

Patriarchal Dispensation – Creation to Babel Hebrews 1:1-4

Creation (Genesis 1-2)

“Genesis” = “Origin, Beginning”

The book of Genesis is a book of beginnings.

Universe; Man; Marriage; Sin; Death; Promise of Redemption; Sacrifices; Hebrew Nation

“In The Beginning God...”

“God” appears 46 times in first two chapters!

“God said,” “God called,” or the equivalent occurs 17 times.

God is the creator of all things!

Genesis 1:1-2,26; John 1:1-3; Psalm 90:1-2

Therefore, He is worthy of honor!

Psalm 33:6,9; 148:5; Hebrews 11:3

All right thinking begins with “in the beginning God...” - **Romans 1:18-32**

The Creation Week

God created all physical things in six 24-hour days, and He rested on the Seventh. There are not millions of years involved at any point or time

“Day” (Hebrew, yom) is sometimes used as a period of time irrespective of the hours involved -

Genesis 2:4

However, “Outside of the Genesis 1 case in question, the two-hundred plus occurrences of yom preceded by ordinals [like “one” and “two” kse] all refer to a normal twenty-four-hour day” (Acts & Facts May 1998).

“Evening and Morning” – These terms consistently refer to a literal day. This is true throughout Moses’ writings. Assigning a figurative meaning would be an unfounded assumption - **Genesis 30:16; Exodus 12:6; 18:13**

Exodus 20:8-11 – In this passage, the words “day”/“days” occur six times, twice to refer to the creation week. Is it credible that the fourth and fifth occurrence in the passage would mean millions of years, while all other usages are literal, solar days?

Man made in God’s Image

Unique to all creation, man has been made in the image of the Godhead - **Genesis 1:26-27**

Thus, we have an eternal spirit! - **Ecclesiastes 12:7**

This truth has implications on topics such as Murder, Abortion and Euthanasia.

Furthermore, man is the product of God, not the other way around. We must worship Him for who He is and because we are His! - **Acts 17:28-29**

The Fall of Man (Genesis 3-5)

STANDARD God’s law, and the consequences for violating the law, is given - **Genesis 2:15-17**

SIN Man violates the law of God - **Genesis 3:1-6; 1John 3:4; 5:17**

SATAN Satan is the author of sin - **Genesis 3:4; Matthew 4:3; John 8:44; 2Corinthians 11:3; James 1:13**

SUFFER Sin carries heavy consequences:

Universal consequences, due to Adam’s sin: - **Genesis 2:17**

Snakes – On your belly; Satan – Enmity with the Seed of woman; Females – Pain in Childbirth;

Males – A Life of Labor; Mankind – Physical Death - **Genesis 3:14-19**

Personal, if we choose to sin: - **Genesis 2:17; Isaiah 59:1-2; Romans 3:23; 5:12; 6:23**

All Who Sin – Spiritual Death: severed from a relationship with God.

SAVIOR A Savior is our only chance - **Genesis 3:15; John 1:1-5,14,17; Galatians 4:4**

SACRIFICE A Price must be paid to effect forgiveness - **Genesis 4:3-5; Hebrews 11:4; Hebrews 12:24**

The Flood (Genesis 6-10)

The cause of the global flood was the exceeding wickedness of mankind - **Genesis 6:5**

God still, however, extended grace and mercy to all who would obey Him. Noah, a righteous man, believed in God and honored God through obedience - **Genesis 6:8-9; Hebrews 11:7; 1Peter 3:20-21**
The rainbow was a sign of an unconditional covenant that God made with Noah, and by virtue of our relationship as his descendants, all of us as well - **Genesis 9:8-17**

“It won’t be water, but fire next time” - **2Peter 3:5-7**

We would do well to learn the lessons taught to us by Adam and Eve, as well as the people who lived for the 1650 years leading up to the flood. God’s will still exist, now in the form of the New Covenant. Sin is still an option for you and me. Satan is working diligently to help us choose poorly. When we choose sin, suffering is the natural outcome, even the loss of our souls. Jesus gave His life to save us from that penalty. His sacrifice makes forgiveness possible. However, we must have the faith of Noah!

The Tower of Babel (Genesis 11)

Because the people communicated “in the same language,” “nothing they purpose to do will be impossible for them” - **Genesis 11:6-8**

Simply by “confusing their language,” God stopped the building of the tower and dispersed the people in every direction.

This marks the beginning of varied nations around the world.

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