

**Creation and Early History of Man Period:  
From Creation to the Flood *Genesis 1:1-11:9***

We begin our journey through the Bible at the beginning, Genesis. Genesis simply means, "*beginnings*." In Genesis is the beginning of creation, man, sin, and the covenants God instituted with man. It is the beginning of the God's self-revelation to man.

Genesis is part of a greater division of scripture known as the Pentateuch. These are the first five books of scripture authored by Moses.

The first eleven chapters of Genesis can be divided into four basis events.

**I- Creation: 1:1-2:25****II- The Fall: 3:1-4:2****III-From the Fall to the Flood: 4:3-7:24****IV- From the Flood to the Tower of Babel: 8:1-11:9**

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**I- Creation: 1:1-2:25**

The first division is the Creation. God created the earth in six literal days of time.

**a- The first day- 1:3-5**

On the first day of creation God created light. This is not the light that we know as sun, moon and stars but the energizing of the creation.

**b- The second day- 1:6-8**

On the second day of creation God separated the waters from above and below. On the second day dry ground appeared.

**c- The third day- 1:9-13**

The third day of creation God created the plant life. God sustained this plant life because photosynthesis was not possible because the sun had not yet come into being. God created the earth before the sun. This should tell us

that we are not to worship the sun but the Creator and Sustainer of life itself.

**d- The fourth day- 1:14-19**

On the fourth day we see God creating physical light. The sun, moon, and stars brought forth their light. This now makes it possible for plant life, as we know it now, to flourish.

**e- The fifth day- 1:20-23**

On the fifth day God created the fish and fowls. From the smallest creature to the largest were created on this day. Some one said it was from the humming bird to the blue whale. While this is special the best is yet to come on the next day.

f- The sixth day- 1:24-27 (Also see 2:7,21-25)

On the sixth day of creation God did His most important work. He prepared a perfect environment and then He created animals and humans to inhabit the earth. We have the crowning achievement of creation with the creation of Man. Genesis chapter two gives us more details of what God did in chapter one.

**g- The seventh day- 2:1-3**

The seventh (Sabbath) day was a day of rest for God. He did not rest because He was tired but because He was finished the act of creation.

**h- Perfect environment 2:8-20**

Man now inhabits the perfect earth, the Garden of Eden.

**i- Edenic covenant- 2:15-17**

Here we have the first of what will be eight great covenants with mankind. In Genesis we will have the Edenic, Adamic, Noahic, and Abrahamic Covenants. These four lay the

foundation for the Mosaic, Palestinian, Davidic, and the New Covenant.

## **II-The Fall: 3:1-4:2**

Our second division of the first eleven chapters is the fall of man. Sin enters the human race and the perfect environment God had created.

### **a- Temptation and fall: 3:1-7**

The serpent as an instrument of Satan tempts Eve to sin. He tempted her in the three areas that still work on man; the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eye and the pride of life.

### **b- The seeking God- 3:8-13**

Next is the story of when God came to have fellowship with man. Man was hiding himself and God was seeking man. This is still the way it is. Man runs and hides and a loving Father seeks.

### **c- Adamic Covenant- 3:14-19**

This is the second covenant with mankind, the Adamic Covenant. This covenant gives us the conditions that will remain until the redemption of creation. (**Rom 8:21**)

### **d- 1st blood sacrifice- 3:21**

The sacrifice of animals and the blood that makes atonement for sin is as old as mankind. Notice God make the covering of skins for the nakedness of mankind.

### **e- Man is Expelled from the Garden- 3:22-24**

God removed man from paradise and prevented them from eating of the tree of life. This was necessary because it is supposed that if man were to have eaten of this tree it would have eternally sealed his fate to live in sinful flesh.

### **f- Human Generations begin- 4:1-2**

The first two sons of Adam and Eve, Cain and Abel, are born.

## **III- From the Fall to the Flood: 4:3-7:24**

In this section there are many events that take place. Notice with me the following:

a- The evidence that man is a sinner. **4:3-15**

Here we have the record of Cain and Abel's sacrifices. Cain's was rejected because it was the works of his hand and not a blood sacrifice. Cain was upset and it led to the first murder when Cain slew Abel. Sin is evident in the life of man.

b- The spiritual seed renewed- **4:25-26.**

By the murder of Abel, Satan had tried to derail the plan of God for redemption but God gave another son whom the promise would come through, Seth.

### **c- The Flood 6:1-7:24**

Next is the record of the worldwide flood that destroyed the creatures of the earth.

#### **1- Cause of Flood- 6:5-7**

The cause of the flood and the judgment was the wickedness of mankind. **6:5-7**

#### **2- Grace to Noah- 6:8-24**

In the midst of the darkness of sin and judgment we also have the shining forth of the grace of God to Noah.

3- The water destroys the earth- **7:1-24**

The Bible teaches the total destruction of the earth by the water. **Gen 7:21** says, "**...all flesh died that moved upon the earth...**" This judgment of God upon sin is completed at this time.

## **IV- From the Flood to the Tower of Babel: 8:1-11:9**

**STEP 1**

The record of man from the flood until the confusion of tongues at the tower of Babel is next.

a- God remembered Noah- **8:1**

God did not forget the ark and the inhabitants of it. Noah came out of the ark and did not forget God. He made an altar and offered a sacrifice. **8:20-21**

b- The Noahic Covenant- **9:11-13**

The Noahic Covenant is the promise of God that judgment would never again come by a flood. The sign of the promise is the rainbow. **9:14-15**

c- Judgment on Languages- Tower of Babel **11:1-9**

Mankind began to expand and build cities. Men all spoke the same language and the evil in their heart was evident. The Tower of Babel was a tower to worship the creation. It was given over to worship of the zodiac and sun and moon. God came down and confused their languages and they could not understand one another.

**Application to Life's Steps:**

- 1- We were created by a loving Father and should know we are special in His eyes.
- 2- Mankind needs a Savior because he a sinful being.
- 3- Temptation still comes at us in the same area that it came to Eve.
- 4- God will judge sin in His time and in His way.

5- God is a God whose promises are secure and we can trust Him.

**Retracing our Steps:**

1- What does Genesis mean? \_\_\_\_\_

2- What did God create on day:

- 1 \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 \_\_\_\_\_
- 7 \_\_\_\_\_

3- What 2 covenants have we looked at thus far? \_\_\_\_\_

4- In what 3 areas did temptation come to Eve in? \_\_\_\_\_

5- Who was born to Adam and Eve to restore the spiritual seed? \_\_\_\_\_

6- Why did God send the flood? \_\_\_\_\_

7- What was confused at the Tower of Babel? \_\_\_\_\_