

Christ in Genesis

While Genesis might be the furthest removed timewise from the life of Jesus, it is still full of allusions to the Lord. The theme of all the Bible is Christ. The Old Testament may seem strange at times, but always remember, it is pointing toward Jesus. That is true even in Genesis. In Genesis 3:15, we find an allusion to Jesus and His sacrificial work on the cross. In Romans 5, Paul speaks of Adam as a “type” pointing to Christ. We even learn in Colossians 1:16 that the Creation we read of in Genesis 1 was accomplished through Jesus! As we go through the rest of Genesis, we’ll begin to see even more types and allusions to Christ through various individuals and events!



Questions

Try to find the answers to these questions as you read through Genesis 1-11 this week. If you have children, go over these questions with them and have them try to answer the questions also!

1) List what was created on each of the six days of Creation:

Day 1: _____ Day 4: _____
Day 2: _____ Day 5: _____
Day 3: _____ Day 6: _____

2) Describe the curse for:

Man: _____
Woman: _____
Serpent: _____

3) Who said, “Am I my brother’s keeper?” _____

4) Of the men listed in Genesis 5, who lived the longest? _____

5) How many of each kind of *clean* animal was Noah to take? _____

6) What mountain did the ark rest on after the flood? _____

7) List the 3 sons of Noah: _____

8) Who was “a mighty hunter before the Lord”? _____

9) What was the other name of the city of “Babel”? _____

10) List the four major events of Genesis 1-11:

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____

Extra: The Bible is often a book of “bookends.” If you want some extra reading, re-read the first three chapters of Genesis and then the last three chapters of Revelation. What similarities can you find? Enjoy!

“That You May Grow Thereby...”

A weekly Bible reading plan



Genesis 1-11

“In The Beginning...”

Overview

Where should we start? How about the beginning? God’s word does just that. The very first words of the Bible take us all the way back to the beginning of time itself. The opening chapters of Genesis reveal to us the answer to some of our greatest questions, and reveal to us how the world began. The first couple chapters explain the Creation of the universe and world, as well as the special capstone of God’s creation – mankind.

Genesis three introduces a new “first” – the first sin. Adam and Eve’s choice to eat the forbidden fruit brought about a curse upon God’s wonderful creation. The next several chapters show just how bad things became after the very first sin. We read of a moral decline to the point that God chose to destroy the world in a global flood. Thankfully, righteous Noah found grace in God’s sight, and Noah was shown by God how to survive the flood by building an ark – a great boat that saved mankind and the animal kingdom. With the earth cleansed, mankind restarted through Noah’s family, but it wasn’t long before sin plagued mankind again. Man’s stubbornness and disobedience is on full display at the Tower of Babel.

Outline:

The Book of Genesis can be outlined into two primary sections; chapters 1-11 and chapters 12-50. The first eleven chapters tell about four major events, while the remaining chapters tell the story of four major people.

Genesis 1-11

- ◆ *Creation*
- ◆ *The Fall*
- ◆ *The Flood*
- ◆ *Tower of Babel*

Genesis 12-50

- ◆ *Abraham*
- ◆ *Isaac*
- ◆ *Jacob*
- ◆ *Joseph*

Suggested Reading Schedule

Monday: Gen. 1-2

Tuesday: Gen. 3-5

Wednesday: Gen. 6-7

Thursday: Gen. 8-9

Friday: Gen. 10-11

Key Themes

Genesis is a book of firsts. We see the first day, the first man, the first sin, and even the first prophecy, all within the first 3 chapters! What other “firsts” can you find?

- ◇ Lie
- ◇ Worship
- ◇ Murder
- ◇ Grace
- ◇ Covenant
- ◇ Marriage
- ◇ Language
- ◇ Nations
- ◇ Family

Among the other “firsts,” Genesis introduces the idea of **covenants** and **redemption**. The first mention of a covenant appears in the narrative of Noah. Great lessons can be learned about God’s grace, the role of man’s obedience, and the scheme of salvation in that wonderful story.