

LESSONS THIS QUARTER.....

- 1) Dec 02 Gen 1:1 – 2:25 Affirm God’s Good Plan
- 2) Dec 09 Gen 3:1 – 4:26 Admit Your Sin Problem
- 3) Dec 16 Gen 5:1 – 8:14 Aspire to Walk with God
- 4) Dec 23 John 1:1-18 Accept God’s Promised Savior
- 5) Dec 30 Gen 8:15 – 9:29 New Opportunities
- 6) Jan 06 Gen 10:1 – 11:32 Human Pride
- 7) Jan 13 Gen 12:1 – 14:24 God Allows Us to Choose
- 8) Jan 20 Gen 1:27; 9:6; Matt; Mark Value of Life
- 9) Jan 27 Gen 15:1 – 17:27 Lord’s Promises
- 10) Feb 03 Gen 18:1 – 19:38 Caring for Others
- 11) Feb 10 Gen 20:1 – 23:20 Faith & Obedience
- 12) Feb 17 Gen 24:1-67 Godly Guidance
- 13) Feb 24 Gen 25:1 – 27:46 Helpful or Exploiter

INTRODUCTION / QUESTIONS / COMMENTS/

AUTHOR: Moses (based on Jewish tradition and confirmation by Jesus – John 5:46-47)

DATE: c1446-1406 BC, Time of the Exodus

STYLE: Prose narrative punctuated by a few brief poems (There are no linguistic clues that Chapters 1-11 are anything else than factual, historical events)

INTERPRETATION METHODS:

- Historical..... most evangelicals
- Allegorical..... Catholics, Theistic-evolutionists

- 1) What is God’s word based on??
 - a) God’s word follows the laws of Logic and Linguistic principles
 - i) His word is knowable in any language
 - ii) Without the laws of logic and principles of linguistics we cannot know anything for certain
- 2) Can we really know sound doctrine? YES
 - a) Can we know all doctrines..... NO (Deut 29:29)
 - b) Some doctrines are derived from logical deductions, and we can be dogmatic about them
 - i) The Trinity concept and cessation of the Apostles
 - c) We have to be less dogmatic with some other doctrines
 - i) Pre-trib rapture and do all babies go to Heaven
 - d) We can only go as far as Scripture goes on a subject

Dilemmas of Genesis

- 3) To answer the critics and to stand firm on reliable information we need to determine what parts of Genesis are allegorical stories, figures of speech, poetry, and what is literal history. Unusual stories include:
 - a) 6-day creation
 - b) Adam & Eve
 - c) Talking Serpent
 - d) Longevity of Man (900+ years)
 - e) Noah & the Flood (local or global)
 - f) Tower of Babel
 - g) Dispersion of the races

- 4) Based on how Jesus literally accepted Genesis events as factual history, so should we. After all, He was there from the beginning, and He did not make any corrections to His word

| Passage | Comments |
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| 1:1 | We get to the very 1st verse of the 1st book of the Bible and we have a mystery – “In the beginning, gods created... Elohim – plural (2200x in bible). Eloha (singular – 56x) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) We know what the verse says, but what does it mean since we know there is only One God? b) Does it mean Many gods? Many rulers/judges? God and/or angels? Trinity? See Deut 6:4 c) Plural noun “gods” used with singular verb “created” <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i) E.g., “he creates” – singular noun, singular verb “they create” – plural noun, plural verb “gods creates” – plural noun, singular verb renders the typical interpretation – “God created” d) Another interpretation based on Hebrew linguistics is One God used in a plural form to stress His Majesty. e) We must answer the critics – How can we fight sin and convert sinners if we cannot discern absolute truth, even in the 1st verse in the Book of Truth <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i) Again, we can only go so far. God did not give us all the answers to our many questions.....cf Is 45:15 ii) But we have enough answers to have a rock solid faith, and the skeptics have room to doubt without being forced to believe |
| 1:2 | The earth was/became formless and void <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Some scholars inject the GAP Theory (millions/billions of years between v1 and v2). This is inserting a biased doctrine into the passage |
| 1:3-23 | 5 Days of Creation <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) This passage does not deal with the age of the earth b) That issue will come up later in Chaps 5-11 c) However, DAY means a 24 hour period – not a timeless period d) Theistic evolutionists have to take considerable license with Scripture to justify that a Day means millions of years, and how vegetation created on Day 3 survived for long periods of time without the Sun – which wasn’t around till Day 4; and how birds created on Day 5 evolved before the Dinosaurs which were created on Day 6 |

| What did Jesus Say: |
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| ♦ Jesus believed in Creation & in Adam and Eve.....Mark 10:6 |
| ♦ Jesus confirmed AbelMatt 23:35 |
| ♦ Jesus confirmed Noah and the Flood.....Matt 24:37-39 |
| ♦ Jesus believed Moses.....John 5:46-47 |
| ♦ Jesus confirmed Jonah’s story Mat 12:40; Luk 11:29,30 |
| ♦ Jesus is the Creator Jn 1:1-3, Col 1:16, Eph 3:9, Heb 1:1-3 |
| ♦ Jesus said every word in the Bible is crucialMat 5:18 |
| ♦ Jesus even cared about tenses (“I am”) Mat 12:26, 27 |



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| 1:24-6 Day 6 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Man and woman made in the Image of God – what does this mean? We are not told when angels were created with intellect, will, and ability to love God b) Man’s purpose – to rule/manage God’s handiwork <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Work was something to be enjoyed ii) And that day is coming again |
| 1:27 | First occurrence of poetry in the OT – which is about 40% poetry - Mention of man being made in the image of God twice in this poem, and 3x in this passage invokes importance |
| 1:28 | Man and Woman were equal partners in this endeavor to be fruitful, fill the earth, and to subdue/manage it |
| 1:29-30 | Man and Animals were initially vegetarians Every creature “which has life” ~ a living soul (nephesh) - other creatures such as insects, worms were considered “soul-less” |
| 1:31 | Everything was VERY GOOD – Man was the epitome of God’s creation |
| 2:1-3 | Sanctification of the 7 th Day was universal to all mankind (Mark 2:27). The Sabbath rituals were made for the Jews and for “foreigners” who accepted the God of the Jews (a test from God to see if the Jews would be faithful) |
| 2:4-8 | Another version of Man’s creation and placement on earth |
| 2:9 | Tree of the Knowledge of Good & Evil ... only in 2:9,17 The Tree of Life.... cf Gen 3:22,24; Rev 2:7; 22:2, 22:14 |
| 2:10-14 | The Garden of Eden <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) 2 of the 4 rivers are unknown b) Probably scoured away during the Flood |
| 2:15-16 | Man to cultivate the garden and to stay away from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Sounds easy enough b) This is the first command with a promise..... Eph 6:2 |
| 2:18-22 | Creation of Woman to be a helper – a complementary companion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) God waited till man was lonely and would appreciate a beautiful companion and recognize her “tremendous value” |
| 2:23-25 | Bone of My Bones <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) v23 – Another poem. Adam expresses delight in Eve b) v24 – God’s original design for marriage <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) 1 male, 1 female – for life c) v25 – No shame in innocence |

SUPPORTING PASSAGES

Deut 6:4...The LORD our God is one LORD
 Lit - Jehovah [singular - the Existing One] our Gods [plural] is Jehovah ECHAD [echad--a unity].
 Is 45:15 Truly, You are a God who hides Himself
 Isa 45:18 ...God who formed the earth and made it, He established it and did not create it a waste place, but formed it to be inhabited

| Laws of Science | Creation | Evolution |
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| 1st Law of Thermodynamics | ✓ | ✗ |
| 2nd Law of Thermodynamics | ✓ | ✗ |
| Law of Cause and Effect | ✓ | ✗ |
| Law of Biogenesis | ✓ | ✗ |
| The Creation Theory agrees with the physical laws of science, yet Evolutionists violate these same laws and call their theory true science | | |

CONCLUSION:

- Genesis is the foundation of our belief system
- If the foundations are destroyed, what can the righteous do? (Ps 11:3)
- There comes a day when Eden will be restoredIsa 65:17-25
 - ♦ People will live for hundreds of years
 - ♦ They will be vegetarians, as well as animals
 - ♦ No evil will be allowed in

NEXT WEEK..... Gen 3 & 4

- Sin enters the camp and ruins everything
- God is not taken by surprise and has a Reconciliation Plan all ready

USES OF "DAY" OUTSIDE OF GENESIS 1 ©AIG 2001

A "DAY" + NUMBER
 • 410 TIMES (in plural or singular)
 • ALWAYS means an ordinary day!

B "EVENING" & "MORNING" TOGETHER WITHOUT "DAY"
 • 38 TIMES
 • ALWAYS means an ordinary day!

C "EVENING" OR "MORNING" WITH "DAY"
 • 23 TIMES each
 • ALWAYS means an ordinary day!

D "NIGHT" WITH "DAY"
 • 52 TIMES
 • ALWAYS means an ordinary day!