

*Bird's Eye View of the Scriptures*

The Book of Beginnings

Part One—Introduction and The Creation

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I. Introduction

- A. Genesis to Deuteronomy are called the “\_\_\_\_\_” (five books) in English (taken from the Greek *pente*, five, and *teuchos*, book and *Torah* in Hebrew (meaning instruction).

The Lord Jesus Christ quoted from every part of the Pentateuch and attributed it to Moses:

- Genesis (Mt. 19:4-6; 24:37-39 citing Ge. 2:23-24; 6:5-8)
  - Exodus (Mr. 12:26 citing Ex. 3:6)
  - Leviticus (Mt. 8:4 citing Le. 14:1-32)
  - Numbers (Joh. 3:14-15 citing Nu. 21:8, 9 and Joh. 6:31-32 citing Nu. 11:6-9)
  - Deuteronomy (Mr. 10:4-5 citing De. 24:1).
- B. “Genesis” means \_\_\_\_\_, origins.
- The first word in Hebrew is *bereshith*, “in the beginning.”
- C. Genesis is the \_\_\_\_\_ to understanding the world that we live in.

It answers the big questions of life.

- Is there a God?
- Who or what is He?
- How did the universe come to be?
- How did life originate?
- What is man?
- What are animals and why do they differ from man?
- What is the purpose of the sun, moon, and stars?
- How many sexes are there?

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- What is man's purpose?
  - What is marriage?
  - What is wrong with man?
  - Why is life filled with pain and trouble?
  - What is death and why does man die?
  - Why is the earth covered with fossils?
  - Why is it difficult to live godly in this world?
  - Genesis is the foundation for the rest of the Bible. It is impossible to understand the Bible apart from Genesis.
- D. Genesis is the first book of the Bible, and it introduces the Bible's \_\_\_\_\_, foundational \_\_\_\_\_, and main \_\_\_\_\_.
1. Genesis prepares the way for the gospel by revealing \_\_\_\_\_.
  2. Genesis prepares the way for the gospel by describing man's \_\_\_\_\_ and thus explaining why man needs to be saved (Ge. 3).
  3. Genesis prepares the way for the gospel by giving the first prophecies about the \_\_\_\_\_, who is the Saviour (Mt. 1:1-17).
  4. Genesis prepares the way for the gospel by giving the first revelation about the \_\_\_\_\_ and Christ as the Lamb of God.
  5. Genesis prepares the way for the gospel by describing the origin of the nation \_\_\_\_\_, through which the gospel came.
    - a. Jesus said salvation is of the \_\_\_\_\_ (Joh. 4:22).
    - b. Through Israel, God gave the world the \_\_\_\_\_ (Ro. 3:1-2) and the \_\_\_\_\_ (Ro. 9:4-5).

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- c. Genesis is \_\_\_\_\_ history.
- E. The accounts in Genesis are not \_\_\_\_\_ like those of pagan religions.

Genesis is quoted about \_\_\_\_\_ times in the New Testament.

- Adam is mentioned 9 times.
- Jesus Himself mentions:
  - Adam and Eve (Mt. 19:4-6)
  - Abel (Mt. 23:35; Lu. 11:50-51)
  - Noah, Lot, Lot's wife (Lu. 17:26-32)
  - Abraham, Isaac, Jacob (Mt. 8:11)
  - Elijah (Lu. 4:27)
  - Naaman (Lu. 4:27)
  - Jonah (Mt. 12:39)
  - Isaiah (Mt. 13:14)
  - Daniel (Mt. 24:15).
- Jesus' genealogy is traced back to Adam (Lu. 3:36).

## II. The Creation (Genesis 1-2)

### A. What existed before creation?

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ God existed (Ps. 90:2).
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ was with the Father (Joh. 1:1).
3. The Son dwelt in the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Father (Joh. 1:18).
4. The Son dwelt in \_\_\_\_\_ with the Father (Joh. 17:5).
5. The Son was going forth \_\_\_\_\_ (Mic. 5:2).
6. The Holy Spirit was \_\_\_\_\_ with the Father and Son ("eternal Spirit," Heb. 9:14).
7. \_\_\_\_\_ existed (Job 38:4-7).

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8. The Scripture was \_\_\_\_\_ in heaven (Ps. 119:89; Ro. 16:25-26).
  9. \_\_\_\_\_ rebelled (Isa. 14:12-14; Eze. 28:11-17).
  10. God's eternal \_\_\_\_\_ existed (Eph. 1:9-11).
  11. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ was planned ( 1 Pe. 1:19-20).
- B. The creation happened about \_\_\_\_\_ years ago, 4000 BC.

*It is impossible to reconcile evolution and the Bible. One or the other is completely wrong.*

1. In Genesis 1-2, we learn of God, which is the main thing we must learn from every part of Scripture:
  - a. Omnipotent and omniscient Creator (Ge. 1)
  - b. Eternal (Ge. 1:1)
  - c. A Person (seeing, speaking, Ge. 1:27-28)
  - d. Trinity (Ge. 1:26 God *elohim* is a plural noun with a singular verb "said")
  - e. Man's owner and lawgiver (Ge. 2:16-17)
  - f. Ruler over His creation; He did not make the world and abandon it; holy and punishes sin
  - g. Judge (Ge. 2:16-17).
2. God made everything in six \_\_\_\_\_ days ("evening and morning")

Day One: God made the \_\_\_\_\_ and divided it from the darkness (Ge. 1:3-5).

Day Two: God made the \_\_\_\_\_ (Ge. 1:6-8)

Day Three: God made the \_\_\_\_\_ life (Ge. 1:9-13).

Day Four: God made the \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ (Ge. 1:14-19).

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Day Five: God made the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ (Ge. 1:20-23).

Day Six: God made the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ (Ge. 1:24-31)

3. God made the worlds by His \_\_\_\_\_ (Ge. 1:3, 6, 9, 11, 14, 20).
  4. God made the heavenly bodies for \_\_\_\_\_, seasons, and light (Ge. 1:14-15)
    - the stars are evidence of His eternal power (Ps. 19:1; Ro. 1:19-20).
  5. God made plant and animal life to reproduce “after his \_\_\_\_\_” (found ten times in Genesis chapter one-verses 11, 12, 21, 24, 25).
- C. God made man in His own \_\_\_\_\_ (Ge. 1:26-27).
1. Man is not an \_\_\_\_\_.
  2. God made man in His image that man might be able to \_\_\_\_\_ Him and \_\_\_\_\_ with Him and associate with Him intimately forever.
  3. The image of God refers to man’s intelligence; man’s creativity; man’s speech; man’s moral nature (Eph. 4:24) man’s authority (Ge. 1:26).
  4. Man is not God and man will never be God.
    - Jesus Christ is the only man that is said to be the “EXPRESS image” of God (Heb. 1:3).
    - Man is forbidden to accept worship (Mt. 4:10; Ex. 34:14; Isa. 42:8; Acts 14:11-15).
    - When man worships himself he is condemned as an idolater (Ro. 1).

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5. God made man male and female (Ge. 1:27).
  - There are only two sexes and every individual's sex is written in the living cell from conception.
  - The woman is equal with the male in that both are made in God's image.
  - The woman is not a different kind of, or lesser kind of, creation than the man.
- D. God named the first man Adam.
  1. "Adam" means "red or ruddy," probably referring to his appearance.
  2. Adam is the forerunner of Christ, the last Adam (1 Co. 15:45).
- E. The two accounts of creation in Genesis 1 and 2 are not contradictory but complementary.
  - They give two different views of the creation.
    1. Genesis 1 looks at the entire six days of creation/ Genesis 2 looks only at the sixth day.
    2. Genesis 1 looks at the big picture and describes all of the things that were made during the days of creation. Genesis 2 looks only at the creation of man.
    3. Genesis 1 tells us that God made man male and female, and Genesis 2 tells us exactly how this was done.
    4. In Matthew 19:4-5, Jesus quoted from both of the first chapters of Genesis (1:27 and 2:24) as divine Scripture.