

## **Why Genesis?**

### **Genesis 1-3 and Miscellaneous Scriptures**

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INTRODUCTION:

So why are we going to spend several months studying the first three chapters of Genesis? Because of what a detailed study of Genesis will reveal about...

#### **I. ...God.**

(Gen1; 1Sam2:8; 2Chr2:12; Ps19; Ps33:6-9; Ps100:1-3; Ps102:25; Ps104; Ps115:15; Ps146:5-6; Pvr8:22-31; Isa40:12,28; Isa42:5,8; Isa44:24; Isa45:6-7,18; Isa 51:13-15; Acts4:24; Acts14:15; Acts17:24-28; Rom1:19-25; Eph3:9; 1Tim6:13; Heb11:3; Jn1:1-3; Col1:16-18; Rev4:11)

#### **II. ...the universe.**

(Gen1:1; Ps19; Rom11:36; Eccles7:13; Rom8:20-21; Col1:16-18; Heb1:3)

### **iii. ...mankind.**

(Gen1:26-31; 2:5-8; 2:15-25; ch3; 5:1; 6:5; 8:21; 11:1-9; Rom3:10-18; 5:12-21; 8:20-23,29)

### **iv. ...the Bible.**

- No other book of the Bible is quoted more in the rest of the Bible than Genesis!
  - Adam, Noah, and Abraham are mentioned by name throughout the Old Testament, and they are treated as historical characters.
  - There are at least 200 quotations of Genesis in the New Testament.
  - There are over 100 quotations and references in the New Testament to Genesis 1-11 (these are the chapters most often discredited as being non-historical).
  - All 11 chapters are specifically alluded to in New Testament.
  - Every New Testament writer alludes to something specific in Genesis 1-11.
  - Jesus refers to something specific in each of the first 7 chapters of Genesis.
- In all of the Bible's references to the first eleven chapters of Genesis, there is not a single reference that treats Genesis 1-11 as anything other than a historical record.

"A denial of the Biblical account in Genesis calls into question the rest of Scripture, b/c the rest of Scripture treats it as simple fact and historical truth." - Dr. William D. Barrick.

(Ex20:11; Rom5:12-19; Mk10:6-8)

**v. ...our culture.**

(Jn3:19-21; Rom1:18-23; 1Cor1:18-31)

**vi. ...Christian culture.**

(Gen1; Ex20:11; Isa44:24; 45:12; 1Cor1:18-31; 2:12-16)

**vii. ...the Gospel.**

(Isa 43:25; 2Cor4:6; 5:17)

**VIII. ... (work, marriage, language, temptation, Satan, heaven, and many other things!).**

"The Book of Genesis thus is in reality the foundation of all true history, as well as of true science and true philosophy. It is above all else the foundation of God's revelation, as given in the Bible." - Henry Morris *The Genesis Record*, 21.

"No one, therefore, can hope to attain a true and full understanding of anything, without a basic acceptance and comprehension of the origin of everything, as recorded in Genesis." - Henry Morris *The Genesis Record*, 22.

**RESOURCES For Further Study:**

*Your Bible*

*The Battle for the Beginning* John MacArthur

*Coming to Grips with Genesis: Biblical Authority and the Age of the Earth*, eds. Terry Mortenson and Thane Ury

The above resources are available at the book table.

The elders of Grace Bible Church will be recommending other resources for further study in the coming weeks.