

FALL 2025 BIBLE STUDY

Foundations of
REDEEMPTIVE
HISTORY

Part 1

GENESIS 1-11



- **Discussion (pre-bible study)**

- **Discuss the general outline of Genesis 1-11.**
- **Summarize these 11 chapters in one phrase or one sentence?**
- **What are some major themes that are written in these chapters?**
- **In what way does Genesis inform us about the rest of scripture?**
- **Why does the creation account matter to Christians specifically and to non-Christians generally?**
- **What are some questions that you would like to see answered in this study?**

- **Studying Genesis helps us to understand the foundations of redemptive history.**

- **How were we created?**
- **Why were we created?**
- **What went wrong?**
- **How will this get fixed?**

- **Genesis introduces the promise of the Coming Christ to save mankind.**
 - **The seed of woman is promised. (3:15)**
 - **Offspring of Abraham is promised. (12:7)**
 - **Joseph's Story as a type of Christ. (37-50)**

- **Outline of Genesis**

- **1-11** **(Creation to Babel)**
- **12-36** **(Abraham to Jacob)**
- **37-50** **(Joseph)**

• **Major Themes in Genesis**

- 1. God as creator**
- 2. Man's creation mandate**
- 3. Sin and its consequence**
- 4. Satanic work in challenging God's creation**
- 5. The ramification of sin in the history of mankind**
- 6. God's plan of redemption through the Seed of the woman**
- 7. Foreshadowing of God's judgment of mankind through the flood**
- 8. God's plan of redemption through Abraham and the nation of Israel.**

• **Teaching outline for our Genesis study**

- 1. Introduction and outline of Genesis.**
- 2. Genesis 1-2:3 (God created everything)**
- 3. Genesis 2:4-25 (Life in the Garden before the fall)**
- 4. Genesis 3:1-24. (The Fall of Man and Promise of Redemption)**
- 5. Genesis 4:1-26 (The spread of Sin)**
- 6. Genesis 5:1-32 (Death Reigns but Hope Remains)**
- 7. Genesis 6:1-22 (The world before the flood)**
- 8. Genesis 7:1-8:22 (The flood)**
- 9. Genesis 9:1-29 (God's Covenant with Noah)**
- 10. Genesis 10-11 (Tower of Babel-Scattering of nations)**

• Observation questions for Genesis 1-2:3

- **What does it mean when verse 2 says that the earth was formless and void? When was the earth formless and void?**
- **Make a detailed list of what was created on each day of creation.**
- Take note of all the repeated phrases in this chapter. What do these repeated phrases teach us about who, what, why and when of the creation account.
- How is the creation structured in terms of days 1–3 and days 4–6?
- What does it mean when God says it is good? Is it good aesthetically, morally or spiritually? Or all of the above?
- What is unique about the creation of humanity compared to the rest of creation? In what ways are humans like animals and in what ways are they different, as it is described in this chapter.
- How does the text describe God's act of resting on the seventh day? What is emphasized about the seventh day compared to the others?
- What does the creation account teach us about God's nature?

Discussion Questions

- 1. How does a biblical understanding of creation affect the way we view God, ourselves and the world?**
- 2. How does knowing where you came from help you to understand who you are and where you are headed?**
- 3. What are you hoping to get most out of the study of Genesis?**
- 4. How can your small group maximize your time in the next 10 weeks to help study and apply what you are learning in this study?**
- 5. Take some time to pray for one another.**