

Unlocking The Mystery & Treasure Of My Inheritance

Lesson #5 Nuggets & Treasures From The Foundation

In a very real sense, Genesis is the most important book in the world, for it is the foundation upon which all the other sixty-five books of God's written Word have been based.

Genesis is the Book Of Beginnings: Creation, Man, Sin, Murder, Death, Marriage, Nations, Languages and God's Plan for Man's Redemption.

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| 1. The Beginning Of The Human Race In Adam | } >2000 years
11 chapters |
| 2. The New Beginning On The Post-Diluvian Earth In Noah And His Sons | |

Genesis 1-5	ADAM	Genesis 6-11	NOAH
Beginnings: 1-2 Waters cover the earth <i>Gracious provision:</i> Adam and Eve walk with God in the Garden of Eden and name animals <i>Dominion:</i> 'Be fruitful and multiply!'		New beginnings: 6-9:19 Destruction of evil by a flood <i>Gracious provision:</i> Noah walks with God and looks after animals <i>Dominion:</i> 'Be fruitful and multiply!'	
Adam and Eve's Sin: 3 <i>Sin:</i> Taking the fruit leads to curses <i>Dominion:</i> The task of naming continues <i>Grace:</i> God provides clothing		Noah's Sin: 9:20-29 <i>Sin:</i> Getting drunk leads to a curse on Canaan <i>Dominion:</i> Planting a vineyard <i>Grace:</i> Blessing for Shem	
Descendants: 4-5 <i>Sin:</i> Escalation with Cain, Lamech, etc. <i>Dominion:</i> Multiplying; even Cain's descendants initiate cultivation <i>Grace:</i> God continues to provide (e.g. Seth) and restrains evil (e.g. Mark of Cain); birth of Noah		Descendants: 10-11 <i>Sin:</i> Escalation with Babel: united defiance <i>Dominion:</i> Multiplying; even Ham's descendants include mighty men <i>Grace:</i> God restrains evil by scattering people to fill the earth; birth of Abram	

Parallel Between Adam & Noah:

1. Both were commanded to fill the earth and exercise control over it.
2. Both are actually the ancestor of all men in the present world.
3. Both sinned by taking of a fruit: Adam of the fruit of the Tree of Knowledge of Good & Evil and Noah of the fruit of the vine.
4. Each became "naked" and then was provided with a covering by someone else.
5. The actions of both resulted in a curse which has affected mankind ever since.

Genesis 1-11: Focus Is 4 Events Which Declare God's Sovereign Authority

<u>Creation</u>	God's Eternal Priority	<u>Fall of Man</u>	God's Moral Authority
<u>The Flood</u>	God's Judicial Severity	<u>The Tower Of Babel</u>	God's Governmental Supremacy

Note #1: These 4 events record the history of the human race and the spread of sin.

Note #2: These events take place in the Fertile Crescent over a period of ~ 2000 years.

Note #3: These events demonstrate man's failure: He is not capable of governing himself to achieve peace with God or with one another.

Note #4: When people resisted God's rule, He overruled and accomplished His divine purposes.

Ps. 33:11 The counsel of the Lord stands forever, the plans of His heart to all generations.

Note #5: When you have read the first 11 chapters of Genesis [20%], you have read $\frac{1}{2}$ of the Bible as far as time is concerned. The last 39 chapters [80%] only cover ~350 years.

Note: #6: As miraculous as Creation was, God wanted to emphasize His Redemptive Plan which He revealed as history [chap. 1-11] leading to the Messianic promises.

The One who would save the world would come through the line of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

Note: Genesis is not only a history of man's origin; it is a prophecy of man's future.

Paradise Lost in Genesis Becomes Paradise Regained in Revelation.

Probationary World > Genesis

Eternal World > Revelation

1:4 Division of Light & Darkness	21:25 No Night There
1:10 Division Of Land & Sea	21:1 No More Sea
1:16 Rule of Sun & Moon	21:23 No Need Of Sun & Moon
2:8-9 Man In Prepared Garden	21:2 Man in Prepared City
2:10 River Flowing Out Of Eden	22:1 River Flowing From God's Throne
2:12 Gold In The Land	21:21 Gold In The City
2:9 Tree of Life In Midst Of Garden	22:2 Tree Of Life Throughout The City
2:12 BdeUllium & Onyx Stone	21:19 All Manner Of Precious Stones
3:8 God Walking In The Garden	21:3 God Dwelling With His People

Cursed World > Genesis

Eternal World > Revelation

3:17 Cursed Ground	22:3 No More Curse
3:17 Daily Sorrow	21:4 No More Sorrow
3:18 Thorns & Thistles	21:4 No More Pain
3:19 Sweat On Face	21:4 Tears Wiped Away
3:18 Eat Herbs Of The Field	22:2 12 Manner Of Fruits
3:19 Returning To Dust	21:4 No More Death
3:21 Coats of Sin	19:4 Fine Linen, White & Clean
3:15 Satan Opposing	20:10 Satan Banished
3:23 Banished From The Garden	22:14 Free Entry To The City
3:15 Redeemer Promised	5:9-10 Redemption Accomplished
6:5 Evil Continually	21:27 Nothing That Defiles

If we are to understand the New Testament, we first need to understand Genesis.

1. Genesis is quoted from over 200x in the New Testament.
2. Chapters 1-11 are quoted > 100x in the New Testament.
3. It is quoted WORD for WORD over 165x in the New Testament.
4. Did Jesus Refer to Gen. 1-11? Yes to all but 1 chapter.
5. The creation account in Genesis is supported by numerous other references throughout the

Bible. Its importance cannot be over-estimated.

6. Every major doctrine -sin, atonement, grace, redemption, faith, justification, salvation, and others-are first encountered in Genesis 1-11. It reveals the problem that man is sinful and can't fellowship with God. It begins the story of redemption that will culminate on the cross.

Consider: When Jesus Christ, after His resurrection, gave a key Bible study to His disciples on the way to Emmaus, He Began With Genesis! Luke 24:27 "Beginning at Moses and all the prophets, He expounded unto them in all the Scriptures the things CONCERNING HIMSELF."

A. Christ In Genesis: Genesis moves from general to specific in its Messianic prophecies:

Christ is the Seed of woman	Gen. 3:15		
He is from the line of Seth	4:25	the son of Shem	9:27
He is the descendant of Abraham	12:3	of Isaac	21:12 of Jacob 25:23
He is of the tribe of Judah	Gen. 49:10		

B. Christ in Types: Jesus Christ Is Also Seen In People And Events That Serve As Types.

1. Adam is "a type of Him who is to come." Rom 5:14

Both entered the world through a special act of God as sinless men.

First Adam	Last Adam > Jesus Christ
Turned From The Father In Garden Of Eden	Turned To The Father In Garden Gethsemane
Naked & Unashamed in The Garden	Naked & Bore Our Shame On The Cross
His Sin Brought Us Thorns	Wore A Crown Of Thorns
Substituted Himself For God	God Substituting Himself For Us
Sinned At A Tree	Bore Our Sins On A Tree
Died As A Sinner	Died For Sinners
Lost The Tree Of Life	Is The Tree Of Life
Head Of The Old Creation	Head Of The New Creation
Created In God's Image	Is God's Image
Was To Reign Over All The Earth	Will Reign Over The Earth Forever
Was The First Husband	The Ultimate Eternal Husband

2. Relationship of Husband & Wife In Marriage = type of Jesus Christ and the Church

Eph. 5:22-31 states the relationship of husband and wife in marriage. Then in Eph. 5:32,

Paul says: This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church.

From Genesis to Revelation, God uses the marriage to communicate His deepest mysteries.

Example: Gen. 24 Abraham God The Father
 Isaac Jesus The Son
 Servant (Eliezer) Holy Spirit - Eliezer means comforter
 Rebekah Church; Bride

This is a picture of the Holy Spirit gathering a bride for Jesus in this present age. The HOLY SPIRIT [Eliezer] gives us the BRIDE [Rebekah] gifts before she is united with JESUS [Isaac].

Note: The Gentile bride is always introduced by an unnamed servant. Why? Jesus Himself said the Holy Spirit would not speak about Himself but would always point to Jesus.

[Gen. 15 vs. Gen. 24]

Adam = Type of Christ; Eve > Type of Church

I Tim. 2:13-14 For Adam was formed first, then Eve. And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived, fell into transgression.

1. Adam was not deceived. He sinned willfully.
2. Eve was deceived and was no longer clothed in light.
3. Adam has a decision to make. Will he join Eve in her predicament?
4. Yes! That's how much he loved her.

He would rather join her in her mess than live without her.

5. Jesus [Adam] loved the church [Eve] so much that He BECAME SIN for us rather than live without us!!!

C. Christ in Revelation: Our Kinsman Redeemer > Rev. 5:4 tells of John sobbing: So I wept much, because no one was found worthy to open and read the scroll, or to look at it.

Note: The first Adam forfeited the title deed to the earth.

Rev. 5:5 Do not weep. Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has prevailed to open the scroll and to loose its seven seals."

Everything the first Adam lost, the Last Adam, Jesus Christ, gained back at the cross.

Christ's eligibility allowed Him to take the book, open the seals and take possession of that which He purchased on the cross.

Question: How much space is given to: Creation = Few chapters in Genesis, a few psalms, few chapters in Job, and a few chapters in Isaiah.

Redemption = EVERY PAGE

Question: What did each cost God? Creation = He SPOKE it into existence.

Redemption = HIS SON! God's Greatest Achievement: Redemption

D. Abel's acceptable offering of a blood sacrifice points to Christ.

E. Joseph and Jesus Christ are both:

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| a. Objects of special love by their Fathers | b. Hated by their brethren |
| c. Rejected as rulers over their brethren | d. Conspired against and sold for silver |
| e. Condemned though innocent | f. Raised from humiliation to glory by the power of God |

Genesis 3 is considered to be the most important chapter in the Bible by some scholars.

It contains the ROOTS of every major doctrine.

I. It starts "The Invisible War" when God, the Creator of the universe, declares war on Satan.

This war ends in Revelation 12.

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| 2. Herod's Slaughter Of Male Babies | Matt. 2 |
| 3. Temptation [3x] | Luke 4 |
| 4. Attempt At Nazareth | Luke 4 |
| 5. Two Storms On Sea Of Galilee | |
| 6. Gethsemane 3x | |

II. Genesis 3 explains the predicament of mankind and then explains God's provision for this predicament.

III. Man learns he has an enemy who is knowledgeable, powerful, and resourceful.

IV. Man is powerless against this adversary but God is faithful to provide.

V. The narrative between Satan and Eve describe a sequence you and I experience daily.

a. Satan's 1st scheme: Create Doubt

b. Satan's 2nd scheme: Add To What God Said > Legalism

Note: Man's natural instinct is not to do what God said, but then come up with rules and regulations God never included. Pharisees took 10 commandments and expanded them into hundreds of rules & regulations.

c. Satan's 3rd scheme: Openly Dispute God's Word

Interesting Facts: Did You Know?

1. In the Antediluvian Age [Dispensations of Innocence & Conscience] before the Flood, man lived many years on the earth.

a. Adam = 930 Years	b. Seth = 912 Yrs.	c. Enos = 905 Yrs.
d. Kenan = 910 Years	e. Mahaleleel = 895 Yrs.	f. Jared = 962 Yrs.
g. Enoch = 365 Yrs > rapture	h. Methuselah = 969 Yrs.	i. Lamech = 777 Yrs.

Longevity began to decline immediately after the flood. A sharp decline took place after Peleg. Shem lived 600 years; Peleg lived 239 years; Nahor lived 148 years.

2. When Eve had a 3rd son, she said, "God hath appointed me another seed instead of Abel whom Cain slew (Gen. 4:25). She viewed Seth as the replacement of the Messianic line.

Gen. 4:26: At 105, Seth's son, Enosh, is born and men began to call on the name of the Lord. Genesis 5 gives the generations. Genesis 6 tells of God's planned judgment on mankind because of how corrupt he was.

Note #1: If there were a public invocation of the name of the Lord that began with Enosh, it did not last to the flood, a period of about 1,200 years. When we look at the historical record, everyone was becoming corrupt and only a few are noted to walk with God. There were very few that called on the Lord or walked with him; one would think we would see more.

Note #2: After the fall, prior to Noah, only one man is recorded in the Bible to have walked with the Lord (Gen. 5:22); Enoch (Heb. 11:5). Enoch the 7th from Adam through the lineage of Seth (Gen. 5:3-18). God took Enoch. He was removed from the earth in this time period where the corruption on earth was increasing.

He *walked with God* (for 300 years). This was not said of another man during his day.

Note #3: After 182 years Lamech had Noah whom God called the *only one righteous*

in the ancient world of his time (Gen. 6:8, 13). "The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence. So God looked upon the earth, and indeed it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted their way on the earth."

Note #4 Gen. 4:26 Many have contended *huwchal*, translated "began", should be rendered began profanely, or then profanation began, from this time the origin of idolatry began.

Note #5: In Genesis 6:5 Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually."

Only Noah is left as righteous in a span of only 1,656 years which leads to the judgment.

Note #6: This appears to go along with Paul stating in Romans 1:21 although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful," V.28 they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting."

3. The story of Cain's killing the righteous "seed" (Abel) and God's raising up another "seed" (Seth) becomes the central theme of the divine plan. Evil is always attempting to rid the world of good, and God is always thwarting evil's plans. There is always a Seth to replace Abel.

It was through the seed of Seth that Jesus was born (Gen. 5:3-8, I Chron. 1:1, Luke 3:38).

4. Jude 1:14-15 tells us of the oldest prophecy regarding the 2nd coming of Jesus Christ.

From Enoch's Prophecy: We know the Lord's coming is sure; who will accompany Him; the purpose of His coming and the result of His coming!

"Now Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about these men also, saying,

"Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of His saints,¹⁵ to execute judgment on all, to convict all who are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have committed in an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him."

Note: This prophecy and the last one in Rev. 22:20 are given through a man focusing on the 2nd Coming of Christ in Judgment.

5. Enoch was "raptured" 669 years before the Great Flood. Scholars often point to his disappearance as a type of the rapture of the church before God's judgment.

Note: According to Jewish tradition Enoch was born on the day that would become Pentecost, just like the church. His name means "teaching", the primary role of the church. These same traditions also hold that Enoch disappeared from Earth on his birthday. Here is a model in Genesis 5 of a man identified with the church being born and raptured on the day that would become Pentecost, the day the church was born.

6. Three groups of people faced The Judgment of The Flood

- a. One group PERISHED in the flood > Unbelieving World
- b. Eight were PRESERVED BY THE ARK THROUGH THE FLOOD > Jewish Remnant & Noah
- c. One person was TRANSLATED - TAKEN OUT OF THE JUDGMENT > Church & Enoch

Note: The Flood was not a surprise! It had been preached for 4 generations.

Enoch > Methuselah > Lamech > Noah

7. Interesting prophecy of the flood: Enoch and the naming of his son:

- 1. It is from the time Enoch names his son, Methuselah, that he walks with God.
- 2. Methuselah means "His Death Shall Bring."

Note: When Methuselah dies, the flood will come. The name, Methuselah, seems to hide a prophecy! Apparently, God revealed to Enoch that as long as his son was alive, God's judgment of the flood would be withheld.

Question: Do you see God's Amazing Grace and Longsuffering in delaying the judgment? Methuselah's life was the longest of any man. NOTHING exceeds the grace of God.

II Pet. 3:9 The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that ALL should come to repentance.

8. The Ark as A Type Of Jesus Christ

OT: The ark was the salvation of God.

NT: Jeshua = The salvation of Jehovah

OT: The ark was God's plan; it had to be made according to His measure.

NT: Romans 3:24-25 The redemption in Christ Jesus is also God's plan.

OT: The ark had to be entered by the door.

NT: John 10:9 "I am the Door, by me if any man enter in He shall be saved."

OT: All life was in the ark.

NT: Colossians 3:4; John 1:4 In Him was life.

9. Does Noah's Ark prophesy the resurrection of Christ and salvation through Him?

Did you know the date the Ark landed in the mountains of Ararat is prophetic?

a. In I Pet. 3:18-22, the ark is referenced as a type of the resurrection of Jesus Christ and salvation through Him.

b. In Genesis, God specified the exact day the ark came to rest: the seventeenth day of the seventh month, which represented a new beginning on the earth (Genesis 8:4).

Why are we given this date in the story of the Ark?

c. The Jewish New Year is celebrated in the fall, on the first day of the month of Tishri.

d. When God established the Passover in Exodus, He told Israel the month of Nisan in the spring would be the first month of the year to them (Exodus 12:2).

e. The Jews therefore have two calendars: one civil calendar starting in the month of Tishri, and one religious calendar starting in the month of Nisan.

f. In Genesis the civil calendar is still being referenced, with the month of Tishri being the first month and Nisan being the seventh month.

g. The "seventh month" of Genesis, Nisan, is therefore the month in which the Passover would later be instituted.

h. It can be shown Christ was crucified on Passover, the fourteenth of Nisan.

When did Jesus rise? Three days later on the seventeenth of Nisan!

i. The day of Jesus' resurrection was therefore the 17th day of the 7th month on the civil calendar.

j. As noted by Bible scholar Chuck Missler, the new beginning on the earth in the time of Noah occurred on the anniversary in anticipation of our new beginning, the resurrection of Christ! Coincidence, or design?