

CHAPTER 1

GOD CREATED THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH

What a way to begin! The focus is on God, His power, and His creation. The word "Genesis" means beginnings and in Genesis you will read of the beginning of the universe, heaven, sin, redemption, the earth, nations, languages, nation of Israel, manufacturing, cattle raising, etc. Genesis covers a period of about 2,000 years. From the account of God creating the heavens and earth in Genesis 1 until the creation of the New Heaven and New Earth in Revelation 21, there is a period of about 7,000 years. This is the history of mankind.

Your adventure through the Bible begins at the:

ORIGINAL CREATION

Read: Genesis 1:1. What did God create?

Read: Genesis 1:2. What was "dark and void?"

Did God create the heavens and earth "dark and void?" Isaiah 45:18. Some Bible teachers believe the word "was" should be translated "became". Then it would read: "And the earth became dark and void."

Does the Bible tell of any possible cause of this dark chaotic time? It is possible that the original creation became "dark and void" when Satan and his angels were cast to the earth.

HOW SIN ENTERED THE UNIVERSE

Read: Ezekiel 28:12-18 and Isaiah 14:12-14. God created the angels.
Who was the anointed cherub? Isaiah 14:12

"Helel" in the Hebrew could be translated "Lucifer" or "the shining one."

Describe the anointed cherub. Ezekiel 28:12-15; Isaiah 14:13-14

a. _____ b. _____ c. _____ d. _____ e. _____

What job did the anointed cherub have? Ezekiel 28:14

How did Lucifer sin? Isaiah 14:13-14; Ezekiel 28:15-17

a. _____ b. _____ c. _____

Where was Lucifer cast after he sinned? Ezekiel 28:17

Who else was thrown to earth? Revelation 12:9

Lucifer's name was changed to what? Revelation 12:9

a. _____ b. _____ c. _____ d. _____

What did the fallen angels become? Luke 4:33-36

Where did Satan later appear? Ezekiel 28:13

Who observed Satan falling from heaven? Luke 10:18

How does Satan appear today? 2 Corinthians 11:13-14

What is another name for Satan? Revelation 9:11
“Abaddon” could be translated “Destroyer.”

What did Satan destroy? Genesis 1:2

RESTORATION OF THE EARTH

How did God judge this chaotic time? 2 Peter 3:5-6

How did God prepare the earth for the habitation of man? Psalm 104:30

NOTE:

The conflict of the ages, between God and Satan, had begun! As you study through Genesis, notice the pattern that repeatedly occurs, God works, Satan destroys, then God restores.

On the first day, what did God create? Genesis 1:3-5

On the second day, what did God create? Genesis 1:6-8

On the third day, what did God create? Genesis 1:9-13

On the fourth day, what did God create? Genesis 1:14-19

On the fifth day, what did God create? Genesis 1:20-23

On the sixth day, what did God create? Genesis 1:24-31

On the seventh day, what did God do? Genesis 2:1-3

How long were the creative days? Genesis 1:8,13,19

How did God create the universe and the earth? Hebrews 11:3

THE ATTRIBUTES OF GOD

What is your mental image of God? What do you think He is like? Describe Him. Too often God is erroneously seen as a policeman, ready to punish; or a white-headed passive granny, who condones everything people do; or a bellhop, ready to provide a service. Are you ready to discover what God is really like from the Scriptures? Look up the verses. Read them out loud. Think of what the verses are saying about God.

God is _____. Read: John 4:24

God is _____. He is so big He cannot be measured. 1 Kings 8:27; Jeremiah 23:24

God is _____. He has no beginning and He will never end. Psalm 90:2

God is _____. What does that mean? 1 Chronicles 29:11; Daniel 4:35

God is _____. Isaiah 46:10; Psalm 147:5

How powerful is God? Job 42:2

God does not _____. Malachi 3:6

God is _____. Psalm 106:1

God is _____. Meaning He is sinless and pure. Psalm 99:9

God is _____. 1 John 4:8

God is _____. What He says will happen. John 17:17

God is _____. He judges in holiness. Jeremiah 12:1

God is _____. His way is best. Daniel 2:20

God is _____. He always keeps His word. 2 Thessalonians 3:3

God is _____. He is great and mighty. Psalm 104:1

God is _____. He is compassionate and holds back punishment. James 5:11

LIFE APPLICATION

The Person of God is the most crucial teaching in the Bible because what people know about God determines how they will live their lives. Think about it for a moment. How will knowing that God is all-powerful help you today? What changes will it make in your life by knowing that God is all-knowing? All-powerful? Sovereign? Let's look at another attribute of God.

GOD, A TRINITY

Read: Genesis 1:1. The word "God" in the Hebrew is "Elohim" and could be translated "a plural one."

Who are the three persons of God? 1 Thessalonians 1:3-5

a. _____ b. _____ c. _____

There is one God, in three persons. This is called the Trinity.

Did you know that man also is a trinity?

MAN, A TRINITY

How did God make man? Genesis 1:26

What did God breathe into Adam? Genesis 2:7

Name the three parts of man. 1 Thessalonians 5:23

a. _____ b. _____ c. _____

The Hebrew word "life" could be translated "lives." God breathed into Adam the breath of lives. Just as God is a plural one, a trinity, so also is man a plural one, a trinity.

LIFE APPLICATION

Did you know that God not only made you a trinity but that He gave you eternal life? Our physical bodies will die but our soul and spirit (the real us) will live forever--in Heaven with God. Those who do not trust in Christ as their Savior will live separated from God forever. John 3:16

How was Eve made? Genesis 2:21-23

Where did Adam and Eve live? Genesis 2:15

The word "Eden" means delight. The garden must have been beautiful.

What did God want Adam and Eve to do? Genesis 1:26

HOW SIN ENTERED THE HUMAN RACE

GOD'S COMMANDS

What command did God give to Adam and Eve? Genesis 2:17

What other commands did God give Adam? Genesis 1:28; 2:15

a. _____ b. _____

What did God tell Adam to eat? Genesis 1:29-30

What punishment would be applied for disobeying? Genesis 2:17

Who tempted Eve? Genesis 3:1

Who was the serpent? Revelation 12:9

How was Eve tempted? Genesis 3:2-6

What lie did Satan tell Eve? Genesis 3:4

How did Satan attempt to make God look bad? Genesis 3:5

How did Satan appeal to Eve? Genesis 3:6

a. _____ b. _____ c. _____

LIFE APPLICATION

Did you know that Satan tempts Christians today in the same ways that he tempted Eve?

Read: Genesis 3:1-7.

Satan tempted Eve by causing her to doubt in 3:4.

Satan lied to make God look bad in 3:5.

Satan enticed Eve through her senses in 3:6.

How does Satan cause you to doubt?

What lies does Satan want you to believe about God?

How does he entice you through your senses?

What are the steps that lead to sin? James 1:14-15

a. _____ b. _____ c. _____

What should you do when you are tempted? 2 Corinthians 10:5

When Adam ate the forbidden fruit, was he deceived? 1 Timothy 2:14-15

How sad! Both Adam and Eve chose to disobey God.

MAN'S DISOBEDIENCE

When did Adam and Eve die spiritually? Romans 5:17

How did Adam and Eve's sin affect all mankind? Romans 5:12

What happened to Adam and Eve? Genesis 3:23-24

The original command of Genesis 2:17 was disobeyed and later God would give new commands to Noah.

SIN BRINGS JUDGMENT

How did God punish the MAN? Genesis 3:17-19

How did God punish WOMAN? Genesis 3:16

How did God punish the EARTH? Genesis 3:17-18

How did God punish the SERPENT? Genesis 3:14-15

How did Adam and Eve die years later? Genesis 5:5

ANIMAL SACRIFICES INSTITUTED

God, in His great love for Adam and Eve, offered the first animal sacrifice to restore fellowship with them. God established the animal sacrifice as the means of "atonement" for sin. The word "atonement" has often been purported as meaning "at-one-ment." Atonement brought reconciliation between God and man. The animal sacrifices served as a temporary covering for sin (Hebrews 10:3-4). They pointed to the "once for all" sacrificial death of Jesus Christ on the Cross to take away sin. Hebrews 10:10,12; John 1:29

God restored fellowship with Adam and Eve by offering the first animal sacrifice and then gave the first prophecy that the Savior Jesus Christ was to come. Genesis 3:15

Why is atonement between God and man needed?

A. _____ Romans 5:12

B. _____ Romans 3:23

C. _____ Romans 6:23

LIFE APPLICATION

Have you received atonement (forgiveness) of your sin? The Lord Jesus Christ died on the Cross for your sin and He came alive again. Trust Him today as your Savior and Lord. See Page 76 for God's Plan of Salvation.

Who was the seed of the woman? Matthew 1:21

Who was the seed of the serpent? Revelation 13:1,2

How did Satan bruise Christ? 1 Corinthians 2:8

How did Christ's death on the cross crush Satan's dominion and headship? Revelation 1:17-18

Read: Revelation 20:10. How good it is to know the end of the story! Christ is the Victor! Satan was conquered at the cross and ultimately his doom is sure in the lake of fire. Satan is a defeated foe!

Name the first two children of Adam and Eve. Genesis 4:1-2

a. _____ b. _____

Who did Eve think Cain was? Genesis 4:1. The word "manchild" in the Hebrew could be translated "the Gotten one" or "Man, the Lord."

Who did Eve think was the Man, the Lord? Genesis 3:15

What offering did Cain give to the Lord? Genesis 4:3

What offering did Abel bring? Genesis 4:4

What did Abel's sacrifice show? Hebrews 11:4

a. _____ b. _____

Why didn't God accept Cain's offering? Hebrews 9:22

God gave Cain a second chance to offer an animal sacrifice. Translators offer a possibility for the meaning of Genesis 4:7. It is, "The sin offering is crouching at the door but you must master it." God provided the animal for sacrifice, but Cain again refused to sacrifice the animal.

Go back to Page 3, the Attributes of God. Which attributes of God were evident in God's dealing with Cain in Genesis 4:6-7?

Why did Cain kill Abel? Genesis 4:4-5

Why would Satan want Abel dead? Genesis 3:15

How did God punish Cain? Genesis 4:13-14

a. _____ b. _____ c. _____

What did Cain leave? Genesis 4:16

What did God do for Adam and Eve? Genesis 4:25

Who was Seth's son? Genesis 4:26

What did the family of Seth begin to do? Genesis 4:26

Have you ever wondered why the genealogies are in the Bible? One reason is that they trace the lineage of Messiah, Jesus Christ, from Adam to Mary and Joseph. God had another reason for listing the lineage from Adam through Noah. Through the names of these men, God proclaimed

His plan of redemption through Christ. Look at the names below and read the meanings of their names and then read their names in a sentence to see God's redemptive plan.

Read: Genesis 5. These are the descendants of Adam (followed by the meaning of their names).

Adam lived 930 years	MAN
Seth lived 912 years	APPOINTED
Enos lived 905 years	MORTAL
Cainan lived 910 years	SORROW
Mahalaleel lived 895 years	THE BLESSED GOD
Jared lived 962 years	SHALL COME DOWN
Enoch (translated) lived 365 years	TEACHING
Methuselah lived 969 years	HIS DEATH SHALL BRING
Lamech lived 777 years	THE DESPAIRING
Noah lived 950 years	COMFORT

Why is it important to know the genealogy of Adam? Luke 3:23,36-38

Name 5 things the family of Cain started.

Genesis 4:17 _____

Genesis 4:19 _____

Genesis 4:20 _____

Genesis 4:21 _____

Genesis 4:22 _____

Read: Genesis Chapter 6.

Why was God sorry He made man? Genesis 6:4-5

a. _____ b. _____

In Genesis 6:2,4, who were "the sons of God"? There are two views of who the "sons of God" were: (1) Unsaved relatives of Cain or (2) fallen angels. Read: Job 2:1-2. Notice that the angels are called "sons of God."

"Nephilim" is a word derived from the Hebrew "naphal" and could be translated "fallen ones." The King James version translates this term "giants."

Who were these fallen angels? Jude 6-7

What did the fallen angels do? Genesis 6:2,4

What did this union produce? Genesis 6:4

What happened to these fallen angels? 2 Peter 2:4-5

Once again Satan attempted to thwart the plan of God by corrupting the human race. Why would Satan want the human race corrupted? Genesis 3:15

Why did Noah and his family find favor with God? Genesis 6:9

a. _____ b. _____

Why did God decide to destroy all mankind and animals? Genesis 6:12,17

What did God tell Noah to build? Genesis 6:14

What was to go in the ark? Genesis 7:2-3

a. _____ b. _____ c. _____

While Noah was preparing the ark, what did he do? 2 Peter 2:5

The name Methuselah means "his death shall bring."

What would come after Methuselah's death? Genesis 6:17

How long did Methuselah live? Genesis 5:27

As long as Methuselah lived, his name served as a warning to ungodly men.

How big was the ark? Genesis 6:15

Estimating the cubit at 18" (a cubit was a measure from the forearm to the end of the middle finger), the ark was 525 feet long, 87-1/2 feet wide, 52-1/2 feet high.

How long did it take Noah to build the ark? Genesis 6:3

Who was preserved through the flood? Genesis 7:13

Who closed the door after all were aboard the ark? Genesis 7:16

Until this time, how was the earth watered? Genesis 2:6

How long did Noah and his family wait before it began to rain? Genesis 7:10

From where did the flood waters come? Genesis 7:11

How high did the flood waters rise? Genesis 7:20

What was the outcome of the flood? Genesis 7:21

How long were Noah and his family in the ark?

Genesis 7:6 says: Noah was 600 years old when they entered the ark. According to Genesis 8:13-14: Noah was 601 plus 1 month plus 1 day old when he removed the covering of the ark. Therefore, Noah and his family were in the ark 1 year, 1 month, 1 day.

What did Noah do after he left the ark? Genesis 8:20

Since Adam and Eve had disobeyed God's commands, God now gave new commands to Noah.

GOD'S NEW COMMANDS

What did God command Noah? Genesis 9:1,7

How many times did God command to "fill the earth?" Genesis 9:1,7

What was the significance of the repetition of the command?

These new commands established the time of Human Government, when man was to rule over man. It was God's plan that man should scatter throughout the world.

How do we know that the principles of Human Government are still in effect today in the Church? Romans 13:1-2

When city, state, or national laws are disobeyed, who is being opposed? Romans 13:3-4

Why are laws necessary in a nation? Romans 13:4

What other commands did God give Noah?

Genesis 9:2 _____

Genesis 9:3-4 _____

Genesis 9:5-6 _____

How did God show that He would never again destroy the earth with water? Genesis 9:13-16

In the future, how will God destroy the earth? 2 Peter 3:10

Read Genesis 9:24-27. Name the three prophecies that Noah gave for his sons. What purpose would the descendants of Japheth have?

Japheth and his descendants later settled in Europe. We have been enlarged because we get our knowledge of science, arts, music, and history from Europe.

What purpose would the descendants of Shem have? Genesis 9:26

Through the line of Shem, Messiah was to come.

What purpose would the descendants of Ham have? Genesis 9:25

Who was Canaan? Genesis 10:6

This was the beginning of races.

HISTORY

TOWER OF BABEL

Read Genesis 10:8,10. Ham's grandson was Nimrod. History declares that Nimrod was not only the first king of Babylon, but that he and his wife, Semiramis, began the Babylonian Mystery Religion. The Tower of Babel was built as a place of worship for the various gods of the Babylonian Mystery Religion.

Archaeology reveals that the Tower of Babel consisted of seven platforms with each platform diminishing in size. The top platform was a temple, or sanctuary, and the bottom platform had six gates which led into small chapels.

LIFE APPLICATION

Throughout the centuries, men have worked with their hands to build their own way to God. What does God declare is the only way for us to get to Him? John 14:6; Titus 3:5-7

Why did the people build the Tower of Babel? Genesis 11:4

What was Satan attempting to destroy?

In Genesis 11:3-4, the people said "Let us." What did they demonstrate?

How was this the same as Lucifer's and Adam and Eve's sin? Isaiah 13:14

How did God punish this sin? Genesis 11:9

Who is the "Us" in Genesis 11:7? See Genesis 1:26

How did the nations begin? Acts 17:26

This is the beginning of nations.

MAN'S DISOBEDIENCE

Mankind rebelliously disobeyed God and began worshiping idols. Once again Satan attempted to destroy the plan of God by getting mankind to worship him through their false religious system.

SIN BRINGS JUDGMENT

In judgment, God began human languages, races, and nations to cause mankind to scatter and fill the earth as He planned. Later, God gave new commands to Abraham.

What does this tell you about God's purposes? Isaiah 46:9-10

Turn to the chart on page 93 and locate the GENTILES on the chart. From Adam until Abram, God was dealing with the Gentile nations. Genesis 10:5

HISTORY

The Shemites migrated to Assyria, Syria, Persia, Northern Arabia, and Mesopotamia. Shem's descendants were the Persians, Assyrians, Armenians, and Syrians.

Japheth migrated to Asia Minor, Armenia, and Europe. His descendants were the Gauls, Britons, Germans, Russians, Greeks, Romans, and Thracians. Ham migrated to Africa and Asia. Ham's son, Mizraim, founded the Chaldean Empire on the Euphrates. Ham's grandson, Nimrod, founded the Babylonian empire and his descendants were the Ethiopians, Libyans, Egyptians, and Canaanites.