

“The Story” Study – Genesis

Class 1: Introduction and Chapter 1

Introduction:

1. The Story unfolds in chronological order.
2. The print in *italics* is summarizing omitted Scripture text.
3. The timeline begins with Abram, who was born 1,946 years after God’s work of creation.
4. Brief Overview of the Bible: See PP slides 1-6
5. Highlights of Genesis 1-11: See PP slides 7-9; then 12 (skip 10 and 11)

Chapter 1: Creation: The Beginning of Life as We Know It

1. DVD – Session 1
2. Chapter 1 Highlights:
 - a. With each day of creation, the Bible says, “*there was evening, and there was morning,*” thus those were normal days (not thousand-year or million-year days).
 - b. Chapter 2 is the first wedding, “he brought her to the man.”
 - c. Chapter 3 is huge – the fall into sin (because they doubted God’s Word), the promise of the Savior, and the first blood sacrifice (when God made their clothes). Now God works through baptism to clothe people in Christ.
 - d. Adam and Eve were looking for the promised Savior; regarding the birth of Cain, Eve said, “*i have gotten a man, the LORD*” (AAT).
 - e. The flood came 1,656 years after God’s work of creation. With the eight people on the ark God restarted the world, yet no one can meet God’s standard – we all need the Promised Savior, the Messiah, the Christ!
 - f. The rainbow is God’s promise that He will never flood the whole world again.
 - g. It’s possible that all people in the world spoke Hebrew before God confused the languages in Genesis 11. God possibly divided the people into about 90 languages; today, from about 90 language-families, we have about 7,000 languages.
3. Assignment: Read chapters 2-3