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Genesis Chapters 1-11



The Foundation For

Everything

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In the beginning God created the heavens
and the earth. Genesis 1:1

And shortly thereafter it got
really screwed up.

Please read Genesis 3:1-3:26 Before Proceeding.

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1 Corinthians 1:18-19 (NASB77)

(1Co 18) For the word of the cross is to those who are perishing foolishness, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

(19) For it is written, " I WILL DESTROY THE WISDOM OF THE WISE, AND THE CLEVERNESS OF THE CLEVER I WILL SET ASIDE."

Pre-fallen World Gen Chapters 1-2

Transition Gen 3:1-3:5

The Fall Gen 3:6-8

The Fallen Creation and Fallen Man Gen 3:9ff



You are here....along with everyone else.

(Ge 16) And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "From any tree of the garden you may eat freely; (17) but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat from it you shall surely die." Genesis 2:16-17 (NASB77)

(1Co 22) For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all shall be made alive. ¹
Corinthians 15:22 (NASB77)

(Eph 2:1) And you were dead in your trespasses and sins, (2) in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience.

Genesis 3:1 (NIV)

Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden'?"

Devil Satan

2 Corinthians 11:3 (NIV)

But I am afraid that just as Eve was deceived by the serpent's cunning, your minds may somehow be led astray from your sincere and pure devotion to Christ.

Revelation 12:9 (NIV)

(Rev 9) The great dragon was hurled down--that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him.

Did God really say.....?

Anything wrong with the question?

What He said was.....or you will die.

You will not die.....you will be like God.

Genesis 3:6-7 (NIV)

When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. (7) Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked;

The word of the Lord brought life and order; the word of the serpent brought chaos and death. Truth is older than falsehood; God's word came before Satan's lies.

The Bible Knowledge Commentary: An Exposition of the Scriptures by Dallas Seminary Faculty.

You can not become like God through disobedience.

Shame:

Genesis 3:7 (NIV)

Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.

Toxic view of God

Genesis 3:8 (NIV)

Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden.

Genesis 3:10 (NIV)

(Ge 10) He answered, "I heard you in the garden, and I was **afraid** because I was naked; so I hid." **the mantra of the sinner**

No Culpability

Genesis 3:12 (NIV)

(Ge 12) The man said, "The woman you put here with me--she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it."

The Accounting: Judgement, Consequences and Hope

The sound of the Lord, the presence of God, the voice of the Lord is no longer a source of joy, comfort or desired. The opposite is now true.

Where are you?

Who told you that you were naked?

Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?

What is this you have done?

Serpent:

Woman:

Man:

HOPE

**(Ge 15) And I will put enmity Between you and the woman,
And between your seed and her seed; He shall bruise you
on the head, And you shall bruise him on the heel." Genesis
3:15 (NASB77)**

Genesis 1:1-2:25

Genesis 3:6ff

Pre Fallen Creation Pre Fallen Man

Post Fallen Creation Post Fallen Man

Fallen Understanding

Fallen Relationships

Fallen Knowledge

Spiritually Dead

Lost Identity

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(1Co 14) But a natural man does not accept the things of the Spirit of God; for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually appraised. (15) But he who is spiritual appraises all things, yet he himself is appraised by no man. (16) For WHO HAS KNOWN THE MIND OF THE LORD, THAT HE SHOULD INSTRUCT HIM? But we have the mind of Christ. 1
Corinthians 2:14-16 (NASB77)

The Key in understanding Creation is

Jesus Christ

(Jn 45) "Do not think that I will accuse you before the Father; the one who accuses you is Moses, in whom you have set your hope. (46) "For if you believed Moses, you would believe Me; for he wrote of ,Me." John

5:45-46 (NASB77)

The New Norm



← God's work

← Man's work

It was the need for fitness



Understanding Genesis and Everything Else

Jesus Christ

John 1:1-5 (NASB77)

(Jn 1) In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

(2) He was in the beginning with God.

(3) All things came into being by Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being.

(4) In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.

(5) And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.

FOUNDATIONS Jesus and creation

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I. Introduction to God and Creation Gen 1:1

The Bible never attempts to explain, justify, or defend God as the Creator of the universe. The truth is boldly stated

as a fact and is affirmed by Bible poetry, Psalm 102:25, and Bible prophecy, Isaiah 40:21.

The reader needs to stop here. Why? Because what follows is the pre-fall narrative of creation, man and the early earth up to Genes chapter 3. Since man can only view this from a post fall perspective. It is necessary to address the post fall perspective of man, its limitations and how scripture calls us to address them. Therefore our study will begin with chapter 3 and the fall.

Outline within the outline:

II. The Fall of Man and The Curse of the New Norm. Gen 3:1-21

When sin and death became the NEW NORM man lost the one thing that could give an understanding of creation, himself and his eternal destiny and that was a right relationship with his creator.

Background:

1. Creation of man Gen 2:7
2. Man's environment. Gen 2:8-14
3. Man's work. Gen 2:15
4. Command Gen 2:16-17
5. God's gift to the man. 2:18-24

A. Man Sins. 3:1-7

B. God calls for an accounting 3:8-13

C. God issues judgement 3:14-19

In the midst of judgement the promise of hope 3:15

D. Life after the fall begins 3: 20-21

Question: Where does Gen 3:15 direct us?

III Only through a saving relationship with Jesus Christ can man begin to overcome the tragic effects of the fall and develop an understanding of Genesis 1-11.

A. Who is Jesus Christ? John 1:1-2 Jesus is eternal God.

B. What did he do?

1. Maker of all things. John 1:3, Colossians 1:15-20. Heb 1:2, 11:6
2. Without him there is nothing.

C. What does He offer?

1. Life and Light John 1:3-4.
2. Removes Darkness and Separation Eph 4:8 The New Norm:

1. Man is easily deceived.

2. Man alienated from God, man's tendency is to run from God, deny God, or recreate God.
In his own understanding. God = Authority figures.

3. Man is alienated from creation and himself

It is only through a right relationship with God through the person of Jesus Christ that man can come to rightly understanding of creation, himself and his eternal destiny.

IV Shining the Light of Jesus Christ on the Creation of the World. Gen 1:1 – 2:25

A. In the Beginning God..... Gen 1:1

In the Beginning was the Word. John 1:1

What does Jesus tell us about creation?

- a. It's personal.... Jesus is very personal.
- b. It's inclusive... "everything"
- c. It is His.
- d. It is intimate.... And God said.....

B. "and the world was formless and void and darkness.

How did Satan end up on the earth?

The cosmic battle and creation of the earth

The fall of Adam and provision of a savior

The destruction of world by flood and the ark and the covenant.

The exodus and giving of the law. Pharaoh is defeated

The death of Jesus Christ and Resurrection.

The tribulation and the millennial kingdom

The attack of satan's forces and the final judgement.

Reflected in the microcosim of job microcosm regarded as encapsulating in miniature the characteristic qualities or features of something much larger.

Note: The dualistic side of man. Sin is not an ability: the “ability” to lie is better understood as the inability to embrace the truth, an open display of a lack of character, a deficit of conscience, a hole in a person where the image of God should be. To say a that an individual has the “ability” to lie is like saying car has the “ability” to rust. Example, God who cannot lie, is not saying God does not have the ability to lie, as God is lacking something, hard for man to see it that way. As a part of this self-deception Cain displays major deficit in his character, a big black hole where once there was the image of God. He murders his brother and goes about his business. No acknowledgement, no remorse, no accounting and nobody else’s business even when it is brought to his attention. This is seen time from time in the scriptures. David has Uriah killed and seems to be fine with it until it is pointed out quite adroitly by Nathan, also an example of a true friend. When men decided to separate themselves from the image of God. God may in his love and kindness have the black hole brought to the persons attention by a true friend. Nathan by being a true friend of God is by default a true friend of David. Because sin in any form is self-destructive.

Genesis 1:2 Problem? Genesis 1:2 (NIV)

Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. Ya, that word was (to be) could be translated became.

How did Satan get there? Ya, the fall before the fall. Now it's going to be played out on a grand scale.

(Lk 18) He replied, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Ya, the fall before the fall.

I'm trying to make a fallen world work for me.

See gen 3 a devotional commentary/

The mass of mankind have not been born with saddles on their backs.

It is God who relieves man of his shame. Expositor's bible.

Whisper.....secret slander 2Cor One cannot become like God by defying God.

Wisdom is never gained by disobeying God.