

OTS - GENERAL HISTORY

GENESIS

INTRODUCTION:

It has been said “If you can accept the first sentence of Genesis you will have no problem accepting the rest of the Bible.” This is not a fable that starts out with “once upon a time”. From the first statement, the authority of the book is given.

As we are starting with Genesis which is the beginning. This book answers questions men have had from the beginning of time. Where did we come from? Why are we here? What is it all for? Why is there so much pain? These questions and more are given to us by God in the book of beginnings. As we study this book, we will strive to understand the works of God among men and Satan’s plot to undermine His work.

I. THE _____

- A. Genesis is the first book of the Bible.
 1. These 5 books are called.
 - a. The Pentateuch - not a biblical name.
 1. Simply = 5
 2. Literally = _____
 - b. The law of _____ – tells us who God used to pen it. - Luke 24:44
 - c. The law of _____ – tells us God wrote it. - Neh 8:8
 - d. The book of the _____. – tells us the nature of the content - Jos 1:8
 - e. The Jews refer to these 5 books as the _____. = Law
 2. These 5 books together are the beginning of God’s dealings with man.
- B. Genesis is a book of beginnings.
 1. The beginning of the _____ - 1:1-25
 2. The beginning of man and woman - 1:26; 2:21-23

3. The beginning of marriage - 2:24
4. The beginning of _____ - 3:1-7
5. The beginning of a promised redemption - 3:8-24
6. The beginning of family - Life 4:1-15
 - First birth - _____ 4:1
 - First death - _____ 4:8
 - First man not to die - _____ - 5:24
7. The beginning of civilization - 4:16 – 9:29
8. The beginning of nations - 10-12
9. The beginning of _____ - 12-50

II. THE _____

A. Important keys

1. Key date – 1445 approximately
2. Key words
 - a. Seed
 - b. Beginnings
 - c. Covenant
3. Key verses (1:1; 3:15)

B. Important events and individuals

1. Formation - Adam, Eve
2. Fall – Adam, Cain, Able, Enoch
3. Flood - Noah
4. Foundation of Nations – Nimrod
5. Founding of Israel – Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph.

C. Important geography

1. Ur
2. Canaan
3. Egypt

III. THE _____ OVER ALL

A. Genesis is the beginning of God working with Man.

B. Genesis lays the foundation for understanding _____.

1. Introduces man to the _____.
2. Introduces man to sin.
 - a. _____ transgression

b. Understanding punishment

c. Understanding _____ 6:8

3. Introduces man to _____ of religion.
4. Introduces man to the possibility of _____
5. Introduces man to the Messiah
6. Introduces man to blood atonement.
7. Introduces man to the nation through which the Messiah would come

C. Basic Outline (by Wiersbe)

1. History of Humanity in General (1-11)
 - a. Creation of the heavens and earth (1-2)
 - b. Adam and his family (3-5)
 - c. The fall of man (Gen 3:1-24)
 - d. Noah and his family (6-11)
 - e. The Flood (6-10)
 - f. The Babel rebellion (Gen 11:1-32)
2. History of Israel in Particular (12-50)
 - a. Abraham — The father who gave his son (12:1-25:18)
 - b. Isaac — The son who took a bride (25:19-26:35)
 - c. Jacob — The flesh vs. the Spirit (27:1-36:43)
 - d. Joseph — The providence of God (37:1-50:26)

