

Genesis Overview

☐ Monday - Before Time Began.

The word “genesis” means origin or beginning. Hence, the Book of Genesis is the book of beginnings – the beginning of *everything*! Conversely, nothing preceded Genesis: no time, no space, not even empty space, nothing. In the endless eternity before God created the universe, not a single second ticked off the clock. There was no time, nothing but God in eternal non-dimension. “Before the mountains were born, or Thou didst give birth to the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, Thou art God” (Psa. 90:2). The infinity of God should fill our hearts with profound wonder! Read Genesis 1

☐ Tuesday - Blueprint for Marriage.

Genesis, the book of beginnings, records the beginning of the ordinance of marriage. Note, God established marriage, not man: “Then the Lord God said, ‘It is not good for the man to be alone; I will make him a helper suitable for him’” (Gen. 2:18). Marriage is a divine (not a civil) institution; a covenant between a man and a woman *and God*. “What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder” (Mt. 19:6). Read Genesis 2

☐ Wednesday - Sin’s First Victim.

Genesis also chronicles the beginning of sin and death. “Therefore, just as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sinned” (Rom. 5:12). Immediately upon that first sin, the man and his wife were *totally depraved*. That does not mean they were as sinful as they could be, but that all of their faculties, mind, will, and emotions, were affected by sin. Every thought, attitude, motive, word and deed was now tainted. Of all people, perhaps Adam and Eve hated sin the most, knowing what it was once like to live without it. Read Genesis 3:1-13

☐ Thursday - God’s First Curse & Promise.

Immediately upon their fall from original righteousness, the man and the woman heard something they had never heard before: God’s curse. But imbedded within that first curse was a promise: one day the seed of the woman would crush the head of the serpent who had beguiled her. That seed, promised throughout the Old Testament, is Christ (Gal. 3:16). Yes, Christ changes all things, even curse into blessing. Read Genesis 3:15

☐ Friday - Beginning of Judgment.

Within two thousand years after the Fall “the Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great on the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually” (Gen. 6:5). Such wickedness precipitated a worldwide flood. Genesis records the first global judgment, Revelation the last. But Christ is our Ark and all who seek refuge in Him, shall be saved from the wrath to come (1 Thes. 1:10, 5:9; Rom. 5:9). Read Genesis 6-9

☐ Saturday - First Call.

Genesis also marks the beginning of a people, called by God, out of a world of unbelief. “By faith Abraham, when he was *called*, obeyed by going *out* to a place which he was to receive for an inheritance...” (Heb. 11:8). Likewise, the true church (Gk. *ekklesia*, from *ek*, “out”, and *kaleo*, “to call”) is made up of those who are *called out* of the world to walk with God. “Come out of her, my people, that you may not participate in her sins and that you may not receive of her plagues” (Rev. 18:4). Read Genesis 12-15