

# **Saturday Study Week One**

**Introduction, Creationism**

**Genesis Chapters 1-5**

# Acts 17:10-11

- 10 Then the brethren immediately sent Paul and Silas away by night to Berea. When they arrived, they went into the synagogue of the Jews.
- 11 These were more fair-minded than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness, and searched the Scriptures daily *to find out* whether these things were so.
- **Bottom Line: Don't believe anything just because I say it – check it out for yourself! 😊**

# I stand on the shoulders of giants

- ***Lots of influences***

- Chuck Smith
- Chuck Missler
- Phil Helfer
- Brian Broderson
- Josh McDowell
- Adam Clarke
- Albert Barnes
- Chuck Swindoll
- J Vernon McGee
- Walter Martin
- Chuck Smith Jr.
- Gerard Driscoll
- Matthew Henry
- Charles Spurgeon
- Karen Wadsworth
- Many others

# THE BIBLE IS UNIQUE

- The Bible is THE most amazing book ever. It is the biggest seller and best literature ever. More Bibles are shoplifted every year than most books sell.
- Amazing communication from outside our time domain
- Designed to circumvent hostile jamming
- 66 books, 40 authors, over thousands of years

# Our Amazing Bible

- Inspired and Inerrant
  - The Word of God, the sixty-six Books of the Old and New Testaments, verbally inspired in all parts, and therefore wholly without error as originally given of God (2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:21).
  - The Bible contains neither error of fact (material errors) nor internal contradictions (formal errors) in the original autographs
- Imperfect transmission
  - Very few transmission errors
  - No doctrine depends on a disputed passage

# Our Amazing Bible

- Infallibility
  - This is the subjective consequence of Divine inspiration; that is, it is reliable and trustworthy to all who turn to it in search of God's truth
- Authoritative
  - The final word for faith and practice both for individuals and for the church collectively

# Why is Bible so cool?

- **Ps 119**

**9** *How can a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed according to Your word.*

**24** *Your testimonies also are my delight And my counselors.*

**50** *This is my comfort in my affliction, For Your word has given me life.*

**105** *Your word is a lamp to my feet And a light to my path.*

- **2 Timothy 3:16-17**

**16** *All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,*

**17** *that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.*

- **2 Peter 1:20-21**

**20** *knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation,*

**21** *for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.*

# Why is Bible so cool? (2)

- **Hebrews 4:12** *For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.*
- **Psalms 138:2** *I will worship toward Your holy temple, And praise Your name For Your lovingkindness and Your truth; For You have magnified Your word above all Your name.*
- **Isaiah 40:8** *The grass withers, the flower fades, But the word of our God stands forever."*



# Authentication

- Prophecy – Sharing God's Message. Sometimes involves telling the future
  - **Isaiah 46:9,10**
    - 9 Remember the former things of old, For I *am* God, and *there is* no other; I *am* God, and *there is* none like Me,
    - 10 Declaring the end from the beginning, And from ancient times *things* that are not *yet* done, Saying, 'My counsel shall stand, And I will do all My pleasure,'
- Also confirmed through coding structures
  - Numerical
  - Equidistant Letter Sequence

# Prophecy

- Prophecy does not always involve telling the future
- J. Barton Payne – Encyclopedia of Biblical Prophecy
  - Out of 23,145 verses in Old Testament, 6,641 contain predictive information
  - 1,817 predictions on 737 topics
- Greek translation of Old Testament – the Septuagint – 70 scholars from 285 B.C. to 270 B.C.

# Messianic Prophecy

<u>Prophecy</u>	<u>Reference</u>	<u>Odds</u>
Born in Bethlehem	Micah 5:2	1:100,000
King on Donkey	Zechariah 9:9	1:100
30 Pieces of Silver	Zechariah 11:12	1:1,000
Temple, potter, etc.	Zechariah 11:13	1:100,000
Wounds in hands	Zechariah 13:6	1:1,000
No defense, innocent	Isaiah 53:7	1:1,000
Died with wicked, grave with rich	Isaiah 53:9	1:1,000
Crucified, No bones broken	Psalms 22:16,17	1:10,000
Specific DAY for messiah (Psalm Sunday)	Daniel 9:25	1:100,000

**1:10<sup>33</sup>**

# Genealogy – divisible by seven

## Matthew 1:1-11 in Greek

- Number of words
- Number of letters
- Number of vowels
- Number of consonants
- Number of nouns
- Number of names
- Male names
- Generations
- Number of words that
  - Start with a vowel
  - Start with a consonant
  - occur more than once
  - occur in more than one form
  - Occur in only one form
- Only 7 words shall not be nouns
- Only 7 other kinds of nouns

Discovered by Dr. Ivan Panin – generated 43,000 pages of discoveries

# Last 12 verses of Mark

Dr. Panin identified 75 “sevens” in these verses

- Number of words (175)(7x25)
  - Number of different words (98)(7x7x2)
  - Number of letters (553)(7x79)
  - Vowels (294)(7x7x6)
  - Consonants (259) (7x37)
  - Words Found earlier in mark (84)(7x12)
  - Words Found only here (14)(7x2)
  - Different words used in Lord’s address (42)(7x6)
  - Different words not part of Lord’s address (56)(7x8)
- Logical sections in the passage
- Address of the Lord (56)(7x8)
  - Rest of the passage (119)(7x17)
  - vv. 9-11 (35)(7x5)
  - Vv. 12-18 (105)(7x15)
  - V. 12 (14)(7x2)
  - Vv 13-15 (35)(7x5)
  - Vv. 16-18 (56)(7x8)
  - Vv. 19-20 (35)(7x5)

# More From the Last 12 Verses of Mark

Greek numerical values and word forms ALSO divisible by 7

- Total value (103,663)(7x14,809)
- Vv. 9-11 (17,213)(7x2,459)
- V. 9 (11,795)(7x1,685)
- V. 10 (5,418)(7x774)
- 1<sup>st</sup> word (98)(7x7x2)
- Middle (4,529)(7x647)
- Last word (791)(7x113)
- V. 11 (11,795)(7x1,685)
- Vv. 12-20 (86,450)(7x12,350)
- Total forms (133)(7x19)
- Value of total forms (89,663)(7x12,809)
- Occur once (112)(7x16)
- Occurring more than once (21)(7x3)
- Occurring 63 times (7x9)
- Total occurrences (112+63=175)(7x25)
- Total value (103,663)(7x14,809)

# Equidistant Letter Sequences

- By skipping letters forwards and backwards, we can find additional messages in the text
  - *We need to be careful with this*, but especially as it goes way beyond what would happen by chance, it serves as testimony to design

# Equidistant Letter Sequence

*Simple Example from Chuck Missler*

- Rips explained that each code is a case of adding every fourth letter to form a word.
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- Read the code
- Read the code



# Example in the Torah

- Genesis – every 49<sup>th</sup> letter – TORH (Torah)
- Exodus – every 49<sup>th</sup> letter – TORH (Torah)
- Leviticus – nothing
- Numbers – Every 49<sup>th</sup> letter – HROT (Torah Backwards)
- Deuteronomy – Every 49<sup>th</sup> letter – HROT (Torah Backwards)
- Leviticus – every 7<sup>th</sup> letter – YHWH
- The Torah points to the one true God

# Genesis 1:29 to Genesis 2:9

## Equidistant Letter Sequence

- This passage includes God creating the plants and the Garden of Eden.
- Using equidistant letter sequencing, we find an amazing list of almost all the trees mentioned throughout scripture.

1) Tamarisk: 2	8) Date Palm: 5	14) Pomegranate: 8	21) Willow: -15
2) Terebinth: -2	9) Cedar: -5	15) Gopherwood or fir: 8	22) Oak: 17
3) Thicket: -3	10) Aloe: 6	16) Thornbush: 9	23) Vine: -18
4) Citron: -3	11) Grape: -6	17) Olive: -9	24) Barley: -28
5) Acacia: -3	12) Boxthorn or	18) Pistachio Nut: 13	25) Chestnut: 44
6) Almond: 5	Bramble: 7	19) Hazel: -13	26) Poplar: -85
7) Wheat: 5	13) Cassia: 7	20) Fig: 14	

# Isaiah 53 Equidistant Letter Sequences

## Names of Followers and Family at the Cross

Mary/Miryam	Mary/Miryam
Mary/Miryam	Peter/Kefa
Matthew	John/Yochanan
Andrew	Philip
Thomas	James/Yaacov
James/Yaacov	Simon/Shimon
Thaddeus	Matthias
Joseph/Yosef	

## Other Names and Phrases

Y'shua shmi (My name is Yeshua)	Messiah
Shiloh	Passover
Galilee	The evil Roman city
Herod	Wicked Caesar perish
Annas High Priest	Caiaphas High Priest
The Disciples mourn	Let him be crucified
His cross	Lamp of the Lord
His signature	Bread
Wine	From Zion
Moriah	Obed (servant)
Jesse	Seed
Water	Levites
From the Atonement Lamb	

*Principles  
and  
Assumptions*

# Dispensational – God's Interaction with Man has been/will be different over time

The *dispensation* of

1. **Innocence** (Gen 1:1–3:7), prior to Adam's fall,
2. **Conscience** (Gen 3:8–8:22), Adam to Noah,
3. **Government** (Gen 9:1–11:32), Noah to Abraham,
4. **Patriarchal rule** (Gen 12:1–Exo 19:25), Abraham to Moses,
5. **Mosaic Law** (Exo 20:1–Acts 2:4), Moses to Christ,
6. **Grace** (Acts 2:4–Rev 4:1)(The current church age),
7. **Tribulation** (Rev 4:2–Rev 20:3 and Daniel 9:27)(70<sup>th</sup> week of Daniel),
8. **Millennial Kingdom** (Rev 20:4–20:6) A literal, earthly 1,000-year that has yet to come but soon will
9. **The New Heavens and New Earth.**

# How to Interpret the Bible

1. Understand that this is God's own Word – a Love letter from the all-knowing, all-powerful God – different than ordinary book – deals with absolute truth
2. God wants to help you understand the Bible with the guidance and help of the Holy Spirit
3. Adopt the plain sense meaning whenever possible – assume God wants us to understand the meaning
4. Interpret in context

# How to Interpret the Bible (2)

5. Consider writer's intentions in writing
6. Take care with grammar and word meaning
7. Understand historical context
8. Consider church's historical view and what various commentators say
9. Understand genres of literature - law, narratives, prophecy, poetry, wisdom literature, gospel, epistle, and apocalyptic literature, etc.

# How to Interpret the Bible (3)

- 10. Use scripture to interpret scripture**, and compare scripture with scripture
  - a. Shared symbolism
  - b. Confirm doctrines through multiple scriptures
- 11. Consider the OT in light of the NT** (The New Testament is in the Old Testament concealed, and the Old Testament is in the New Testament revealed)
  - a. There are events in the Old Testament that don't make a lot of sense unless you look at them in the light of the New Testament – example: Holding up a brass serpent in the wilderness (serpent: sin, brass: judgement)
- 12. Application** – Always ask “What does this mean for me, right now?”



*How we will be  
Doing this*

# Schedule

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|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1. Nov. 12: <b>Genesis 1-5</b>   | 7. Jan. 7: <b>Exodus 29-40</b>        |
| 2. Nov. 19: <b>Genesis 6-23</b>  | 8. Jan. 14: <b>Leviticus</b>          |
| 3. Nov. 26: <b>Genesis 24-36</b> | 9. Jan. 21: <b>Numbers 1-17</b>       |
| 4. Dec. 3: <b>Genesis 37-50</b>  | 10. Jan. 28: <b>Numbers 18-36</b>     |
| 5. Dec. 10: <b>Exodus 1-15</b>   | 11. Feb. 4: <b>Deuteronomy 1-18</b>   |
| 6. Dec. 17: <b>Exodus 16-28</b>  | 12. Feb. 11: <b>Deuteronomy 19-34</b> |

# Type of Bible Study

- Given the volume of Scripture that we will be covering:
  - We will not be reading every verse – this is not a word-for-word study
  - We will be going over each passage in a high level manner, with occasional dives into specific verses
  - HOWEVER, you are **strongly** encouraged to read the passage preferably before each week's study

# For Additional Insights

## Life Transformation Groups

- 2-3 people getting together every week to discuss Scripture and what the Lord is doing in their lives
- Use this schedule to make it easier
- LTG cards available

# Which Version?

- The Bible was originally written in Hebrew and Greek, with some short passages in Aramaic
- So to get to English, we need to translate it
  - Literal translation – word for word (NASB, NKJV)
  - Dynamic equivalent – thought for thought (NIV, NLT)
  - Free translation (paraphrase) (The Message)
- For these studies, we plan on primarily using NKJV

# Plan – Post these sessions online

- My intent is to post these sessions and these slides online
- Saturday Study section of the Los Altos Grace Brethren Website:
  - <http://LosAltosGrace.org/Saturday>
- We can discuss these sessions online in the “Saturday Study” Facebook group
  - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/370094206661374/>
  - The website has a link to the Facebook Group

# *Creationism*

## *An Introduction*

### 2 Peter 3:3-6

- 3 knowing this first: that scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts,  
4 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."  
5 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,  
6 by which the world *that* then existed perished, being flooded with water.

# Importance of Creationism

- Different intelligent people who love and follow Jesus can have different opinions on this topic
- Your salvation is NOT dependent on getting this right
- However, the way you look at creationism can affect the way you look at and interpret the rest of the Bible



# Creationism Definitions

- Uniformitarianism
- Catastrophism
- Natural vs. Supernatural
- Historical Events vs. Ongoing Process
- Scientific Method vs. Legal Method
- Natural Selection
- Bounded Variation versus unbounded change

# Origin Variations

- Young Earth/Universe vs. Old Earth/Universe
- Local Flood vs. Global Flood
- Evolution vs. Created Kinds
- Naturalistic Evolution vs. Theistic Evolution
- Literal Adam/Eve vs. Moral Story

# Characteristics of a Worldwide Flood

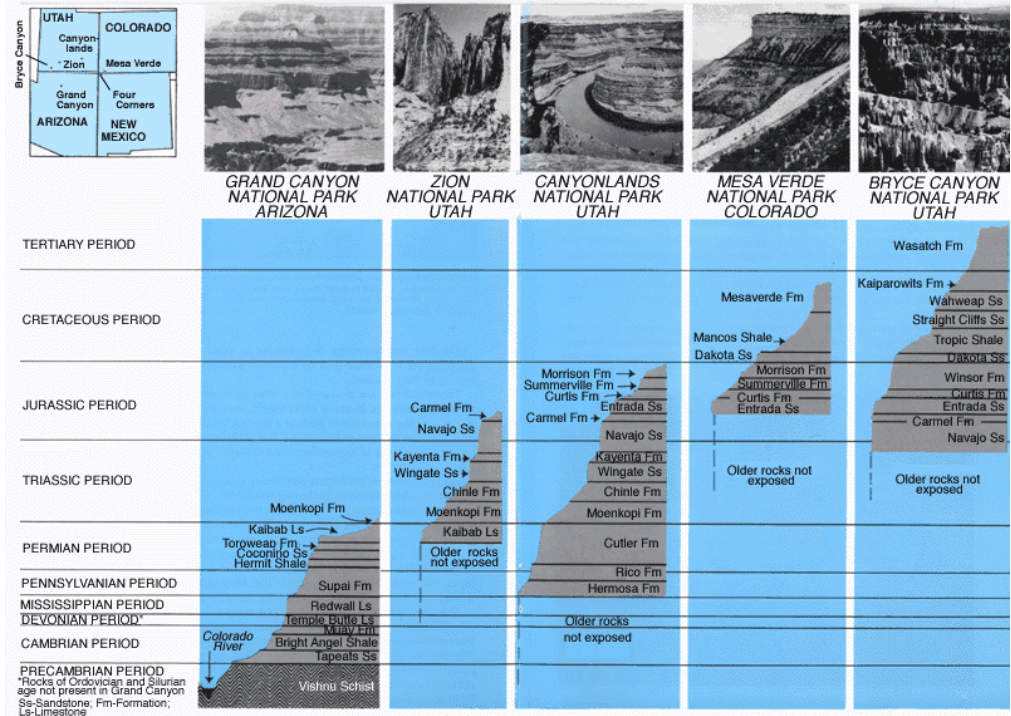
- Huge waves
- Hypercanes
- Gigatons+ of sediment moved
- Huge currents
- Wide variety of conditions, including still regions
- Important: A worldwide flood would leave EVIDENCE – the fossils are **EITHER** old/evidence of millions of years or young/evidence of global flood – **NOT BOTH**

# Dating Methodology

- Carbon Dating
- Radiometric Dating
  - uranium-lead (two versions), potassium-argon, rubidium-strontium, or samarium-neodymium
- Assumptions
  - Constant decay rate
  - No disturbance for millions of years
  - Known amount of daughter element at  $t=0$
- How fossils are dated

# The Geologic Column

- Cenozoic Era(Recent Life)
  - Tertiary Period(Primitive Horses)
- Mesozoic Era(Middle Life)
  - Cretaceous Period(Last Dinosaurs)
  - Jurassic Period(Quarry Dinosaurs)
  - Triassic Period (First Dinosaurs)
- Paleozoic Era (Ancient Life)
  - Permian Period (Primitive Reptiles)
  - Pennsylvanian Period (Giant Insects)
  - Mississippian Period (Brachiopods)
  - Devonian Period (Primitive Fishes)
  - Silurian Period (Sea Scorpions)
  - Ordovician Period (Nautiloids)
  - Cambrian Period (Trilobites)
- Precambrian



# Geological Issues

- Superposition – Basic principle of Geology
  - Dr Guy Berthault
- Out of order layers
  - Overthrusts, underthrusts
  - Lewis Overthrust – several miles thick, several hundred miles wide – supposedly moved 50 miles over soft shale with minimal evidence
- Anomalous fossils
  - Downwash, infiltration, contamination, reworking
- Out of place artifacts (OOPARTS)

# Biological Issues

- Amazing design, even at smallest level
- Consistencies are evidence of common designer, not common development
  - Required for a compatible set of organisms in a biosystem
- Problem for evolution: mechanism for variation
  - Edge of Evolution (Behe) – single gene mutations rare but possible
  - Mutational Loading
  - DNA Repair – provides boundaries to variation
- DNA and soft tissue in fossils

# Theological Issues

- Death before sin
- Apparent age
- Adam as one man (Romans 5)
- God stretches out the heavens (Psalm 104)
- Dinosaurs in the Bible? (Job 40,41)



# According to its kind

- Created kind: Baramin
- Baraminology – seeking to classify and identify the different “kinds”
- NOT the same as Kingdoms/Species

# Yom

- Day or Age?
- The word YOM can mean either one
- When it is combined with a number it always means a literal day
- Genesis chapter 1 includes interesting language mentioning evening and morning for each day
- If you try to make the Genesis 1 literal “ages” you have other issues, such as plants existing for a long time before the sun/moon are revealed
- **Exodus 20:11** 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.

# Recommendations

- Answers In Genesis
  - <http://answersingenesis.org>
- Institute for Creation Research (more technical)
  - <http://www.icr.org>

# The Torah

- **GENESIS** “Beginnings” Describes the creation; gives the history of the old world, and of the steps taken by God toward the formation of theocracy.
- **EXODUS** “The way out” The history of Israel's departure from Egypt; the giving of the law; the tabernacle.
- **LEVITICUS** The ceremonial law; a manual for the priests
- **NUMBERS** The census of the people; the story of the wanderings in the wilderness.
- **DEUTERONOMY** “Second law” The law retold to a new generation; the death of Moses.

# Authorship: Moses, likely between 1400 and 1440 BC

- **John 5:45 ,46** 45 Do not think that I shall accuse you to the Father; there is *one* who accuses you—Moses, in whom you trust. 46 For if you believed Moses, you would believe Me; for he wrote about Me.
- The Pentateuch claims in many places that Moses was the writer, e.g. Exodus 17:14; 24:4–7; 34:27; Numbers 33:2; Deuteronomy 31:9, 22, 24.
- Many times in the rest of the Old Testament, Moses is said to have been the writer, e.g. Joshua 1:7–8; 8:32–34; Judges 3:4; 1 Kings 2:3; 2 Kings 14:6; 21:8; 2 Chronicles 25:4; Ezra 6:18; Nehemiah 8:1; 13:1; Daniel 9:11–13.
- In the New Testament, Jesus frequently spoke of Moses' writings or the Law of Moses, e.g. Matthew 8:4; 19:7–8; Mark 7:10; 12:26; Luke 24:27, 44; John 5:46–47; 7:19.
- Other New Testament speakers/writers said the same thing, e.g. John 1:17; Acts 6:14; 13:39; 15:5; 1 Corinthians 9:9; 2 Corinthians 3:15; Hebrews 10:28.

# Genesis 1:1

**Genesis 1:1** In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

- The Bible assumes the existence of God
- God created from nothing
- God is not subject to time, He created time/space/matter.

# Elohim – the grammatically incorrect plural

An eminent Jewish rabbi, Simeon ben Joachi, in his comment on the sixth section of Leviticus, has these remarkable words: “Come and see the mystery of the word Elohim; there are three degrees, and each degree by itself alone, and yet notwithstanding they are all one, and joined together in one, and are not divided from each other.”

# The Character of God Revealed in Genesis 1:1

- It assumes the existence of God, for it is He who in the beginning creates.
- It assumes His eternity, for He is before all things: and since nothing comes from nothing, He Himself must have always been.
- It implies His omnipotence, for He creates the universe of things.
- It implies His absolute freedom, for He begins a new course of action.
- It implies His infinite wisdom, for “an order of matter and mind,” can only come from a being of absolute intelligence.
- It implies His essential goodness, for the Sole, Eternal, Almighty, All-wise, and All-sufficient Being has no reason, no motive, and no capacity for evil.
- It presumes Him to be beyond all limit of time and place, since He is before all time and place.



# The Gap Theory

- Verse 1:2
  - Reasonable to translate “but the earth *became* without form and void...”
- Allows time for angels to be created
- Allows time for Satan’s rebellion
- Cannot be used to allow for old universe/old earth theories
- Possibility, not a crucial issue

# Days

1. Light created, darkness/light separated
2. Firmament (atmospheric heaven)
3. Dry land from sea -- Grass, herb, trees (double blessed, double good – many Jewish weddings held on Tuesdays)
4. Sun, moon, and stars (made, not created)
5. Water creatures, birds,
6. Land animals, and man
7. Rest (cease from labor)

# In the Image of God

- **Genesis 1:26-27** 26 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." 27 So God created man in His *own* image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.
- Requires both male and female to represent God
- Created male and female – by design, not something that can be chosen

# The Sabbath

- Sabbath day – God rested, nothing new being created
- God established a covenant with Israel that they should keep the Sabbath through all generations
- Church gathered on the first day of the week (Sunday)
- **Matthew 12:8** For the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath.
- **Matthew 11:28-30** 28 Come to Me, all *you* who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29 Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For My yoke *is* easy and My burden is light.

# The Sabbath (2)

- **Romans 14:5** One person esteems *one* day above another; another esteems every day *alike*. Let each be fully convinced in his own mind.
- **Colossians 2:16-17** 16 So let no one judge you in food or in drink, or regarding a festival or a new moon or sabbaths, 17 which are a shadow of things to come, but the substance is of Christ.
- **Hebrews 4** – Jesus is our rest; the work is finished; we are righteous before God in Him
- **Acts 15** – certain men saying you had to keep the Law of Moses to be saved, big discussion – clearly determined that it was not true

# Chapter Two - Details

- Introduction to a new section
  - Generations of, records of, genealogy of, history of
  - 10 times in Genesis
    - 2:4, 5:1, 6:9, 10:1, 11:10, 11:27, 25:12, 25:19, 36:1, 37:2
- Not a retelling of Chapter 1, an enlargement on aspects of Chapter 1
- Language changes
  - As God relates to man, He does so as JHWH, not just El or Elohim – so we see a language change
  - Ish – isha in the Hebrew for man / woman (Adam also means man)
  - Possible use of different documents by Moses, even records from Adam

# Chapter 2 - Observations

- Names of rivers and places not the same post flood, but it is natural that Noah would use some of the same names
- No rain before the flood
- Different types of plants and animals
- Note that Adam didn't name ALL the animals during this day
- By taking a piece of Adam (DNA?) to make Eve, everyone would understand how close the two were supposed to be

# Marriage

- Matthew Henry: “The woman was made of a rib out of the side of Adam; not made out of his head to rule over him, nor out of his feet to be trampled upon by him, but out of his side to be equal with him, under his arm to be protected, and near his heart to be beloved.”
- The union of Man and Woman was directly designed by God – Leave/cleave (v. 24) quoted three times in NT
- Each receives a suitable companion, ideally fulfilling each other's needs



# Chapter 3 – The Fall

- Satan uses partial truths to facilitate his deceptions
- Eve was deceived, Adam chose to disobey God
- “Dying, you shall die” – death was the primary result of disobeying God
- All evil, all suffering, all bad things flow from Satan’s deception and the Fall

# The Curse – the Result of the Fall

- **Genesis 3:16-19**

- 16 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."
- 17 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.
- 18 Both thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you, And you shall eat the herb of the field.
- 19 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."

# The Curse Highlights the Difference

- Men and Women are different; even as every individual is different
- If we were all alike, there would be no need for both of us
- Husbands – love your wives with a sacrificial love
- Wives – Respect and honor your husbands – Believe in him
- Recommended: Mark Gungor (pastor, comic)

# Satan Cursed by God

- As soon as Man fell God promised the Messiah
- **Genesis 3:14-15** 15 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. 15 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."

# Driven from the Garden of Eden

- Adam and Eve were driven from the Garden of Eden... ***as an act of love***
- God prevented Adam and Eve from eating from the tree of Life so that they would not be trapped forever in sin

# Chapter 4 – Cain and Abel

- How many people were alive at the time of Cain and Abel?
  - Unknown – could have been hundreds of thousands
  - Seth was born when Adam/Eve were 130, so Cain/Abel were born before then
  - Possible that Cain/Abel were not Adam and Eve's first children
- **Hebrews 11:4** – Abel offered in faith, Cain did not
  - By faith Abel offered to God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, through which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts; and through it he being dead still speaks.
- **1 John 3:11-12** – love each other and don't hate others who are better than yourself
  - 11 - For this is the message that you heard from the beginning, that we should love one another,
  - 12 - 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.

# Cain and Abel (2)

- Cain was depressed and angry
  - Wrong time to make important decisions
  - Warped perspective
- How did Cain know his offering was not accepted and Abel's was?
  - Special interaction with God during this time, -and/or-
  - Accepted offerings were burned up
- Why was Cain's offering rejected? Lots of opinions. We know:
  - Abel's offering was brought in faith, Cain's was not
  - Abel brought the best of the firstborn of his flock – blood offering, type of Christ, sin offering
  - Hebrew text can be read to mean that Abel brought a grain offering AND the firstborn offering
  - Cain brought of his fields (not the best / first) – not a sin offering
- “The land of Nod” – Nod means wandering
  - Choosing a nomadic lifestyle versus a farming lifestyle
- Seth – Eve saw Seth as possible fulfillment of the promise of a Messiah

# Chapter 5 - Genealogy

- History, not fiction
- Genealogy pattern: year of eldest son, year of death – limits this genealogy to be an actual linear list without gaps. Every number, every detail of Scripture is important, and there for our edification.
- Genealogies were very important to establish the faithfulness of God in the lineage of Jesus the Messiah



# Enoch

- Walked WITH God – closest relationship - for 300 years
- Noah is also listed as walking WITH God (6:9)
- Three groups related to the flood
  - Perish in the flood
  - Preserved through the flood (Noah and his family)
  - Raptured before the flood (Enoch)
  - type of the Church, raptured before the judgment period
- Enoch was a prophet/preacher:
  - **Jude 1:14-15** 14 - Now Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about these men also, saying, "Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of His saints, 15 - 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."

# Methusaleh

- Name means “his death shall bring”
- Oldest man in the Bible, yet died before his father
- Died the year of the flood
- Hebrew tradition – flood came within 7 days after Methusaleh’s death
- The grace of God delayed the flood – interesting that Methusaleh has the longest life in the Bible

# The Gospel in the Genealogy

Name	Meaning
Adam	man
Seth	appointed
Enosh	mortal, frail, or miserable
Kenan	sorrow, dirge, or elegy
Mahalalel	blessed or praise + el (God) = the blessed God
Jared	shall come down
Enoch	teaching or commencement
Methuselah	his death shall bring
Lamech	despairing
Noah	to bring relief or comfort; rest

***Man (is) appointed mortal sorrow; (but) the Blessed God shall come down teaching (and) His death shall bring (the) despairing rest.***