

“Did God Really Say?”

Introduction:

Why study Genesis 1–11? Genesis has at least three characteristics that demand our careful study of it, so that we might live in submission to all of Scripture.

1. Its _____ as _____ Scripture
(Psalm 19; Heb 1:1–3; 2 Pet 1:16–21; 2 Tim 3:16–17)

Canonization: The process by which an ancient book or writing is **recognized** to be part of the *canon*; that is, is affirmed as divinely inspired Scripture.

Canonicity: The inherent quality of Scripture by which it is **self-authenticating** as divinely inspired.

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Five qualities of Inspired Scripture

Summary from Geisler and Nix, *A General Introduction to the Bible* (Chicago: Moody, 1986)

- I. _____: claims divine origin and commands attention
(Gen 1:3; 2:16–17; 12:1–4)
- II. _____: written through a man of God
(Ex 24:4; Deut 31:9; Josh 1:7–8 2 Pet 1:20–21)
- III. _____: consistent w/ revelation & factually records events. (Gen 5:1–5; 10:1, 32; 12:4–7; Matt 19:4–5; 24:37–39; Rom 4:1–3; 5:12–14; Heb 11)
- IV. _____: God’s Word has power and produces change
(Gen 1:3, 6, 9; 12:1–4; Gen 15:1–6)

V. _____: recognized by God’s people as Scripture
(Gen 12:4; 26:5; Josh 1:7–8; Lk 24:27, 44; Matt 19:4–5)

2. Its _____ as _____ Scripture

Myth:

Proto-History:

Historical Prose:

3. Its _____ as _____ Scripture

Theology proper:

Anthropology:

Ecclesiology:

Hamartiology:

Eschatology:

Christology:

Soteriology:

- 1 Corinthians 15:20–22; 45–49

Application:

- Read Genesis as an authoritative, historical narrative meant to instruct you in theological truths.