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# READING GENESIS WITH THE APOSTLES

**Description:** This is a study of the message of Genesis which focuses on the apostles' interpretation and application of the text as a witness for Christ and instruction for Christ's Church. We will discuss apostolic interpretation as well as the significance of the message of Genesis for Christian faith and practice today.

**Objectives:** Upon successful completion of this study you should be able to:

- Worship and enjoy God with an understanding of His authority as Creator and His grace as a covenant-making and covenant-keeping Lord in Jesus Christ.
- Expound upon the key theological truths of Genesis to edify fellow believers.
- Identify the key movements of the plot in the story of redemption in Genesis to apply the message of the whole book by seeing the unity of its parts.
- Demonstrate how Genesis is a witness for Christ and integrate the witness of Genesis into your evangelism.
- Incorporate assumptions and principles of interpretation used by the apostles into your reading of Scripture.
- Encourage your own faith in the God who promises with the message of Genesis.

## Course Outline

Week 1	Creation by the Word: How Jesus Forms and Fills Us as New Creations
Week2	Adam: A Type of Christ as Priest-King
Week 3	The Flood: Judgment and Baptism
Week 4	Abraham: The Seed
Week 5	Abraham: The Land
Week 6	Abraham: The Nations
Week 7	Abraham: Faith that Works
Week 8	Melchizedek: King of Peace and Righteousness
Week 9	Hagar & Ishmael: Allegory
Week 10	Ishmael/Isaac & Esau/Jacob: God's Purpose of Election
Week 11	Judah: The Lion of the Tribe of Judah
Week 12	Joseph: What about the Joseph Narratives

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# READING THE BIBLE: FIRST PRINCIPLES

## CONTEXT

### WORDS IN THE CONTEXT OF OTHER WORDS

GRAMMAR/SYNTAX

IMMEDIATE TEXTUAL SURROUNDING

PLACEMENT IN THE CANON OF SCRIPTURE

GENRE

LITERARY ENVIRONMENT (ANTECEDENT AND CONTEMPORARY)

### EVENTS/WORDS IN THE CONTEXT OF HISTORY

TIME (CHRONOS) OF EVENTS RECORDED

TIME (CHRONOS) OF THE AUTHOR AND FIRST READERS

TIME (KAIROS) OF REDEMPTIVE HISTORY

### IDEAS IN THE CONTEXT OF THE THEOLOGY OF THE BIBLE

SCRIPTURE INTERPRETS SCRIPTURE

NON-CONTRADICTION

## GOAL

### WITNESS FOR CHRIST

LUKE 24:25-27, 44-49

MATTHEW 5:17

### CHRIST-CENTERED INSTRUCTION FOR THE CHURCH

1 CORINTHIANS 10:11

ROMANS 4:23-25

## FROM TEXT TO CHRIST THEN TO YOU