



IN THE  
BEGINNING GOD

GENESIS 1:1

# GENESIS: The Book of Beginnings...

- Material Creation
- Mankind
- Marriage & Family
- Sin...and death
- Promises of a Savior
- Nations...and Government...and languages
- Israel

## Theological Significance of GENESIS:

- “Theology Proper”
- Bibliology
- Anthropology
- Marriage
- Soteriology...Salvation
- Holy Spirit
- Work...
- Morality

## GENESIS 1:1

In the beginning God created  
the heavens and the earth.

“God” ⇔ “Elohim”

“Created” ⇔ “Bara”

## VARIOUS VIEWS OF ORIGINS

1. “Gap Theory”  $\Rightarrow$  “Millions of years between Genesis 1:1 and 1:2.
2. “Day-Age” Theory
3. Theistic Evolution
4. “Progressive Creation”
5. Creation Myth!
6. Creation in 6 Literal Days! TRUE!!!

## The “Days” in Genesis 1

Hebrew “YOM” can refer to a lengthy period of time **BUT!!!**

It always refers to a “normal” day, when...

1. It appears with a “cardinal number.”
2. It is described as a sequence of its component parts: “Evening”...“Morning”
3. It is the basis for the Saturday Sabbath for Israel.

## GOD'S CREATION...

Seven times, God declares what He has created is "good"

Genesis 1:4, 10, 12, 18, 21, 25, 31

Ten times, God directs that what He has created reproduce, "after their kind."

Genesis 1:11, 12(2), 21(2), 24(2), 25(3)

## The “TOLeDOT” Structure of Genesis

TOLeDOT (from תולדה) is a plural Hebrew word meaning “to bear, bring forth, beget.” So it speaks of the “begettings” of what follows...that which “flows from” what the TOLeDOT introduces.



## The “TOLeDOT” Structure of Genesis

SO after recording the “creation” of the heavens and the earth, Genesis 2:4 introduces what “proceeds” from the heavens and the earth.

# The “TOLeDOT” Structure of Genesis

So Moses records what “proceeds from” ...

- The heavens and the earth, 2:4-4:26
- Adam, 5:1-6:8
- Noah, 6:9-9:29
- Sons of Noah, 10:1-11:9
- Shem, 11:10-26
- Terah, 11:27-25:11
- Ishmael, 25:12-18

# The “TOLeDOT” Structure of Genesis

So Moses records what “proceeds from” ...

- Isaac, 25:19-35:29
- Esau, 36:1-8; 36:9-37:1
- Jacob, 37:2-50:26 (Joseph)

This seems to be Moses’ way of  
“dividing up” the book!

# Genesis 2...the “building” of Eve

## Marriage is for...

- Children, 1:26-28
- Companionship, 2:18
- Cooperation, 2:18
- Exclusiveness...1 man and 1 woman, 2:24
- Life, 2:24.

# Genesis 3...the “Fall”

## Satan’s Tactics (2 Cor. 2:11)

- Isolation
- Attack weakness
- Question God’s Word!
- Lie!
- Blatantly deny God’s Word!
- Question God’s Goodness
- Make attractive offers...ignore consequences

## Genesis 3...the “Fall”

### Wrong Responses to Sin...

- Hide from God!
- Rationalize & make excuses
- Blame others
- **BLAME GOD!!!**

### RIGHT Responses

- Confess your sin!
- Receive God’s forgiveness!
- Forsake that sin!

## TRACKING DISPENSATIONAL CHANGES...

A “Dispensation” is  
a distinguishable rule of life  
that God has given men  
at different times in history.

1. “World Rulership,” Genesis 1:26—3:6
2. “Conscience,” Genesis 3:7-8:14
3. “Human Government,” Genesis 9:1-11:32.
4. “Patriarchal Rule,” Genesis 12:1-Ex. 19:2.

## Genesis 4...the First Murder

### Resisting Temptation...

- Be saved by faith! 1 John 3:12; Heb. 11:4.
- Recognize the temptation...know your weaknesses.
- Know what Scripture says about the temptation!
- Master the temptation! Just say “Yes” to God and “No” to the temptation!



Genesis 5...the book of the “generations”  
(TOLeDOT) of Adam...Adam to Noah

- Enoch...walked with God, 21-24.

Noah, also, 6:9

- Methuselah, 21-27

“At his death, it shall be sent”

- Noah, 5:28ff.

# THE FLOOD...GENESIS 6-8

- The Cause of The Flood, Genesis 6:1-8



If you enjoyed these slides,  
visit our church website at:  
[www.FBCEdgewater.org](http://www.FBCEdgewater.org)

There, you can...

- Learn more about our church.
- Click on the link, “Recent Sermons,” and you can listen to the audio message that these slides complemented. AND, you can listen to many other messages while you are there. More recent messages include a video option.