

FOUNDATIONS Jesus and creation

Genesis Chapters 1-11. An exegetical study with the emphasis on application and thereby understanding. These chapters not only lay the foundation for the call of Abraham. They reveal the character of God, the origin of existence, the nature of man, his origin, fall and God's relentless pursuit of man's redemption from death to eternal life in the fulfilling of His eternal plan. All of which are inextricably linked to Jesus Christ.

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 closer look**

1. The man and woman hide. v. 8
2. God calls out to them. Where are you? v. 9
God begins His relentless pursuit of Man's salvation.
3. Man's answer v. 10
4. God's thought provoking question v.11 (Think about where you get your information? How do you tell right from wrong? How do you know something is true?)
5. Both the man and woman give their account vv 12-13

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

Conclusions/The New Norm

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.

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

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 was over the surface of the deep.
Isa 45:18ff
What?
How?
When?
Why?

The focus of the word of God is to teach about God, Theology, Theological. And to do this in a clear, factual and historical way. It is not about science, that would limit both the extent of the text the intent of the author. See Genesis chapter 3:6ff.