

Genesis 1-11

Theme

God reveals his character through the world he has created.

Section 1 - Genesis 1:1-25

There exists an eternal and self-sufficient God, who by sheer verbal command has created the universe and all that is in it, in order to display his glory.

What we learn about God:

God is Creator

God is Eternal

God is Self Sufficient

God is Sovereign

God is Good

Section 2 - Genesis 1:26-2:17

What we learn about humanity:

Mankind is created in the image of God

Mankind is meant to reflect that image

Mankind is not God, they are created by God

Genesis 1-2 is foundational because it describes what the rest of the Bible is getting back to. If you were to study Genesis 1 and 2, you'd see God's perfect plan for gender, for marriage, for work, for the physical creation, for government, for our relationship with God and with each other.

Section 3 - Genesis 3:1-24

Mankind's first parents choose to set themselves up as equals with God, disobeying him and incurring the just wrath of God. While expelled from that pristine fellowship with God, they do not receive the complete wrath they deserve, for God has already begun a plan to overturn the curse of sin by placing enmity between the seed of the serpent and the seed of the woman.

The promise of the seed to Eve - Genesis 3:15 → Jesus

Section 4 - Genesis 4

As generations continue, the sin resident in the hearts of mankind goes from bad to worse (yet the seed of the woman continues) . . .

Section 5 - Genesis 5

These verses all end with the same phrase: “and then he died.” “and then he died”—a constant drum beat, reminding us of the dreadful certainty of what awaits sinners in this world, even those who are of the “seed of the woman” and mean to be obedient to God.

They are still sinners

Section 6 - Genesis 6:1-9:17

. . . and even partial judgment of the world does not end the world of sin.

God's judgement seen in uncreating the world - The flood

God's grace seen in re-creating the world - The commission given in Genesis 8:17

Section 7- Genesis 10-11

Instead of reflecting God's image, they want to make a name for themselves. The rebellion against God continues.

Conclusion

The Grand Story of Scripture has begun...

- Creation - Genesis 1-2
- Fall - Genesis 3
- Redemption - Genesis 3:15

Exploring the Old Testament

Genesis Overview

Author:

Moses

Date:

After the Israelites were led out of slavery in Egypt.

Overview

There exists an eternal and self-sufficient God, who by sheer verbal command has created the universe and all that is in it, in order to display his glory. The crown of his created order is mankind, the only creature created in God's image. Mankind displays God's glory as they obediently govern the earth while enjoying loving fellowship with God and each other. But our first parents choose to set themselves up as equals with God, disobeying him and incurring the just wrath of God. While expelled from that pristine fellowship with God, they do not receive the complete wrath they deserve. In fact, God has already begun a plan to overturn the curse of sin by placing enmity between the seed of the serpent and the seed of the woman. As generations continue, the sin resident in the hearts of mankind goes from bad to worse (yet the seed of the woman continues). And even partial judgment of the world does not end the world of sin. And so rebellion against God continues.

The remainder of the book (chapters 12-50) focuses on the lives of four men: Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph. We begin to discern that God is pursuing the redemption of His people through sacrifice and faith.

Key Themes

God reveals his character through the world he has created.

God's special **people** will live in God's special **place** under God's special **rule**.

God creates beautiful order out of chaos.

Creation, Fall, and Redemption.

Key Verses

Genesis 1:1

Genesis 9:8-13

Genesis 1:26-27

Genesis 12:1-3

Genesis 3:15

Genesis 50:20

Outline

Genesis 1:1-2:3 - The Telling of the Seven Days of Creation

Genesis 2:4-4:26 - The Dawn of Humanity: 2 Seeds

Genesis 5:1-6:8 - The Descendants of Adam and Their Sin

Genesis 6:9-9:29 - The Punishment for Sin: Un-Creating the Universe & Grace: Re-Creating the Universe

Genesis 10:1-11:9 - Humanity after the Flood: Still Sinful

Genesis 11:10-26 - The Seed of the Woman Continues On

Genesis 11:27-25:11 - God's promises to Abraham and sons, Isaac and Ishmael

Genesis 25:12-18 - Ishmael's descendants

Genesis 25:19-35:29 - God's promises to Isaac and sons, Jacob and Essau

Genesis 36 - Esau's descendants

Genesis 37-50 - God's promises to Jacob and sons; focus on Joseph