

Genesis Book of Beginnings

I. Beginning of Revelation

1. "Genesis" means "Origins", Beginnings
It is important that we know how it all began
2. God introduces Himself as Creator – Gen. 1:1
God is Eternal – "In the beginning" – before all things
He is "Elohim" – Hebrew name for God
Name stresses majesty and omnipotence
He is Creator of this universe – "heavens and earth"
Includes angels in heaven – earth as dwelling place for man
This statement challenges us to faith
If we will not believe this how can we go on in Scripture?
What will we do when He calls us to faith in Jesus?
3. God designed creation for fellowship with man
Created in God's image & likeness – Gen. 1:26-27
Created humans with intellect, emotions and will
Created them with a spirit to relate to God who is Spirit - John 4:24 "God is Spirit and those who worship Him must do so in spirit"
God came into the garden for fellowship – 3:8-11
This was God's intent to spend time with humans
He created

II. God's Revelation

- Why was God's revelation necessary?
With entrance of sin fellowship was broken
Humans were removed from the garden – 3:22-24
God & man no longer in communication
God's love for man must tell of restoration
God's revelation focuses on plan of salvation
In the garden God promised a Savior – 3:15
God must have a seed line to bring a Savior
Genesis tells the story of this line from Abraham
God made a covenant with Abraham, Isaac & Jacob
Establishing a line that would bring a Savior for all mankind

III. Recipient of God's Revelation

1. To whom did God reveal this story?
Moses is the author of Book of Genesis
A man delivered from death by God's providence
A man who was called by God to deliver Israel
God appeared to him in a burning bush– Ex. 3:4-12
Revealed Himself to Moses as "I Am Who I Am" – 4:14
Later God met with Moses 40 days on Mt. Sinai
Gave him the law (Torah) first 5 books of O.T. – Ex.34:28
Talks continued as Israel was at Sinai over a year
Paul spoke of this in 2. Cor. 3:13-18

Jesus certified Moses as author – Lk. 24:27

Hebrews 11:3 challenges us to faith

Endorses whole history of Genesis – Heb. 11:3-22

2. Israel & the world needs this revelation
The existence of a Creator God
To whom all creation is accountable
The story of God's creation for fellowship
With man's rebellion came broken fellowship
To help us understand why such sorrow & suffering
God's plan to bring redemption & restoration
Ultimately with eternal fulfillment of His plan
A New Heaven & a New Earth in full glory – Rev.21
A redeemed people in fellowship with God
Whatever God purposed in Genesis will come to pass

IV. Beginnings in Genesis

1. Beginning of Creation – Gen. 1
"The heavens and the earth" – 1:1
2. Beginning of marriage and family – 2
3. Beginning of sin, curse & death – 3
Promise of Redemption & sacrifice for sin
4. Beginning of man's religion & culture – 4:1-24
The line of Cain
5. Beginning of promised line – 4:25-5:28
The line of Seth
6. Beginning again – after the flood – Gen. 6-9
Destruction and reshaping of earth & its climate
7. Beginning of nations & languages– Gen. 10-11
Development of various cultures
8. Beginning of Israel, Covenant people – 12-50
God's dealings with the patriarchs