



Genesis 1-11 Master Class

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INTRODUCTION TO GENESIS

I. INTRODUCTORY: FOUNDATIONS ARE IMPORTANT!

A. A house without a foundation would not last long.

- « Jesus spoke of two men that built houses on two different types of foundation. (Matt. 7:24-29)
- « The buildings appeared equally sturdy, but when the storm only one of them quickly toppled; the other stood firm.
- « What is true of houses is also true of God's word.
- « The events that Genesis 1-11 recounts lay a foundation for the whole of scripture. It is a coherent foundation upon which the rest of theology, history, and reality from a biblical point of view stand. You cannot deny these teachings without running into contradictions in later passages.
- « The book of Galatians is the *Magna Carte* of Christian liberty

B. To say that God did not create life spontaneously, but rather used an evolutionary model of the survival of the fittest, would render the cross of Christ meaningless.

- « Such a view would have to allow for death prior to the fall of Adam into sin. Thus death would not be a penalty for sin, but rather a normal experience intended by God for the ultimate good of His creation. And so Christ's death would not have been a substitute for anyone's sin penalty!

C. Not only does the book of Genesis lay a foundation for theology, but for history and reality as we know it today.

- « Many human customs find their origin in this book
 - 7 days in a week.
 - Recurring day of rest.

D. In this study you will find 23 Theological and Practical concepts that find their source in these opening chapters of the Bible.

Concluding thoughts to the Introduction: Given the **Foundational nature** and importance of this Book, it is no wonder that Satan targets this books teaching especially. No other portion of the Bible is more attacked in today's society and the thinking of secular man and woman. If the foundation is destroyed, the whole of scripture has nothing to stand on; not in reality, but personal belief and practice. The consequences of unbelief are devastating.

Therefore, it is critical that these chapters be understood and believed in order to preserve the solid foundation of God's Word and of the Christian Faith.

STUDY BREAKDOWN

I. CREATION (1-2)

Days of Creation

Apex of Creation

II. CATASTROPHE (3-8)

Fall of Adam's race

Evil of Adam's race

Kid's of Adam's race

Preparation for the flood

Destruction of the flood

Recovery from the flood

III. CULTURES (9-11)

Source of nations

Table of nations

Scattering of the nations

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II. THE IMPORTANCE OF WORLDVIEWS

A. Same data; different conclusions! Why?!

« Answer: different WORLDVIEWS.

« Worldview: **a set of beliefs that define how we view and interpret reality.**

« David Nobel on Worldview

“The term worldview refers to any ideology, philosophy, theology, movement, or religion that provides an overarching approach to understanding God, the world, and man’s relations to God and the world. Specifically, a worldview should contain a particular perspective regarding each of the following ten disciplines: theology, philosophy, ethics, biology, psychology, sociology, law, politics, economics, and history.” – from Understanding the Times, pg. 8

« Henry B. Smith on Worldview

“These ten disciplines cover almost every aspect of reality and provides an overarching framework within which worldviews can be evaluated for their logic, explanatory power and coherence. **A worldview that most adequately provides explanations within these disciplines is the most probable and correct view of the world... A worldview must demonstrate the coherence of the basis of all reality.**” - from Associates for Biblical Research

B. Genesis presents a worldview based on two key ideas: **creationism and catastrophism.**

« It is intentionally consistent.

« It also corresponds to the reality we see.

III. SECTION I CREATION: CHAPTERS 1-2

A. CHAPTER 1: DAYS OF CREATION (1)

« Lays the basic foundation for human history

« Affirms in detail the existence of God

That God created the heavens and the earth

That God made His creation in six 24-hour days.

1:1

« “Heavens” is perhaps a reference to the three heavens mentioned in Scripture. 2 Cor. 12:2

« Gap Theory = billions of years between verses 1 and 2.

BIBLICAL RESPONSE TO GAP THEORY

« The entire creation was completed in six days.

Exodus 20:11 “For in _____ the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea and all that is in them and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.”

« Humans were present “from the beginning.”

Mark 10:6 “_____ God made them male and female.”

« The “was” in verse 2 cannot honestly be translated “became.”

▮ In Hebrew “hayetha” means “was” in 258 out of 264 occurrences in the Pentateuch

Ex nihilo: God created from nothing by simply speaking

▮ Psalm 33:6-9; John 1:1-3; Colossians 1:16; Hebrews 11:3.

▮ Hebrews 11:3 “By faith, we understand that the worlds were prepared _____ so that what is seen was not made out of things which are visible.

Angels were likely created with or before the heavens on day one.

▮ Job 38:4-7

1:2

« “Formless and void” = not yet habitable.

« God intended for it to be inhabited.

Isaiah 45:18 “For thus says the Lord who created the heavens. He is the God who formed the earth and made it. He established it and did not create it a waste place but _____.”

« Darkness was over all because light had not yet appeared, not because something was wrong!

« Physical darkness is not evil.

Psalm 104:20 “_____ and it becomes night in which all the beasts of the forest prowl about.”

« “moving” = rachaph. Found elsewhere only in Deuteronomy 32:11 of an eagle hovering over its young.

« **The earth was initially covered in water!**

1:3

« Light was created but not from the sun since this was made on day four. See Verse 1:16

« It must have been coming from a specific location for the day/night cycle!

1:5

- « Some claim that the days of creation were long periods of time.
- « The more intriguing question is: Why did God take so long to create?

BIBLICAL EVIDENCE FOR LITERAL 24/HOUR DAYS

« The use of the normal word for day (yowm).

When used with a wnumber as it is 358x in the O.T. it always means a regular day. Some point to Psalm 90:4 and 2 Peter 3:8 to support the idea of long ages.

Psalm 90:4 “For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it passes by or as a watch in the night.

2 Peter 3:8 “...with the Lord one day is _____ a thousand years and a thousand years _____ one day.”

These are not saying a day IS 1,000 years to God, but is LIKE 1,000 years to God! (Even if it was a 1,000 years “day,” _____ . The Gap Theory _____ millions if not billions of years to work theoretically.)

« Constant references to the evening/ morning cycle. See verses 1:5, 8, 13, 19, 23, 31.

“Day” is used with “evening and morning” 38x in the rest of the O.T. to always speak of a regular day!

« “The fact that it set the pattern for the weekly cycle of days. See Exodus 20:9-11

If God wanted to say that He created everything in six literal days, how do you think He would say it? The way He did!

B. CHAPTER 1: DAYS OF CREATION (1)

1:6-7

« The Expanse (KJV: firmament) = an extended surface. Two main theories:

Outer Space See verses 1:16-17

Psalm 148:4 “Praise Him highest heavens and the waters that are above the heavens.”

God stretching out the heavens?

Isaiah 40:22 “It is He who sits above the circle of the earth and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers. Who stretches out the heavens like a curtain and spreads them out like a tent to dwell in.”

Jeremiah 10:12 “It is He who made the earth by His power, who established the world by His wisdom and by His understanding He has stretched out the heavens.”

Psalm 104:1-2 “Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord my God, You are very great. You are clothed with splendor and majesty. Covering Yourself with light as with a cloak, stretching out heaven like a tent curtain.”

This is consistent with the known evidence of an expanding universe.

Could help explain how distant starlight reached earth in a short time.

« The atmosphere.

The earth may have been encircled by a water/ vapor canopy above the atmosphere.

ASSUMPTIONS AND BIBLICAL HINTS OF A GLOBAL WATER/ VAPOR CANOPY

- 1 A perfect earth would have a stable, temperate climate everywhere and be shielded from negative effects of direct sun.
- 2 The apparent absence of rain before the flood. Genesis 2:5-6, 10
- 3 The presence of huge amounts of water let loose from above during the flood. 7:11
- 4 The apparent absence of rainbows before the flood. 9:13-14

C. CHAPTER 1: DAYS OF CREATION (3)

1:6-7

- « “gathered into one place” may suggest there was only one main pre-flood ocean.
- « If so, there would have been only one land-mass entirely accessible to humans.
- « This would make sense in a perfect world.
- « If there had been multiple land masses, it could have made it difficult to “fill the earth.”
- « Genesis 1:28

1:11

- « **Vegetation was the first created life form.**
- « This contradicts evolutionary theory which has life beginning in the ocean, not on dry land.
- « Created before the sun. If “days” were ages, then vegetation had no sunlight for a long time!
- « “bearing fruit...seed in them ”: may indicate initial creation with an appearance of age.
- « Some believe this is dishonest on God’s part. Not so if He told us that’s how He did it!

D. DAYS OF CREATION (4)

1:14

- « Celestial bodies were intended to be signs.
- « How could starlight be visible right away if they were so far away? Possible answers:

Created with an appearance of age.

Light traveled faster back then.

The rapid expansion of the heavens at the beginning of creation. See Verses 1:6-7

« How could they be signs when the majority can't be seen by us?

Human eyesight was initially keen enough.

The entire universe was accessible to them.

« Note that God intended time to be divided into days and years by the celestial bodies.

« “Seasons ”: an appointed place, time, meeting.

« **The calendar: using celestial bodies to divide time into days and years.**

« Note the use of precise months and days from here on. Genesis 7:11; 8:4-5,13-14; 30:14

1:16

« “two great lights ” = the sun and the moon. The brightest from man's perspective.

« This contradicts evolution which has the earth forming with or perhaps after the sun.

« The sun was often worshiped in ancient history as being the creative force. See Deuteronomy 4:19

« God makes it clear here that the sun had nothing to do with creation!

E. DAYS OF CREATION (5)

1:20

« Contradicts evolution which claims all began with one microscopic single-celled organism.

1:21

« “great sea monsters ”

F. DAYS OF CREATION (6)

1:24

« “After their kind” (9x): reproduction is limited to fixed kinds/species.

« Contradicts the evolutionary theory of transitional forms between species.

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« So if “days ” were long ages, then vegetation would not have survived without pollination!

1:25

« Dinosaurs were created along with many other species that have become extinct. See Job 40:15 – 41:34.

« Young dinosaurs would have fit on the ark.

Genesis 6:19 “And of every living thing of all flesh you shall bring two of every kind into the ark to keep them alive with you.”

« They gradually became extinct after the flood.

Endangered species:

« 674 vertebrates, 224 mammals, 177 birds, 163 fish, 75 reptiles, 35 amphibians. At least 200 species of mammals and birds have disappeared in the last 200 years.

« Some may have survived into the middle ages!

Bishop Bell lived in England from 1410-1496. His tomb and the artwork representing the Bishop and his garments show that he was a highly respected individual. The drawings surrounding the perimeter of his tomb are of particular interest.

The perimeter of the tomb is decorated with images of well-known wild and domesticated animals including fish, dogs, birds, and pigs. Historians agree that there are also images of dinosaurs on his tomb.

The word “dinosaur” was coined in 1841. The first dinosaur skeletons to be correctly reconstructed did not appear until approximately 100 years after the death of Bishop Bell.

Why then are these images found on his tomb? Because there were likely some types of “dinosaurs” still living in his day!

Fresh blood, blood vessels and tissue found in dinosaur bones in Montana in 2005

Los Angeles Times, March 25, 2005, In bone blasted from Montana sandstone, fossil hunters for the first time have discovered the microscopic soft tissue of a Tyrannosaurus Rex, preserved almost unaltered inside a bone since the dinosaur died 70 million years ago, scientists announced Thursday. Scientists at North Carolina State University and Montana State University’s Museum of the Rockies in Bozeman found brownish oblong cells, elastic threads of veins and pliable dabs of red bone marrow in the core of a stout hind leg, the researchers reported in the journal Science. The translucent vessels were so elastic that when one was stretched out and then released, it snapped back like a rubber band.

“To my knowledge, preservation to this extent has not been noted in dinosaurs before,” said Mary H. Schweitzer, a paleontologist at North Carolina State University in Raleigh. “The tissues are still soft,” said Schweitzer, who led the research team. “The microstructures that look like cells are preserved in every way.” Under a scanning electron microscope, these dinosaur tissues -- minute remains of the mightiest of Earth’s ancient carnivores -- were “virtually identical” to those of a modern ostrich... Far from a freakish accident of preservation, fragile fresh tissue inside dinosaur bones may turn out to be common, the researchers said. Indeed, a quick examination of three other dinosaur specimens revealed similar microscopic tissues inside the bones, they said...

If confirmed by other researchers, the find could force scientists to reconsider how all fossils are formed. Until now, scientists had believed that bones fossilized when minerals gradually replaced organic material. Under current theories, organic molecules should not last more than 100,000 years... The tissue specimen was extracted from a fossil femur chiseled from 1,000 cubic yards of rock in the Hell Creek Formation at the Charles M. Russell National Wildlife Refuge in Montana. The bones belonged to a fairly complete skeleton of a 40-foot-tall Tyrannosaurus Rex that died when it was about 18 years old.

THREE FOUNDATIONAL CONCEPTS

I. GOD IS INTRINSICALLY RELATIONAL.

« God is a multiple within Himself. See Genesis 3:22; 11:7

First hint of the trinity

« This explains why the universe is relational.

« Also how God could be love (1 John 4:8) before anyone was around to love!

John 17:24b “Father... You loved Me before the foundation of the world.”

« This is the only way to have a Creator God who even knows how to love!

II. MAN IS CREATED IN GOD’S IMAGE.

« Basic concept: man is more than physical; he is spirit just as God is

« Generally thought to refer to the fact that we have intelligence, emotion, and will.

« Major difference between man and animals.

« Note that gender is somehow a reflection of God’s image. See Genesis 1:27; 5:1-2

III. MAN IS INTENDED TO RULE OVER THE EARTH.

« How far did this dominion extend?

The animal kingdom. See Genesis 1:26, 28

The earth itself. See Genesis 1:28

« God may have intended this dominion to extend eventually to all of creation.

« Man lost this dominion to Satan, the usurper, who is now “...the prince of the power of the air...” See Ephesians 2:2; 6:12-13

1:29-30

« Mankind and all animals were originally vegetarian. _____ !

« Permission to eat meat was not given until after the flood. See Genesis 9:1-7

« Will be restored in The Millennium.

Isaiah 11:7 “Also the cow and the bear will graze. Their young will lie down together and the lion will eat straw like the ox.”

Isaiah 65:25 “The wolf and the lamb will graze together and the lion will eat straw like the ox and dust will be the serpent’s food. They will do no evil or harm in all my holy mountain...”

1:31

« Note that God didn't say "it was very good" until after He had made mankind.

IMPLICATIONS OF GOD SAYING THAT ALL HE HAD MADE WAS VERY GOOD AFTER DAY SIX:

« **There was no death and thus no extinction of species.**

« **The earth was not full of millions of dead fossils.**

« **Satan had not yet fallen.**

He must have fallen shortly after day six.

Certainly before the first procreative act!

B. CHAPTER 2: APEX OF CREATION

Introduction: There are some who claim that the second chapter of Genesis is an alternate or perhaps even conflicting account of creation as compared to the first chapter. This is not the case. Rather, it is simply a flashback to chapter one that expands on day six and gives additional details about the creation of Adam and Eve, the pinnacle of His creation. In a similar way, Chapter 11 is a flashback to chapter 10.

2:1-3 THE SEVENTH DAY

« God did not rest because He was tired, but to _____ .

« Formalized in the Mosaic Law but society was already grouping into sevens. See Exodus 20:8-11

« Seven begins popping up repeatedly.

« **The week cycle: clustering days into groups of seven.**

2:4

« "This is the account of..." is the first of 10 sections. See Genesis 5:1; 6:9; 10:1; 11:10,27; 25:12; 25:19; 36:1; 37:2

2:5

« Rain likely didn't occur until the flood. See Genesis 7:11

2:6

« Plants were watered by rivers and by a mist from below! See Genesis 2:10

« Genesis does teach that there were massive quantities of water below ground. See Genesis 7:11

« It makes sense that there would never be a rainy day on a perfect earth!

2:7 THE CREATION OF MAN

- « Some claim that this is referring to the evolutionary process: animals to man.
- « If it did, then it would also be teaching a de-evolutionary process! See Genesis 3:19-20
- « Note also that Adam was not alive even though formed until God breathed life into him.
- « Scripture teaches the supernatural creation of man as distinct from animals! See 1 Corinthians 15:39
- « **ADAM IS THE ONLY HUMAN EVER CREATED DIRECTLY BY GOD** _____ .

One woman came from a man alone with God: Eve.

One man came from a woman alone with God: Jesus.

All others come from a man and a woman together. Procreated rather than created.

2:8-14 THE GARDEN OF EDEN

- « The Garden of Eden was specifically made by God for man's pleasure.
- « "Eden" related to pleasure, delight and luxury.
- « The garden's location cannot be known since it was destroyed by the flood.
 - 2 Peter 3:6 2 "The world at that time was destroyed, being flooded with water."
- « The modern Tigris and Euphrates may or may not be in the same general location.

2:15

- « Work ethic: work is a blessing, not a curse.
- « The level of difficulty increased after the fall, but work didn't start then! See Genesis 3:17-19

2:16-17 THE TREE OF THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOOD AND EVIL

- « Its fruit may or may not have been bad.
- « Eating it would cause them to know good and evil. See Genesis 3:5, 22
- « Not just in the intellectual sense but then in the experiential sense.

WHY THE TREE IN THE GARDEN?

- « **To actualize free will.**

God made man in His image with the ability to choose.

This necessitated the actual ability to choose independently of Him.

« **To enable real love.**

Love cannot be expressed nor experienced unless freely chosen.

« **To allow for confirmation in righteousness.**

Adam was created with a favorable disposition toward God, but he had not yet chosen it.

If he had passed the test, he likely would have been confirmed in righteousness.

Eating from the tree of life would then have sealed this forever. See Genesis 3:22

« **Death: a punishment for sin, not an intended part of God's design.**

« If man is the product of an ages-long survival of the fittest, then death is the norm!

« If death is not the wages of sin, then Jesus' death was meaningless! See Romans 6:23

« **Basic meaning: separation not cessation.**

« This explains how God (Jesus Christ) could die. He was _____ from the Father.

2:18

« "It is not good": Eve's creation clearly occurred before the end of day six. See Genesis 1:26-28; 1:31

« Though celibacy is a good option, marriage is generally God's design. See 1 Corinthians 7:7-8

2:19-20

« God gives Adam the responsibility of naming the animals.

« This is consistent with the dominion God had given him over the animal kingdom. See Genesis 1:27-28

« **Assigning names: an affirmation of leadership responsibility over another.**

« Also, God seemed to be trying to get Adam to sense his aloneness.

2:21-23 GOD'S INTENDED GENDER ROLES

« God holds men responsible to provide beneficial leadership (headship) and calls women to willingly submit to this leadership and to assist men in this role. Ephesians 5:22-33

« **The Bible teaches equal worth but not identical roles for men and women.**

BIBLICAL EVIDENCE OF GENDER ROLES AS PART OF GOD'S ORIGINAL DESIGN

A. **Man was formed first.** See Genesis 2:7

« God could have created male and female humans at the same time. Why not?

« After all, that's the way He did it for animals.

1 Tim.2:13 "But I do not allow a woman to teach or exercise authority over a man but to remain quiet. _____ .

B. Woman came from man. See Genesis 2:21-22

« Man was created from the dust but woman was created from man. Why?

1 Corinthians 11:7-8 "For a man ought not to have his head covered since he is the image and glory of God but the woman is the glory of man. _____ ."

C. Woman was specifically created for man. See Genesis 2:18

« The same is never said about Adam. Why?

1 Cor.11:9 "For indeed man was not created for the woman's sake but woman for the man's sake"

D. God brought Eve to Adam for him to name. See Genesis 2:23; 3:20

« "Woman" - from man. This is the origin of women taking their husband's name.

E. Both were given dominion but Adam was to exercise it first. See Genesis 1:26-28; 2:19-20

« Note that all of the above pre-dated the fall so gender roles are not a result of the fall.

« The fall led to the abuse of roles but not to their establishment. See Genesis 3:16

F. God held Adam responsible for the fall even though Eve sinned first. See Genesis 3:9-12

« "Woman" - from man. This is the origin of women taking their husband's name.

G Humanity fell in Adam, not Eve. See Genesis 3:7; Romans 5:12-19; 1 Corinthians 15:21-22

« 1 Corinthians 11:3 "But I want you to understand that Christ is the head of every man and the man is the head of a woman and God is the head of Christ."

« Why gender roles? Why not have all humans co-equal in roles?

H. GENDER ROLES: A REFLECTION OF GOD'S PERSON. .

« Gender roles: a reflection of God's person. 1 Cor.11:3 1 Cor.11:3 But I want you to understand that Christ is the head of every man and the man is the head of a woman and God is the head of Christ.

« For that matter, why two genders? Procreation could have been accomplished otherwise!

« It is a reflection of the image of God. See Genesis 1:27

2:24

« **MARRIAGE: THE UNION OF ONE MAN WITH ONE WOMAN WHICH COMPLETES THEM.**

« God performed the first wedding! Note that marriage involves both leaving and cleaving.

« **Fundamental purpose of marriage: completion not procreation.** Genesis 2:18,23

2:25

« Nakedness was not a problem prior to the fall. It became one afterward 3:7, 10-11, 21.

IV. SECTION II: CATASTROPHE

CHAPTER 3: FALL OF ADAM'S RACE

3:1-5 SATAN'S STRATEGY IN TEMPTATION

« "He said to the woman": a person was clearly speaking through the serpent.

« This is obviously Satan. See Revelation 12:9; 20:2

« Eve's calm reaction may indicate an original ability to communicate with animals.

« God may have delegated this ability to them as part of their dominion role. See Genesis 1:26-28.

[When Adam and Eve were expelled from the garden] the mouth of all the beasts and cattle and birds and whatever walked or moved was stopped from speaking because all of them used to speak with one another with one speech and one language.

- Jubilees 3:28 (2nd century BC) At that time all living things spoke the same language. - Josephus, Jewish Antiquities, 1:41

« Satan bypasses Adam, head of the relationship.

SATAN'S STRATEGY IN TEMPTATION

A. Doubt: question whether God said anything at all! See Genesis 3:1a

« He wants you to second guess whether God really addressed the issue.

B. Distortion: change the meaning of what God said. Genesis 3:1b

« God had not said they couldn't eat from any tree of the garden! See Genesis 2:16-17

« He makes it sound worse than it really was.

« Goal: focus on the one negative and forget all the positives.

C. Denial: contradict what God said. See Genesis 3:4a

D. Distrust: be wary of what God said. See Genesis 3:4b

3:6 SATAN'S AVENUES OF TEMPTATION

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

- « **Lust of the flesh.** The tree was good for food...
 - « **Lust of the eyes.** It was a delight to the eyes...
 - « **Boastful pride of life.** Desirable to make one wise.
- Satan used the same 3 with Christ. Matt.4:1-11

3:7

- « **Sin: disobedience to God that brings shame and separation.**
- « “Then...” Eve did not fall until Adam did.
- « Adam was the representative head, not Eve.
- « Nakedness now provokes lust and envy because of the presence of a sin nature.
- « Genesis does not teach free sex with multiple partners. See Genesis 2:24
- « **Conscience: the universal sense of right and wrong.**
- « **This was a new ruling element (dispensation).** See Genesis 3:22; Romans 3:13-16
- « They had now lost their favorable disposition toward God.

3:8-13 INTRINSIC CONSEQUENCES OF THE FALL

- « **Separation from God.**
 - « **Paralyzing, alienating fear.**
- Such fear is not God’s will for us.
- « **Refusal to accept responsibility.**

Adam blamed Eve who blamed the serpent. They were both actually blaming God.

3:14-19 IMPOSED CONSEQUENCES OF THE FALL

- « **Cursing of all animals.** See Genesis 3:14

Note that the serpent is cursed “more than” the rest of the animals.

This clearly implies that all the other animals were cursed as well. Romans 8:20-21

Because man was appointed to rule over animals, they were affected by his fall.

- « **Humiliation and ultimate defeat of the serpent.** See Genesis 3:14-15

Protoevangelium: the first announcement of the Gospel. See Genesis 3:15

If the human race had died in Eve, a human Savior would have been impossible.

Fear of snakes: a picture of the enmity between Christ and Satan.

« **Pain in bearing children: a consequence at the heart of women's desire.**

Strikes at the heart of a woman's unique contribution to the human race. See 1 Timothy 2:15

This hints at some sort of physiological change in the woman's body.

« **Distortion of gender roles.** See Genesis 3:16b

This desire of the woman for her husband cannot be a positive one since it's a curse!

"Desire" is from a rare Hebrew word which means an obsession to dominate.

Genesis 4:7 "If you (Cain) do well, will not your countenance be lifted up? And if you do not do well, _____
_____."

In turn, Adam would struggle with a desire to lord it over his wife.

« **Struggle to provide food: a consequence at the heart of men's desire.**

The ground was cursed. Imagine if all the landmass of the planet were productive!

Note the ongoing desire for relief from this curse.

Gen.5:29 "Now he (Lamech) called his name Noah saying, "This one will give us rest from our work and from the toil of our hands arising from _____."

« **Physical death.** See Genesis 3:19

The ultimate, visible result of sin. It would come later. It took Adam 930 years to die!

3:20

« "Eve" - life-giver. Likely a reference to the ultimate deliverance promised in verse 15.

« Note that Eve was the mother of all the living to come. There are not two human races.

3:21 PHYSICAL AND SPIRITUAL CLOTHING

« **Animal sacrifices: God's way of covering sin until it could be removed.**

« God obviously instructed them on the necessity of blood sacrifice to cover sin. See Hebrews 9:22

« Blood sacrifices were already being practiced prior to the tabernacle. See Genesis 7:2-3

« Accounts in Genesis- Abel (4:4), Noah (8:20), Abraham (12:8;22:1- 14), Melchizedek (14:18), Job (Job 1:5).

« **Clothing: God's design to cover the shame of public human nakedness.**

« They had covered the minimum: the loins. See Genesis 3:7

« God covered them more than that! See Genesis 3:21

« "garments" (29x) = tunic, robe, dress.

« God covered both of them – not just Eve.

« **Principle: godly modesty tends toward more covering – not less!** See 1 Timothy 2:9

3:22-24 THE TREE OF LIFE FORBIDDEN

« “Live forever”: eating from it would have confirmed them in their sinful state forever.

THE CHERUBIM WERE THERE 1,656 YEARS UNTIL THE FLOOD TOOK THE TREE AWAY.

« The tree of life still exists in heaven and access to it will be restored.

Revelation 2:7 “He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes I will grant to eat of the tree of life which is in the Paradise of God”

Revelation 22:1-2 “Then he showed me a river of the water of life, clear as crystal, coming from the throne of God and of the Lamb, in the middle of its street. On either side of the river was the tree of life, bearing twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit every month; and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations”

Revelation 22:14 “Blessed are those who wash their robes so that they may have the right to the tree of life and may enter by the gates into the city”

« The concept of the benefits of the tree of life is found elsewhere. Proverbs 3:7, 18; 11:30; 13:12

CHAPTER 4: EVIL OF ADAM’S RACE

4:1 CAIN AND ABEL

« The first child was conceived in sin so the fall must have occurred very early. See Genesis 1:28

« “Cain ”- possession.

« Eve very likely expected Cain to be the fulfillment of God’s promise of a deliverer. See Genesis 3:15

4:2-6 CAIN AND ABEL

« “In the course of time” implies that many years may have gone by. See Genesis 4:17.

« God’s reaction to the two sacrifices implies that they had been taught how to do this.

« Disobedience results in disappointment and anger.

4:7 CAIN AND ABEL

« The first description of the power of the new sin nature.

« “Desire” is the same Hebrew word as in Genesis 3:16. A desire to dominate.

« The only way to victory is to walk in the power of the Holy Spirit. Galatians 5:16-17

4:8 CAIN AND ABEL

« The first murder is committed. This launched a cycle of growing violence on the earth.

« **Cain became the figurative head of Satan's long, ungodly line.** See Genesis 3:15

1 John 3:11-12 "For this is the message which you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another; not as Cain who was of the evil one and slew his brother and for what reason did he slay him? Because his deeds were evil and his brother's were righteous."

John 8:44 "You are of your father the devil and you want to do the desires of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning and does not stand in the truth because there is no truth in him. Whenever he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own nature for he is a liar and the father of lies."

4:9

« Extreme self-centeredness is a trademark of Satan.

4:9 CAIN AND ABEL

« In God's eyes, a person's life is represented by their blood. See Leviticus 17:11 and Genesis 9:1-7

« The voice of the two bloods:

Abel's cries out to God for _____ .

Jesus' cries out to God for _____ !

Hebrews 12:24 "You have come to... Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant and to the sprinkled blood which _____ ."

4:11-13 CAIN AND ABEL

« Cain is cursed and will no longer be able to cultivate the soil he loves. See Genesis 4:2

« He is also barred and sent out from God's presence to wander the earth. See Genesis 4:16

« The implication seems to be that his descendants walked far from God. See Genesis 4:18-24,26

« Punishment doesn't always produce penitence.

4:14 CAIN AND ABEL

« Cain, the first murderer, now fears being murdered himself by his own children.

4:15

« God promises sevenfold vengeance on anyone who would kill Cain.

« The nature of Cain's mark is not known except that it was obviously visible to others.

« Perhaps a highly contagious disease like leprosy. No one would touch him.

4:17 CAIN'S UNGODLY LINE

- « Where did Cain find his wife?!
- « Cain had to have married his sister or possibly a niece. See Genesis 5:4
- « Marriage with close relations was not forbidden until 2,500 years later Leviticus 18-20.
- « Genetic defects would not have accumulated yet to the point of being dangerous.
- « The building of the first known city to be named.
- « Note the abilities of early humans: construction, livestock, music, metallurgy.

“Pre-flood genealogies are well attested in the ancient Near East, in particular, in Mesopotamian texts. The Sumerian King List records lists of monarchs who ruled the land before the “Great Deluge.” The founding of cities was one of the primary industries of these pre-flood rulers. Such parallels confirm the historicity of the biblical pre-flood account.” – ESV Study Bible notes

4:18-24 CAIN'S UNGODLY LINE

- « Polygamy is introduced. See Genesis 4:19
- « Violence escalates; murder and revenge become commonplace. See Genesis 4:23; 6:5
- « By the time of the flood, the earth was “filled with violence.” See Genesis 6:11, 13
- « “seventy-sevenfold” - extravagant excess.
- « Fortunately something happened at this point that provided hope...

4:25-26 SETH'S GODLY LINE

- « “Seth”- compensation.
- « Eve was obviously hopeful that Seth would be the promised deliverer. See Genesis 3:15
- « Contrary to Cain's ungodly line, Seth's descendants began to call on God.
- « **Seth is the head of the godly line from which would come a Savior.** See Luke 3:38

CHAPTER 5: KIDS OF ADAM'S RACE

Introduction: Chapter five has been called a diary of death as the curse of sin began meeting out its ultimate penalty on succeeding generations. It traces the genealogy of the godly line of Seth from Adam to Noah providing answers to key objections to the Bible's account of the origins of mankind. Many dispute the accuracy of Genesis because they claim that it had to have been handed down through oral tradition – a notoriously inaccurate method of transmission. It is further claimed that Genesis cannot provide us with an accurate timeline of history since the genealogies that it records must skip generations.

EVIDENCE OF THE ACCURACY OF THE GENESIS TIMELINE

« **The existence of early written records.** See Genesis 5:1

“Book ” (cepher) - written account. This is evidence of a book that kept records.

« **The use of chronogenealogies.** See Genesis 5:3-32

Definition: generations linked by birth year to provide a seamless timeline.

Jude 1:14a “It was also about these men that Enoch, in the seventh generation from Adam, prophesied

Note that Adam had other sons and daughters. See Genesis 5:4

« **The accuracy of oral transmission due to greater human longevity.** See Genesis 5:3-32

5:21-24 GODLY ENOCH

« Enoch stands in contrast to Cain’s line that walked far from God. See note at 4:11-13.

« Enoch was the first to prophesy of Christ’s glorious 2nd coming!

Jude 1:14-15 “...Enoch, in the seventh generation from Adam, prophesied saying, “Behold the Lord came with many thousands of His holy ones to execute judgment upon all and to convict all the ungodly of all their ungodly deeds which they have done in an ungodly way and of all the harsh things which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him.””

« He did not _____ death.

Heb.11:5 “By faith Enoch was taken up so that he would not _____ death and he was not found because God took him up for he obtained the witness that before his being taken up he was pleasing to God.”

« A problem? No. Believers at the rapture will not _____ death either. See 1 Thessalonians 4:17

5:27

« Methuselah, Noah’s grandfather, is the oldest recorded human in history.

« “Methuselah ”- when he dies it shall be sent!

« **Methuselah died the year the flood was sent!** See Genesis 5:25,28; 7:61

5:29

« Note the longing for relief from sin’s curse. See Genesis 3:12-19.

« “Noah ”- **rest.**

5:31

« Lamech dies at 777, an interesting connection with his earlier namesake. See Genesis 4:24

5:32

« Noah and three sons appear on the scene...

CHAPTER 6: PREPARATIONS FOR THE FLOOD

Introduction: After introducing Seth, the third son of Adam, at the end of chapter four and tracing his godly line to Noah and his three sons in chapter five, one would expect the next event in the biblical account to be the flood. Instead, the text interrupts this natural flow to recount a strange occurrence! Why the interruption? The logical explanation is that the events recorded in these verses are what finally triggered God's decision to destroy the world with a global flood (2 Peter 3:6). It may be viewed as the "straw that finally broke the camel's back." Clearly, something exceptionally wicked must have occurred to trigger such a strong reaction on God's part.

6:1-4 SONS OF GOD AND DAUGHTERS OF MEN

- « Men from the godly line of Seth intermarried with women from the ungodly line of Cain. See Genesis 3:15
- « Fallen angels possessed men to commit debauched sexual acts with human women for the demons' own pleasure
- « **Certain fallen angels (especially wicked? Matthew 12:45) took on flesh, had sexual relations with human women and produced a hybrid breed of human/ demon giants (Nephilim). Because of this, God destroyed all humans except Noah whose line was still pure. He then bound these angels to prevent this from happening again. Since then, angels cannot or dare not (Luke 8:31) take on flesh in this way.**

Interesting note: In Greek mythology, the Titans were a race of giant sons and daughters of Uranus (Heaven) and Gaia (Earth) that ruled during the legendary Golden Age. In the first generation of twelve Titans, the males were Oceanus, Hyperion, Coeus, Cronus, Crius and Lapetus and the females were Mnemosyne, Tethys, Theia, Phoebe, Rhea and Themis. In modern times, the word titan has come to mean large and strong. Examples include Titanic, titanium and Titan, a moon of Saturn.

Interesting note: In Greek mythology, Coeus was one of the Titans. Along with the other Titans, Coeus was overthrown by Zeus and other Olympians. After the Titan War, he and all his brothers were banished into Tartarus by Zeus. In classic mythology, Tartarus (Greek = deep place), is a deep, gloomy place, a pit, or an abyss used as a dungeon of torment and suffering that resides beneath the underworld.

Jude 1:6 "And angels who did not keep their own domain but abandoned their proper abode, He has kept in eternal bonds under darkness for the judgment of the great day"

2 Peter 2:4-5a "For if God did not spare angels when they sinned but cast them into hell and committed them to pits of darkness reserved for judgment and did not spare the ancient world but preserved Noah..."

6:5 NOAH'S FAITHFULNESS

- « The wickedness of man had reached its ultimate expression.
- « The earth was filled with violence (Genesis 6:11,13). Murder was likely rampant (Genesis 4:23-24).
- « Animals were not yet afraid of humans as they are today. See Genesis 9:2
- « Imagine dinosaurs wreaking havoc!
- « Imagine 1,656 years of escalating violence with no governmental restraint!

6:6-7 NOAH'S FAITHFULNESS

- « Tough verses! God can know sorrow and grief. See Genesis 6:8-9
- « The record of Noah's faithful life.

6:13-16 INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE ARK

- « The equivalent of a 4-story building.
- « 150 feet longer than a football field!
- « Capacity equivalent to 522 railroad boxcars capable of holding 125,000 sheep-sized animals.
- « Made to float, not to navigate.

THE ARK'S STABILITY IN WATER

Noah's Ark was the focus of a major 1993 scientific study headed by Dr. Seon Hong at the world-class ship research center KRISO based in Daejeon, South Korea. Dr. Hong's team compared 12 hulls of different proportions to discover which design was most practical. No hull shape was found to significantly outperform the 4,300 year old biblical design. In fact, the ark's careful balance is easily lost if the proportions are modified, rendering the vessel either unstable, prone to fracture, or dangerously uncomfortable.

The research team found that the proportions of Noah's ark carefully balanced the conflicting demands of stability (resistance to capsizing), comfort ("seakeeping"), and strength. In fact, the ark has the same proportions as a modern cargo ship. The study also confirmed that the ark could handle waves as high as 100 feet (30 m). Dr. Hong is now director general of the facility and claims life came from the sea, obviously not the words of a creationist on a mission to promote the worldwide flood. - Answers magazine, April-June 2007, p.27

6:17-22 THE CAPACITY OF THE ARK

- « Verse 17: "all flesh in which is the breath of life." Marine animals were not in the ark.
- « Verse 7: "from the face of the land." See also Genesis 6:20; 7:14-15, 21-23
- « It is estimated that the ark would have had to hold about 79,000 animals at the most.
- « Verse 19: "every living thing of all flesh." May imply that none had become extinct yet.

CHAPTER 7: DESTRUCTION OF THE FLOOD

7:1 ENTRANCE INTO THE ARK

- « Noah was the only righteous man left!
- « All the rest of the godly line of Seth had been corrupted.

7:2-3 ENTRANCE INTO THE ARK

- « Noah understood the distinction between clean and unclean animals.
- « Shows that God had already revealed the details of a sacrificial system. See Genesis 3:21
- « Clean animals were saved in groups of seven: three couples and an extra one.
- « To ensure preservation and provide one of each kind for sacrifice right after the flood. See Genesis 8:20

7:11 ENTRANCE INTO THE ARK

- « The flood is precisely dated – not just a “once upon-a-time” fairytale! See Genesis 8:4-5, 13-14
- « The flood occurred 1,656 years after creation.
- « James Ussher put it at 2349 BC. Answers in Genesis puts it at 2304 BC.

7:16 ENTRANCE INTO THE ARK

- « **God (not Noah) closed the only door to safety.**
- « This is a picture of salvation through Christ alone while God allows it. See Hebrews 11:7

7:17-20 THE DEVASTATING WATERS OF THE FLOOD

- « The onslaught of water lasted 40 days and 40 nights. See Genesis 7:4
- « Note the four occurrences of “prevailed” - meaning that it was irresistible!

HOW COULD WATER COVER THE ENTIRE EARTH?

REMEMBER THAT THE EARTH WAS INITIALLY CREATED IN A FLOODED CONDITION! SEE GENESIS 1:2, 9

- « **Water came from below and from above.** See Genesis 7:11; 8:12

“fountains of the great deep” (tehom) is the same word found in Genesis 1:2.

“floodgates of the sky” could be a reference to a pre-flood canopy. See Genesis 1:7

- « **The pre-flood mountains were likely much lower.**

If earth’s topography were smooth, water would cover it to a depth of 1.7 miles.

God lifted the mountains and depressed the valleys after the flood. See Psalm 104:5-9

Psalm 104:5-9 “He established the earth upon its foundations so that it will not totter forever and ever. You covered it with the deep as with a garment. The waters were standing above the mountains. At Your rebuke, they fled; at the sound of Your thunder they hurried away. **The mountains rose, the valleys sank down to the place which You established for them.** You set a boundary that they may not pass over so that they will not return to cover the earth.”

7:21-24 MASS EXTINCTION AND DESTRUCTION

EXPECTED RESULTS OF A GLOBAL FLOOD:

- « Mass fossilization.
- « An interrupted birth.
- « An interrupted meal.

Interesting note: One of the most abundant kinds of fossils found in the... Herrin coal bed in Riola are the giant lycopsids... The lycopsids were the giants of the coal age forests, reaching heights of more than 100 feet (30 meters)... These trees had thick bark, sometimes more than a foot thick. Packed one upon the other after death and collapse, the bark of these trees makes up most of the coal mined in the Eastern United States and Western Europe.

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- « Raised hands mark the edges of the trunk. The coal has been mined out from underneath. This trunk is more than 6 feet wide and more than 120 feet long and the top is not even visible!
 - « Giant lycopsid tree stump buried while still upright. The trunk projects up into the roof shale.
 - « Leaves of giant lycopsid trees. Such leaves are grass-like but could exceed 3 feet (1 m) in length.
 - « Outboard motor spark plug found encased in rock
 - « Metal pipe blocked by mineral deposits which had petrified in just three months
 - « Leather hat lost and found in petrified condition.
 - « Roll of petrified fence wire

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- « Graduated fossil record.
 - « Twisted rock layers.
 - « Water-carved canyons.

A small quantity of water over a very long period of time or... a large quantity of water in a very short period of time?

This is exactly what we find all over the world! There's no need to look for evidence of the global flood; it's everywhere!

IF IT'S SO OBVIOUS, WHY DON'T PEOPLE BELIEVE IT?

« 2 Peter 3:3-6 "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.**"

The problem is not the possession of evidence, but the suppression of evidence!

« **Romans 1:18-25** “For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of **men who suppress the truth in unrighteousness** because that which is known about God is **evident** within them for God made it **evident** to them. For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine **nature have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made**, so that they are without excuse. . . For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks but they became futile in their speculations and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing to be wise, they became fools and exchanged the glory of the incorruptible God for an image in the form of corruptible man and of birds and four-footed animals and crawling creatures. Therefore God gave them over in the lusts of their hearts to impurity so that their bodies would be dishonored among them. **For they exchanged the truth of God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator who is blessed forever. Amen!**”

Jesus made it clear that overwhelming evidence will not penetrate a heart of unbelief!

« **Luke 16:27-31** “And he said, ‘Then I beg you father that you send him to my father’s house for I have five brothers in order that he may warn them so that they will not also come to this place of torment.’ But Abraham said, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets let them hear them.’ But he said, ‘No father Abraham but if someone goes to them from the dead they will repent!’ But he said to him, **‘If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be persuaded even if someone rises from the dead...’**”

BIBLICAL EVIDENCE OF A GLOBAL, NOT A LOCAL, FLOOD

« **The need to build the ark!** See Genesis 6:13-14

Why take so long to build an ark? You could travel a long way to safety in 100+ years!

« **The death of all humans and non-aquatic animals.** See Genesis 6:13; 7:21-23

« **The covering of the highest mountains.** See Genesis 7:19-20

How to have a local flood that covers the highest mountain!

« **The length of stay in the ark.** See Genesis 7:11; 8:13

« **God’s promise to never send such a flood again.** See Genesis 8:21; 9:8-17

Worldwide legends of a global flood with multiple similarities to the Genesis account.

CHAPTER 8: RECOVERY FROM THE FLOOD

8:1 THE CHRONOLOGY OF THE FLOOD

« “God remembered” implies that He took care of both Noah and the animals.

« Feeding them all may not have been as difficult as we imagine.

« God had directed them there (Genesis 6:20). He could certainly care for them in the ark!

« They may have been placed in a state of hibernation. Genesis 8:17 allows for this.

8:2-19 THE CHRONOLOGY OF THE FLOOD

- « The flood lasted 370 days from first rain until the exit from the ark.
- « Noah was actually in the ark seven extra days before the flood began. See Genesis 7:4, 10

8:20-21

- « “soothing” (nikhoakh): quieting, calming. A subtle link to Noah’s name? See Genesis 5:29
- « Note that the flood did not solve the sin problem. The sin nature was preserved.

8:22 POST-FLOOD CLIMATE CHANGE?

- « _____ seasonal changes were likely unknown prior to the flood.
- « A short ice age would have ensued while the earth regained a state of equilibrium.

Geography during the ice age

Geography after the Ice Age

Inundation zones at the end of the ice age

Interesting Fact: When the ice age was ending, the sea level rose about three feet per year, almost all the sea level rise within a century, engulfing about twenty-five million square miles of coastal real estate (essentially the continental shelf) with catastrophic though gradual climate change, when the Middle East, northwest India, and North Africa, turned from green to desert, as the cloud cover for the ice age was dissipating... Plato said that much of Greece was consumed by the sea too, the Flood of Ogyges, at the time of the destruction of Atlantis, that empire which he said extended both outside and inside the Pillars of Hercules, inside as far as Italy and Libya... www.genesisveracityfour

Interesting Fact: Have you ever seen a map showing the bronze age port cities of the world? You certainly have not, because the darwinists will tell you that sea level circa 2,000 BC was little different than today, yet the presence of hundreds of submerged ruins' sites from the Gulf of Chambay to Bimini, and from Cornwall to Nan Madol, certainly belie that notion, with most of the submerged ruins worldwide in the Mediterranean and eastern Atlantic, right where you'd expect them to be, where Sidon, Peleg, Javan, Tarshish, and Atlas plied the waters, building their port facilities, now submerged since the end of the ice age...

Interesting Fact: Many have heard of the fabulously extensive and massive basalt column buildings of Nan Madol on the island of Ponape, the Caroline islands of the western Pacific, yet offshore there is the real story, submerged ruins down to a hundred feet, even vertical columns still standing, submerged since the end of the ice age. And off the Ryukyu Islands of southern Japan, off the islands of Yonaguni and Chatan for instance, are the magnificent submerged ruins of the old Kami, named after guess who? Yes, no doubt Cham, Ham, the Kami later associated with spirits to be appeased, that good ol' ancestor worship, very common in ancient times and today. Many other submerged ruins have been reported across the Pacific, and who would doubt it?

BUT DOESN'T IT TAKE THOUSANDS OF YEARS TO FORM THICK ICE SHEETS?!

THE STORY OF GLACIER GIRL P-38 COMBAT AIRCRAFT FROM THE WW2

In 1942, a group of six P-38 and two B-17 aircraft were forced to land in Greenland during a severe snowstorm. The damaged planes were then abandoned. Fifty years later, a research expedition was sent out to attempt to locate and possibly salvage the aircraft. Initially, it was thought that this would be a relatively simple task since they were not expected to be buried very deeply. A little snow removal, minor maintenance, fresh tanks of fuel, and off they would go! This scenario seemed probable given the fact that, according to the popular theory, thousands of years would be required to bury them very deeply. After a lengthy and frustrating search, the planes were finally located under 250 feet of solid ice. Furthermore, the ice had transported them a distance of three miles from their point of origin!

Buried to a depth equivalent to a 26-story building in only 50 years!

Glacier Girl's icy tomb at a depth of 250 feet!

On October 26th 2002, following several years of restoration work, the plane flew again for the first time with approximately 80% of its original parts!

8:22 POST-FLOOD CLIMATE CHANGE?

- « Massive loss of vegetation and reduced growth rates would have resulted in the extinction of larger animals that consumed a lot of food.
- « Other effects (?): reduced atmospheric pressure/oxygen content, increased solar radiation.

Interesting note: A Yale study published in the March 3, 2000 issue of Science independently confirmed the high levels of oxygen present in the earth's distant past. Some have even suggested that without such an atmosphere the relatively small lung capacity in certain dinosaurs could not have supplied their massive tissue with the needed oxygen.

There is evidence that the atmosphere enveloping the early earth was very different than it is today. At one time the entire earth enjoyed a warm tropical environment and there was enhanced oxygen in the atmosphere. Organisms lived healthier, longer and grew much larger as a result.

- « Ant the size of a modern hummingbird.
- « A 30 inch (76 cm) dragonfly.
- « Human life spans clearly began to plummet after the flood.

IV. SECTION III: CULTURE

CHAPTER 9: SOURCE OF NATIONS

9:1-7 FIVE POST-FLOOD INSTRUCTIONS/REVELATIONS

« **Multiply and spread out!** See Genesis 9:1, 7

█ Mankind deliberately disobeyed this. See Genesis 11:4

« **Animal's instinctive fear of humans: God's provision to curb animal violence given man's loss of dominion.** Genesis 9:2

█ A step to reduce the violence that characterized the pre-flood world. See Genesis 6:11, 13

█ This further alienated animals from man.

« **Meat may now be eaten but not with the blood.** See Genesis 9:3-4

█ In God's eyes, the life of a being is identified with its blood. See Genesis 4:10 and Leviticus 17:10-14

█ Drinking blood symbolizes union/identification with the life of the being.

█ The blood of animals was used to atone for sin but could not remove it. Hebrews 10:1-4

█ Therefore God did not want them to identify too intimately with the life of animals.

« **Killing a human is murder because man is made in the image of God.** See Genesis 9:6

█ Fundamentally, this is what separates mankind from the animals.

« **Capital punishment: God's provision to curb human violence.** See Genesis 9:5-6

█ **Human government: God's provision to administer order and justice.** See Romans 13:1-5

█ **This was added to conscience as a ruling element (dispensation).**

9:8-17 NOAHIC COVENANT: NEVER ANOTHER WORLD-DESTROYING, GLOBAL FLOOD

« **Rainbows: the sign of the Noahic covenant.**

« This covenant was made with mankind as well as with the animal kingdom.

« The fact that rainbows occurred only then indicates that either direct sunlight or rain or both were absent before the flood

9:18-19 NOAH'S BLESSING AND CURSING

« All modern civilizations derive from Noah and his three sons. See Genesis Chapter 10

9:20-29 NOAH'S BLESSING AND CURSING

- « **Ham: the father of the Canaanites.** See Genesis 9:18,22,25; 10:6
- « **Shem: the father of the Hebrews (Jews).** See Genesis 10:21; 11:10-32
- « To be an anti-Semite is to be opposed to the descendants of Shem: the Jews.
- « Predictions, all of which have come to pass:
 - Shem's descendants are given pride of place.
 - Ham's descendants (Canaanites) would serve Shem's descendants (Jews).
 - Japheth's descendants would be multiplied.

CHAPTER 10: TABLE OF NATIONS

Introduction: This is one of the most remarkable chapters in Genesis. It provides a detailed record of how the various cultures spread out from Noah's three sons to populate the earth. As such, it is one of the most valuable pieces of historical literature anywhere in the world. Seventy nations are mentioned in the listing including 14 descended from Japheth, 30 from Ham and 26 from Shem.

10:2-5 JAPHETH

- « **General area of settlement: north (Russia) and west (Europe).**
- « Gomer = Gaul (France) and Galatia (Turkey)
- « Tubul = Tobolsk (Russia)
- « Meshech = Moscow (Russia)
- « Tarshish (Spain): Jonah fled here. See Jonah 1:3

10:6-20 HAM

- « **General area of settlement: south (Palestine) and southwest (Africa).**
- « Cush = Ethiopia (Africa).
- « Sidon was in Phoenicia (north of Israel in O.T.)
- « Egyptians were descended from Ham. See Psalms 78:51
- « Canaanites, Jebusites, Amorites, Girgashites (verse 10:16) were cleared out by Israel. See Deuteronomy 7:1

10:21-31 SHEM

- « **General area of settlement: east (Babylon) and southeast (Arabia).**
- « 10:21 “children of Eber ” = early form of “Hebrew”.
- « Asshur = Assyria.
- « 10:25 “Peleg ” means “division”. In his day occurred the dispersion at the tower of Babel.

CHAPTER 11: SCATTERING OF NATIONS

11:1-4 THE TOWER OF BABEL

- « The earth originally had only one language allowing for ease of communication. Perhaps Hebrew?
- « God had said to scatter and fill the earth (Genesis 8:17; 9:1). They acted in defiance of this.
- « The tower may have been an attempt to thwart any potential future flood God might send.
- « The city and tower were expressions of human independence and self-sufficiency.

11:1-4 THE TOWER OF BABEL

- « God views the global unity of a fallen race as a dangerous thing! See Genesis 11:6
- « Wherever fallen humans mass and unite, evil proliferates.
- « **Languages: God’s provision to curb the spread of evil and fallen genius.**
- « Differing languages is what caused the separation into nations. See Genesis 10:5
- « **Racial distinctions: the result of dividing the gene pool into isolated groups.**
- « How did early peoples get to Australia and the Americas (Indians, Mayans and Aztecs)?
- « Via land bridges that disappeared as the water level stabilized over time.
- « Ever since Babel, man has been slowly migrating back to one global community.
- « Result: exponential growth of wickedness, ethically questionable and dangerous technologies.
- « The ultimate culmination will be antiChrist’s global, one-world government.
- « The city was named Babel (11:9); later Babylon.

THE ORIGINS OF THE CITY OF BABYLON:

THE TOWER OF BABEL WAS A DELIBERATE ACT OF DEFIANCE: ORGANIZED HUMANITY AGAINST GOD.

ZIGGURAT OF SIALK (Iran) Oldest known ziggurat. 3rd millenium BC

ZIGGURAT OF CHOGHA ZANBIL (Iran) One of the best preserved. 1,250 BC

ZIGGURAT OF AQAR QUF (Iraq) 1,400 BC Partially restored by Saddam Hussein

GREAT ZIGGURAT OF UR (Iraq) Home of Abraham. 2,100 BC Partially reconstructed by Saddam Hussein

Nebuchadnezzar's Babylon

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- « **Babylon symbolizes an ideology/attitude: human civilization organized and united in opposition to God.**

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- « Based on 16th century painting of the Tower of Babel by Brueghel.
- « Promotes reversal of God's judgment on Babel.
- « Inverted pentagrams (5-point stars) are an occult sign of Lucifer

The EU Parliament Building: Strasbourg, France (Another one is located in Brussels, Belgium)

Revelation 18:9-11, 21 “ And the kings of the earth who committed acts of immorality and lived sensuously with her will weep and lament over her when they see the smoke of her burning standing at a distance because of the fear of her torment saying: “Woe, woe, the great city, Babylon, the strong city! For in one hour your judgment has come.” And the merchants of the earth weep and mourn over her because no one buys their cargoes any more... Then a strong angel took up a stone like a great millstone and threw it into the sea saying: “So will Babylon, the great city, be thrown down with violence and will not be found any longer.”

THE ORIGINS OF THE NATION OF ISRAEL.

Chapter 11 concludes with the chronology of the descendants of Shem down to Abram. The next chapter will be a turning point in the Genesis account as Moses focuses on the story of Abram and God's unconditional covenant with him and his descendants, the nation of Israel. The genealogies of the patriarchs are repeated three times in Scripture (Genesis 5/11, 1 Chronicles 1, Luke 3). Clearly, the Holy Spirit considers them to be important and accurate. The New Testament takes advantage of their accuracy (Jude 1:14). (And we should too when explaining Jesus.)

11:10

« “two years after the flood ”: note how carefully the text ties the genealogy to the flood.

11:16

« **Eber: the Shemite from whom the name “Hebrew” is derived.**

11:19

« “The scattering of the nations occurred during the lifetime of Peleg. See Genesis 10:25

« So, between 101 and 310 years after the flood.

11:28

« Ur of the Chaldeans, birthplace of Abram, is located in lower Mesopotamia.

CONCLUSION

Having described the creation of man, his fall into sin and subsequent perversion, the destruction of the human race, except Noah's family, and the division and scattering of the earth's population into distinct nations, **the stage was set for God's choice of Abram to be the father of the Chosen People, the nation of Israel.**

It was, and still is God's intention to provide salvation for lost men and women through a descendant of Abraham and ultimately to reunite and bless all the nations of the world through Him (Genesis 12:3).

REMEMBER THESE QUOTES?

“The term worldview refers to any ideology, philosophy, theology, movement, or religion that provides an overarching approach to understanding God, the world, and man's relations to God and the world. **Specifically, a worldview should contain a particular perspective regarding each of the following ten disciplines: theology, philosophy, ethics, biology, psychology, sociology, law, politics, economics, and history.**” - David Nobel, Understanding the Times, p.8

“These ten disciplines cover almost every aspect of reality and provide an overarching framework within which worldviews can be evaluated. These categories can be used to answer important questions about reality. In evaluating these categories, worldviews can be evaluated for their logic, explanatory power and coherence. **A worldview that most adequately provides explanations within these disciplines is the most probable and correct view of the world... A worldview must demonstrate the coherence of the basis of all reality.**” - Henry B. Smith, Associates for Biblical Research

The worldview which Genesis presents of creationism and catastrophism leading to corrupt and divided cultures is relentlessly consistent within itself and with all of human experience. Thankfully, the story did not end there!