

Genesis 1

Key Verse: v.1; 26-27

Key Word: “good”, “very good”, “created”, “God”

X-Ref: John 1:1-14

Paraphrase: God created all things in six literal 24 hour days and it was “very good.”

Examining the Text:

- 1) Who was involved in the creation of all things? The Father (1:1), Son (Jn. 1:1-3, 14), and the Holy Spirit (1:2).
- 2) List what was created on each day of Creation. Day One: Light, Day Two: Sky, Day Three: Dry land, seas, and trees, Day Four: Sun, moon, stars, Day Five: Sea creatures and flying creatures, Day Six: Land animals and Man.
- 3) What do the plural pronouns in v.26 teach us about God? Plural pronouns describe multiple beings. In this case it reveals to us that the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are distinct persons of the One True God.

Genesis 2

Key Verse: v.18

Key Word: “alone”

X-Ref: Matthew 19:5

Paraphrase: God creates Eve from Adam’s rib because Adam was alone and that was not good for him.

Examining the Text:

- 1) Word Study: “helper” – v.18 (Use a concordance, Bible dictionary, and/or commentary to better understand the word.) “He needed a counterpart, someone like himself in moral and intellectual nature, someone who can adequately sympathize with him in thought and interests and be the complement of him.” - p.119 – The Zondervan Pictorial Encyclopedia of the Bible.
- 2) In Gen 1:30, God declared that creation was “very good.” In 2:18 He says that something was not good. What was not good and why? It was not good that Adam was “alone.” It is not saying that it is bad for someone to be “alone”, but that Adam had no counterpart. There was no one on the earth that was his complement.
- 3) What can we learn from God’s instructions on marriage in 2:24? First, marriage is between one man and one woman. Second, this was a new home. It was separate from the homes of their parents.

Genesis 3

Key Verse: v.4

Key Word: “Not”

X-Ref: 1 Jn. 2:15-17; Rev. 12:9; 2 Cor. 11:13-14; Jn. 8:24; 1 Jn. 3:8

Paraphrase: Transgressing God’s law has consequences. Adam, Eve, and all of creation suffer the consequences of their actions.

Examining the Text:

- 1) What does the chapter tell us about the serpent? (1) He is crafty (2) He could speak (3) He was created
- 2) In what three categories was Eve tempted (v.6)? (1) Lust of the flesh (2) Lust of the eye (3) Pride of life (1 Jn. 2:15-17).
- 3) Why would the all-knowing God ask Adam and Eve a question (vs.8-9)? Since God already knew the answer to the question He asked Adam, we must conclude that it was for Adam’s benefit. Adam needed to think about where he was in relation to God.
- 4) What is the significance of 3:15? This is the first prophecy in Scripture about the Christ. Satan would succeed in crucifying Jesus (bruise his heel), but ultimately Jesus would be victorious over death and be resurrected (bruise Satan’s head).

Genesis 4

Key Verse: v.7; 9

Key Word: “accepted”

X-Ref: James 1:14-15; Hebrews 11:4; Romans 10:17

Paraphrase: First, Cain in his pride, offers an unacceptable sacrifice. Second, Cain ignores God’s warning. Third, Cain in his anger, murders his brother. Finally, Cain suffers the consequences of his sins.

Examining the Text:

- 1) Why didn’t God accept Cain’s offering? Prove your answer. Cain did not offer what God commanded. In Hebrews 11:4 we learn that Able offered his sacrifice through faith. Because of Romans 10:17, we know that faith comes by hearing the word of God. Able could not have offered his sacrifice by faith if God had not commanded what to be offered.
- 2) What did God say sin’s desire was? “...it’s desire is for you.”
- 3) After God instructs Cain on how to handle his anger, he ignores God and kills his brother. What consequences did he face because of his sin? (1) The ground won’t produce for him (2) He would be a fugitive/wanderer (3) He was marked by God so that all knew who he was.

Genesis 5

Key Verse: v.1

Key Word: “created”, “fathered”

X-Ref: Genesis 9:26-29

Paraphrase: We are told the generations from Adam to Noah. We learn how old each was when he fathered his first child and when he died.

Examining the Text:

- 1) Word Study: “likeness” – v.1 (Use a concordance, Bible dictionary, and/or commentary to better understand the word.)
“Resemblance; concretely, model; shape. Adverbially – like, fashion, manner, similitude.” – Strong’s Concordance.
- 2) What lessons can we learn from verse 2? God created two sexes/genders, Male and Female. We also learn that the term “man” can represent human beings in general, which would include male and female.
- 3) According to chapter 5, how many years after creation did the flood take place? What year did Methuselah die?
1656 years from creation. Methuselah died the same year. We aren’t told if he died before or in the flood.
- 4) Who was the second oldest person to live? Jared 962 years old.

Genesis 6

Key Verse: v.8

Key Word: “did”

X-Ref: Gen. 1:28; 2 Peter 2:5

Paraphrase: God would destroy life from the earth because of how wicked it was. He would use Noah to restart life.

Examining the Text:

- 1) Word Study: “Nephilim” – v.4 (Use a concordance, Bible dictionary, and/or commentary to better understand the word.) “giants” – footnote in ESV. “In numbers 13:33 they are identified, along with the descendants of Anak, as some of the inhabitants of the land of Canaan. The later are described as giants. It is more likely the term describes heroic warriors, perhaps the ancient equivalent of the knights errant.” – IVP Bible Background Commentary.
- 2) Make a list of everything said about “wickedness” in 6:1-8. (1) “great” (2) “every intention” (3) “every thought” (4) “only evil” (5) “continually”
- 3) Make a list of everything this chapter says that God “saw”. (1) “wickedness” (2) righteousness (3) earth corrupt (4) earth filled with violence
- 4) What does the phrase “his days shall be 120 years” mean (v.3; 2Pet. 2:5)? God was longsuffering with man for another 120 years. He “strove” with them, using Noah to preach to them. Whether by word or action we are not told. I believe it is safe to assume that the answer is both.
- 5) Contrary to some recent Hollywood productions, who does the Bible reveal was on the ark? (1) Noah (2) Noah’s wife (3) Shem (4) Shem’s wife (5) Ham (6) Ham’s wife (7) Japheth (8) Japheth’s wife

Genesis 7

Key Verse: vs.21-23

Key Word: “blotted out”

X-Ref: 1Peter 3:18-21

Paraphrase: God destroyed the earth and started new with Noah.

Examining the Text:

- 1) Once the ark was complete, God warned Noah that the flood would begin in how many days? Seven days
- 2) Where did all the water to flood the earth come from (v.11)? ground and sky v.11 and 1:6.
- 3) What is significant about the phrase “according to it’s kind” (v.14)? It shows that not every variation of every type of animal needed to be on the ark. Noah didn’t need every breed of dog. He simply needed dogs.
- 4) Were sea creatures destroyed in the flood (vs.22-23)? No. The text clearly says everything on dry land. Sure, some sea creatures probably died because of the tumultuous nature of the flood, but they were not all destroyed.
- 5) How long did the flood last? I’m just now realizing that this question should have been more specific. The rain lasted 40 days. The flood waters began to subside 150 days after that. We will discuss how long Noah was on the ark in the next chapter.