

Southeast Georgia School of the Bible
Old Testament Survey I

GENESIS

The First 5 Books of the Bible

Genesis/Exodus/Leviticus/Numbers/Deuteronomy

Old "Testament" - The word means "covenant," referring to an agreement between men or between God and men. As far as the Bible is concerned, the OT is the record of the old covenant, the covenant God made with the Jews at Mt. Sinai; and the New Testament is the record of the new covenant that Christ made through His blood.

Key Verse

Genesis 1:1

"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth."

Author: **Moses... He also wrote the entire Pentateuch (Gen.-Deut.)**

Date: **Written between 1445-1400 B.C.**

Theme: **"Beginnings"**

Some Things That Begin In Genesis

- The Human Race Gen. 2:4-25
- Marriage & Family Gen. 2:22-25; 4:1-2
- Nations & Government Gen. 10:1-32
- Human Sin Gen. 3:6-7
- Divine Salvation Gen. 3:8-24

The only thing that did not begin in Genesis was GOD!

Part I - Ch. 1-11 - PRIMEVAL HISTORY

Based on 4 Outstanding Events... The 4 C's

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Isaac He was the sacrificed Son... Gen. 22

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Creation-The First of Everything

First Things... "Beginnings"

The First of <u>Everything</u>	Gen. 1:1
The First <u>Day</u>	Gen. 1:3-5
The First <u>Man</u>	Gen. 1:26
The First <u>Woman</u>	Gen. 2:22, 23
The First <u>Wedding</u>	Gen. 2:23, 24
The First <u>Sabbath</u>	Gen. 2:2, 3
The First <u>Garden</u>	Gen. 2:8-14
The First <u>Liar</u>	Gen. 3:4
The First <u>Temptation</u>	Gen. 3:6
The First <u>Clothes</u>	Gen. 3:7
The First <u>Curse</u>	Gen. 3:14-19

The First Promise of the Redeemer

And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

Genesis 3:15

→ This verse is called the "**Protevangelium**" The First Gospel

4 Great Events... Chapters 1-11

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|---------------|---------------------------|-----------------|
| 1-Creation | In 6 Literal 24 Hour Days | (Genesis 1-2) |
| 2-Curse | The Fall of Man | (Genesis 3-5) |
| 3-Catastrophe | The Flood of Noah | (Genesis 6-9) |
| 4-Coalition | The Tower of Babel | (Genesis 10-11) |

The Meaning of DAY – 24 hours?

The use of "*evening and morning*" in that order is significant. This qualifying phrase is attached to each of the six days of Creation and supports the meaning of days as 24-hour periods.

"*Evening and morning*", occurring more than 100 times in the Old Testament, are never used to mean anything other than a *literal* evening and *literal* morning, ending or beginning a solar day.

Curse-The Fall of Man

Genesis 3-5

The Fall of man into sin is the story of tragedy.

It shows man as God created him in perfection and innocence, and yet, with the power to choose sin or to choose God's way of righteousness...

Adam chose to sin!

The Results of the Fall of Man

Separation from God Gen. 3:10

Death	Gen. 2:17
Curse	Gen. 3:14
Sorrow	Gen. 3:17
Thorns	Gen. 3:18
Sweat	Gen. 3:19
Sword	Gen. 3:24
Sin	Rom. 5:12

Romans 5:12

"Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:"

Catastrophe-The Flood

Genesis Ch. 6, 7, 8

God reveals Himself as a God of Judgment but also as a God of Grace...

"But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD." Genesis 6:8

Noah's Ark

"By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith."

Hebrews 11:7

Here's a brief summary of the details:

- Noah entered the ark when he was 600 years, 2 months, and 10 days old.
- Seven days later the rain began to fall.
- The rain fell for 40 days and 40 nights.
- The "*fountains of the great deep*" also burst forth with water.
- The floodwaters spread across the entire earth, covering the mountains to a depth of 20 feet.
- All living creatures on dry land were wiped out.
- The flood covered the earth for 150 days.
- As the floodwaters receded, the ark came to rest on Mt. Ararat.
- 74 days later the tops of the mountains became visible.

- Noah stayed in the ark another 57 days 'til the Lord told him to leave.
- Noah was 601 years, 2 months, and 27 days old when he left the ark.

Certain facts lead to a strong emphasis of Bible truth.

Man's wickedness and fallen state (6:5-12) "wickedness..." "evil continually..."

God is grieved by sin (6:6-7) "It repented the Lord... grieved Him at His heart"

God is a God of judgment (6:7, 17) "I will destroy"

Grace for Noah, "Found grace in the eyes of the Lord."

God's provision (6:14) "Make thee an ark. . ."

Gopher wood – speaks of humanity of Christ

Many rooms – sufficient and adequate

Pitched in and out – speaks of atonement

300 cu. Long – 50 cu. Wide – 30 cu. High – planned & organized

One window and One door – Jesus is the only Way and Door

Three stories – suggests Trinity

"But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be." Matt. 24:37

Coalition-The Tower of Babel

The Tower of Babel (2242 B.C.) This was a post-Flood rebellion against God. God's confusing of the languages caused them to separate from each other and relocate to different areas of the earth. As these groups spread out and became isolated, certain features (e.g. skin shade, eye shape) became dominant in certain groups. Here we have the Origin of Languages and Nations. God's judgment on the Tower of Babel and the Coalition of people gathered there was one of the most significant events in the history of the world. In one moment, a massive, highly complex building project, involving the entire human race, came to an abrupt end.

Three Main Considerations

1-Wrong Motives

Any man or movement that tries to "make a name" (Gen. 11:4) is doomed to failure and destruction. The very motive behind the making of a name is a repudiation of the need, name, and nature of God.

2-Wrong Methods

"Let us build us a city, and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven" (Gen. 11:4). Every man needs a city of safety and a tower of hope. But the self-righteous person seeks to build it for himself.

3-Wrong Materials

"Let us make brick" (Gen. 11:3). Whenever the Bible uses the figure of the building in connection with the work of God, the materials employed include stones ... - but never bricks!

Comparing Babel & Pentecost

<u>Babel</u>	<u>Pentecost</u>
Sinful men	Saved men
Gather in <u>their</u> name	Gather in name of <u>Jesus</u>
God <u>confounds</u> language	God <u>clarifies</u> language
God <u>scatters</u> man	God <u>gathers</u> men

Part II - Ch. 12-50 PATRIARCHAL HISTORY

Based on 4 Outstanding Characters...

1. Abraham
2. Isaac
3. Jacob
4. Joseph

Genesis 12-50

In chapter 12, God chooses one man, Abraham, and on the basis of certain unconditional promises He makes to him, He deals with him in a unique way from this point on. From Abraham the nation of Israel emerges.

1-Abraham

Genesis 12:1-25:18 - *By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an*

inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went. By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as in a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise: For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God.

Hebrews 11:8-10 *By faith Abraham, when he was tried, offered up Isaac: and he that had received the promises offered up his only begotten son, Of whom it was said, That in Isaac shall thy seed be called: Accounting that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead; from whence also he received him in a figure.*

Hebrews 11:17-19 ... "Abraham believed God"

*For what saith the scripture? Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness. **Rom. 4:3***

*Even as Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness. **Galatians 3:6***

*And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: ... **James 2:23***

2-Isaac

Genesis 25:19-27:46

By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau concerning things to come.

Hebrews 11:20

The life of Isaac is most noted for 5 distinct things...

- 1) He is the "son of promise" to Abraham
- 2) He marries Rebekah at age 40
- 3) He gave birth to the 1st twins of the Bible (Jacob and Esau)
- 4) He was the heir of everything that belonged to his father, Abraham
- 5) He was different from all of the other sons of Abraham; in that, God would fulfill his promise through the seed of Isaac.

3-Jacob

Genesis 28:1-35:29

By faith Jacob, when he was a dying, blessed both the sons of Joseph; and worshipped, leaning upon the top of his staff.

Hebrews 11:21

In Genesis 32, Jacob wrestled with the angel and it seems that both his name and nature were changed.

From Jacob, he became Israel and his sons became the children of Israel and were the founders of the 12 Tribes of Israel.

Jacob = Israel

And God said unto him, Thy name is Jacob: thy name shall not be called any more Jacob, but Israel shall be thy name: and he called his name Israel.

Genesis 35:10

Jacob's 12 Sons = 12 Tribes of Israel

1. **R**euben
2. **I**ssachar
3. **N**aphtali
4. **G**ad
5. **S**imeon
6. **L**evi
7. **A**sher
8. **D**an
9. **J**oseph
10. **J**udah
11. **B**enjamin
12. **Z**ebulun

4-Joseph

Genesis 36:1-47:26

About 1/4 of Genesis is taken up with the story of Joseph.

Yet, there is no sin, failure, or mistake that is featured or recorded.

He certainly was not sinless, but it seems that his life was blameless before men, and spotless before God.

He is a fitting "type" or picture of Jesus in the Old Testament.

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What Begins In Genesis Finds Its Fulfillment In Revelation