
2. It was written by the inspiration of the Holy Ghost
3. Jesus, and the Apostles quote from Genesis
 - a. Matthew 1 refers to all the people from _____ through to Jesus, starting back in Genesis 11
 - b. Jesus Himself quotes in Matthew 19:3-5 from Genesis 2:24 to prove monogamy, and against divorce!
 - c. Jesus refers in Mark 10:6, to Adam and Eve at the beginning of the creation in Genesis 2:18-23.

B. It is Accurate

1. _____ – Describes:
 - a. Creation itself
 - b. Time – the science of time – linear, and yet with outside forces
 - c. Laws of physics – entropy, gravity
 - d. The miracle of life – not a product of random occurrences
 - e. Cataclysmic geology – produced by the flood
2. _____
 - a. History before the flood
 - b. World-wide flood – cataclysmic disaster

- c. Origin of all people groups and base languages
- 3. _____
 - a. There are 56 specific prophecies in the book of Genesis
 - b. Over half of them already came true
 - c. Over half of the rest deal with the Messiah
- 4. _____ – to the finest detail
 - a. God is general about some things: creation of the innumerable stars
 - b. God is specific about how sin crept in and how the human heart is messed up
 - c. It shows which one we should be more interested in

C. It is Applicable

- 1. Nothing has changed in 6,000 years of history
- 2. The lessons that people learned then, we need to learn again

III. Some Practical Information

A. A Simple Outline Of The Book

- 1. The Creation (Chapters 1,2)
- 2. The Fall (Chapter 3)
- 3. The First Sixteen Hundred Years (Chapter 4 and 5)
- 4. Noah - The Flood, His Family, and Failure (Chapters 6 through 9)
- 5. Babel and the Dispersion of the Nations (Chapters 10 and 11)
- 6. Abraham (Chapters 12 through 23)
- 7. Isaac (Chapters 24 through 26)
- 8. Jacob and Esau (Chapters 27 through 36)
- 9. The Twelve Sons of Jacob - Joseph in Particular (Ch 37 through 50)

B. Some Facts about Genesis

- 1. It contains ____ chapters
- 2. It was written in Hebrew
- 3. It starts with God, and a perfect creation in chapters 1,2, and 3.
- 4. It ends with a *coffin* in chapter 50.

C. The Twelve Most Important Figures in the Book of Genesis

- 1. God – the entire trinity
- 2. The Devil – Satan – that old Serpent
- 3. Adam & Eve
- 4. Cain & Abel
- 5. Seth – Godly line (Gen 4:25-26)
- 6. Enoch – the Rapture
- 7. Noah
- 8. Nimrod – the originator of the Babylonian empire and religion
- 9. Abraham
- 10. Isaac
- 11. Jacob – also known as Israel
- 12. The Twelve Tribes – twelve sons of Jacob

D. The Eight Important Places of Genesis

- 1. The three heavens
- 2. Eden
- 3. The Mountains of Ararat – where the ark rested after the flood
- 4. Ur of the Chaldees
- 5. Babylon – central point of all demonic activity
- 6. The plain of Shinar (Gen 10:10; 11:2) – the first United Nations
- 7. Canaan – which is really, “the Promised Land”
- 8. Egypt

E. The Doctrinal Fundamentals Taught in the first twelve chapters of Genesis

1. Creation – a supernatural, instantaneous act of God
2. The Existence and Character of God
3. The _____ (Gen 5) – the ability of God to move someone from earth to Heaven
4. The wages of sin (Gen 3, 4, 5) – which is death
5. The curses of this life (Gen 3 and 4) – childbirth pains, low yield production of crops, entropy, fighting to stay ahead of death, the sinful nature passed upon all descendants, the woman being in subjection under her father, and then her husband, the need for governments to control its people.
6. The Resurrection from the dead
7. Eternal Life
8. The three families of earth – Shem (_____), Ham (_____) and Japheth (_____, Gen 9, 10)
9. The origination and purpose of multiple languages (Gen 11; Acts 17:26,27)
10. The fathers of all foundation nations (Gen 10 and 11)
11. The Messiah, who He will be, why He will come, and how He will come
12. The world consists of only two religions – Those **Working** their way to eternal life, and those who obtain it only by God's **Grace** (Gen 4)
13. God does and will punish sin (as He did with the Flood, in Sodom, etc.)
14. God's grace is shown to sinners who trust God's provided substitute (Abraham sacrificing Isaac) - the death of the Messiah in the place of the sinner
15. The calling out of the Church (Israel) – out of Egypt (type of the world)
16. God has clear laws about what is right and wrong – they are not up to individual opinions and interpretations
17. God expects man to take responsibility for his own messes – we have to have governments and courts that are LAW-based to maintain justice

F. Additional Study Materials

1. A good Bible Atlas
2. Wilmington's Guide to the Bible, by Dr. H. L. Wilmington, Tyndale House Publishers
3. The Bible Believer's Commentary on Genesis, by Dr. Peter S. Ruckman

IV. Some Questions

- A. Who is the human author of the Book of Genesis?
- B. Give one Scripture in the Old Testament that proves who wrote Genesis.
- C. Give one Scripture in the New Testament that proves who wrote Genesis
- D. Give the approximate date of the writing of Genesis:
- E. What does the word Genesis mean?
- F. How many chapters are in the Book of Genesis?
- G. List 6 of the 12 most important people in the Book of Genesis
 - 1.
 - 2.
 - 3.
 - 4.
 - 5.
 - 6.
- H. Give a simple outline of the Book of Genesis (9 basic events that are presented in the Book):
 - 1.
 - 2.
 - 3.
 - 4.
 - 5.
 - 6.
 - 7.
 - 8.
 - 9.