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## The God of Origins Intro to Genesis

Writer: Moses

*Then the LORD said to Moses, "Write this for a memorial in the book and recount it in the hearing of Joshua..."* Exodus 17:14

*Now Moses wrote down the starting points of their journeys at the command of the LORD.* Numbers 33:2

*Beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself.* Luke 24:27

When: 1445 B.C.—1405 B.C.

### The First Four Words

*In the beginning God...* Genesis 1:1

- Battle for the Beginning
- Everything Else Hinges on a Literal Genesis

"Creator of Heaven and Earth" Repeated or Referenced  
64 Times

Question: If Genesis 1 is Not Literal—Only Allegory or Symbolic—Then, when do you start Believing?

- Adam?
- Noah?
- Abraham?
- Moses?

Answer: It's All or Nothing

### The Enemy's Tactic

*The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God."*  
Psalm 14:1 & 53:1

*Don't let anyone capture you with empty philosophies and high-sounding nonsense that come from human thinking and from the spiritual powers of this world, rather than from Christ.*  
Colossians 2:8 (NLT)

"I know better than the Bible, because..."

- Psychology: Social Issues/Sin/Relativism/Nurture
- History: Details Similar to Writings of Other Religions
- Medical: When Life Begins
- Science: Age of the Universe/Happened by Chance

*For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse.* Romans 1:20

- Atheism = Chance/Evolution
- Theistic Evolution = God Started it and Left it Alone. Not to be Taken Literally.
- Intelligent Design = Something Incredibly Powerful, But not the God of the Bible

It is not God the Creator They Hate...  
...It is God the Judge.

*All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.* John 1:3

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## The God of Origins Day 1

*In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw the light, that it was good; and God divided the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. So the evening and the morning were the first day.* Genesis 1:1-5

1. Formless, Void, & Dark
2. God Spoke

*By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, and all the host of them by the breath of His mouth...Let all the earth fear the LORD; Let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him. For He spoke, and it was done; He commanded, and it stood fast.* Psalm 33:6-9

- Instant—Not Millions of Years

3. Time, Force, Action, Space, and Matter.

*In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.*

- *In the Beginning* = Time
- *God* = Force
- *Created* = Action
- *The heavens* = Space
- *Earth* = Matter

4. A Series of Separations

## 5. Divine Light

*The city had no need of the sun or of the moon to shine in it, for the glory of God illuminated it. The Lamb is its light.*  
Revelation 21:23

### The Trinity in Creation

#### God the Father

*But now, O LORD, You are our Father; we are the clay, and You our potter; and all we are the work of Your hand.* Isaiah 64:8

#### God the Son

*For by Him [Jesus] all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him.* Colossians 1:16

#### God the Holy Spirit

*By His Spirit He adorned the heavens.* Job 26:13

#### Your Mission and Challenge: Find Jesus in Genesis

*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.* John 1:1-5

- In Genesis 1: Jesus is the Word & the Light

## The God of Origins

### Genesis 1:6-13

#### Day 2

Then God said, "Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters." Thus God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament; and it was so. And God called the firmament Heaven. So the evening and the morning were the second day.

Genesis 1:6-8

#### 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Heavens

##### 1. Heaven = Skyl

"Let birds fly above the earth across the face of the firmament of the heavens." Genesis 1:20

At Any Given Time: 37.5 Million Billion Gallons  
of Water in the Sky

For He draws up drops of water, which distill as rain from the mist, which the clouds drop down and pour abundantly on man. Indeed, can anyone understand...? Job 36:27-29

##### 2. Heavens = Outer Space

When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars, which You have ordained, what is man that You are mindful of him? Psalm 8:3-4

##### 3. Heavens = Spiritual Realm of God

"Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name." Luke 11:2

...such a one was caught up to the third heaven. And I know such a man—...how he was caught up into Paradise and heard inexpressible words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter. 2 Corinthians 12:2-4

#### Day 3

Then God said, "Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear"; and it was so. And God called the dry land Earth, and the gathering together of the waters He called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb that yields seed, and the fruit tree that yields fruit according to its kind, whose seed is in itself, on the earth"; and it was so...And God saw that it was good. So the evening and the morning were the third day. Genesis 1:9-13

##### I. Earth/Dry Land

- One super continent?
- Seas Interconnected
- Fresh Water Lakes, Rivers, Water Table

##### II. Plant Life

- Reproducing
- "according to its kind..." = Preemptive
- Note: Crops, Grains, & Thorns, Thistles, and Weeds

#### Setting the Stage

When He prepared the heavens, I was there, when He drew a circle on the face of the deep, when He established the clouds above, when He strengthened the fountains of the deep, when He assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters would not transgress His command, when He marked out the foundations of the earth, then I was beside Him as a master craftsman; and I was daily His delight, rejoicing always before Him.

Proverbs 8:27-30

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Genesis 1:14-19

Day 4

Then God said, "Let there be lights in the firmament of the heavens to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs and seasons, and for days and years; and let them be for lights in the firmament of the heavens to give light on the earth"; and it was so. Genesis 1:14-15

- Divide: Sun/Day & Moon/Night
- Signs: Navigation/God/Glory/Judgment

The heavens declare the glory of God... Psalm 19:1

- Seasons: Tides, Weather, & Winds
- Days
- Years
- Light: The Only Light After the Fall

Maybe the Most Understated Words in all of Scripture:

He made the stars also. Genesis 1:16

- Numbers: 70 Sextillion

He counts the number of the stars; He calls them all by name.  
Psalm 147:4

God: "Can you bind the chains of the Pleiades? Can you loosen Orion's belt? Can you bring forth the constellations in their seasons or lead out the Bear with its cubs? Do you know the laws of the heavens? Job 38:31-33 (NIV)

- Star Light on Earth
- The Speed of Light

### The Most Common Object of Pagan/Idolatry Worship

God: "And when you look up to the sky and see the sun, the moon and the stars—all the heavenly array—do not be enticed into bowing down to them and worshiping things the LORD your God has apportioned to all the nations under heaven."

Deuteronomy 4:19 (NIV)

God: "The children gather wood, the fathers kindle the fire, and the women knead dough, to make cakes for the queen of heaven; and they pour out drink offerings to other gods, that they may provoke Me to anger." Jeremiah 7:18

God: "Let your astrologers come forward, those stargazers who make predictions month by month, let them save you from what is coming upon you. Surely they are like stubble; the fire will burn them up. They cannot even save themselves from the power of the flame." Isaiah 47:13-14

[Note: Next Week—They do the Same with Animals]

### Angels

God: "Where were you when I laid the earth's foundation...while the morning stars sang together and all the angels shouted for joy?" Job 38:4 & 7

= Day 3 (foundations)—Day 4 (stars)

Also, Historically and Globally Worshipped

Let no one cheat you of your reward, taking delight in false humility and worship of angels... Colossians 2:18

## The God of Origins

Genesis 1:20-25

Day 5—Day 6a

*So God created great sea creatures and every living thing that moves, with which the waters abounded, according to their kind, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good...And, God made the beast of the earth according to its kind, cattle according to its kind, and everything that creeps on the earth according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. Genesis 1:21 & 25*

### I. Unique Life

*"...every living thing that moves..."*

*"...from under heaven all flesh in which is the breath of life..."*

Genesis 6:17

### II. Divine Design

- DNA: Genetic Code/"according to its kind"

### III. Staggering Diversity

- Great Sea Creatures, Everything That Moves, & Birds
- Cattle, Creeping Things, & Beasts
- Microscopic/Bacteria/Organisms

*How many are Your works, LORD! In wisdom You made them all; the earth is full of Your creatures. There is the sea, vast and spacious, teeming with creatures beyond number—living things both large and small. Psalm 104:24-25 (NIV)*

## Dinosaurs

### In the Scriptures:

- Behemoth [Job 40]
- Leviathan [Job 41]

### What happened to them?

- Satan's Curse

*So the LORD God said to the serpent: "...On your belly you shall go" Genesis 3:14 [Revelation: the Dragon]*

- Noah's Flood
- Eventual Extinction

*Professing to be wise, they became fools, and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man—and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things. Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves, who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen. Romans 1:22-25*

- The Infamous Golden Calf

*So they left all the commandments of the LORD their God, made for themselves a molded image and two calves, made a wooden image and worshiped all the host of heaven, and served Baal. 2 Kings 17:16*

- Man & Self
- Hawks, Eagles, & Ibises
- Whales, Cats, Dogs, & Jackals
- Alligators, Snakes, & Various Reptiles

**The God of Origins**  
**Genesis 1:26-31**  
**Day 6 (Continued)**

The Stage is Set: \_\_\_\_\_

*Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. Genesis 1:26-27*

Overview vs. Details: \_\_\_\_\_

*And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being. Genesis 2:7*

**The Uniqueness of Man:**

**1. Spirit**

*The Spirit of God has made me; the breath of the Almighty gives me life. Job 33:4*

**2. Eternal**

**3. Reason, Intellect (creator), Abstract Thinking, & Will**

*He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart. Ecclesiastes 3:11*

**4. Emotion, Relationship, & Worship**

*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. Genesis 3:8*

*When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars, which You have ordained: What is man that You are mindful of him, and the son of man that You visit him? For You have made him a little lower than the angels, and You have crowned him with glory and honor. You have made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands; You have put all things under his feet, all sheep and oxen—even the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea that pass through the paths of the seas. O LORD, our Lord, how excellent is Your name in all the earth! Psalm 8:3-9*

**5. Eventually—Knowledge of Good and Evil**

**6. Value:**

- The World = Man is Just another Animal. A Glorified Ape. No Value of Life. Earth better off Without him.

*You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body and knit me together in my mother's womb. Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex! Your workmanship is marvelous—how well I know it. You watched me as I was being formed in utter seclusion, as I was woven together in the dark of the womb. You saw me before I was born. Every day of my life was recorded in your book. Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed. Psalm 139:13-16 (NLT)*

- Best Evidence of Man's Value: Jesus came as a Man

*Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. Philippians 2:5-7*

- Yet, the Sinful Pattern

*Professing to be wise, they became fools, and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man... Romans 1:22-23*

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Genesis 2:1-3

Day 7

*Thus the heavens and the earth, and all the host of them, were finished. And on the seventh day God ended His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done. Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made. Genesis 2:1-3*

### Key Verbs

#### 1. Finished & Completed

##### Options:

- Materialistic Evolution
- Theistic Evolution
- Divine Creation
- Possible Exception: Woman (Eve)

#### 2. Rested & Ceased

*Have you not known? Have you not heard? The everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth, neither faints nor is weary. His understanding is unsearchable. Isaiah 40:28*

*Indeed, He who watches over Israel never slumbers or sleeps. Psalm 121:4 (NLT)*

#### 3. Blessed & Sanctified

- To Commemorate What? \_\_\_\_\_ God the Creator \_\_\_\_\_

### The Phenomenon of Weeks

- Doesn't fit into a Year
- Doesn't fit into Months
- Ordained by God
- Undone in 7 years [Daniel & Revelation]

### God & the 7<sup>th</sup> Day Vs. Man & the Sabbath

Creation to Moses—[Moses to Jesus]—Jesus to Un-creation  
 No Sabbath Law                      Sabbath Law                      No Sabbath Law

*"Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the LORD your God. In it you shall do no work: ...For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it. Exodus 20:9-11*

- Its Purpose: A Sign for and a Blessing to Man

*"It is a sign between Me and the children of Israel forever; for in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, and on the seventh day He rested and was refreshed." Exodus 31:17*

*Jesus: "The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath." Mark 2:27*

- Preview of the Perfect

*Then I heard a voice from heaven say, "Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on." "Yes," says the Spirit, "they will rest from their labor, for their deeds will follow them." Revelation 14:13 (NIV) [Hebrews 3 & 4]*

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Genesis 2:4-20

### The Historical Questions in Chapter 2:

- Not a Different Account
- No Conflict or Contradiction
- Original Chapter & Paragraph Breaks

*For the LORD God had not caused it to rain on the earth, and there was no man to till the ground; but a mist went up from the earth and watered the whole face of the ground.*

Genesis 2:5-6

*In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month, on that day all the fountains of the great deep were broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened. Genesis 7:11*

### 2 Key Notes:

- 1. Words/wordage for "plant" in 2:5 are different than that of Genesis 1:11 = before the Fall.
- 2. Term "of the field" is unique and sets it apart.

### The Chapter of Water:

- At least 7 Citations of Water or River
- John Chapters 4 & 7
- *For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd; he will lead them to springs of living water. 'And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'* Revelation 7:17 (NIV)

## Man in the Garden

Where was the Garden of Eden?

What was it Like?

- An Even more Special Place. (Similar to a New Heaven and a New Earth with a special City = The New Jerusalem.)
- Huge

*For waters shall burst forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert. The parched ground shall become a pool, and the thirsty land springs of water: in the habitation of jackals, where each lay, there shall be grass with reeds and rushes.*

Isaiah 35:6-7

*And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God and of the Lamb. In the middle of its street, and on either side of the river, was the tree of life, which bore twelve fruits, each tree yielding its fruit every month. Revelation 22:1-2*

- Precious Stones & Hot Springs & The Best Trees
- Elevated (again, as Jerusalem in Millennial Kingdom)

What Happened to It?

- The Great Flood & the Earth Divided

What about "It is not good"?

- Incomplete & Knowledge of His Own Plan
- Naming of the Animals



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Genesis 2:21-25

Woman

*And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place. Then the rib which the LORD God had taken from man He made into a woman, and He brought her to the man. And Adam said: "This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; She shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man." Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.* Genesis 2:21-25

- Man—"Ish" = Oneness & Set Apart
- Woman—"Ishshah" = Soft
- One Flesh—Complete—Body

### The Biblical Truth

#### 1. Their Values are the Same

*There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.* Galatians 3:28

#### 2. Their Roles are Different

- Home
- Church

*For man is not from woman, but woman from man. Nor was man created for the woman, but woman for the man...Nevertheless, neither is man independent of woman, nor woman independent of man, in the Lord. For as woman came from man, even so man also comes through woman; but all things are from God.* 1 Corinthians 11:8-12

### The Institution of Marriage

- One Flesh: Heart & Purpose
  - Sexual Union & Procreation

*Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral.* Hebrews 13:4 (NIV)

- The Original Plan vs. The Curse
  - Profound & Intimate Union

*So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself. For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as the Lord does the church. For we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones. "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church. Nevertheless let each one of you in particular so love his own wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.* Ephesians 5:28-33

- Christ & the Church
- Since the Curse

*God: "Your desire will be for your husband, and he will rule over you."* Genesis 3:16

## The God of Origins

Genesis 3:1-7  
The Fall—part 1

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

### 1. The Origin of Satan

How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! ...For you have said in your heart: 'I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation on the farthest sides of the north; I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High.' Isaiah 14:12-14

"You were the seal of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. You were in Eden, the garden of God; Every precious stone was your covering...You were the anointed cherub who covers; I established you; you were on the holy mountain of God; you walked back and forth in the midst of fiery stones. You were perfect in your ways from the day you were created, till iniquity was found in you. By the abundance of your trading you became filled with violence within, and you sinned." Ezekiel 28:12-16

### 2. The Nature of Satan

Jesus: "He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies." John 8:44 (NIV)

### 3. The Motives of Satan

Jesus: "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full." John 10:10

#### The Lie

He [Satan] said to the woman, "Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden?'" ...Then the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." Genesis 3:1-4

- The Motives of God—"God knows...you will be like God"
- The Nature of God—"Has God indeed said..."
- The Holiness of God—"...knowing good and evil."
- The Judgment of God—"You will not surely die"

#### The Fall

So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. Genesis 3:6

- The Lust of the Eyes—"...pleasant to the eyes..."
- The Lust of the Flesh—"...good for food..."
- The Pride of Life—"...desirable to make one wise..."

#### ➤ The Temptation of Jesus

#### ➤ The Temptation of All

For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world. 1 John 2:16

**The God of Origins**  
 Genesis 3:8-13 & 21-24  
 The Fall—part 2

*And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. Then the LORD God called to Adam and said to him, "Where are you?" So he said, "I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself." And He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you that you should not eat?" Then the man said, "The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I ate." And the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."*  
 Genesis 3:8-13

**The Confrontation**

1. Shame

2. Hiding/Avoiding/Running

*Whoever conceals their sins does not prosper, but the one who confesses and renounces them finds mercy.*  
 Proverbs 28:13 (NIV)

3. Blaming

- Adam blamed Evil
- Adam blamed God
- Evil blamed Satan

**The Breadth and Depth of Sin**

Before the book is over: Murder, demonic co-habitation, idolatry, incest, polygamy, the wickedness of Sodom and Gomorrah, human trafficking, prostitution, and more.

*Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.*

Genesis 6:5

**The Grace of God**

*Also for Adam and his wife the LORD God made tunics of skin, and clothed them. Then the LORD God said, "Behold, the man has become like one of Us, [knowing] good and evil. And now, lest he put out his hand and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever"—therefore the LORD God sent him out of the garden of Eden to till the ground from which he was taken. So He drove out the man; and He placed cherubim at the east of the garden of Eden, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to guard the way to the tree of life. Genesis 3:21-24*

**God:**

- Sought Them (Sovereign Election)
- Didn't Strike Them Dead
- Allowed Confession
- Provided a Substitute
- Provided a Covering
- Removed Them from His Holy Presence
- Prevented Them from Returning = Living Forever

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### The God of Origins

Genesis 3:14-15

The Fall—part 3

So the LORD God said to the serpent: "Because you have done this, you are cursed more than all cattle, and more than every beast of the field; On your belly you shall go, and you shall eat dust all the days of your life. And, I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel."  
Genesis 3:14-15

#### Physical & Spiritual Elements

A. Serpent—Dragon—Dinosaur

B. Snake/Dragon Worship Found on Every Continent

#### I. The Curse (Then):

- Established the Rules of Conduct

The LORD said to Satan, "Behold, all that he has is in your power; only do not lay a hand on his person." Job 1:12

And the Lord said, "Simon, Simon! Indeed, Satan has asked for you, that he may sift you as wheat. Luke 22:31

- Can be Bound for Disobedience

And the angels who did not keep their proper domain, but left their own abode, He has reserved in everlasting chains under darkness for the judgment of the great day. Jude 6

- Promise of Defeat

"He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel."

#### II. The Curse (Now):

- Not in Hell
- Rules This World

The devil said to Him, "All this authority I will give You, and their glory; for this has been delivered to me, and I give it to whomever I wish." Luke 4:6

- Controls the Lost

[The Gospel] is veiled to those who are perishing, whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them. 2 Corinthians 4:3-4

- Persecutes the True, Biblical Church & Israel

Resist the devil and he will flee from you. James 4:7

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world. 1 Peter 5:8-9

Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Ephesians 6:13

#### III. The Curse (Future):

- Pinnacle of Power in the Tribulation
- Bound—Final Defeat—Hell

The devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet are. And, they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.

Revelation 20:10

## The God of Origins

Genesis 3:16  
The Fall—part 4

### Passive vs. Active

Loss of Garden = cultivating/working  
Loss of Communion = emptiness/work to regain  
Loss of Tree of Life = eventual death

*"I form the light and create darkness, I make peace and create calamity; I, the LORD, do all these things."*  
Isaiah 47:5

*To the woman He said: "I will greatly multiply your sorrow and your conception; In pain you shall bring forth children; Your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you."*  
Genesis 3:16

- "Pain" in Child Birth
- Multiply...your Conception(s) = Capable of Multiple & Successive Births
- Sorrow of Motherhood: Unique
- "Desire" is not Physical Attraction, but a Desire for his Role, Authority, & Position.
- Exact Same Wording: *The LORD said to Cain, "...And if you do not do well, sin lies at the door. And its desire is for you, but you should rule over it."*  
Genesis 4:6-7
- Female Rebellion & Male Oppression

## Curse on Eve (Woman) Continued

- Partnered with the Other Side: Man/Husband
- Also a Sinner in Battle: God, Enemy, & Environment
- Now Under Sinful, Inadequate men in World, Home, & Church\*
- He will Misinterpret Rule = Selfish, Abuse, Neglect, Devalue, & Abandon.

*And I do not permit a woman to teach or to have authority over a man, but to be in silence. For Adam was formed first, then Eve. And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived, fell into transgression. Nevertheless she will be saved in childbearing if they continue in faith, love, and holiness, with self-control.* 1 Timothy 2:12-15

1. Not Referring to any "saved by work" or "stay saved by works" doctrine.
2. Saved = Preserved or Healed
3. Shallow Reference to Mary/Jesus & Genesis 3:15
4. Deeper Meaning of Battling Stigma by Having Great(est) Influence on the Children/Home.

*The older women likewise, that they be reverent in behavior, not slanderers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things—that they admonish the young women to love their husbands, to love their children, to be discreet, chaste, homemakers, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be blasphemed.* Titus 2:3-5

### The Redemption of Woman

*...there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.* Galatians 3:28

*Jesus answered and said to them, "You are mistaken, not knowing the Scriptures nor the power of God. For in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels of God in heaven." Matthew 22:29-30*

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Genesis 3:17-19

The Fall—part 5

*Then to Adam He said, "Because you have heeded the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree of which I commanded you, saying, 'You shall not eat of it': 'Cursed is the ground for your sake; in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life. Both thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you, and you shall eat the herb of the field. In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for dust you are, and to dust you shall return.'" Genesis 3:17-19*

The Rebellion of Woman & Oppression of Man—

Woman Cursed in the Home & Man Cursed in the Field

Man is in Conflict with...

### 1. ...His Environment

"Cursed is the ground" = All Created Things

- Animals: killers, stealers, invaders, infectors & their death.
- Earth: weeds, thorns, poison, soil, fresh water, edible vs. useless, scarcity vs. plenty, & their death.
- Drought vs. abundance, natural disasters, earthquakes, fire, space, radiation, darkness, weather extremes.
- Labor: "in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life"
- Bread: Manmade Substitute—Endless

The Cynicism of Ecclesiastes

*Then I hated all my labor in which I had toiled under the sun, because I must leave it to the man who will come after me.*

Ecclesiastes 2:18

### 2. ...The Enemy

*Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion... 1 Peter 5:8*

### 3. ...Woman and Other Men

- Rebellion, Laws, Crime, War, Competition, Envy, Greed, Hate, Prejudice, Self-Preservation, & Fear

### 4. ...With Mortality

- Physical—Sickness, Injury, Aging/Slow Death
- Spiritual—Guilt, Shame, Fear, & Uncertainty
- The Depth of His Sin

*There is no righteous, no, not one; There is none who understands; There is none who seeks after God. They have all turned aside; They have together become unprofitable; There is none who does good, no, not one. Romans 5:10-12*

[Psalm 14:3, Psalm 53:1-3, & Ecclesiastes 7:20]

### 5. ...With God

*For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son... Romans 5:10*

*And you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works... Colossians 1:21*

The Redemption of Man—A Second Adam

*Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned...Therefore, as through one man's offense judgment came to all men, resulting in condemnation, even so through one Man's righteous act the free gift came to all men, resulting in justification of life. For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so also by one Man's obedience many will be made righteous. Romans 5:12 & 18-19*

The God of Origins  
Genesis 4:1-5  
Portrait of the Lost

Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, and said, "I have acquired a man from the LORD." Then she bore again, this time his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground. And in the process of time it came to pass that Cain brought an offering of the fruit of the ground to the LORD. Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat. And the LORD respected Abel and his offering, but He did not respect Cain and his offering. And Cain was very angry, and his countenance fell. Genesis 4:1-5

1. More Firsts in Genesis: Birth, Sibling, & Family

- Hopeful Beginnings: Same Parents, Same House, Same History, & Same Upbringing

2. Key words:

- Cain = "an offering"
- Abel = "firstborn and of their fat"

By faith Abel brought God a better offering than Cain did. By faith he was commended as righteous, when God spoke well of his offerings. And by faith Abel still speaks, even though he is dead. Hebrews 11:4 (NIV)

- The Issue was not the Offering Only, But also Faith

And without faith it is impossible to please God... Hebrews 11:6

3. Resentment of...

...True Worshippers

- Hate the Word of God
- Hate the Exclusive Worship of God
- Hate the True Church of God

*Jesus: "If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before it hated you. If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you."*

John 15:18-19

...God & All Absolutes

...God's Redemptive Plan

*Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."* John 14:6

...Their Condition

*Is there unrighteousness with God? Certainly not! For He says to Moses, "I will have mercy on whomever I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whomever I will have compassion." So then it is not of him who wills, nor of him who runs, but of God who shows mercy...Therefore He has mercy on whom He wills, and whom He wills He hardens. You will say to me then, "Why does He still find fault? For who has resisted His will?" But indeed, O man, who are you to reply against God? Will the thing formed say to him who formed it, "Why have you made me like this?"* Romans 9:14-20

4. Beware of Being Cain-like/Check our Resentment

*When you offer blind animals for sacrifice, is that not wrong? When you sacrifice lame or diseased animals, is that not wrong? Try offering them to your governor! Would he be pleased with you? Would he accept you?" says the LORD Almighty...And you say, "What a burden!" and you sniff at it contemptuously,"* Malachi 1:8 & 13

The God of Origins  
 Genesis 4:6-16  
 Portrait of Sinner—Part 2

1. Universal **Warning**:

*"If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin lies at the door. And its desire is for you, but you should rule over it."* Genesis 4:7

2. Universal Inquiry:

*Then the LORD said to Cain, "Where is Abel your brother?"*  
 Genesis 4:9

3. Universal **Deflection**:

*He said, "I do not know. Am I my brother's keeper?"* Genesis 4:9

- Our World: "Well, it's not like I've ever killed anyone."

*Jesus: "You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not murder, and whoever murders will be in danger of the judgment.' But I say to you that whoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment. And whoever says to his brother, 'Raca!' shall be in danger of the council. But whoever says, 'You fool!' shall be in danger of hell fire."* Matthew 5:21-22 ["Raca" = Swear Word for Idiot]

*But these speak evil of whatever they do not know; and whatever they know naturally, like brute beasts, in these things they corrupt themselves. Woe to them! For they have gone in the way of Cain...* Jude 10-11

4. Universal Nature

*In this the children of God and the children of the devil are manifest: Whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is he who does not love his brother. For this is the message that you heard from the beginning, that we should love one another, not as Cain who was of the wicked one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his works were evil and his brother's righteous.* 1 John 3:10-12

*Jesus: "You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning..."*  
 John 8:44

5. Universal View of **Inequity**

*And Cain said to the LORD, "My punishment is greater than I can bear!"* Genesis 4:13

- Our World: "That's not fair!"
- God's Grace = Didn't kill Cain right there. Gave him time/life to repent. Sent Jesus as a Propitiation

6. Universal Condemnation

*Jesus: "Therefore the wisdom of God also said, 'I will send them prophets and apostles, and some of them they will kill and persecute,' that the blood of all the prophets which was shed from the foundation of the world may be required of this generation, from the blood of Abel to the blood of Zechariah who perished between the altar and the temple. Yes, I say to you, it shall be required of this generation."* Luke 11:49-51

- Guilty of killing God's Word in Your **Generation**  
 = Guilty of killing God's Word in **All** Generations

*For whoever shall keep the whole law, and yet stumble in one point, he is guilty of all.* James 2:10



The God of Origins  
Genesis 4:17-26  
The Tale of Two Families

- Two Societies: Sacred & Secular
- Two Sizes: Small & Huge

*Jesus: "Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it."*

Matthew 7:13-14

- Two Destinies: Life & Destruction
- Two Fathers: God & Satan

I. The Devil's Line—The Line of the Sinner

- Lost, World, Evil, Man, Fallen, & Native
- Cain's Line: City/Urban, Commerce, Entertainment, Pleasure, Material, Wealth, Comfort, Crafts, Ranchers (products/profit), Mining/Metalwork, & Musicians

*"And the merchants of the earth will weep and mourn over her, for no one buys their merchandise anymore: merchandise of gold and silver, precious stones and pearls, fine linen and purple, silk and scarlet, every kind of citron wood, every kind of object of ivory, every kind of object of most precious wood, bronze, iron, and marble; and cinnamon and incense, fragrant oil and frankincense, wine and oil, fine flour and wheat, cattle and sheep, horses and chariots, and bodies and souls of men.*

Revelation 18:11-13

II. God's Line—The Line of the Seed

*And Adam knew his wife again, and she bore a son and named him Seth, "For God has appointed another seed for me instead of Abel, whom Cain killed." And as for Seth, to him also a son was born; and he named him Enosh. Then men began to call on the name of the LORD." Genesis 4:25-26*

*Now Jesus Himself began His ministry at about thirty years of age, being (as was supposed) the son of Joseph, the son of Heli...the son of Enosh, the son of Seth, the son of Adam, the son of God." Luke 3:23 & 38*

The Name of the Lord God:

- Jehovah = LORD
- Elohim = God
- Yahweh = I AM
- The People of the Lord: Elect, Holy, Redeemed, & Alien

*But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light." 1 Peter 2:9*

- Everything Setting up for the Flood

*The LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And the LORD was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart. So the LORD said, "I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth..." Genesis 6:5-7*

## The God of Origins Genesis 5

For we did not follow cleverly devised stories when we told you about the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ in power, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. 1 Peter 1:16 (NIV)

- Chapter 5: From Adam to Noah
- Same Chronology: Genesis, 1<sup>st</sup> Chronicles 1, Luke, & Jude

For this reason we also thank God without ceasing, because when you received the word of God which you heard from us, you welcomed it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which also effectively works in you who believe. 1 Thessalonians 2:13

- Adam \_\_\_\_\_ Methuselah \_\_\_\_\_ Noah  
= Accurate Oral Account (& The Spirit)
- Shem \_\_\_\_\_ Abraham \_\_\_\_\_ Jacob
- Adam to Jacob = 4 Elect Men of God

And my speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God. 1 Corinthians 2:4-5

## God's Perpetual Grace

1. Enoch: "walked with God" = Communion & Fellowship.

- Also Preaching

Now Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about these men also, saying, "Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of His saints, to execute judgment on all, to convict all who are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have committed in an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him." Jude 14-15

- False Teachers & Coming Judgment

By faith Enoch was taken away so that he did not see death, "and was not found, because God had taken him"; for before he was taken he had this testimony, that he pleased God. Hebrews 11:5

2. Noah's Preaching

[God] did not spare the ancient world, but saved Noah, one of eight people, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood on the world of the ungodly. 2 Peter 2:5

- God's Grace: Time & Truth

The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come... 2 Peter 3:9-10 (NIV)

## The God of Origins

### Genesis 6:1-4—Noah part 1

Q: Who are These “Sons of God”?

A: Fallen Angels—**Demons**

Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came among them. Job 1:6

God: “Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth? ...When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?” Job 33:4 & 7

Q: Did They Fall at Satan’s Rebellion or Newly Fallen Here?

A: We Can’t be Sure. Scripture Would Allow for Either.

For...God did not spare the angels who sinned, but cast them down to hell and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved for judgment; and did not spare the ancient world, but saved Noah, one of eight people, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood on the world of the ungodly... 2 Peter 2:4-5

Q: Is This Demonic Possession or Demonic Materialization?

A: Demonic Possession of Actual **Men**

After being made alive, He [Jesus] went and made proclamation to the imprisoned spirits—to those who were disobedient long ago when God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. 1 Peter 3:19-20 (NIV)

Q: Where are They Now?

A: In Spiritual Chains To be Released in the Tribulation

*And the angels who did not keep their proper domain, but left their own abode, He has reserved in everlasting chains under darkness for the judgment of the great day. Jude 6*

*Then the sixth angel sounded: And I heard a voice...saying to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, “Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates.” So the four angels, who had been prepared for the hour and day and month and year, were released to kill a third of mankind. Revelation 9:13-15*

#### The Consequences of Demonic Union

- Giants = Hebrew: Nephilim
- Generational Plague
- 2500 B.C. (Noah)

*There were giants on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of men and they bore children to them. Genesis 6:4*

*“...in those days, and also afterward...”*

- 1500 B.C. (Moses/Joshua)

*“There we saw the giants (the descendants of Anak came from the giants); and we were like grasshoppers in our own sight, and so we were in their sight.” Numbers 13:33*

- 1000 B.C. (David)

*Then Goliath, a Philistine champion from Gath, came out of the Philistine ranks to face the forces of Israel. He was over nine feet tall! 1 Samuel 17:4 (NLT)*

## The God of Origins Genesis 6:5-12—Noah—Part 2

*...the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually...The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence. Genesis 6:5 & 11*

- Every Intent: Forming/Creation
- Thoughts of his Heart: Meditation/Planning
- Only: Limitless
- Evil: In Absolute Opposition to the Nature of God
- Continually: Timelessness

### 1. Confirmed by Jesus

*Jesus: "And as it was in the days of Noah, so it will be also in the days of the Son of Man: They ate, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all." Luke 17:26-27*

### 2. Paralleled Today

*Knowing this first: that scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts, and saying, "Where is the promise of His coming?"*

*For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation." For this they willfully forget: that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of water and in the water, by which the world that then existed perished, being flooded with water.*

2 Peter 3:3-6

*But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God. 2 Timothy 3:1-4*

*But the heavens and the earth which are now preserved by the same word, are reserved for fire until the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men. 2 Peter 3:7*

### Noah: A Sinner Made Righteous

*For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God. Ephesians 2:8*

Which Component is a Gift: Grace, Saved, or Faith? **YES**

*But without faith it is impossible to please Him...By faith Noah, being divinely warned of things not yet seen, moved with godly fear, prepared an ark for the saving of his household, by which he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness which is according to faith. Hebrews 11:6-7*

*For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness." Now to him who works, the wages are not counted as grace but as debt. But to him who does not work but believes on Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is accounted for righteousness, just as David also describes the blessedness of the man to whom God imputes righteousness apart from works. Romans 4:3-6*

## The God of Origins

### Genesis 6:13-22—Noah—Part 3

#### Verse 13:

And God said to Noah, "The end of all flesh has come before Me..."

= Fixed/Determined/Immutable

Paul: "Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent, because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained."

Acts 17:30-31

*It is a righteous thing with God to repay with tribulation those who trouble you, and to give you who are troubled rest with us when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power, when He comes, in that Day...*

2 Thessalonians 1:6-10

#### Verse 17:

"And behold, I Myself am bringing floodwaters on the earth..."

The LORD sat enthroned at the Flood, and the LORD sits as King forever. Psalm 29:10

*...in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight souls, were saved through water. There is also an antitype which now saves us—baptism (not the removal of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God), through the resurrection of Jesus Christ... 1 Peter 3:20-21*

The Very Same Water that Saved Noah  
...Destroyed the Ungodly

The Very Same Jesus that Saves the Elect  
...Destroys the Unbelievers

#### Verse 18:

"But I will establish My covenant with you..."

Covenant Used 27 Times in the Noah story  
(vs. 16 times with Abraham)

#### Verse 22:

*Thus Noah did; according to all that God commanded him, so he did.*

*The Word of the LORD came again to me, saying: "Son of man, when a land sins against Me by persistent unfaithfulness, I will stretch out My hand against it; I will cut off its supply of bread, send famine on it, and cut off man and beast from it. Even if these three men, Noah, Daniel, and Job, were in it, they would deliver only themselves by their righteousness," says the Lord GOD. Ezekiel 14:12-14*

## Seeing the Signs

Jesus: "When it is evening you say, 'It will be fair weather, for the sky is red'; and in the morning, 'It will be foul weather today, for the sky is red and threatening.' Hypocrites! You know how to discern the face of the sky, but you cannot discern the signs of the times. A wicked and adulterous generation seeks after a sign, and no sign shall be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah." Matthew 16:1-4

Sign of the Prophet Jonah: Preaching Judgment

### I. Signs in the World (Global/Planet)

Jesus: "And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled; for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places. All these are the beginning of sorrows." Matthew 24:4-8

[Desperate for Answers/Ripe for a Hero]

And I looked, and behold, a white horse. He who sat on it had a bow; and a crown was given to him.... Revelation 6:2

For when they say, "Peace and safety!" then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape. 1 Thessalonians 5:3

[& Israel will Need to be a Nation]

### II. Signs in the Culture

But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God... 2 Timothy 3:1-4

Jesus: "And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold." Matthew 24:12

Although they know God's righteous decree that those who do such things deserve death, they not only continue to do these very things but also approve of those who practice them. Romans 1:32 (NIV)

### III. Signs in the Church

For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. 2 Timothy 4:3-4 (NIV)

Knowing this first: that scorners will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts, and saying, "Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation." For this they willfully forget: that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of water and in the water, by which the world that then existed perished, being flooded with water. But the heavens and the earth which are now preserved by the same word, are reserved for fire until the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men. 2 Peter 3:3-7

The God of Origins  
Genesis 7—Noah—Part 4

The Chapter of Numbers

- The Time has Arrived
- The Grace Period Ends
- 120 years Later
- God was Silent
- God's Done Speaking

Verses 1-5:

*Then the LORD said to Noah, "Come into the ark, you and all your household, because I have seen that you are righteous before Me in this generation. You shall take with you seven each of every clean animal, a male and his female; two each of animals that are unclean, a male and his female; also seven each of birds of the air, male and female, to keep the species alive on the face of all the earth. For after seven more days I will cause it to rain on the earth forty days and forty nights, and I will destroy from the face of the earth all living things that I have made." And Noah did according to all that the LORD commanded him. Genesis 7:1-5*

- The Repetition of Commands and Plans
- Preview of the Sacrifice—7 Clean—2 Unclean
- A Literal Global Flood
- 7 Days—The Significance of 7s
- I, I, I—3 Times

Verses 6-16:

- Ages and Dates
- 40 Days—The Significance of 40s
- One Door—One Way

*So those that entered, male and female of all flesh, went in as God had commanded him; and the LORD shut him in. Verse 16*

*Jesus: "Most assuredly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. All who ever came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not hear them. I am the door; If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture."  
John 10:7-9*

Verses 17-24:

- 22 Feet Above the Mountaintops\*
- 150 Days of Deepest Waters on the Earth
- The Death of (Possibly) 7 Billion People

[270 Different People Groups have a Flood Story  
in Their History]

Our Grace Period:

- Israel a Nation
- Natural World Signs & Wonders
- International Turmoil
- Decay of Culture, Values, & Morals
- The Gospel Preached to Ends of the World

The God of Origins  
Genesis 8—Noah—Part 5

I. Miraculous Restoration [8:1-14]

a. The Faithfulness of God

*Then God remembered Noah...* Verse 1

b. The Remembered Covenant

*God: "But I will establish My covenant with you; and you shall go into the ark—you, your sons, your wife, and your sons' wives with you." Genesis 6:18*

*For this reason Christ is the mediator of a new covenant, that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance—now that he has died as a ransom to set them free from the sins committed under the first covenant.  
Hebrews 9:15 (NIV)*

c. The Reiteration of the Creation Commission [Genesis 1]

d. The Symbolic Steps

- Raven—Death/Judgment [Proverbs 30]
- Dove—Grace/Life

*And the Holy Spirit descended in bodily form like a dove upon Him, and a voice came from heaven which said, "You are My beloved Son; in You I am well pleased." Luke 3:22*

[All Four Gospels]

- Olive Branch—Peace/Supply/Light

Geographic Changes—Part 1

The massive bursting open of the deep  
= Created mountains, mountain ranges, great lakes of the world, & oceans Polar Regions.

Drainage = Created continents [by Genesis 10—four generations after Noah], canyons, & valleys.

II. Resulting in Worship [8:15-22]

i. God Speaks Again

ii. The Recognition of Sin, Grace, & Salvation

*Then Noah built an altar to the LORD, and took of every clean animal and of every clean bird, and offered burnt offerings on the altar. And the LORD smelled a soothing aroma...  
Verses 20-21*

iii. The Reciprocating Relationship

- Common Grace (seasons, rain, day, night, & joys)
- The Patience of God

*Paul: "Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent." Acts 17:30*

*...In His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed, to demonstrate at the present time His righteousness, that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus. Romans 3:25*

*The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance. 2 Peter 3:9 (NIV)*



The God of Origins  
 Genesis 9:1-17  
 The New World—part 1

Section I: Verses 1-7

1. Procreation

So God blessed Noah and his sons, and said to them: "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth." Verse 1

- Produce the Line of Messiah

But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law. Galatians 4:4 (NIV)

2. Prominence

God: "And the fear of you and the dread of you shall be on every beast of the earth..." Verse 2

3. Provision

God: "Every moving thing that lives shall be food for you." Verse 3

- Meat
- Dietary Restrictions Come in the Law Some 1500 Years Later.
- Removed in Church Age

Jesus: "Not what goes into the mouth defiles a man; but what comes out of the mouth, this defiles a man." Matthew 15:11

- Peter & the Scroll in Acts 11
- Colossians 2:21

*They will say it is wrong to be married and wrong to eat certain foods. But God created those foods to be eaten with thanks by faithful people who know the truth. Since everything God created is good, we should not reject any of it but receive it with thanks. 1 Timothy 4:3-4 (NLT)*

- Romans 14

4. Prohibition

God: "But you shall not eat flesh with its life, that is, its blood." Verse 4

5. Protection

"Whoever sheds man's blood, by man his blood shall be shed; For in the image of God He made man." Verse 6

- Capital Punishment

*Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God. Therefore whoever resists the authority resists the ordinance of God, and those who resist will bring judgment on themselves...For he is God's minister to you for good. But if you do evil, be afraid; for he does not bear the sword in vain; for he is God's minister, an avenger to execute wrath on him who practices evil. Romans 13:1-4*

- "Deterrent Argument" Not a Factor
- War

Section II: Verses 8-17

6. Promise

God: "I set My rainbow in the cloud, and it shall be for the sign of the covenant between Me and the earth." Verse 13

- Unilateral & Unconditional

Genesis 9:18-29  
The New World—part 2

A Cast of Characters

- Man(kind)

*For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.*  
Romans 3:23

*For as in Adam all die...* 1 Corinthians 15:22

- Noah

*"Even if these three men, Noah, Daniel, and Job, were in it, they would deliver only themselves by their righteousness," says the Lord GOD.* Ezekiel 14:14

- David

*God: 'I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after My own heart, who will do all My will.'* Acts 13:22

Noah's Folly

*Then he drank of the wine and was drunk, and became uncovered in his tent.* Genesis 9:21

Dangers of Drunkenness

- Inhibitions Lost
- Control Surrendered—Genesis 19

*And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit.* Ephesians 5:18

- Senses Altered—Proverbs 23

- Ham [Egypt] (The World)

*Israel also came into Egypt, and Jacob dwelt in the land of Ham.*  
Psalm 105:23

- Canaan [Canaanites] (The Culture)

*God: "According to the doings of the land of Canaan, where I am bringing you, you shall not do; nor shall you walk in their ordinances."* Leviticus 18:3

- Moses

*And the border of the Canaanites was from Sidon as you go toward Gerar, as far as Gaza; then as you go toward Sodom [ & Gomorrah...*  Genesis 10:19

*Nor shall you make marriages with them. You shall not give your daughter to their son, nor take their daughter for your son. For they will turn your sons away from following Me, to serve other gods.* Deuteronomy 7:3-4

I Eliminate or They Contaminate

- Me

*Joshua: "But they shall be snares and traps to you, and scourges on your sides and thorns in your eyes, until you perish from this good land which the LORD your God has given you."*  
Joshua 23:13

*Do not be misled: "Bad company corrupts good character."*  
1 Corinthians 15:33 (NIV)

*Jesus: "And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and cast it from you; for it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish, than for your whole body to be cast into hell."*  
Matthew 5:30

Genesis 10  
The New World—part 3

Chapter sets up chapter:

- Genesis 1 (Creation)—Genesis 2 (Adam)
- Genesis 5 (Sin)—Genesis 6 (Noah)
- Genesis 10 (Nations)—Genesis 11 (Abraham)

Noah: My Three Sons

From Japheth (Verses 2-5):

- Vs. 2—Medai = Medes (with the Persians)  
Vs. 2—Javan = Greece

From Ham (Verses 6-20):

Vs. 6—Mizraim = Egypt

*Then Sarai, Abram's wife, took Hagar her maid, the Egyptian, and gave her to her husband Abram to be his wife, after Abram had dwelt ten years in the land of Canaan. Genesis 16:3*

- Ishmael = Arabia—Arabs

Vs. 6—Canaan = Land of Canaan

Vs. 10—Nimrod—Babel—Babylon—Babylonia

Vs. 11—Nineveh—Assyria

Vs. 14—Philistines—Philistia—Palestine

From Shem (Verses 21-31):

Vs. 21—Shem = Semite/Anti-Semite = Anti-Jewish

Vs. 22—Aram = Aramaic

Vs. 23—Uz—Job

Vs. 25—Eber = Hebrew

Vs. 25—Peleg = "...the earth was divided"

\*Luke—Jesus

The Further They got (time & geography) from Noah,  
the Further They got from God.

*What may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them. For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse, because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened. Professing to be wise, they became fools, and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man—and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things. Romans 1:19-23*

Of the 7 World Empires, 5 are Here

*And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great, fiery red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems on his heads. Revelation 12:3*

1. Egypt
2. Assyria
3. Babylon
4. Persia
5. Greece
6. Rome
7. Antichrist

Genesis 11—Part 1  
The Judgment at Babel (11:1-9)

The Sins of Babel:

1. They Didn't Disperse to Repopulate Earth

*God blessed Noah and his sons, and said to them: "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth..."* Genesis 9:1

2. "Let us build..."

3. Symbolism of Brick vs. Stone

4. A Tower to Heaven

5. A Name for Ourselves

- Social Goal (same place & language):  
"*...lest we be scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth.*"
- Religious Goal (same religion—idolatry):  
"*...a tower whose top is in the heavens*"
- Psychological/Security Goal (same mind & purpose):  
"*...let us make a name for ourselves*"

Problem:

- a. They are all Sinners
- b. Sinners United in a Common Goal = Disaster
- c. Unity Always Requires Leadership:
- d. Enter Nimrod (Satan):

*Cush [Ham's son] begot Nimrod; he began to be a mighty one on the earth. He was a mighty hunter before the LORD; therefore it is said, "Like Nimrod the mighty hunter before the LORD." And the beginning of his kingdom was Babel...in the land of Shinar. From that land, he went to Assyria and built Nineveh...*  
Genesis 10:8-12

*The king spoke, saying, "Is not this great Babylon, that I have built for a royal dwelling by my mighty power and for the honor of my majesty?" While the word was still in the king's mouth, a voice fell from heaven... Daniel 4:30-31*

*On a set day Herod, arrayed in royal apparel, sat on his throne and gave an oration to them. And the people kept shouting, "The voice of a god and not of a man!" Then immediately an angel of the Lord struck him, because he did not give glory to God. And he was eaten by worms and died.* Acts 12:21-23

Judgment & Grace at Babel

*Verse 8: So the LORD scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they ceased building the city.*

- The Grace of Nationalism
- The Grace of Denominationalism
- The Grace of Economic Diversity

Evidence: Who is calling for One-world government, One-world Religion, & One-world Economy?

Uniformity Always Necessitates the Elimination of Dissent

*He was granted power to give breath to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak and cause as many as would not worship the image of the beast to be killed.*  
Revelation 13:15

Disunity:

Used by Satan to keep man from Holy/Righteous Purposes.  
Used by God to keep man from Sinful Purposes/Judgment.

Next week: The Religious Legacy of Babel

Genesis 11:1-9—part 2  
The Consequence of Babel

## Origins:

Cush begot Nimrod; he began to be a mighty one on the earth. He was a mighty hunter before the LORD; therefore it is said, "Like Nimrod the mighty hunter before the LORD." And the beginning of his kingdom was Babel... Genesis 10:8-10

Then they said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks and bake them thoroughly." They had brick for stone, and they had asphalt for mortar. And they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower whose top is in the heavens; let us make a name for ourselves..." Genesis 11:3-4

## —Unity—

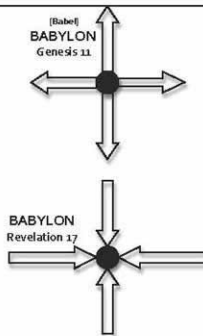
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**MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS  
AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.**

Revelation 17:5

- Mystery: \_\_\_\_\_
- Babylon: \_\_\_\_\_
- Great: \_\_\_\_\_
- Mother: \_\_\_\_\_
- Harlot: \_\_\_\_\_
- Abominations: \_\_\_\_\_

Result: Every single philosophy, religion, branch, sect, cult, movement, & faith that is NOT biblical Christianity.



They sacrificed to demons, not to God, to gods they did not know, to new gods, new arrivals... Deuteronomy 32:17

- Isaiah 44

Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons... 1 Timothy 4:1

We all know that an idol is not really a god and that there is only one God. There may be so-called gods both in heaven and on earth, and some people actually worship many gods and many lords. But we know that there is only one God, the Father, who created everything, and we live for Him. And there is only one Lord, Jesus Christ. 1 Corinthians 8:4-6 (NLT)

Jesus: "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. John 14:6

Genesis 11—Part 3  
Verses 27-32  
How In The World?

When we last left genealogies (Genesis 10:25), we reached Peleg—"for in his days the earth was divided"

Genesis 11: Peleg—Reu—Serug—Nahor—Terah—Abram  
(Abraham)

I. The Promise: Redeem Man Thru a Man

So the LORD God said to the serpent: "Because you have done this, you are cursed more than all cattle, and more than every beast of the field; On your belly you shall go, and you shall eat dust all the days of your life. And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; He shall [crush] your head, and you shall bruise His heel."  
Genesis 3:14-15

II. The Problem: Universal Sin

Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me. Psalm 51:5 (NIV)

"There is no one righteous, not even one; there is no one who understands; there is no one who seeks God"...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. Romans 3:10-11 & 23

For the wages of sin is death... Romans 6:23

Evidenced in:

- The Flood Judgment
- The Sin of Noah, Ham, & Canaan
- The Rebellion at Babel

• The Infection of Idolatry

Joshua: "This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: 'Long ago your ancestors, including Terah the father of Abraham and Nahor, lived beyond the Euphrates River and worshiped other gods.' Joshua 24:2

- Even the Chosen Line Were Sinners
- God Cannot Compromise or Change His Nature

III. The Plan: Change Abraham's Nature

- Abraham had Two Brothers. Why Abraham?
- Thru Unconditional Election
- Also You and Me

(For the children not yet being born, nor having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works but of Him who calls)...As it is written, "Jacob I have loved, but Esau I have hated. Romans 9:11 & 13

So then it is not of him who wills, nor of him who runs, but of God who shows mercy...Therefore He has mercy on whom He wills, and whom He wills He hardens. Romans 9:16 & 18

For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness." Romans 4:3

And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins, in which you once walked according to the course of this world... Ephesians 2:1-2

He did it to demonstrate His righteousness at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies. Romans 3:26

## Return to Genesis

### Chapter:

#### 1—The God of Origins (Creation)

*In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth...Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good.* Genesis 1:1 & 31

#### 2—The God of Relationship

*The LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.* Genesis 2:7

#### 3—The God of Holiness

*God: "Cursed is the ground for your sake; in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life. Both thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you, and you shall eat the herb of the field. In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for dust you are, and to dust you shall return."* Genesis 3:17-19

*For as in Adam all die...* 1 Corinthians 15:22

- A Promise: God: *"He will crush your head, and you will strike His heel."* Genesis 3:15

#### 4 & 5—The God of Grace

*And Adam knew his wife again, and she bore a son and named him Seth, "For God has appointed another seed for me instead of Abel, whom Cain killed."* Genesis 4:25

#### 6—The God of Judgment

*God said to Noah, "The end of all flesh has come before Me, for the earth is filled with violence through them; and behold, I will destroy them with the earth."* Genesis 6:13

#### 7—The God of Deliverance

*The LORD said to Noah, "Come into the ark, you and all your household, because I have seen that you are righteous before Me in this generation."* Genesis 7:1

#### 8—The God of Covenants

*God: "I will never again curse the ground for man's sake, although the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth; nor will I again destroy every living thing as I have done."* Genesis 8:21

#### 9—The God of Law

*God: "Whoever sheds man's blood, by man his blood shall be shed; for in the image of God He made man."* Genesis 9:6

#### 10 & 11—The God of Exclusivity

*Therefore its name is called Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of all the earth; and from there the LORD scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth.* Genesis 10:9

- Conclusion: The Infection of Idolatry

#### Preview of Chapter 12—The God of Election

- Peleg—Reu—Serug—Nahor—Terah—Abram (Abraham)

## Genesis 12 & 15

### The Calling of and Covenant with Abraham

Places: Ur, Haran, & Canaan

*God: "Get out of your country, from your family and from your father's house, to a land that I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name great; and you shall be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and I will curse him who curses you; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." Genesis 12:1-3*

People: Abraham, Lot, & Melchizedek

- Abraham: \_\_\_\_\_
- Lot: \_\_\_\_\_
- Melchizedek: \_\_\_\_\_

Doctrines: Imputation, Alien Righteousness, & Grace

*And he [Abraham] believed in the LORD, and He accounted it to him for righteousness. Genesis 15:6*

*Now it was not written for his [Abraham's] sake alone that it was imputed to him, but also for us. It shall be imputed to us who believe in Him who raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was delivered up because of our offenses, and was raised because of our justification. Romans 4:23-25*

- All Five Points of Calvinism

Prophecy: Inheritance, Future, & Conflict

*God: "But, in the fourth generation they shall return here, for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet complete." Genesis 15:16*

Covenants: Unilateral & Unconditional

- Abrahamic

*God: "No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you a father of many nations...This is My covenant which you shall keep, between Me and you and your descendants after you: Every male child among you shall be circumcised..." Genesis 17:5 & 10*

- Palestinian

*God: "To your descendants I have given this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the River Euphrates..." Genesis 15:18*

Relationship: Connection, Separation, & Reunion

*For I do not desire, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery, lest you should be wise in your own opinion, that blindness in part has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in. And so all Israel will be saved. Romans 11:25-26*

- 1948

*For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Romans 11:29*



**Genesis 18 & 19**  
**The Judgment of Sodom & Gomorrah**  
**Collapse of a Culture**

**1. Condone**

*Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves, who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen. For this reason God gave them up to vile passions. For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature. Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due. And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting; being filled with all unrighteousness, sexual immorality, [ & ] wickedness...who, knowing the righteous judgment of God, that those who practice such things are deserving of death, not only do the same but also approve of those who practice them.*  
 Romans 1:24-32

**2. Celebrate**

*The look on their faces testifies against them; they parade their sin like Sodom; they do not hide it. Woe to them! They have brought disaster upon themselves.* Isaiah 3:9 (NIV)

**3. Coerce**

*And do not be conformed to this world...* Romans 12:2

**4. Collapse**

A. The Lesson is Not for Sodom. The Lesson is for Lot.

B. Worse Than the Sin is: Teaching That It's Not Sin.

*God: "And among the prophets of Jerusalem I have seen something horrible: They commit adultery and live a lie. They strengthen the hands of evildoers, so that not one of them turns from their wickedness. They are all like Sodom to me; the people of Jerusalem are like Gomorrah." Jeremiah 23:14 (NIV)*

C. The Issue is Not with the World. It is with the Church.

*It is actually reported that there is sexual immorality among you, and of a kind that even pagans do not tolerate...And you are proud! Shouldn't you rather have gone into mourning and have put out of your fellowship the man who has been doing this? ...What business is it of mine to judge those outside the church? Are you not to judge those inside? God will judge those outside. "Expel the wicked person from among you."  
 1 Corinthians 5:1-2 & 12-13 (NIV)*

*For certain men have crept in unnoticed...who turn the grace of our God into lewdness... as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities around them in a similar manner to these, having given themselves over to sexual immorality and gone after strange flesh, are set forth as an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire...Likewise also these dreamers defile the flesh...These people are grumblers and faultfinders; they follow their own evil desires; they boast about themselves and flatter others for their own advantage...These are the people who divide you, who follow mere natural instincts and do not have the Spirit. But you, dear friends, by building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit, keep yourselves in God's love as you wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to bring you to eternal life. Be merciful to those who doubt; save others by snatching them from the fire; to others show mercy, mixed with fear. Jude 4-23*

D. The Tribulation World

## Genesis 22

### The Testing of Abraham

#### Part 1—Genesis 22:1-2

*Now it came to pass after these things that God tested Abraham, and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." Then He said, "Take now your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you."*

- Abraham Over 100 Years Old. Sarah was in Her 90's
- This was a Test—A Gauge of Faith
- Symbolism = The Sacrifice of The Only Son.
- Moriah
  - Later the Site of the Temple

*Now Solomon began to build the house of the LORD at Jerusalem on Mount Moriah, where the LORD had appeared to his father David... 2 Chronicles 3:1*

- Many Believe Exact Spot of Calvary/Golgotha

#### Part 2—Genesis 22:3-8

- Abraham did Not Foresee the Substitute
- He had Faith that God would Resurrect Isaac

*By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises offered up his only begotten son, of whom it was said, "In Isaac your seed shall be called," concluding that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead.. Hebrews 11:17-19*

#### Part 3—Genesis 22:9-14

- Angel of the Lord: Jesus Himself
- Symbolism = The Gift of the Substitute

*Abraham went and took the ram, and offered it up for a burnt offering instead of his son. Genesis 22:13*

*John the Baptist: "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" John 1:29*

### Historic Debate & Controversy

#### Paul's Romans Reference to Abraham's Faith vs. James' Reference to Abraham's Faith

*And not being weak in faith, he [Abraham] did not consider his own body, already dead (since he was about a hundred years old), and the deadness of Sarah's womb. He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God, and being fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform. And therefore "it was accounted to him for righteousness." Romans 4:19-22*

*Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered Isaac his son on the altar? Do you see that faith was working together with his works, and by works faith was made perfect? And the Scripture was fulfilled which says, "Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness." And he was called the friend of God...For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also. James 2:21-26*

- Two Different Events Pertaining to Two Different Aspects of Faith
- Paul's Reference: Events Decades Earlier. Pertaining to the Promise of a Son from Sarah.
- James' Reference: This Event (Chapter 22) = A "Said" Faith vs. Genuine Working Faith.

## Genesis 24 A Bride for Isaac

Now Abraham was old, well advanced in age; and the LORD had blessed Abraham in all things. So Abraham said to the oldest servant of his house, who ruled over all that he had, "...I will make you swear by the LORD, the God of heaven and the God of the earth, that you will not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I dwell; but you shall go to my country and to my family, and take a wife for my son Isaac." Genesis 24:1-4

### The Character: A Nameless Servant

After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, saying, "Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your exceedingly great reward." But Abram said, "Lord GOD, what will You give me, seeing I go childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" Then Abram said, "Look, You have given me no offspring; indeed one born in my house is my heir!" And behold, the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "This one shall not be your heir, but one who will come from your own body shall be your heir." Genesis 15:1-4

### The Character: Eliezer—Meaning: Help/Comfort

Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others. Philippians 2:3-4

## The Principle

God: "You shall make no covenant with them nor show mercy to them. Nor shall you make marriages with them. You shall not give your daughter to their son, nor take their daughter for your son. For they will turn your sons away from following Me, to serve other gods; so the anger of the LORD will be aroused against you..." Deuteronomy 7:2-4

Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness? And what accord has Christ with [the devil]? Or what part has a believer with an unbeliever? 2 Corinthians 6:14-15

## The Symbolism

Isaac: Jesus

### The Servant: The Holy Spirit

Jesus: "When He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you." John 16:13-14

### Rebekah: The Church

But we are bound to give thanks to God always for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, because God from the beginning chose you for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth, to which He called you by our gospel, for the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. 2 Thessalonians 2:13-14

## Genesis 25-27

### Jacob & Esau

*This is the genealogy...Abraham begot Isaac. Isaac was forty years old when he took Rebekah as wife...Now Isaac pleaded with the LORD for his wife, because she was barren; and the LORD granted his plea, and Rebekah his wife conceived. But the children struggled together within her; and she said, "If all is well, why am I like this?" So she went to inquire of the LORD. And the LORD said to her: "Two nations are in your womb, two peoples shall be separated from your body: One people shall be stronger than the other, and the older shall serve the younger." So when her days were fulfilled for her to give birth, indeed there were twins in her womb. And the first came out red. He was like a hairy garment all over; so they called his name Esau. Afterward his brother came out, and his hand took hold of Esau's heel; so his name was called Jacob.*

Genesis 25:19-26

- Esau: Daddy
- Jacob: Mommy

*And not only this, but when Rebekah also had conceived by one man, even by our father Isaac (for the children not yet being born, nor having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works but of Him who calls), it was said to her, "The older shall serve the younger." As it is written, "Jacob I have loved, but Esau I have hated."*

Romans 9:10-13 [also Malachi 1:2-3]

- Sovereign Unconditional Election/Predestination

#### Nations:

- Esau: Edom
- Jacob: Israel

#### Birthright & Blessing:

- Birthright— \_\_\_\_\_
- Blessing— \_\_\_\_\_

*Now Jacob cooked a stew; and Esau came in from the field, and he was weary. And Esau said to Jacob, "Please feed me with that same red stew, for I am weary." Therefore his name was called Edom. But Jacob said, "Sell me your birthright as of this day." And Esau said, "Look, I am about to die; so what is this birthright to me?" Then Jacob said, "Swear to me as of this day." So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob...Thus Esau despised his birthright. Genesis 25:29-34*

*Isaac: "Your brother came with deceit and has taken away your blessing." Esau: "Is he not rightly named Jacob? For he has supplanted me these two times. He took away my birthright, and now look, he has taken away my blessing!" And he said, "Have you not reserved a blessing for me?" Isaac: "Indeed I have made him your master, and all his brethren I have given to him as servants; with grain and wine I have sustained him. What shall I do now for you, my son?" Esau: "Have you only one blessing, my father? Bless me—me also, O my father!" And Esau lifted up his voice and wept. Genesis 27:35-38*

#### For Us:

Pursue peace with all people and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord; looking carefully lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled; lest there be any fornicator or profane person like Esau, who for one morsel of food sold his birthright. For you know that afterward, when he wanted to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no place for repentance, though he sought it diligently with tears. Hebrews 12:14-17

- Church: Do not sell out due to exhaustion or for provisions, safety, false assurances, stuff, or image; Do not quit holiness, discipleship, sobriety, or commitments. Avoid blaming others.

## Genesis 29-31 The Sons of Jacob

- Our Characters: Jacob, Laban, Leah, Rachel, & 12 Sons
- Our Theme: Deceit, Conflict, & God's Purpose

Mother: Leah—

Order	Name	Meaning/Significance
1	Reuben	A Son
2	Simeon	Heard
3	Levi	Attached

*And a man of the house of Levi went and took as wife a daughter of Levi. So the woman conceived and bore a son.*

Exodus 2:1-2

- Moses/Aaron, The Priesthood, & No Land

4	Judah	Praise—The Chosen/Messiah
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*But one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep. Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has prevailed to open the scroll and to loose its seven seals." Revelation 5:5*

9	Issachar	Wages
10	Zebulun	Dwelling

Mother: Bilhah [Rachel's Maid]—

5	Dan	Judge
6	Naphtali	My Wrestling

Mother: Zilpah [Leah's Maid]—

7	Gad	Troop (or Fortune)
8	Asher	Happy

Mother: Rachel—

11	Joseph	He Will Add [Ephraim & Manasseh]
12	Benjamin	Son of the Right Hand <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• (Chapter 35) [Saul/Paul]</li> </ul>

### The Issue of Polygamy

- God's plan always was one man and one woman
- God allowed polygamy, but did not will it
- Complex
- The Law of Moses forbids polygamy\*
- Several more main characters practiced it
- The New Testament forbids it

- The Dividing of the Land: Joshua's Day/Jesus Reign
- The Occurrence of 12: 187 Times in the Bible
- 12 Occurs 22 Times in Revelation
- Ishmael had 12 Sons
- 12 Spies
- 12 Loaves in the Temple
- Solomon 12 Appointed Officers
- 12 Apostles
- 12 Months

*And I heard the number of those who were sealed. One hundred and forty-four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel were sealed. Revelation 7:4*

*[The Holy City] had a great and high wall with twelve gates, and twelve angels at the gates, and names written on them, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel. Revelation 21:12*

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## Genesis 32 Jacob Wrestles with Jesus

### Part I: Facing Esau (Genesis 32:1-21)

Then Jacob said, "O God of my father Abraham and God of my father Isaac, the LORD who said to me, 'Return to your country and to your family, and I will deal well with you': I am not worthy of the least of all the mercies and of all the truth which You have shown Your servant..." Genesis 32:9-10

**Worth Noting:** Jesus: "The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank You that I am not like other men— extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I possess.' And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not so much as raise his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other..." Luke 18:11-14

I am worthy, I am beautiful, I am accepted, I am enlightened  
Vs.

I am wretched, I am unworthy, I am bankrupt, I am lost

### Part II: Facing God (Genesis 32:22-32)

But he said, "I will not let You go unless You bless me!" So He said to him, "What is your name?" He said, "Jacob." And He said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel; for you have struggled with God and with men, and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked, saying, "Tell me Your name, I pray." And He said, "Why is it that you ask about My name?" And He blessed him there. So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel: "For I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved." Genesis 32:26-30

- Israel = God's Fighter or He Who Struggles with God

*He took his brother by the heel in the womb, and in his strength he struggled with God. Yes, he struggled with the Angel and prevailed; He wept, and sought favor from Him. He found Him in Bethel, and there He spoke to us—that is, the LORD God of hosts. The LORD is His memorable name.* Hosea 12:2-5

### Theophany vs. Christophany

Jesus: "No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is Himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made Him known." John 1:18 (NIV)

Jesus: "Not that anyone has seen the Father, except He who is from God; He has seen the Father." John 6:46  
[Isaiah, Daniel, & John\*]

### The Symbolism of Jacob's Experience

- Your Wrestle with God: God Revealing Himself to You
- Your Nature and Name Change
- Your New Commission

### The Significance of Modern Israel

*For I do not desire, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery, lest you should be wise in your own opinion, that blindness in part has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in. And so all Israel will be saved, as it is written: "The Deliverer will come out of Zion, and He will turn away ungodliness from Jacob; For this is My covenant with them, when I take away their sins." Concerning the Gospel they are enemies for your sake, but concerning the election they are beloved for the sake of the fathers. For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.* Romans 8:25-29

## Genesis 37-41

### Joseph's Drama Causing Dreams

#### Preface—Chapters 33-36

#### Act I: Dreams [chapter 37:1-11]

- The Problem of Favorites
- The Coat of Many Colors: Birthright/Blessing
- The Prophetic Dreams
- The Revelation Tie-In

*Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a garland of twelve stars....She bore a male Child who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron. And her Child was caught up to God and His throne. Revelation 12:1 & 5*

#### Act II: Schemes [chapter 37:12-36]

- Plot to Kill
- Caravan to Egypt
- Jacob Deceived
- Purchased by Potiphar

*"And the patriarchs, becoming envious, sold Joseph into Egypt. But God was with him and delivered him out of all his troubles, and gave him favor and wisdom..." Acts 7:9-10*

#### Act III: Redeems [chapters 39—41]

##### 1. The Blessed Administrator

*So it was, from the time that he had made him overseer of his house and all that he had, that the LORD blessed the Egyptian's house for Joseph's sake; and the blessing of the LORD was on all that he had in the house and in the field. Genesis 39:5*

- Potiphar's Wife & Joseph's Character
- Run, Don't Linger

##### 2. The Blessed Prisoner

*Slaves, obey your earthly masters in everything; and do it, not only when their eye is on you and to curry their favor, but with sincerity of heart and reverence for the Lord. Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving. Colossians 3:22-24 (NIV)*

##### 3. The Blessed Ruler

- Pharaoh's Dream
- The Coming Famine

*Pharaoh said to his servants, "Can we find such a one as this, a man in whom is the Spirit of God?" Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, "Inasmuch as God has shown you all this, there is no one as discerning and wise as you. You shall be over my house, and all my people shall be ruled according to your word; only in regard to the throne will I be greater than you." Genesis 49:38-40*

- Sons: Manasseh & Ephraim

## Genesis 42-50 Concluding the Book of Origins

### 1. Joseph Revealed [42-46]

- Messes with His Brothers
- Learns of Benjamin
- Fulfilled Prophecy/Dreams

*And when Joseph came home, they brought him the present which was in their hand into the house, and bowed down before him to the earth.* 43:26

*Joseph: "I am Joseph; does my father still live?" But his brothers could not answer him, for they were dismayed in his presence. And Joseph said to his brothers, "Please come near to me." So they came near. Then he said: "I am Joseph your brother, whom you sold into Egypt. But now, do not therefore be grieved or angry with yourselves because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life...And God sent me before you to preserve a posterity for you in the earth, and to save your lives by a great deliverance. So now it was not you who sent me here, but God..."* 45:3-8

### 2. Jacob's Final Words [47-49]

- Promise

*God: "I am God, the God of your father; do not fear to go down to Egypt, for I will make of you a great nation there. I will go down with you to Egypt, and I will also surely bring you up again; and Joseph will put his hand on your eyes."* 46:3-4

- Prophetic

*"The scepter shall not depart from Judah..."* 49:10

- Preview: Bondage/Deliverance

### 3. The "Good out of Bad" Doctrine [50]

*When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "Perhaps Joseph will hate us, and may actually repay us for all the evil which we did to him." So they sent messengers to Joseph, saying, "Before your father died he commanded, saying, 'Thus you shall say to Joseph: "I beg you, please forgive the trespass of your brothers and their sin; for they did evil to you."' Now, please, forgive the trespass of the servants of the God of your father." And Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also went and fell down before his face, and they said, "Behold, we are your servants." Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid, for am I in the place of God? But as for you, you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good, in order to bring it about as it is this day, to save many people alive."* 50:15-20

- People/Soldiers/Leaders who Became Christians  
[Perfect for Palm Sunday]

*Peter: "Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a Man attested by God to you by miracles, wonders, and signs which God did through Him in your midst, as you yourselves also know—Him, being delivered by the determined purpose and foreknowledge of God, you have taken by lawless hands, have crucified, and put to death..."* Acts 2:22-23

*And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.* Romans 8:28

### 4. Joseph's Final Words [50]

*And Joseph said to his brethren, "I am dying; but God will surely visit you, and bring you out of this land to the land of which He swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob."* 50:24