

**Calvary Baptist Church
Old Testament Overview
Open Classes, Week 2**

***Two Seeds* – Genesis 1-11**

Introduction to Genesis 1-11

Why study Genesis?

Historical Context

Redemptive-Historical Context

Theme: God reveals his character through the world he has created.

Summary:

Study Outline for Genesis 1-11

1. **Genesis 1:1-2:3- The telling of the seven days of creation**
2. **Genesis 2:4- 4:26- The dawn of humanity: 2 seeds**
3. **Genesis 5:1- 6:8- The descendants of Adam and their sin**
4. **Genesis 6:9- 9:29- The punishment for sin: Un-creating the Universe.... And Grace: Recreating the Universe**
5. **Genesis 10:1- 11:9- Humanity after the flood: Still sinful**
6. **Genesis 11:10-26- The seed of the woman continues on**

GENESIS 1 AND 2 (Creation)

There exists an eternal and self-sufficient God, who by sheer verbal fiat has created the universe and all that is in it, in order to display his glory.

Who is God? – Genesis 1:1-25

- God is eternal.
- God is self-sufficient.
- God created the universe by the power of His word.
- God is good.

Who are We? - Genesis 1:26-31

- Human beings are created in the image of God.
- Human beings are to image God.
- Human beings are to exercise lordship and care for the earth.

What is the World? - Genesis 2:1-3

- The world was created as a place of rest and peace.

How are we to relate to each other? - Genesis 2:18-25

- Men and women were created to have a relationship with God, in obedience and worship.

What is missing if the Bible stopped at Genesis 2?

Genesis 3:1-24 (The Fall)

But mankind's first parents chose to set themselves up as equals with God, disobeying him and incurring the just wrath of God. While expelled from that pristine fellowship with God, they do not receive the complete wrath they deserve, for God has already begun a plan to overturn the curse of sin by placing enmity between the seed of the serpent and the seed of the woman.

The Prohibition- Genesis 2:15-17

The fall and immediate plan of redemption- Genesis 3:1-24

Three levels of enmity:

Between the serpent and the woman

Between the serpent's seed and the woman's seed

Between the One seed of the woman and the serpent

Genesis 4 and 5 (Cain, Abel, and the wages of Sin)

As generations continue, the sin resident in the hearts of mankind goes from bad to worse (yet the seed of the woman continues....)

- The rest of the Bible: the outworking of Genesis 3:15
- "... And then he died."

Genesis 6:1-9:17 (The Flood)

....and even partial judgement of the world does not end the world of sin.

- Wrath: un-creation
- Grace: re-creation

Genesis 10-11 (Humanity after the Flood)

And so, rebellion against God continues

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Promised Kingdom of God - Genesis 12-50

God is making a gracious covenant with one man and his descendants which will bless the entire world. In this covenant God has promised to be their God and that they will be His special people, that they will live in the place of His choosing, and that they will enjoy a unique relationship with Him, under His rule.

A Study Outline for Genesis 12-50

1. **Genesis 11:27-25:11 - God's promises to Abraham and sons, Isaac and Ishmael**
2. **Genesis 25:12-18 - Ishmael's descendants**
3. **Genesis 25:19-35:29 - God's promises to Isaac and sons, Jacob and Esau**
4. **Genesis 36- Esau's descendants**
5. **Genesis 37-50 - God's promises to Jacob and sons; focus on Joseph**

God's People- Genesis 12:2-3; 15:1-6

1. God and Abraham
2. God and Isaac
3. God and Jacob

God and Abraham- Genesis 12:1-3

What does God promise Abraham in these verses?

1. Land - the land of Canaan
2. A great nation - this nation will be God's people
3. A great name

Hebrews 11 teaches us that Abraham was counted righteous in the sight of the Lord because of what? His Faith!!

God and Isaac - So Abraham and Sarah finally have a son and naturally we would assume the Isaac would be the promised one, but as we read on we find out the answer is actually no. Isaac makes a lot of the same mistakes as his father, and he dies without seeing the promises fulfilled.

God and Jacob - Jacob is second born son of Isaac. The first born son is Esau. So why did God choose Jacob to be "the seed"? God has, through His free choice, decided that it is through Jacob that His plan of redemption will continue. Is that fair to Esau?

Election- Genesis 25:19-

The idea that God chooses who will be his is one of the most challenging doctrines in the Bible. It's the doctrine of election. It's the doctrine that some will be given grace; and those "some" are chosen by God purely on the grounds of grace, not on the grounds of anything they've done.

Read Romans 9:10-12 - God chose Jacob before either twin had done anything good or bad. And the reason He chose Jacob was so that "God's purpose in election might stand". And what is that purpose? So that inclusion into God's family might come "not by works but because of Him who calls."

So through Jacob the great nation that God promised Abraham will grow! Jacob had 12 sons which become the 12 tribes of Israel.

The Story of Joseph (Genesis 37-50)

The sovereignty of God - Genesis 45:4-7; 50:18-21

Judah's Descendent will be the seed! - Genesis 49:8-12

But look where we end: "in a coffin in Egypt."