

OLD TESTAMENT

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**BEGINNING OF CREATION AND THE
CHAOS CAUSED BY MAN'S SINS**

COVERS A PERIOD OF 2,315 YEARS (USSHER)

THE BEGINNING

THE FOUNDATION OF ALL THINGS IN THE BIBLE

Genesis 1:1 through Genesis 11:32 is six Pages.

Those 11 chapters cover 2000 years of World History.

GENESIS #1
Genesis 1:1
The Beginning of All Things!

INTRO: While serving on the Memphis Police Department from 1957-1962, I had several opportunities to discuss “law enforcement” with various agents of the FBI. On one occasion, the agent I was talking with worked in “Counterfeit Money.” I was curious and asked him several questions about the training he had to go through before being assigned to that division. He shared various details about the training, but one part particularly struck me as very surprising. I had assumed that they studied all and every detail of “counterfeit bills.” To my surprise, he told me that they were never allowed to even look at any counterfeit money. To the contrary, they spent many hours studying “the real thing.” He said, “Once you know ‘every minute detail of the real thing’ you can spot a counterfeit bill in a one second glance!”

That is the pattern we will use in the study of the “Creation of Heaven and Earth” beginning in Genesis Chapter 1! Naturally, the “theory of evolution” must be referred to in this study, but we will not enter into a debate with any “Evolutionist” as it is a complete waste of time! We will study “the real thing” from which you will be able to “spot the counterfeit” in a “one second glance!” **Our goal is to "prove that which is true - and not worry about - that which is false."**

Genesis is the "Foundation of ALL things in the Bible." Genesis Chapter 1 through Genesis Chapter 11 is **six pages** but covers the first 2000 years of the history of the world. Compare that portion of the Bible to Genesis Chapter 12 through the end of Malachi, which is nine hundred sixty-eight pages, but also covers 2000 years.

If you believe Genesis 1:1 you will have no difficulty believing everything recorded in the Bible.

I. God created the Heaven and Earth (Genesis 1:1) - (Hebrew 11:1-3).

A. This statement refutes:

1. Atheism ----- The Bible states that the universe was created **by God**.
 - a. Psalm 19 states that the creation testifies there is a God.
2. Evolution - The Bible states that God created ALL THINGS.
 - a. We will "disprove" the theory of evolution in future lessons!

B. God made "no attempt" to prove His existence in eternity past.

1. God made no attempt to prove that He created the world.
2. One statement: *"The fool hath said in his heart, there is no God"* (Psalm 14:1).

C. People who write books that "DO NOT BEGIN WITH GOD" are fools!

1. They offer no proof - they base their books on nothing but theory.
 - a. *"The fool hath said in his heart, there is no God"* (Psalm 14:1).

D. There are Bible verses from Genesis to Revelation that testify that God created the heaven and the earth:

1. Genesis 1:1; Nehemiah 9:6; Isaiah 44:24; Jeremiah 32:17 & 33:2
John 1:3; Acts 4:24; Acts 14:15; Revelation 10:6 & 14:7

Five Important Words

"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth."

1. Created: (bara) - Something created out of something that did not exist.
2. Heaven: (shamayim) - The Hebrew word is "plural."
3. Earth: (erets) - Something structured to be inhabited (Isaiah 45:18).

II. The Date of the Beginning of the world as we know it.

A. **4004 BC** - James Ussher is the most accepted and reliable.

THE GAP THEORY

The Impossibility of a Gap Between Genesis 1:1 and Genesis 1:2

I. The Gap Theory (Genesis 1:1-2)

INTRO: The Gap Theory is the imagination of the mind of men who were/are trying to prove the theory of "evolution" and that the age of the earth is 4.5 billion years old. In order to convince people that the earth is about 4.5 billion years old, they have attempted to establish by science, falsely so called, that there was a "pre-Adamic" world of people who inhabited "the original" earth. They base their claim for the earth being 4.5 billion years old on two things; 1) The study of fossils found in the surface of the earth, and 2) The study of "the layers" that are in the surface of the earth. They claim that the earth we live on today is "a renewing" of the old world which God destroyed.

They claim that the people of the "pre-Adamic" race were extremely sinful and that God judged that "pre-Adamic" race of people by causing a **"world-wide cataclysm"** which was an explosion of such magnitude that it destroyed the entire surface of the earth and left it "without form and void."

(Genesis 1:2). We will explain the "Gap Theory" and show why **that theory is totally impossible.**

The "Gap Theory" is Scientifically Impossible.

Definition of Science of Geology: "This science deals with the physical nature and history of the earth, including the structure and development of its crust, the composition of its interior, individual rock types, and forms of life 'found as fossils,' and the structure of the earth's crust in a given region, area, or place."

Geology bases its theory on the assumption of "uniformitarianism." Uniformitarianism is the belief that the physical progress of the earth functioned in the past - the same as it does today. According to their theory, the earth is 4.5 billion years old!

1. The Science of Geology bases that theory on the scientific study of two things:
 1. Layers of the earth.
 2. Fossils of past life.
 - a. They claim these two studies prove that the earth is 4.5 billion years old.

2. At the same time, they claim that a "**world-wide cataclysm**" took place after the original creation and that that creation is what is spoken of in Genesis 1:2, "... without form and void." They claim that God sent a terrible judgment on that "earth and the inhabitants of that world." They claim that the earth remained void of inhabitants for over 4.5 billion years and that Genesis 1:2 is a "remaking" of the original creation. They changed the word translated "was" in Genesis 1:2, to "became." They say it should not read as it is in our King James Bible and should read, "and the earth became" without form and void..." The word translated "was" comes from the Hebrew word (hayah) which is translated correctly according to every true and qualified Hebrew scholar. According to Science, that time period is called "The Gap Theory." Briefly....
 - a. They claim there was a "Pre-Adamic" inhabitation of the "original earth" which God created.
 - b. They claim that the "Pre-Adamic" inhabitants sinned greatly and God judged them.
 - c. They claim that God destroyed that "Pre-Adamic" civilization by that "cataclysm."
 - d. They claim there were billions of years between the "pre-adamic" civilization in Genesis 1:1 and the habitation of the earth as we know it today, which began in Genesis 1:2.
3. However, a world-wide cataclysm is scientifically self-defeating to their claim of being able to determine the age of the earth by a study of: 1) the earth's surface, and 2) by fossil records.

Definition of Cataclysm: "A great upheaval that causes sudden and violent changes."

4. The theory of determining the age of the earth by fossils and layers in the surface of the earth is "self-defeating" as such an explosion as they describe and call a "**world-wide cataclysm**" would, according to their own research, have totally destroyed the surface of the earth. That type of "world-wide" explosion would have blown billions of tons of the earth's surface into the sky and into the depths of the ocean.
 - a. Such an explosion would have totally destroyed:
 - 1) The entire surface of the earth.
 - 2) The entire "fossil records."
 - 3) It would leave no reliable evidence of the "geologist's ages," which they say is proof that the age of the earth is 4.5 billion years old!

The "Gap Theory" is Theologically Impossible.
(II Peter 3:4)

1. If a Bible Believer accepts the geological age system, one must accept the "fossil record."
 - a. Fossils are the "remains or record" of dead things.
 1. Fossils speak of a world like **our world**. It speaks of animals now extinct.
 2. The world before the flood would have left "dead things."
 - b. If a world existed BEFORE the supposed pre-Adamic world, then...
 1. Suffering and death existed for billions of years before our present world.

- c. That speaks of a world filled with disease, suffering, and death.
 - 1. Disease, suffering and death are the results of "sin."
 - d. The Bible teaches that "death" was the result of sin Genesis 3:17).
 - 1. Sin entered into the world by one man - Adam (Romans 5:12) (I Cor. 15:21).
 - 2. "And God saw **every thing** that he had made, and, behold it was **very good**" (Genesis 1:31).
 - e. If God had "re-created," the earth, as the evolutionists claim, He would have "wiped away" all record of disease, suffering and death.
 - f. God is honest and transparent. He would not have declared "everything" He made as good, if He had created a Pre-Adamic race of people that sinned so greatly that He judged them, found them guilty, and destroyed them by a "world-wide cataclysm" which would have destroyed the face of the earth.
2. The Bible clearly states: "The first man Adam was made a living soul" (I Corinthians 15:45).
- a. Adam was the "first man created" and to teach otherwise makes God a liar.

The "Gap Theory" is Grammatically Impossible.

- 1. The English conjunction "and" is from the Hebrew word "waw".
 - a. The Hebrew conjunction "waw" means: The statement made after the conjunction connects it to the statement 'before' the conjunction.
 - 1. Hebrew scholars call it "a connective conjunction."
- 2. The Hebrew word "waw" is used in **every verse** from Genesis 1:2 through Genesis 1:31 except Verse 27, which is clearly connected to Verse 26 by context. (Created concluded!)
- 3. Those who support the theory of evolution change the translation of the Hebrew verb "hayah" in Genesis 1:2 from "was" as translated in our King James Bible, to "became" in their writings.
 - a. There is no support from Hebrew scholars to change the English word "was" to "became."
 - **NONE!**

NEXT

God never stated or claimed that "He created a finished and perfect" heaven and earth in Genesis 1:1 - We will explain the pattern God used to create the earth, ready to be inhabited.

We will look at the five days of the "finished product of the earth" making it ready to be inhabited.

We will prove that these are "24-hour days" from the Bible in a later lesson.

GENESIS #2
God Chose to use the Pattern
of
The Potter and The Clay
(Genesis 1:3-8)

INTRO: Throughout our studies of the "six-days" of creation we will prove that the six days were 24-hour days, just as we know them today.

The evolutionists, in order to make the Scripture accommodate their teaching, say that the "six-days" of creation were not 24-hour days, but "long periods of time" which they ESTIMATE to be at least a period of 1000 years.

- I. **A Master Potter always has a "Master Plan" before he begins his work.**
 - A. He always starts with a "handful of dirty clay, without form and void."
- II. **The Master Potter, had a "Master Plan" in creating the earth to be "Inhabited" (Is. 45:18).**
 - A. He started his creation with "a handful of dirty clay, without form and void."
 - B. God chose to form his creation in six-steps. - He called those six steps, "days."
EVERYTHING created in right order.

THE FIRST DAY
GOD PREPARED LIGHT FOR MAN TO WALK IN
(Genesis 1:1-3)

(All Hebrew words are (in green). The meaning of those words are from The Hebrew Dictionary.)

INTRO: Words and phrases to make note of as you study the six days of creation:

- 1. **"God said..."** ('amar)- it is used 10 times in Genesis Chapter 1.
(Verses 3, 6, 9, 11, 14, 20, 24, 26, 28 & 29)
 - a. **God has** power to "command to things to be..."
- 2. **"Let there be..."** is used 7 times in Genesis Chapter 1.
(Verses 3, 6, 9, 11, 14, 20 & 24)
 - a. **"Let"** (hayah) an "imperative" followed by a command.
- 3. **"And it was so"** (ken) is found 6 times in Genesis Chapter 1.
(Verses 7, 9, 11, 15, 24 & 30)
 - a. All things are subject to His commands.
God does what He says he will do!

- I. **God said, "Let...there be light."** (Genesis 1:3)
 - A. God saw the light and said, "It is good." (perfection)
 - B. God divided the light from the darkness (Genesis 1:4).
 - 1. This is the "first command to practice separation." (II Corinthians 6:14).
 - C. What is "light?"
 - 1. God gave no explanation.

2. The sun, moon, and stars were not created until the 4th day (Genesis 1:14-18).
 3. God had/has no need of the sun to provide light (II Corinthians 4:6).
 - a. Jesus Christ is "the light of the world." (Revelation 22:5).
- D. God said, "*...the evening and the morning were the first day.*"
1. This same formula is used in Genesis 1:5,8, 13, 19, 23, and 31.
- E. God clearly sets the measurement of a day as "24-hour days."
1. See - Exodus 20:11 & 31:14-17.
 2. Christ testified to a "24 hour" day in John 11:9.
 3. Light and darkness - the earth rotating about the sun - after Day 4 (Verse 16).
 - a. The earth rotates around the sun every 24 hours!
 - b. Each day has distinct boundaries.
- F. The earth was now ready for continued shaping to make it habitable for man.

THE SECOND DAY
(Genesis 1:6-8)
GOD PREPARED A TENT FOR MAN TO DWELL IN
Isaiah 40:12 & 22

INTRO: After the evening and the morning of the first day, the earth was "beginning" to take shape.
 A. It was still uninhabitable for man or beast.

B. The earth was to be a "temporary testing place" for man (Psalms 115:16).

I. God said, "Let there be a firmament ...And God made the firmament" (Genesis 1:6).

- A. The "firmament" was to divide the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament.
1. This is the second command to practice separation!
- B. The waters below the firmament provide water for man to live. (Isaiah 40:12-22).
1. It provided "life giving" substance for animals.
 2. It provided the "productive process" for plants.
- C. The waters above provide "a protective tent" for man to live in (Isaiah 40:22).
- D. "Firmament" (raqiya): an expanse, a visible arch of the sky.
1. The firmament which God created - **He called Heaven.**
- E. There are three "heavens" referred to in the Bible:.
1. The atmosphere heaven (Jeremiah 4:25).
 2. The abode of the sun, moon, stars and constellations (Isaiah 13:10).
 3. The abode of God's Throne (Hebrews 9:24).
- F. Basically, God created a "greenhouse" for man to live in.
- G. "And the evening and the morning were the second day" (Verse 8).

THE THIRD DAY
Genesis 1:9-13
GOD PREPARED AN ORGANIC GARDEN FROM WHICH MAN COULD EAT

I. God separated the "waters under heaven" from "the dry ground."

A. This is the third command to practice separation!

1. God called the dry ground "Earth."
2. God called the waters "Seas."

B. God "saw that it was good."

II. God said... "Let the earth bring forth ..." (Genesis 1:11)

A. God creates "three different types of plant life:"

1. **Grass:** (deshe) - and all types of spreading, ground-covering vegetation.
2. **Herbs:** This includes "every edible herb or vegetable" (Genesis 1:29).
3. **Trees:** These are "fruit-bearing" trees for food (Genesis 1:29).

B. These grasses, herbs, and fruit-bearing trees did not come from "seeds" but were full grown.

1. This is contrary to C. I. Scofield's notes on Page #4, Article #3.
 - a. Scofield held the theory that the "days" were "extended periods of time."
 - b. Man was made on the "sixth day", three days later than the production of food.
 - c. No "food bearing plant" can produce fruit for food in three days!
 1. There would have been no food for Adam to eat.
 2. He would have had to wait for 2000-3000 years for food.
 3. That renders the "extended period of time" theory as impossible.

2. These were created as "fully" developed plants and trees - bearing fruit & food.

C. **"After his kind"** ... "whose seed is in itself." (Genesis 1:12)

1. "after his kind" occurs ten times in Genesis Chapter 1!
2. This refutes evolution, that "all living things are interrelated" (I Cor. 15:38-39).

III. And the evening and the morning were the third day. (Genesis 1:13)

GENESIS #3
THE FOURTH DAY
(Genesis 1:14-19)
GOD PREPARED A CELESTIAL HEAVEN FOR MAN TO ENJOY

- I. The first day God said: "Let there be light." On the fourth day, God said: "Let there be lights."**
- A. This is the fourth command to separate (Genesis 1:18).
 - B. The "greater" light was to rule the day. The "lesser" light to rule the night.
 - 1. "...he made the stars also." (The stars seem to be of minor importance.)
 - C. This was to be "*for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years.*" (Genesis 1:14)
 - a. This again clearly establishes that what is called "a day" is a 24-hour day (John 11:9).
 - D. "...to give light upon the earth, **and it was so!**" (NOW)
 - 1. Contrary to evolution, the light did not take thousands of "light years" to travel to earth.
 - a. The light appeared immediately upon the earth (Genesis 1:15).
 - E. "*The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork*" (Ps.19:1)
- II. "And the evening and the morning were the fourth day" (Genesis 1:19).**

THE FIFTH DAY
(Genesis 1:20-23)
GOD USED THE WORDS "LIFE & BLESSED" FOR THE FIRST TIME
Life - Verse 20 & Blessed - Verse 22)

INTRO: The earth has now been prepared to "be inhabited." (Isaiah 45:18). (Potter and Clay)

- 1. Lights to see.
- 2. Water to drink.
- 3. Food to eat.
- 4. Days, nights, weeks and years.

- I. The Waters Bring Forth Moving Creatures & Fowls to Fly in the Air** (Genesis 1:20).
- A. God added no further explanation until Genesis 1:24 where He told them to multiply.
- II. Whales and Every Living Creature are Created** (Genesis 1:21).
- A. God again declared of His work - "that it was good." (Genesis 1:21).
- III. And God "Blessed" them** (Genesis 1:22).
- A. That blessing was upon the animal life in the sea and in the air.
 - 1. He gave them a command to "be fruitful and multiply and fill the seas and the earth."
 - 2. The same command was given in Genesis 8:17 after the flood.

- B. Animals are not the object of God's love – man is.
 - 1. His care and concern for animal "life" is obvious (Matthew 10:29).
 - 2. His provision of "food for them" is obvious (Matthew 6:26).

IV. Once again the theory of evolution and its order of progression, is not the order of creation.

- A. The largest sea animals came first, which is contrary to the theory of evolution.
- B. The theory of evolution claims that large marine animals - came from snails.
 - 1. These "great whales" (dragons) were created as "full-grown" and active.
 - 2. These were grown and able to multiply!

V. And the evening and the morning were the fifth day (Genesis 1:23).

**THE SIXTH DAY
(Genesis 1:24-27)**

THE FIRST HALF OF DAY SIX

INTRO: The earth is now totally prepared to "be inhabited" as God designed.

I. And God said, "Let the earth bring forth" ... God divided the animals into three categories:

- A. Cattle - seems to refer to domesticable animals, as we know them today.
- B. Creeping things - refers to all animals that crawl or creep on the earth (Leviticus 11:29-31).
- C. Beasts - seems to refer to large and wild animals.

II. God's Word again defies the theory of evolution:

- A. It is apparent from Genesis 1:24 that the animals are made from the earth.
 - 1. God said... "let the earth bring forth!"
- B. There is no slow struggle for existence seen by these animals as in evolution.
 - 1. They were created "fully-grown" and "after his kind."
- C. God created man from the earth (Genesis 3:19).
 - 1. Animals were also made of the earth, AFTER THEIR KIND, (Genesis 1:24).
 - 2. Animals are different when they die (Ecclesiastes 3:21).

THE SECOND HALF OF DAY SIX

I. God has a Conversation with Himself (Genesis 1:26)!

"And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness ..."

- A. This has been recorded several times in scripture.

1. God the Father was present (Genesis 1:1).
2. God the Son was present (Proverbs 8:22-30) (John 1:1-3).
3. God the Spirit was present (Genesis 1:2).

II. God was not talking to angels- "Man is the ONLY thing made 'in the image of God.'" (Gen 1:27).

- A. This is an unexplainable truth. It cannot be understood by man!
- B. The six days of creation are complete - wonder of wonders!
 1. Each day perfectly complements the others.
- C. The truth of a literal "six-day" creation is written in the Ten Commandments.

"Six days you shall labor and do all your work but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord your God ... for in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day." (Exodus 20:9-11).

GENESIS #4
Genesis 1:27
What is The Image of God?

INTRO: Many people think, and some teach, that being made in the image of God is that:

- A. God is a "three part being" (Trinity: Father - Son - Spirit).
- B. Man is a "three part being" (I Thessalonians 5:23) (spirit - soul - body).
 - 1. That is true - but that is not what is important to God nor to us.

I. God Does have a Physical Body. (John 4:24) - Man has a physical body!

A. God, as a Spirit, yet He has all the components that man has in his physical body:

- 1. God can see (Genesis 16:13).
- 2. God can hear (Psalm 94:9).
- 3. God can smell (Genesis 8:21).
- 4. God can touch (Genesis 32:32).
- 5. God can think (Isaiah 55:8).
- 6. God can speak (II Peter 1:18).
- 7. God can weep (John 11:35).

B. When God created Adam "in His likeness" God had something in mind - a goal!

II. God has Four Basic Characteristics:

A. God created man with these characteristics - FOR AN IMPORTANT REASON!

- 1. God has Intellect - The ability to Know - Understand - Reason.
 - a. God created man with intellect to know and understand.
- 2. God has Emotion - The ability to Love - Be Angry - Be Sad - Be Glad.
 - a. God created man with emotion to love, be angry.
- 3. God has a Will - The ability to make choices as He desires.
 - a. God created man with freewill to make choices.
- 4. God is Eternal - The ability to live forever.
 - a. God created man to be eternal and to live forever.

III. Explanation of the Four Characteristics of God and man.

A. Intellect

- 1. Babies are born with intellect.
 - a. They get hungry - they cry - they communicate the need for food.
 - b. They learn quickly how to ask for food!

B. Emotion

- 1. In thunders and lightings. We get fearful.
- 2. People say nice things. We get happy.
- 3. People say bad things. We get angry.
- 4. Your husband loves you. You love him back.

C. Will - We can make our own decisions (Hebrews 10:25).

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| 1. On Sunday morning | You <u>make a decision</u> to go to church or not go. |
| 2. On Sunday morning | You <u>make a decision</u> to go to Sunday School or not go. |
| 3. On Wednesday night | You <u>make a decision</u> to stay home or go to church. |
| 4. God says, "I love you" | You <u>made a decision</u> to love God because He loved you. |

GOD'S PURPOSE FOR CREATING MAN IN HIS IMAGE

I. Why did God give us Intellect? -

A. "That I may know him" (Philippians 3:10).

II. Why did God give us Emotion?

A. "That I might love Him" (OT: Deuteronomy 6:4-5) (NT: Mark 12:28-31).

1. We must "get to know Him before we can love Him."

B. That we might "love one another." (John 15:12 & 17)

III. Why did God give us a Will?

A. That we might love Him - and serve Him because we love him (Joshua 24:15).

B. What would you choose? - A wife that serves you – or – a wife that loves you?

Love - spend time with - MAKE time to spend with wife - husband.

C. Jesus set the example: (John 8:29) "I do ALWAYS... those things that PLEASE..."

IV. God made us an eternal being – like Him -

A. That He might spend all eternity with us.

GOD'S DESIRE AND GOAL WHEN HE CREATED US IN HIS OWN IMAGE

GOD CREATED US "FOR HIS PLEASURE"

Revelation 4:11

YOUR GOAL SHOULD BE THE SAME AS GOD'S GOAL

1. Your goal: You will get to know the Lord Jesus Christ better (Philippians 3:10)!
 - a. Determine you will spend more time in your Bible.
2. Your goal: You will give Him more pleasure (Revelation 4:11).
 - a. Determine you will spend more time with the Lord in fellowship (I John 1:3).
3. Your goal: You will have peace of God in your heart and sleep well (John 8:29)!
 - a. Determine you will always "do always those things which please Him."
4. Your goal: You will be more conformed to the likeness of Christ (Romans 8:29).
 - a. Determine you will always seek to "be holy as He is holy."
5. Your goal: You will do great works each day (John 14:12).
 - a. Determine you are going to be "zealous of good works."
6. Your goal: To **prove your love** by obeying His commandments (John 14:21-23).
 - a. Determine you are going to "love the Lord with all your heart."

GENESIS #5
THE SEVENTH DAY
(Genesis 1:31 - Genesis 2:17)
God Rested and Reviewed His Creation

INTRO: A large portion of Genesis Chapter Two is a "review of creation." There are several things of importance which we will cover.

I. During the six days of creation, God said, "...it was good."

II. When the creation was complete - perfectly formed and inhabited -

A. God saw **every thing** he had made and behold "...it was **VERY** good!" (Genesis 1:31).

III. The Creation Included No Disease, No Suffering, No Sin, No Wars, No Death (Gen. 2:1-2).

A. "God saw everything that he had made..." (Genesis 1:31).

1. That statement extends to eternity past - no matter how far back...

Meaning: everything: ('aher) who, which, what, that; also when, where, how, because, in order that, whatsoever, whilst, whither.

2. There could not have been ANYTHING in God's creation that "**was not good.**"

a. Not **before** the six days of creation.

b. Not **during** the six days of creation.

3. The fossils found by "geologists" must have been formed AFTER God's statement!

a. Fossils are pictures of disease, sin, and death.

b. If those had been in the past, **God would not have said**, "it is very good!"

B. God "**finished**" his Creation (Genesis 2:3).

1. "*The heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them.*" (Genesis 2:1).

a. This totally refutes the theory of the evolutionary crowd.

b. Their theory is that the earth is "**still in process.**"

c. God said, "...*the heaven and the earth were finished.*" (Genesis 2:1).

C. Solomon confirmed this truth:

"I know that whatever God does, it shall be forever. Nothing can be added to it, and nothing taken from it. God does it, that men should fear before him." (Ecclesiastes 3:14).

D. Both of these statements refute the theory of Evolution.

1. Everything was "very good" - There could not have been sin and sickness before.

2. Everything was "finished" - It is not "continuing to progress" as evolutionists teach.

IV. The Uniqueness of the Seventh Day (Genesis 2:3).

A. God "rested" from His work on the Seventh Day (Genesis 2:1).

1. The statement "rested" makes no indication that God was weary!

- a. God has no need to rest from weariness (Isaiah 40:28).
- b. God is never weary and does not sleep (Psalm 121:4).
- c. The Hebrew word "work" *malakah*: means employment - ministry.
- d. The Hebrew word "rested" *shabat* means ceased, celebrate, let go (John 5:17).

B. God "blessed" the Seventh Day (Genesis 2:3).

- 1. God "sanctified" the seventh day. (Hebrew (*qedesh*) means: Holy - Set-apart.)

V. **The Seventh Day is the "Sabbath" of Israel. It is "Holy" unto the Lord.**

A. **This does not apply to the "church" of this dispensation.** It applies to Israel.

- 1. It is a Covenant between God and Israel (Exodus 31:16-17).

B. On the Sabbath Day, Israel was not allowed to:

- 1. Leave their houses (Exodus 16:29).
- 2. Kindle fires (Exodus 35:3).
- 3. Do any work - nor was their family (Exodus 20:10).
- 4. Buy or sell anything (Nehemiah 10:31).

From Genesis Verse 4 to Verse 14 is a review of creation.

We will "skip" to the next major subject, which is found in Genesis 2:15-17.

VI. **God's First Commandment Given to Man** (Genesis 2:15-17).

A. Man was placed in the Garden of Eden.

- 1. His responsibility was to "dress it and to keep it."

B. Man was commanded not to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil."

- 1. The consequences for disobedience: "*...thou shalt surely die.*" (Genesis 2:17).

C. There was nothing wrong with the tree! The tree of the knowledge of good and evil was:

- 1. Good for food.
- 2. Pleasant to the eye.
- 3. Desired to make one wise.

D. There was NO TEMPTATION to "sin" **as we think of sin today!**

- a. Adam and Eve were not tempted to "get drunk or be immoral."
- b. They had no sin nature!

E. God was testing their devotion "by seeing if they would be obedient."

- 1. "To obey is better than to sacrifice" (I Samuel 15:22).

F. Today, Christians are "tested" every day in the same manner.

Worry - Every day! (Think on these things.)

VII. **Adam Discovers that He was a "Strange Creation"** (Genesis 2:18-20).

A. It was "not good for man to be alone!"

1. God declared that "the man" Adam, needed a "help meet" (Genesis 2:20).
2. **Immediately**, God called EVERY living beast, fowl, and living creature to Adam.
 - a. God had Adam examine each one and give them a name.
 - b. Adam did according to God's instructions.

B. Why did God call every beast, fowl and living creature to Adam?

1. There was no fear or animosity between Adam and the animals.
 - a. No doubt, these animals came by pairs "male and female."
 1. God instructed the animals to "be fruitful and multiply" (Gen. 1:22).
2. Adam found that there was "no mate" for him in all of God's creation.

C. God appears to have done this to "refute" the evolutionist.

1. They teach that man evolved from animal.
2. I Corinthians 15:38-39 clearly proves that is not true.

C. FACT: Adam could exercise rulership over them (Genesis 1:26).

1. But could not have fellowship with any of them.

VIII. The World's First Marriage! (Genesis 2:21-22)

A. Eve was not made from the earth - as Adam was.

1. She was made from "**Adam's rib.**"
 - a. Adam did not say "of my **bone.**" He said, "bone of my **bones**" (**Gen. 2:23**).
 1. Notice that it is said, "bone of my bone**S**! (Plural)
 - b. She was not made from his "head" to rule over him.
 - c. She was not made from his "foot" to be stepped on or abused.
 - d. **She was made to be "a part of every part of her husband's life."**
2. She was made out of "a little better material" than Adam!
 - a. She was created to be "by his side" - to be a help and encouragement to him.
 - b. She was created to be "under his arm" - to be loved and cared for by him.
 1. Being from man's "rib," the woman is more "delicate" than "dirt."
 - a. **MEN SHOULD REMEMBER THAT TRUTH** (I Peter 3:7).

3. She was made to be his "help meet."

(*'ezer*) - One correspondent to him, suitable both to his nature and necessity, one altogether like to him in shape, disposition and affection; or one to be at hand and near to him, to stand continually with him, familiarly to converse with him, serve, and comfort him; whose business it shall be to please and help him.

4. This is the first time the word "wife" is used in the scripture (Genesis 2:24).

5. The "first" woman came from man - "all men" since that day have come from woman.

IX. The Importance of Marriage (Matthew 19:3-9).

A. Marriage is the first institution that God established in this world.

1. Everything God has instituted since that day, depends on the "family."
2. A church can only be a strong church - if it is made up of "strong families."
3. Every failure of man today can be traced to the failure of the family!

A Shadow of Things to Come

The home was the first institution that God established.

The home is the key to the success or failure of the church.

The home is the key to the success or failure of the country.

GENESIS #6
The Most Important Chapter in The Bible!
Part #1
The First Sin in the Bible and its Effect on the Entire World

Genesis 3:1-7

Introduction: The evolutionists teach that the world is getting "better and better." When God created the world, it was "very good." There was "no sin" in the world. Sin entered the world by "one act of disobedience." Today, the jails of the world are filled with thieves, murderers, and criminals of every type. The evolutionists have it backward! The world is not continuing to get better. Since Genesis Chapter #3, the world is continuing to get worse and worse. What happened? The answer to that question is found in Genesis Chapter #3.

The New Testament Points Back to Genesis Chapter Three

*"Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world,
and death by sin: and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned"* (Romans 5:12).

Satan and the Serpent

I. Satan's Awesome Appearance Before His Fall (Ezekiel 28:13-15 & 17).

- A. Satan appeared as a serpent (Genesis 3:1).
 - 1. The serpent is beautifully marked and with smooth moves.
- B. He was created "perfect in thy ways"(Ezekiel 28:15).
- C. He was created "to minister to the heirs of salvation" (Hebrews 1:14).
- D. He was created and called "Lucifer" (meaning "morning star") (Isaiah 14:12).
 - 1. "... until iniquity was found in you." (Ezekiel 28:15)
 - a. **How sin arose in him is not explained.**
 - b. It is clear that "iniquity/sin was found in him."

NOTE: There is no record of when Lucifer fell. - However, we do know that:

- 1. Satan fell at some time after Genesis 1:31 when ...
 - " ... *God saw everything he had made, and behold it was **very good.***"
- 2. Satan had to have fallen between Genesis 1:31 and Genesis 3:1.

II. Satan's Awful Appearance After his Fall (Isaiah 14:12-15).

- A. The Serpent now appears as a "Slippery, Slivering, Sneaky, Sorry, Seductive, Snake!"
 - 1. The Serpent in Genesis 3:1 is identified as Satan (Revelation 12:9 & Revelation 20:2).
- B. Satan is a master of disguise -
 - 1. He can appear as a " Slippery, Slivering, Sneaky, Sorry, Good for Nothing, Snake!"
 - 2. He can appear as an "angel of light" (II Corinthians 11:14).
 - 3. He can appear as "any and everything in between!" **BEWARE!**

Satan and his Subtlety

III. Satan's Subtle Approach to the Woman (Genesis 3:1).

- A. Satan approached the woman trying to deceive her while she was alone. (I Tim. 2:13-14).
 - 1. Adam was not there to counsel and warn her.
 - 2. Satan approached her as **a very beautifully marked creature.**
 - 3. Satan succeeded in deceiving the woman into thinking "he was her friend."
 - a. He offered her something "good."
 - b. Satan ALWAYS offers God's children "good things."

B. Satan **began** his seduction of the woman by **subtly** "asking a question" (Genesis 3:1):

- 1. "Yea, hath God said...?"
 - a. The word "**Yea**" in the Hebrew ('aph) implies "**Why**... in our language."
 - b. Read it like that...
- 2. "**Why** hath God said, *Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?*"
- 3. Satan made her think - God may not be as good and loving as the woman thought!
 - a. God said you could not eat from "**every** tree" of the garden (Genesis 3:1)
 - 1. God may be more restrictive than she thought.
 - 2. God may be withholding something from you???

IV. Satan's Implications Affected the Woman's Emotions (Genesis 3:2-3).

- A. The woman **took away** from the word of God.
 - 1. God said, "Of **every** tree of the garden thou mayest **freely** eat" (Genesis 2:16).
 - 2. The woman said, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden" (Genesis 3:2).
 - a. The woman **took away** the words "**every**" - and the word "**freely**" eat!
- B. The woman **added** to the Word of God.
 - 1. God said, "...*thou shall not eat of it.*" (Genesis 2:17).
 - 2. Eve **added** to, "...*neither shall ye touch it ...*" (Genesis. 3:3).
 - 3. Satan got his desired effect! **SINNER BEWARE!**
 - a. The woman thought God was less generous than she first thought.
(She left out "every and freely.")
 - b. The woman thought God was more restrictive than she first thought.
(She added, "neither shall ye touch it.")

Satan and his Seductive Success

V. Satan Doubles His Attack - and Goes in for the Kill!

- A. First Attack: Satan had already caused the woman to doubt God's word.
 - 1. Satan now calls God a liar. "... ye shall not surely die." (Genesis 3:4).

B. Second Attack: He appealed to her PRIDE.

1. Satan used the same tool on the woman that caused his fall! (**Pride!**) (Isaiah 14:14).

"... For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil." (Gen. 3:5)

2. Satan did not tempt the woman to "fall not downward."

- a. He tempted her to "fall upward"...**ye shall be as gods.**

VI. Satan's Subtlety Caused the Woman to Sin (Genesis 3:6).

A. She saw the fruit was good for food.

B. She saw the fruit was pleasant to the eyes.

C. She saw the fruit was desired to make one wise.

D. She saw the fruit would make her be like gods.

1. She *"took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, ..."* (Genesis 3:6).

2. The woman *"gave also to her husband and he did eat."* (Genesis 3:6b).

- a. **Beware of what your eyes see!** (Lamentations 3:51).

The Sin and Shame that Enter the World

VII. The Sadness and Shame of The Woman and Adam (Genesis 3:7).

A. *They were as gods!* - - - - But it was not as they had thought or expected!

- a. They knew they had been disobedient!

- b. They knew they knew good and evil!

- c. They knew they were both naked!

- d. They knew they had reason to be afraid!

B. Men always think sin is going to turn out to be good!

- a. There are *"the pleasures of sin for a - - - season!"* (Hebrews 11:25).

The Saddest Verse in the Word of God!

"Whereby, as by one man sin entered the world, and death by sin, so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned"
(Romans 5:12)

NOTE: The evolutionists teach that the earth began as being totally bad and that the earth has been improving every day since the day of creation. They teach that it will continue to improve until it will be like the Garden of Eden. However, the exact opposite is true. The world began by being "very good" but has continued to get worse every day since sin entered the world (II Timothy 3:13). The evolutionists have never offered any solution to the problem of disease, sickness, suffering, and death, nor any explanation of why the world is in the condition it is in today.

A Shadow of Things to Come

Everything found in this lesson is a shadow of things to come:

**Satan's Subtlety
Satan's Temptation
Man's Failure
Sin Enters
Shame Follows
Death**

And will continue until the Rapture.

GENESIS #7
The Most Important Chapter in The Bible!
Part #2
Genesis 3:7-15
The First Display of God's Amazing Grace

INTRO: At the close of the last lesson we saw Adam and Eve both "eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil." Their eyes were IMMEDIATELY opened - they realized they were both naked and realized that "being naked was sinful!" I feel sure they both remembered the words that were spoken to them by God, "*...for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.*" (Genesis 2:17). I can imagine they asked themselves the question, "I wonder how long it will be before we die?"

I. The Unbelievable Shame of Sinful Men (Genesis 3:7).

A. Adam and the woman suddenly understood "good and evil."

1. Eve realized that the "promise of the serpent" had come true.
 - a. She realized that "being like gods" was not what she expected.
 - b. She realized that the "serpent" had deceived her!!!
 - c. She realized that "knowing good and evil" was devastating.

(When she got what she wanted - she did not want what she got.)
That is always the case.

"Sin will take you further than you intended to go...
Leave you longer than you intended to stay...
Cost you more than you wanted to pay."

1. They both suddenly realized what they had done was wrong.
2. They both suddenly realized the feeling of shame and guilt.
3. They both suddenly realized they were naked.
4. They both suddenly had a dread of meeting God.
5. They both suddenly had the fear that there was no hope.
6. They both suddenly realized that they had no idea of what was ahead.

B. Adam and the Woman had apparently been meeting with God in the cool of the evening.

1. They met with God "to share fellowship" with their Creator.
 - a. What period of time elapsed between their creation and this event is not known.
2. The results of their sin:
 - a. They hid themselves from their Creator (Genesis 3:10).
3. Why did Adam and Eve hide themselves from their Creator?

C. Adam and the Woman hid themselves because they were naked!

1. **Nakedness is the first sin** that Adam and Eve identified after their disobedience.
 - a. Before they sinned - they were naked and were not ashamed (Genesis 2:25).
2. Proper clothing, **since the very beginning**, has been a major issue with God.
 - a. Our Lord appeared "clothed with a garment down to the foot..." (Rev. 1:13).

- b. The armies in heaven were "clothed in fine linen, white and clean."
(Revelation 19:14).
- 3. Clothed improperly (apart from husband - wife relationship) is considered "shameful."
a. (Exodus 32:25; Revelation 3:18)
- 4. The following two verses teach us what God considers as "naked":
a. Exodus 28:42
"And thou shalt make them linen breeches to cover their nakedness; from the loins even unto the thighs they shall reach"

**George Rawlinson was a Hebrew Scholar and Camden
Professor of Ancient History University of Oxford 1861-1889
(George Rawlinson, Pulpit Commentary: 1:293)**

(...unto the thighs (yarek)- "to the bottom of the thighs where they adjoin to the knee.")

- b. Isaiah 47:1-3
1) "Come down, and sit in the dust, O virgin daughter of Babylon, sit on the ground: there is no throne, O daughter of the Chaldeans: for thou shalt no more be called tender and delicate. 2) Take the millstones, and grind meal: uncover thy locks, make bare the leg, uncover the thigh, pass over the rivers. 3) Thy nakedness shall be uncovered, yea, thy shame shall be seen: I will take vengeance, and I will not meet thee as a man."

The phrases, "*uncover the thigh*" - "*pass over the rivers*" picture a person in captivity when they are going to the fields to work, and they must "wade across the river to get to the fields" and they keep their dresses up around their waist while they work all day "turning a millstone" grinding corn. The Scripture states:

"Thy nakedness shall be uncovered, yea, thy shame shall be seen..."

- c. Genesis 3:21
"Unto Adam also and to his wife did the LORD God make coats of skins, and clothed them."
(The word "coats" in Hebrew is: *kuttoneth* {koot-to'-neth.}
(The meaning is: to cover: a coat, a garment, a robe.)
(All of these came down to the knees and sometimes to the ankles.)
(They always covered the thighs!)

- d. This clearly shows that any man or woman wearing short-shorts or a bathing suit in public is considered, by God, to be naked!

- 5. **A safe way for Christians to dress! (Rather be "safe than sorry")**
a. Dress like you know Jesus is coming today!
b. Dress like you are going to meet the King of Kings today!

II. The Unexpected Love of an Amazing God (Genesis 3:8).

- A. God would have been totally just if He had "struck them both with death immediately."
 - 1. They hid themselves (Genesis 3:10).
 - 2. They were afraid (Genesis 3:10).
 - 3. They showed their guilt (Genesis 3:10).

III. The Undeserved Love of an Amazing God .

- A. God had "no obligation" to forgive and redeem Adam and Eve.
 - 1. When God came calling, "They thought he had come to destroy them."
- B. God came to "seek and to save that which is lost" (Luke 19:10).
 - 1. God came seeking them with an **"Unexpected Attitude of Love!"**
 - 2. God came "asking questions":
 - a. "Where art thou?"
 - b. "Who told thee that thou are naked?"
 - c. "Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat?"
 - 3. He did not come seeking them in anger.
 - a. He did not come seeking them to destroy them.
 - b. He came seeking them to "admit their sin."
 - c. He came seeking to "forgive their sin" and "restore their fellowship."
 - 4. This is the "first" show of God's love to sinful men in the Bible (Genesis 3:15).
 - a. They would live - bear children and Eve's "seed" would continue!
 - 1. God had a purpose for Adam and Eve.
 - 2. God has a purpose for you and me.
- C. No doubt, Adam and the woman were "amazed".

GENESIS #8
The Most Important Chapter in the Bible
Part #3
(Genesis 3:14-24)

INTRO: God just addressed the disobedience with Adam and then Eve.
Now God turns to the serpent which deceived Eve and caused her to sin.

I. The Judgment and Consequences on the Deceitful Devil (Genesis 3:14-15).

A. Interesting facts about God dealing with the serpent (Satan) - (Genesis 3:14) (Rev. 20:2-3).

1. God did not ask the serpent "any questions" like He did Adam and Eve.
 - a. God cursed the serpent "above all the cattle and the beast of the field".
 - b. The serpent apparently had been "the highest of all animals".
 - c. The serpent apparently had legs when he was created.
2. God cursed the serpent to spend its life, on its belly, in the dust of the earth.

B. God showed NO LOVE for "the deceiver of the woman".

1. There is no forgiveness offered to Satan or the angels who followed him.
 - a. The Devil, final judgment and consequences - doomed.
 1. Romans 16:20 - **Hebrews 2:14** - I John 3:8 - **Revelation 20:10**
 - b. The fallen angels are eternally doomed (II Peter 2:4).

C. The Consequences put on Satan are "never ending" (Genesis 3:15).

1. The seed of the woman - it shall bruise thy head. (The head of Satan.)
 - a. "It" speaks of a specific person, not "general off-spring".

D. The same could have happened to Adam, Eve, and to all mankind.

II. The Judgment and Consequences upon the Woman (Genesis 3:16).

A. The "two-fold" consequences of the woman's sin (Genesis 3:16).

1. The first consequence of the woman is: "Multiplied sorrow in child-bearing".
 - a. The highest happiness of woman "bring a child into the world" (John 16:21).
 - b. See: I Timothy 2:15
2. The second consequence of the woman is: "Her husband would rule over her."
 - a. The woman began her life by "acting independent" of her husband (Gen. 3:1-6).
 1. In doing so, "the woman was deceived" (I Timothy 2:14).
 - b. The woman is now to spend her life ruled by her husband (Genesis 3:16).
 1. That remains true until today (Ephesians 5:22).
 2. See I Corinthians 11:3
 - c. This does not mean a woman is inferior to a man.
 1. She is superior for what God created her to be (Genesis 2:18).

B. Any problem in any marriage can be solved by following the Bible pattern.

1. Ephesians 5:22-33

III. The Judgment and Curse on the Earth (Genesis 3:17).

A. The earth itself was cursed because of Adam's sin (Genesis 3:17).

1. The earth began to grow thorns and thistles.
2. The earth, in the beginning, had co-operated with man.
3. The earth now causes man to toil and sweat.

B. The Curse: - The entire creation has suffered since that day.

1. "*The earth groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now.*" (Romans 8:22).

IV. The Judgment and Consequence upon Adam (Genesis 3:17-19).

A. The greatest part of the consequence fell on Adam - "*...for thy sake....*"

1. Why? - Two reasons:

- a. Because Adam knew it was wrong and did it anyway (I Timothy 2:13-14).
- b. Because Adam failed in his responsibility as "head of the home".

B. Adam's consequences were four-fold (Genesis 3:17-19):

1. Sorrow: "...in sorrow thou shall eat" (Genesis 3:17).
2. Thorns and thistles "...it shall bring forth" (pain and suffering) (Genesis 3:18).
3. Sweat: "...by the sweat of thY face shalt thou eat..."(Genesis 3:19).
4. Death: "...dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return" (Genesis 3:19).

V. The Judgment and Consequences of Man's Sin is placed on Christ.

A. Christ was "...made to be sin for us..." (II Corinthians 5:21).

- a. Christ bore the **full consequence** of our sins.

B. He was a man of :

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| 1. " <u>Sorrows</u> " | He was acquainted with grief (Isaiah 53:4). |
| 2. " <u>Thorns and thistles</u> " | He wore a "crown of thorns" on his head (Mark 15:17). |
| 3. " <u>Sweat</u> " | He sweat drops of blood (Luke 22:44). |
| 4. " <u>Death</u> " | He died in our place (Romans 5:8). |

C. Jesus Christ was "*...being made a curse for us*" (Galatians 3:13).

ADDENDUM TO LESSON #8

THE SHADOW OF THINGS TO COME:

The New is in the Old Concealed

Adam and Eve "believed" the Promise of a "Coming Redeemer" and it changed their lives.
(Genesis 3:15)

The Old is in the New Revealed

*If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature, old things are passed away, behold,
all things are become new!*
(II Corinthians 5:17)

- I. The Unchanging Love of God Toward Sinners (II Peter 3:9) - (Romans 5:8).**
- II. The Unchanging First Marriage was Between a Man and a Woman.**
 - A. Adam is referred to as "her husband" in Genesis 3:16.
 - B. Eve is referred to as "his wife" in Genesis 3:20.
- III. The Unchanging Plan of God for the Home.**
 - A. The woman was to "give birth to children".
 - 1. This clearly indicates that she would be a "keeper at home" (Titus 2:5).
 - 2. She is to guide the "house" (I Timothy 5:14).
 - B. The man was to "work, sweat to produce food for him and the family" (I Timothy 5:8).
- IV. The Unchanging Attempt of Man to Cover His Sin.**
 - A. They made "aprons of fig leaves" to hide their sin (Genesis 3:7-10).
 - 1. Fig leaves did not hide their sin.
 - 2. Fig leaves will not hide our sins (Isaiah 64:6).
 - 3. We need the "robe of righteousness" (Isaiah 61:10).
- V. The Unchanging Sacrifice of Blood to take away Sin (Genesis 3:15).**
 - A. The "seed" of Satan:
 - 1. "Satan's seed" refers to "the children of disobedience" (Ephesians 2:2-3).
 - a. It clearly applies to those who practice the pattern of Satan (John 8:44).
 - B. The "seed" of the woman:
 - 1. The "Seed" of the woman is to a "specific person" not general off-spring.
 - 2. The "Seed" of the woman referred to is Jesus Christ - **the Redeemer.**
 - 3. The "Seed" of the woman will bruise the head of Satan - (Strike a death blow!)
 - 4. The "Seed" of the woman was the beginning of "atonement for all man-kind".
 - a. That atonement will continue until the second coming of Christ.
 - 1. Nehemiah 9:16-17
 - 2. Ephesians 1:4-6
 - 3. II Timothy 1:9-10
 - 4. Revelation 22:16-17
 - C. This is a warfare between "children of God" and "children of the wicked one" (Matt.13:37).
 - 1. This "warfare" began between Cain and Abel.
 - 2. This "warfare" will continue until the end (Revelation 12:17) (Revelation 20:7-9).
 - D. The atonement was established by the shedding of blood (Hebrews 9:22).
- VI. God Expelled Adam and Eve Out of the Garden - For Their Own Good!**

- A. What happened to the Garden of Eden? - The Bible does not explain.
1. It will "re-appear" by the "Edenic" River in the "New Earth" (Revelation 22:1-2).
- B. The "Godhead" took counsel together (Genesis 3:22).
1. "...*man is become as one of us - knowing good and evil*". (Sad!)
- C. This statement was not made in anger - rather in sadness!
1. It was made because of concern for the man and woman.
- D. Sinful people could not "inhabit" a perfect environment.
1. The risk of them eating of "the tree of life" was too great.
a. They had already disobeyed God's Word about the tree of good and evil.
b. They would have "lived forever" in a "sinful nature".

2. They were driven out of God's Garden and the presence...
a. That, one day, they could come back into his presence and live joyfully!
- E. The "death penalty" that God imposed turned out to be in "the wisdom of God",
1. And for the "good of man".
- F. What would have happened if Adam and Eve would have eaten of the "Tree of Life?"

GENESIS #9
THE FIRST BIRTH - FIRST OFFERING - FIRST WARFARE
Genesis 4:1-7

INTRO: In Genesis 3:15 God promised that He would put enmity between the seed of the serpent and the seed of the woman. In the practical understanding of that, God prophesied that there would be a continual warfare between the "saved people and unsaved people" or "the children of God and the children of Satan (False Religion)" (John 8:37-44). In the opening of Genesis Chapter 4 we see the beginning of the fulfillment of that prophecy.

I. The First Birth of Children That is Recorded in Scripture - Genesis 4:1-2.

A. This is the record of the first two human beings born of sinful parents. (With a sin nature.)

1. Cain - the first born.

- a. Eve very likely thought that her first born "might be the promised Deliverer."
- b. He was not. Matter of fact, Cain was the opposite.
- c. Cain was a "tiller of the ground" - (A farmer).

2. Abel - the second born.

- a. Abel was a "keeper of sheep" - (A shepherd).

B. Both occupations were acceptable and honorable in that day.

1. Cain, by his work, provided food for the family.

- a. All mankind were vegetarians at that time - they ate herbs and fruits.
 - 1. Men did not start eating animals until after the flood (Genesis 9:3).

2. Abel, by his work, provided clothing for the family and sheep for sacrifice.

II. The First Offering of Good-Works Is Recorded in Scripture (Genesis 4:4-5).

A. There is little doubt that sacrifices had been made before, but this is the first record.

- 1. Very likely that is because it is the first time an "unacceptable sacrifice was made".
- 2. No doubt Adam and Eve had taught their sons to offer blood sacrifices to God.
- 3. No doubt God had given instructions concerning the sacrifices (Genesis 3:21).
 - a. Otherwise God would have had no grounds to rebuke Cain.
- 4. No doubt Cain had gotten his sheep from his younger brother for sacrifice.
 - a. It may have been that Cain "resented" having to go to his younger brother.

B. Cain offered "the good works of his own hands" (Genesis 4:3).

- 1. God rejected Cain's offering with no respect (Genesis 4:5).
 - a. Testified to throughout Scripture (Isaiah 64:6, Titus 3:5, Ephesians 2:8-9).
 - b. Cain reacted by being "wroth" and "his countenance fell."
 - 1. Cain was apparently "angry with God."
- 2. The Hebrew indicates that Cain's facial expression had been "proud and haughty."
 - a. His facial expression changed from "proud and haughty to angry and upset."
- 3. God asked him two questions:

- a. Why are you wroth? (angry)
- b. Why is your countenance fallen?
 - 1. Notice that facial expressions are "important" to God (Genesis 4:6).

C. Abel offered a sheep from his herd - required the shedding of Blood.

- 1. God accepted Abel's offering with respect (Genesis 4:4).
 - a. Abel offered the "blood of the lamb" - as he had been taught.
 - b. The "shedding of blood" has been required from the beginning (Hebrews 9:22).
 - c. Abel's sacrifice was offered "by faith" (Hebrews 11:4).
 - d. Abel is the "first person" mentioned in Hebrews 11:4.

D. Good works still will not work for Salvation.

III. The First Warfare Is Recorded in Scripture (Genesis 4:8). (Murder!)

A. This is a fulfillment of Genesis 3:15.

- 1. It is always going to turn out exactly like God said it would!

B. The "Seed of the Serpent" - begins his warfare against the "Seed of the Woman."

- 1. That warfare continues - daily - until this minute. (Satan is against YOU & ME.)

C. Who would have thought that "eat the fruit of a tree" would end up in murder?

D. This Is of GREAT Importance for You and for Me Today.

- 1. The first sin recorded was murder!
- 2. But, it started with a "little sin" of disobeying God and "eating a fruit" that was:
 - Good for food.
 - Pleasant to look at.
 - Desirable to make one wise.
- 3. Today, Satan offers the same thing "good - fun - no big deal."
 - a. Today: Oh, come on, one little drink won't hurt you - it's fun!
 - 1. A few years later - that person is in jail!
 - b. Today: Oh, come on, it won't hurt to skip church just once (Hebrew 10:25).
 - 1. A few years later - out of church and in the world.
 - c. Eve was deceived by the offer!
 - d. The "sweet and good" quickly turned into "shame and disgrace."

*******When she got what she wanted - She did not want what she got!**

- 4. The downfall of EVERY person born since that day started:
 - a. ...with "one little" decision that seemed harmless!

E. *"Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall."* (I Corinthians 10:12).

- 1. Paul said, "...have no confidence in the flesh...." (Philippians 3:3).

**TO A LOST PERSON, GOOD WORKS HAVE
NO VALUE**

**TO A CHRISTIAN
GOOD WORKS HAVE GREAT VALUE
(Revelations 22:12)**

Matthew 5:16: "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

Ephesians 2:10: "For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them."

1 Timothy 5:10: "Well reported of for good works; if she have brought up children, if she have lodged strangers, if she have washed the saints' feet, if she have relieved the afflicted, if she have diligently followed every good work".

1 Timothy 6:18: "That they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate;"

2 Timothy 3:17: "That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works."

Titus 2:7: "In all things shewing thyself a pattern of good works: in doctrine shewing uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity,"

Titus 2:14: "Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works."

Titus 3:8: "This is a faithful saying, and these things I will that thou affirm constantly, that they which have believed in God might be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable unto men."

**IF A CHRISTIAN DOES NOT HAVE GOOD WORKS,
THEY WILL GO BEFORE THE LORD
EMPTY HANDED
(II John 1:8)**

GENESIS #10
The Line of the Promised Seed Renewed
Genesis 4:9 - Genesis 5:32

INTRO: God continues his dealing with Cain from our last lesson.

I. When Man Fails, God Comes Looking for Him (Genesis 4:9-12).

A. God is The God of a Second Chance (Genesis 4:7).

1. God graciously offers a second chance (Jeremiah 18:4 & Jonah 1:1 & 3:1).
2. He was told, "If he refused - sin would rule over him."
3. Cain refused - and therefore he became "the seed of the serpent" (I John 3:12).

B. God asked Cain a question!

1. God's purpose:
 - a. God is always looking for us to confess our sins.
 - b. God is always ready to forgive our sins (I John 1:9).
 - c. God's desire was that Cain would repent and seek forgiveness.
 - d. Adam sinned, - but Adam confessed his sin and was forgiven.
2. Cain's response:
 - a. Cain hardened his heart.
 1. He told God a blatant lie "I know not!" (Genesis 4:9).
 2. He told God "it was none of His business."
 - a. Am I my brother's keeper?

C. God is the God of "a Second Chance" (Job 1:1 & 3:1).

1. Peter "cursed and denied" he knew God.
 - a. God just "looked" at Peter and "Peter went out and wept bitterly."
 - b. Repentance will always bring forgiveness.
 - c. Unconfessed sin will always harden the heart.
2. Cain, knew the way of righteousness, but rejected it.
 - a. Cain was allowed to live on the earth for a while, but -
 1. In this life, he lived a "very unhappy life" (Genesis 4:13-15).
 2. In the "life to come" his "doom was sealed" (II Peter 2:21).
3. The lesson we should learn from Cain:
 - a. When God speaks to us - we should be tender-hearted.
 - b. Repent and confess the smallest of sins in our life.
 - c. Don't collect sins like collecting "green stamps."

II. The Great Conflict Between "Two-Seeds" Continues (Genesis 3:15).

A. Lamech was the "seventh" from Adam - a descendent of Cain (Genesis 4:17 - 18).

1. Lamech was a murderer (Genesis 4:23-24).
 - a. As murders increase - "reaping what they sowed" increases.

2. Murder rate in 2018 - **source of information** - (numberofabortions.com):
 - a. United States: 17,284
 - b. World-Wide: 465,600
 - c. World-Wide since 1980: 1,220,303,872
 - d. World-Wide Average: One murder every 60 seconds.
 - e. World-Wide Murders per day: 1440
3. This is not counting babies who are aborted.
 - a. United States in 2018: 1,305,963
 - b. World-Wide in 2018: 36,594,963
4. The conflict between the two seeds will continue until Romans 16:20 takes place.
 - a. Wicked men will continue to get worse (II Timothy 3:13).

III. The Bloodline of Christ Renewed in Seth (Genesis 4:25- 5:5).

- A. Genesis 5:1-2 God reminds us that He created Adam "in the likeness of God."
 1. In Genesis 5:3 God states that Adam had a son, "in his own likeness, after his image."
 2. Therefore, Seth was "partaker" of the fall of man and had a sin nature (Romans 5:12).
 3. However, the line of Seth is the bloodline of Christ.

IV. The Amazing Life of a Man named "Enoch" (Genesis 5:18-19).

- A. As Lamech was the "seventh" from Adam in the line of Cain, Enoch is the "seventh" from Adam in the line of Seth.
 1. They were "contemporaries" - most likely knew each other.
- B. Enoch was a man with a great testimony.
 1. He walked with God (Genesis 5:22 & 24).
 2. His walk was a strong fellowship and communion with God.
 - a. That is a privilege you and I have today (Colossians 2:6 & Galatians 5:25).
 - b. He walked with God **"after"** he begat Methuselah, his son.
 1. He set an example that every father should set!
 2. Your children are following YOUR example today!
 3. His "walk with God" was no doubt the testimony of:
 - a. A strong family.
 - b. A strong show of opposition of the wickedness of that generation.
 - c. A vocal show of opposition of the wickedness of that generation.
 1. **He offered no apology for his stand!**
 4. He pleased God (Hebrews 11:5).
 - a. God stated that "without faith it is impossible to please God" (Hebrews 11:6).
 - b. That should be the desire of the heart of every Christian (John 8:29).
- C. Enoch was a prophet of God (Jude 1:14-15).
 1. He spoke with strong, thundering words.
 - a. He made no apology for his position and stand.

- b. He might have had Lamech in mind when he spoke.
- 2. Enoch saw the "second coming of Christ" 5500 years ago!

D. Enoch and his amazing life comes to an end (Genesis 5:24).

- 1. Enoch was "translated" and did not see death (Hebrews 11:5).
- 2. Enoch prophesied about half-way between Adam and Abraham.
- 3. Enoch prophesied during a time of great apostasy!!!
- 4. Where did God take him?
 - a. There is a place somewhere in the heavens.
 - 1. There is the Temple of God and the throne of God.
 - 2. He is preparing a place for you and me to join Enoch (John 14:1-2).

GENESIS #11
THE DAYS OF NOAH
Genesis 6:1-7

- I. Understanding the "sons of God" (Genesis 6:1-4).**
- A. The teaching of some is that the "sons of God" are actually angels.
1. God's children are often referred to as "sons" in the Bible.
 - a. Israel is my son (Exodus 4:22-23) (Sons: II Corinthians 6:18).
 2. This text in Genesis 6:4 makes references to "the physical relationship."
 - a. Angels are "sexless" (Matthew 22:29-30).
 3. The "sons of God" are apparently "**the descendants of Seth.**"
 - a. They "professed to be believers" but were "false professors."
 - b. They are included in Genesis 6:5 - evil continually.
 4. The "daughters of men" are apparently "**the descendants of Cain.**"
 - a. The "false believers" saw and lusted after the "daughters of men" (Ungodly!).

SEVEN CHARACTERISTICS OF THE DAYS OF NOAH

- I. The Days of Noah were Days of "Promiscuous Sexual Behavior" (Genesis 6:2).**
- A. They took "wives of all which they chose." (Not a wife - the word "wives" is plural.)
1. Lamech had two wivesg (Adah & Zillah).
 2. "...they chose them wivesS (Genesis 6:2).
- B. They "married wivesS - given in marriage" (Luke 17:27) (Matthew 24:38).
- C. Fast Forward to 2019
1. Divorce is no longer a bad thing in the eyes of the world.
 2. Common for people, including celebrities to live together - have children.
Put it on TV - proud of it - do not blush. (Jeremiah 6:15 & 8:12)
- II. The Days of Noah were Days of "Promoting of Sodomy" (Luke 17:28).**
- A. "...likewise in the days of Lot..." (Luke 17:28-30).
1. Sodomy was practiced in the days of Lot.
 - a. Sodomy is an "abomination (Leviticus 20:13).
 - b. "They brought judgment on themselves" (Romans 1:27).
- B. Fast Forward to 2019 -
1. Mayor's across America, say, "We welcome the LGBTQ community to _____!"
 2. US Percentage - 4.5% Next Highest: Calif. 4.7% Highest: Washington DC 8.6%

"Were they ashamed when they had committed abomination? nay, they were not at all ashamed, neither could they blush: therefore they shall fall among them that fall: at the time that I visit them they shall be cast down, saith the LORD." (Jeremiah 6:15)

III. The Days of Noah were days of "Plowing and Prosperity" (Luke 17:28).

A. "They bought, and they sold" (Luke 17:28).

1. Fast Forward to 2019

a. **The world uses Christmas, Easter, Thanksgiving for selling.**

1. Walmart takes in one-million dollars a minute!

a. 60 million dollars an hour!

2. Amazon sells and ships an average of 1,600,000 items a day!

a. 608 million purchases a year - just at Amazon!

b. **This week is a good example:**

1. Pre-Black Friday Sale!

2. Black Friday Sale!

3. Cyber Monday!

a. Thanksgiving Online sales 4.5 Billion.

b. Black Friday Online sales 7.4 Billion.

B. They "planted," (Luke 17:28).

1. Acreage in the United States: 1.9 billion

2. Farmland in the United States: 914,600,000 million acres.

C. "They builded" (Luke 17:28).

1. Walmart has built 11,763 stores since 1962.

a. There are over 36,550 Auto Dealerships.

b. Walgreens has 9,540 stores in US.

c. In 1953 - there was only "Downtown."

d. Mall of Memphis opened in 1981 -

885,627 square ft of retail space and 5,564 parking spaces

e. 66,972 shopping malls in the US.

2. Tallest Buildings in US

10th tallest, Wilshire Grand Center, Los Angeles - 1,099 Feet

1st tallest, One World Trade Center, New York - 1,776 Feet

a. 110 floors!

IV. The Days of Noah were Days of "Perpetually Increasing Knowledge."

A. They built a city - first ever built (Genesis 4:17).

1. They became instructors in building (Genesis 4:22).

2. Men went from "farmers to - mighty men of renown" (Genesis 6:4).

B. Noah built the Ark (Genesis 6:14-15).

450 feet long

75 feet wide

45 feet high

Three stories high

1,518,650 cubic feet

Strong enough to care for and support (two of every beast).

- C. Fast Forward to 2019 - LOOK AROUND
- V. **The Days of Noah were Days of "Premeditated Violence"** (Genesis 6:5a).
- A. God saw that the **wickedness** of man was great in the earth... (Genesis 6:5a).
1. Cain murdered Abel (Genesis 4:8).
 2. Cain's descendent, Lamech, murdered two men (Genesis 4:23).
- B. Fast forward to November 1, 2019 - Violent crime in Memphis, Tennessee:
- | | |
|----------------|--------|
| Murders | 181 |
| Rapes | 590 |
| Robberies | 3,457 |
| Assaults | 3,849 |
| Violent Crime | 13,077 |
| Burglary | 9,532 |
| Thefts | 27,576 |
| Vehicle Theft | 4,002 |
| Property Crime | 41,110 |
- C. I was with the Memphis Police Department 1957-1962 - 5 years.
- During those five years, Memphis had a total of 7 murders.
- We solved 6 of them on the night they happened -The 7th was solved 3 months later.
- Many nights we would go ALL night and not get a call of any type.
- VI. **The Days of Noah were Days of "Proclaiming a World without God"** (Genesis 6:5b).
- A. "...and that every **imagination of the thoughts** of his heart was only evil continually."
1. The culture was "fashioned to exclude God - Prayer - Christians -Word of God."
 - a. Today: People do not like to retain God in their thoughts (Romans 1:28).
 2. Today culture centers on: Entertainment - having fun - making money.
 - a. They "ate and drank" (Luke 17:27 & 28) (Matthew 24:38).
 1. Look at the restaurants!
 3. The Characteristics of "People Loving the World" (I John 2:15):
 - a. The lust of the flesh - That is the desire to "do more."
 - b. The lust of the eyes - That is the desire to "have more."
 - c. The pride of life - That is the desire to "be more."
- VII. **The Days of Noah were Days of "People Hardening Their Hearts" against God** (II Peter 3:4-10).
1. Noah preached for 120 years (II Peter 2:5).
 - a. Noah condemned the world (Hebrews 11:7).
 - b. They hardened their hearts and refused to believe.
 1. **Not ONE person repented except Noah and his family.**
 2. Fast Forward to 2019

"I tell you that he will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?" (Luke 18:8)

GENESIS #12
NOAH FOUND GRACE IN THE EYES OF THE LORD
Genesis 6:8

I. God's First Evaluation of the People of Noah's Day (Genesis 6:5, 11,12,13).

A. Genesis 6:5 - there are two different facts declared in this verse.

B. All flesh was corrupt (Genesis 6:12 "...all flesh had corrupted **its way**") (Genesis 6:5a).
1. Man failed because "man thought **his way** was better than God's way."

C. Until this time, God had never spoken of destroying anyone.

D. EVERY imagination of man was evil continually (Genesis 6:5b).
Man "imagined" that there was "no God."
(Did not want to retain God in their memory.)

II. God's First Use of the Word "Grace" (Genesis 6:8).

A. The world would think that some "great and famous" man would find grace.
1. Noah was merely "a sinner" who was saved by grace!

B. Why did Noah find grace in the eyes of the Lord? (God SAW something.)

1. He was a "just man" (Justified) (Genesis 6:9). Lawful - Law abiding.
2. He was "perfect in all his ways" (Genesis 6:9). Integrity - Sincere - Upright.
3. He "walked with God" (Genesis 6:9). - **All day** (Hebrews 13:5).
 - a. He thought like God thought.
 - b. He wanted what God wanted.
 - c. He asked for what God wanted him to ask for.
 - d. He did what God wanted him to do.
4. He did "all that God commanded him" (Genesis 6:22; 7:5, 9, 16).
5. He was a "preacher of righteousness" (II Peter 2:5).
6. He was a man of "faith" (Hebrews 11:7).
 - a. Only verse in Hebrews 11 that the verse opens and closes with "faith."

C. Noah was a "Great" example for us to follow.

1. Noah followed God in the midst of a disobedient generation (I Peter 3:20).

III. God's First Decision to Destroy Mankind (Genesis 6:7 & 13).

A. God repented, he regretted (was sorry) that He made man. (Today???)

IV. God's First Mention of an Ark (Genesis 6:14).

A. The word Ark is translated from the Hebrew word: *tebah*, meaning "a box".

B. Neither Noah nor the people had ever seen an Ark.

1. They understood a "box".
 - a. They had never seen one the size God told Noah to build.
- C. Neither Noah nor the people had ever seen it rain (Genesis 2:5).
- D. In spite of not truly understanding God's directions:
 1. Noah obeyed - built an Ark.
 2. The people had ample warning: (Hebrews 11:7 - II Peter 2:5).
 3. The people did not believe Noah (II Peter 3:4-9).
 - a. **People are the same - TODAY!**
- E. Most likely Science, falsely so called, assured the people that it was impossible.
 1. Scientifically, there was no possibility of a worldwide flood.
 2. Scientifically, there was no possibility of a flood big enough to float the Ark!

V. Noah's Ark - Fact or Fiction?

- A. The world considers Noah's Ark as fiction - a story for children.
- B. The writers of Scriptures consider it a fact!
 1. Isaiah took Noah as serious (Isaiah 54:9).
 2. Ezekiel twice mentions Noah (Ezekiel 14:14 & 20).
 3. Peter twice mentions Noah (I Peter 3:20) (II Peter 2:5).
 4. Jesus Christ mentions Noah in Matthew 24:37-39 & Luke 17:26.
 5. Noah's Ark is mentioned also in Hebrews 11:7.
- C. Noah obeyed God and built the Ark (Genesis 6:22).
 1. No one had ever heard of or seen an Ark (box) of this size:
 - 450 feet long
 - 75 feet wide
 - 45 feet high
- D. The Ark is a picture of Christ.
 1. The ark was to be lined with "pitch" (Genesis 6:14).
 - a. Pitch is translated from the Hebrew word: Kaphar.
 - b. Kaphar means: Atonement (Leviticus 17:11).
 - c. The ark had one window - looking upward.
 - "Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our salvation" (Hebrews 12:2).
 - d. The ark had one door on the side (John 10:7-9).
 - e. God said unto Noah and his family:
 1. "Come thou and all thy house into the ark" (Genesis 7:1).
 - a. God was already INSIDE and invited him in! - THEN...
 2. "...the LORD shut him in (Genesis 7:16).

GENESIS #13
THE FLOOD - THE NOAHIC COVENANT
Genesis 9:1-17

INTRO: Last week we left off with studying the Ark and how it was a picture of Christ, Salvation, and Eternal Security. We will pick up and continue that study with...

I. The Flood - Local or World-Wide? (Genesis 6:17)

A. Was this a "world-wide" flood?

1. **See chart** on the periods of time that Noah was in the ark.

B. If it had been a local flood,

1. God could have moved Noah to another country while He destroyed the people.

C. The Hebrew word from which "Flood" is translated is the word "Kataklusmos" meaning:

1. (... to cover with a flood; to overflow; to deluge; to flood).

D. That is the word (Kataklusmos) used in Matthew 24:38, 39.

1. "...destroyed them ALL!" (Luke 17:27).
2. "...bring in a flood upon the world of the ungodly" (II Peter 2:5).
 - a. "World" is from the Greek "Kosmos" (Mankind).
3. All these verses refer to "the flood" in Genesis 6:17 which is Kataklusmos.

E. The word "flood" is found three other times in the New Testament:

1. Luke 6:48 - Plemmura - Meaning: A tide coming in.
2. Revelation 12:15 and 16: Potamos - Meaning: Running water.

F. Bible verses that speak of a flood that "covered the earth":

1. "...bring a flood of waters upon the earth" (Genesis 6:17).
2. "...everything that is in the earth shall die" (Genesis 6:17).
3. "...the flood was forty days upon the earth" (Genesis 7:17).
4. "... And the waters prevailed exceedingly upon the earth" (Genesis 7:19).
5. "... and all the high hills, that were **under the whole heaven, were covered** (Gen. 7:19).

G. Even scientists today testify to the fact that there was a "world-wide" flood.

1. **Chart attached #2**

II. The Noahic Covenant (Genesis 9:1-17).

NOTE: This covenant was first spoken of in Genesis 6:18. The first 17 verses of Genesis Chapter 9 gives the details of God's words to Noah after Noah and his family left the ark. Basically, everything included in the Noahic Covenant is found in these verses. The covenant is established in Genesis 9:9.

A. Noah was instructed to "be fruitful, and multiply and replenish the earth."

1. This is a repetition of the instructions given to Adam (Genesis 1:22).
 - a. **God had not given up on man!**

B. For the first time, God established "the fear of man" in:

1. "...the beast of the field" (Genesis 9:2).
2. "...and upon every fowl of the air..."
3. "...upon the fishes of the sea..."
4. The cattle were excluded from this group!
 - a. "Cattle" include what we call "domesticated" animals (Genesis 2:20).

C. For the first time, God gave man permission to "eat meat" (Genesis 9:3).

D. God establishes "Human Government" (Genesis 9:5-6).

1. For the first time, God delegated authority to man to "govern" his creation.
 - A. Until this time, - no formal means of punishment of crime.
 - B. The crime of Cain escalated to world-wide violence (Genesis 6:13).
2. Every other form of sin was apparently placed under "man's jurisdiction."
3. This also applied to animals (Exodus 21:28-29).
4. The "Death Penalty" was established (Genesis 9:5-6).
 - a. Even the "death penalty" **is not without mercy** - when repentance is real.
 - b. God showed mercy to David (I Chronicles 29:28).
5. Adultery was punishable by death (Leviticus 20:10).
 - a. God showed mercy to the woman taken in adultery (John 8:3-11).

E. The establishment of "Human Government" was to control the wickedness of man (Gen. 6:5).

1. Man failed under the dispensation of Innocence.
2. Man failed under the dispensation of Conscience.
3. Man has, and continues to fail under Human Government.

III. **Covenant is Established and Sealed** (Genesis 9:9-19).

A. The Noahic Covenant included:

1. Noah and his family.
2. Every living creature of all flesh (Genesis 9:12).
3. It extends to "perpetual generations" (you and me today) (Genesis 9:12).
 - a. See: (Genesis 8:21-22)

B. The sign given is the "rainbow".

1. God said, "...it is my bow" (Genesis 9:13).
2. God said He will "look on it" (Genesis 9:16).
 - a. God, by looking at the rainbow, **remembers** his covenant.

C. It could be that God is equally as sorry that he created man today as he was with the generation in Genesis Chapter 6. It could be that as he looks down on us today, He thinks about destroying the people on the earth today AS He did in Noah's day. It may be that as He looks down from Heaven on our generation He needs to remind Himself of His covenant!

Chapter 10 - Genealogies (We will skip this chapter).

Chapter 11 - Tower of Babel - Confusion of languages.

CHART #2

SCIENTIFIC EVIDENCE OF A WORLD-WIDE FLOOD

Evidence 1: Fossils of sea creatures high above sea level due to the ocean waters having flooded over the continents.

We find fossils of sea creatures in rock layers that cover all the continents. For example, most of the rock layers in the walls of Grand Canyon (more than a mile above sea level) contain marine fossils. Fossilized shellfish are even found in the Himalayas.

Evidence 2: Rapid burial of plants and animals.

We find extensive fossil “graveyards” and exquisitely preserved fossils. For example, billions of nautiloid fossils are found in a layer within the Redwall Limestone of Grand Canyon. This layer was deposited catastrophically by a massive flow of sediment (mostly lime sand). The chalk and coal beds of Europe and the United States, and the fish, ichthyosaurs, insects, and other fossils all around the world, testify of catastrophic destruction and burial.

Evidence 3: Rapidly deposited sediment layers spread across vast areas.

We find rock layers that can be traced all the way across continents—even between continents—and physical features in those strata indicate they were deposited rapidly. For example, the Tapeats Sandstone and Redwall Limestone of Grand Canyon can be traced across the entire United States, up into Canada, and even across the Atlantic Ocean to England. The chalk beds of England (the white cliffs of Dover) can be traced across Europe into the Middle East and are also found in the Midwest of the United States and in Western Australia. Inclined (sloping) layers within the Coconino Sandstone of Grand Canyon are testimony to 10,000 cubic miles of sand being deposited by huge water currents within days.

Evidence 4: Sediment transported long distances.

We find that the sediments in those widespread, rapidly deposited rock layers had to be eroded from distant sources and carried long distances by fast-moving water. For example, the sand for the Coconino Sandstone of Grand Canyon (Arizona) had to be eroded and transported from the northern portion of what is now the United States and Canada. Furthermore, water current indicators (such as ripple marks) preserved in rock layers show that for “300 million years” water currents were consistently flowing from northeast to southwest across all of North and South America, which, of course, is only possible over weeks during a global Flood.

Evidence 5: Rapid or no erosion between strata.

We find evidence of rapid erosion, or even of no erosion, between rock layers. Flat, knife-edge boundaries between rock layers indicate continuous deposition of one layer after another, with no time for erosion. For example, there is no evidence of any “missing” millions of years (of erosion) in the flat boundary between two well-known layers of Grand Canyon—the Coconino Sandstone and the Hermit Formation. Another impressive example of flat boundaries at Grand Canyon is the Redwall Limestone and the strata beneath it.

Evidence 6: Many strata laid down in rapid succession.

Rocks do not normally bend; they break because they are hard and brittle. But in many places we find whole sequences of strata that were bent without fracturing, indicating that all the rock layers were rapidly deposited and folded while still wet and pliable before final hardening. For example, the Tapeats Sandstone in Grand Canyon is folded at a right angle (90°) without evidence of breaking. Yet this folding could only have occurred after the rest of the layers had been deposited, supposedly over “480 million years,” while the Tapeats Sandstone remained wet and pliable.

Timeline (days)	Duration	Month/Day	Description	Bible Reference
0	Initial reference point	600th year of Noah's life: 2nd month, 17th day of the month	The fountains of the great deep broke apart and the windows of heaven were opened; it began to rain. This happened on the seventeenth day of the second month. Noah actually entered the Ark seven days prior to this.	<u>Genesis 7:11</u>
40	40 days and nights	3rd month, 27th day of the month	Rain fell for 40 days, and then water covered the earth's highest places (at that time) by over ~20 feet (15 cubits) and began the stage of flooding until the next milestone. ²	<u>Genesis 7:11–12</u> , <u>Genesis 7:17–20</u>
150	150 days (including the initial 40 days)	7th month, 17th day of the month	The water rose to its highest level (covering the whole earth) sometime between the 40th and 150th day, and the end of these 150 days was the seventeenth day of the seventh month. The Ark rested on the mountains of Ararat. On the 150th day, the springs of the great deep were shut off, and the rain from above ceased, and the water began continually receding.	<u>Genesis 7:24–8:5</u>
150 + 74 = 224	74 days	10th month, 1st day of the month	The tops of the mountains became visible on the tenth month, first day.	<u>Genesis 8:5</u>
224 + 40 = 264	40 days	11th month, 11th day of the month	After 40 more days, Noah sent out a raven.	<u>Genesis 8:6</u>
264 + 7 = 271	7 days	11th month, 18th day of the month	The dove was sent out seven days after the raven. It had no resting place and returned to Noah. ³	<u>Genesis 8:6–12</u>
271 + 7 = 278	7 days	11th month, 25th day of the month	After seven more days, Noah sent out the dove again. It returned again but this time with an olive leaf in its beak.	<u>Genesis 8:10–11</u>

278 + 7 = 285	7 days	12th month, 2nd day of the month	After seven more days, Noah sent out the dove again, and it did not return.	<u>Genesis 8:12</u>
314	29 days	601st year of Noah life: 1st month, 1st day of the month	Noah removed the cover of the Ark on the first day of the first month. The <i>surface</i> of the earth was dried up, and Noah could verify this to the extent of what he could see.	<u>Genesis 8:13</u>
370 (371 if counting the first day and last day as full days)	56 days	2nd month, 27th day of the month	The <i>earth</i> was dry, and God commanded Noah's family and the animals to come out of the Ark. From the first day of the year during the daylight portion there were 29.5 more days left in the month plus 26.5 more days left in the second month until the exit.	

Table 1: Timeline of Flood Duration₁

GENESIS #14
THE TOWER OF BABEL
Genesis 11:1-9

INTRO: Last week we studied the Noahic Covenant, and the close of The Dispensation of **Conscience**, where man failed.

This week, we are looking at the condition of "The New World," after the flood, and just "three generations" after Noah and his family came out of the ark! God had established the "Dispensation of **Human Government**." Three generations AFTER "Human Government" was established it seemed apparent that "Human Government" failed miserably!

After Human Government failed, the world was READY for a "One World Government" and a "One World Dictator" who could solve the world's problems.

Some people say,
"The Bible is out-of-date."
No! The Bible is "ahead-of-date!"

This week we will look at "prophecy" from approximately **3500 years ago**, that gives a clear picture of the world today!

This should be a warning to us, and we should be sure that our children understand this prophecy. We have had "ample warning." This text pictures the "philosophy" of the world today. The coming in the world today. The coming "One-World Government," can be traced to Genesis Chapter Eleven!

If we are going to do anything for God - It is time to do it.

THE PHILOSOPHY OF THE WORLD

I. The Philosophy of the world today is HUMANISM.

A. What is Humanism?

1. Humanism is "Man's attempt to solve the problems of the world - apart from any help from God or any super-natural intervention."
2. The world view is that **we can manage our earth** and can justify ourselves -
 - a. And we need no help from God.

B. Humanism is pictured and explained in Genesis 11:1-9.

1. It is pictured in a "Building Project!"
2. The building project was called "The Tower of Babel."
 - a. It should be called, "The Tower of Blunders!"
 - b. There was nothing in the project that could succeed.

THE TOWER OF BABEL
(Genesis 11:3-4)
Condemned to Collapse Before it was Commenced.

I. It was Begun with a Wrong Motive (Genesis 11:4).

A. **They said**, "one to another" - - - "Go to..." In the Hebrew that means, "Come together and...:

1. Let **us** make brick.
2. Let **us** build a city.
3. Let **us** make **us** a name.
4. Let **us** reach toward Heaven. (Astrology was practiced in those days.)
5. Lest **we** be scattered abroad.

B. Six times **THEY** said, "**Us - We.**"

1. The number six is the "number of man."

C. There is "no mention of God in this text at any time or any place."

- TODAY**
1. The United Nations was founded on October 24, 1945.
 2. The UN charter makes no mention of God! **HUMANISM**
 3. The UN founding purpose was:
 - a. To "prevent any more wars."
 - b. To bring "Peace to the world."

D. The people most likely had a prayer meeting and prayed,

"**OUR** Kingdom come, **OUR** will be done, on earth and forget about Heaven!"

E. Their motive was "Self-Centered - Not God Centered." (**Wrong motive.**)

II. It was Built with the Wrong Material (Genesis 11:3).

A. It was built with "brick and slime."

1. It was built with all "man-made materials" (Exodus 1:14).

B. These three men are the descendants of Noah.

1. There were **ONLY** three descendants and their wives left (Genesis 10:1):
 - a. Shem
 - b. Ham
 - c. Japheth
2. **They had heard the Word of God.**
 - a. **Had heard the story of the flood and the destruction of mankind.**

C. There was no mention in building the tower to heaven:

1. Of God
2. Of His Words (Spoken to Nimrod by grandfather and great grandfather.)
3. Of Prayer

(God knew in eternity past.)

D. Today: The world is built on Technology! (**Last days - knowledge will increase.**)

1. Man thinks he can " build a world without God."
2. There is no room for God, the Bible, the church or prayer in Technology.
(Romans 1:28)

III. It was Built with a Wrong Mentality (Genesis 11:3).

A. The wisdom of man!

1. They said, *"one to another."*

B. No mention of seeking God's will.

1. Without seeking God's will, it is Condemned to Collapse - Ask Joshua (Joshua 9:14).
2. It was built on the theory of Humanism.

C. The four pillars of Humanism:

1. Atheism

a. Today they call it "Humanism."

1. Humanism "sounds" better than "Atheism."

b. Today they change the name of sins:

1. Sodomite - Gay
2. Shacked up! - In a relationship with my "significant other."
3. Abortion - Women's rights - (Not murder).

2. Evolution

a. They explain away God.

b. They had to create "evolution" to explain where man came from.

c. There is no scientific evidence to prove man evolved.

1. They cannot explain how man talks and communicates unlike animals.

d. It takes more faith to believe evolution than it does to believe creation!

3. Situational Ethics

a. There is no right - no wrong.

b. Humanism has **no fixed values**. It says, **"I'm all right - You're all right."**

c. Humanism promotes:

1. Self-Preservation
2. Self-Gratification

d. If you enjoy doing it - it's not wrong:

1. Teach sex education.
2. Free access to porn.
3. Live together outside marriage.
4. Freedom of choice when pregnant.
5. Men with men - Women with women.

4. Deification of Man

a. Humanism teaches that man is his own God.

b. Started with Eve in the garden:

1. "...you will be like gods."

IV. It was Built with the Wrong Method.

A. It was built contrary to Heaven's will.

1. Built from the "earth taking over Heaven" instead of "Heaven taking over earth."

- B. It was built in rebellion to God's will.
 - 1. They were building a tower so they would not be scattered abroad.
 - 2. God's command was **"scatter abroad" (Genesis 9:1)**.
 - 3. They said, "We will not do that - we will settle here and build a great city."
 - a. We will develop a "one-world government."
- C. The world is headed back to Genesis 11. - **One World Government**.
 - 1. In 1920 one person out of 25 worked for the government.
 - 2. Today, one person out of 6 work for the government.
- D. Government has taken over the world.
 - 1. Education is controlled by government.
 - 2. Business is controlled by government:
 - Government controls **who you can hire, minimum wage, paid leave, provide insurance**.
 - 3. Government controls "freedom of speech." (**Supreme Court - See attached.**)
 - 4. Government required Social Security - Medicare.
 - 5. Medical insurance.
 - 6. Coming: Government control of Religion.
 - 7. Coming: Government control of buying and selling!
- V. **It was Built by the Wrong Man** (Genesis 10:8-10).
 - A. It was built by Nimrod - the Grandson of Ham - the son of Noah.
 - 1. He was a "mighty one" in the earth.
 - B. Nimrod, in the Hebrew, means **"Rebel."**
 - C. Nimrod is a picture of the Anti-Christ.
 - 1. The people had the desire to have a "One-World Government."
 - 2. Described in II Thessalonians 2:9-12.

THE TWO THOUSAND YEARS OF GENESIS 1-11

1. The creation of the world:
 - a. The six days of creation.
 - b. 24-hour day is established.
 - c. The "gap theory."
2. The creation of man:
 - a. The first marriage.
 - b. The Garden of Eden.
3. The fall of man:
 - a. The "Old Serpent."
 - b. The entrance of sin.
 - c. The entrance of death.
 - d. Paradise lost.
 - e. The Promised Redeemer.
4. The lost world:
 - a. Abel - a man of righteousness.
 - b. Cain - a man of the flesh.
5. The days of Noah:
 - a. A world filled with violence.
 - b. Noah's Ark.
 - c. God's provision.
6. The Genesis flood:
 - a. The end of the old world.
 - b. After the flood.
7. The New World:
 - a. The sons of Noah.
 - b. Establishment of Human Government.
 - c. The Rainbow of Covenant.
8. God and the Nations:
 - a. Tower of Babel.
 - b. The Generations of Terah.