

Genesis
“*In the beginning*”

~ LET'S PRAY ~

NOTE TAKERS...

- I've titled tonight's overview: **“In the Beginning.”**

~ INTRO ~

TONIGHT...

- As we open our Bibles and move into (Genesis)...
 - We're going to cover 2,000 years of history...
 - Between (Gen. 1 – 11).

AS WE NAVIGATE THESE SCRIPTURES...

- Please remember we're NOT covering every event...
 - We're ONLY getting a high-level survey of the Bible.

SO... AS I MENTIONED LAST WEEK...

- If we break down the first eleven chapters...
 - Here's what we get:

- I. *Creation (Gen. 1-2)*
- II. *Fall of man into sin (Gen. 3)*
- III. *Earth being populated & the effects of sin spread (Gen. 4-5)*
- IV. *God floods and destroys the earth (Gen. 6 - 8)*
- V. *Noah's Family / Human Government / dispersion at Babel (Gen. 9-11).*

REMEMBER...

- We learned last week that the Bible is organized into dispensations.

“In theology, a dispensation is the divine administration of a period of time...”¹

The Seven Dispensations Cover...²

From Genesis to Revelation... tonight we're only covering three of them:

¹ *What is Dispensationalism and Is It Biblical?* © 2002 Got Questions Ministries. Article sourced on 06/18/2023 from <https://www.gotquestions.org/dispensationalism.html>

² Ibid. <https://www.gotquestions.org/dispensationalism.html>

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- 1) **Innocence** ([Genesis 1:1—3:7](#)).
- 2) **Conscience** ([Genesis 3:8—8:22](#)).
- 3) **Human Government** ([Genesis 9:1—11:32](#)).
- 4) **Promise** ([Genesis 12:1—Exodus 19:25](#)).
- 5) **Law** ([Exodus 20:1—Acts 2:4](#)).
- 6) **Grace** ([Acts 2:4—Revelation 20:3](#)).
- 7) **The Millennial Kingdom** ([Revelation 20:4–6](#)).

IDEA #1 – GOD IS CREATOR OF ALL THINGS:

IN ([Gen. 1:1-2](#)) NKJV

- God *created* (Heb.) *bara* = Made something from nothing.
 - ([Jer. 32:27](#)) NKJV

([Gen. 1:3-5](#)) NKJV

This is literally defining a 24-hour period of time.

- The Hebrew word that is used is *yom* ([v.5](#))...
 - Defined as = A period of time divided by day & night (12-hrs).
- c.p. Day #2 ([v.8](#)) / Day #3 ([v.13](#)) / Day #4 ([v.19](#)) / Day #5 ([v.23](#)).

THEN ON THE 6th DAY...

- ([Gen. 1:26-28](#)) NKJV
 - Close of day 6 ([v.31](#))

(Chapter 2) closes the 7-days of creation ([Gen. 2:1-4](#)) NKJV.

- When we know how God created & set in motion all things...
 - We don't fall into the monkey business of our day (evolution).

NOW...

- There's a parenthetical here (deeper details about the 6th day).
 - ([Gen 2:7-9](#)) man & garden.
 - ([Gen 2:15-17](#)) first command given to man.
 - ([Gen 2:18](#)) not good for man to be alone.
 - ([Gen 2:21-23](#)) woman created.

I LOVE THIS ABOUT THE BIBLE...

- Because in many places throughout the scriptures...
 - We hear a story AND then in a later section we get deeper details.
 - That's the point here.

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IDEA #2 – RESULTS OF THE LOSS OF INNOCENCE: (Gen. 3:7)

OK... THE NEXT DISPENSATION...

- Starts at (Gen. 3:8 – 8:22)...
- It's known as the Dispensation of Conscience.

Read (Gen. 3:8) NKJV

- Our sin is what separates us from God... (Isa. 59:1-2) NKJV.

AS WE READ ON... (Gen. 3:9) NKJV

- Notice that even in the middle of sin...
- God is pursuing the sinner with grace & mercy.

YET... HERE'S MAN'S RESPONSE...

- (Gen. 3:10-13) NKJV
- Was quick to shift the blame to others.
- (John 3:19) NKJV.

NONETHELESS...

- The consequences of what happened after sin entered...
- Plays out in the curse (Gen. 3:17) NKJV

SIN...

- Resulted in the removal of Innocence (Gen. 3:22) NKJV...
- And Adam's access to the tree of life was cut off.
- The pain we experience today... all started right here.
- (And all sin has real consequences!!!)

NOW... ALL CREATIONS GROANS (Rom. 8:22-23) NKJV

- We're longing for the final phase of our salvation...
- The redemption of our physical bodies – *Glorification*.

FLIP AHEAD...

- To (Rev. 22:1-5) NKJV... here's what's coming...
- God restores access to the tree of life & removes the curse.

BUT UNTIL THE END...

- Here's what we can expect – more sin!

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- (Gen. 4:8) is the first murder in the bible.

AND THE LINGERING PROBLEM OF SIN...

- Spreads to all.
 - In (Gen. 5:5 – 31) shows the end result of sin.

THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT...

- New Testament point (Rom. 5:12) NKJV.
 - Adam was the natural head of man... (represented all humans).
 - And passes sin down to everyone coming into the world.
- Thus we are born sinners in need of a savior! (Rom. 5:17) NKJV.

NOW AS SIN SPIRALLED OUT OF CONTROL...

- God destroyed the earth & all living things with a flood.
 - But He spared Noah and his family (Gen. 6:5-8) NKJV.

IN (Gen. 7:1) NKJV...

- We see something special that points to God’s love.
 - An invite to “*come in*”
- In the N.T. you see it this way (John 3:16-17) NKJV.

OK... BACK IN (Gen. 7:4) NKJV... FOR 40-DAYS IT RAINED...

- And the earth was flooded... all was lost...
 - Except Noah / his family / & the ark with pairs of animals.

SO...

- After the flood waters subsided God told Noah (Gen. 8:15-17) NKJV.
 - *Be fruitful and multiply on earth.*
- Notice this is the second time the earth is being populated.

IDEA #3 – THE START OF HUMAN GOVERNMENT:

GOD INITIATES...

- Human Government in the form of responsibility...
 - Of... man to man – specifically murder (unjust killing of another).
 - And the result in human government on the murderer...
 - Was to be capital punishment (Gen. 9:6) NKJV.

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IN (Gen. 9:8-16) NKJV

- We have the Covenant made with Noah – The rainbow.

~ IN CLOSING ~

(Gen. 9:19) NKJV

- We’re stopping here today so that next time we can open up the offspring of Noah and see how they are the root characters of (Ezekiel 38) and the end time players of *Gog & Magog*.