

OLD TESTAMENT SURVEY
CLASS #2 – September 10, 2008

GENESIS

HEBREWS 11:6 He that cometh unto God must believe that He is, and that He is the rewarder of them that diligently seek Him.

“For the invisible things of Him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead.”

I. GENESIS – The book of beginnings, origin, source

The book of “firsts”

Beginning of the world and the Jewish people and nation.

II. AUTHOR: Moses

III. TIME WRITTEN: 1450 - 1410 B.C.

IV. POSITION IN THE BIBLE: • 1st Book in the Bible

- 1st book in the Old Testament
- 1st book in the Pentateuch

V. OVERVIEW

- A. The events of Genesis end some three centuries before Moses' birth.
- B. Genesis spans more time than any other book in the Bible. Covers more than the remaining sixty-five books put together.
- C. 4,100 years of recorded Bible history from Genesis to Revelation
 1. Over one-half of it (2,286 years) is recorded in Genesis.
 2. The remaining 1,814 years are covered in Exodus through the New Testament up to the cross.
 3. 2,000 of the 2,286 years are covered in Genesis 1-11.

VI. THE BLOODLINE OF COMING MESSIAH

The seed of the woman, or the human race (**Gen. 3:15**)

The line of Seth (**Gen.4.25**)

The offspring of Shem (**Gen.9:26**)

The family of Abraham (**Gen.12:3**)

The seed of Isaac (**Gen. 26:3**)

The sons of Jacob (**Gen.46.3**)

The tribe of Judah (**Gen.49:10**)

I. Genesis 1:1 -

IN THE BEGINNING GOD CREATED THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH.

A. OLD TESTAMENT FOUNDATIONAL FOR NEW TESTAMENT

B. GENESIS FOUNDATIONAL FOR OLD TESTAMENT

C. GENESIS 1:1 = FOUNDATIONAL VERSE FOR ENTIRE BIBLE

II. There are five elements, categories that all life must fit into or be involved in: FIVE ELEMENTS OF SCIENCE:

TIME	FORCE	ACTION	SPACE	MATTER
In the Beginning	God	created	the heavens	and the earth!

III. **Beginning** = first , the *first*, in place, time, order or rank (specifically a *first fruit*) beginning, chief

See **Hebrews 11:3**

IV. Look how God introduces Himself!!

A. **God = Elohim** the name of the Supreme Being, signifying in *Hebrew*, "Strong," "Mighty." "All Powerful God" It is expressive of omnipotent power; and is name given God as Creator of Universe....

B. Used approximately 2, 570 times in Old Testament; 32 times in Genesis 1.

C. Nothing is impossible with this God.

D. However, in Chapter two as we are introduced to man, God's name changes to **YHVH - Lord God, = Jehovah, the personal name of God occurring 6,800 times in Old Testament.**

"He who is that He is," in other words, as unchangeable

JEHOVAH= THE JEWISH NATIONAL NAME FOR GOD

Jehovah has in it's meaning mercy , condescension ...a personal God and His closeness to human beings.

- **Genesis 2:7 YHVH**
- Turn to **Isaiah 12:2**

Psalm 19 incorporates both names;

1st half describes God's work in creation and ELOHIM (God) is used.
2nd half, psalmist switches to topic of law and relationship with those who know Him and JEHOVAH is used (Lord God)

E. ELOHIM IS PLURAL BUT USED WITH A SINGULAR VERB!

1. What is this signifying? Trinity, Father, Son, Holy Spirit

John 1:3

John 1:10

Ephes. 3:9

Hebrews 1:2

Job 26:13-14

Colossians 1:16

Romans 11:36

1 Corinthians 8:6

But to us *there is but* one God, the Father, of whom *are* all things, and we in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom *are* all things, and we by him

V. GOD AND GOD ALONE MADE THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH

A. Created – Bara = not formed from any pre-existing materials, but made out of nothing.

B. EVOLUTION VS. CREATION

1. Christians have tried to harmonize evolutionism with Biblical beliefs. We have tried to accommodate them *rather* than making it accommodate us.

2. Three Modern day thoughts on Creationism

- Theistic Evolutionism (God started the “Big Bang” and stepped aside!
- Progressive Creationism (take the meaning of day from a 24 hour period and extend it to a long, indefinite period of time (even up to millions of years old.
- Gap Theory – Between verses 1 and 2 a supposed millions of years took place.... God created and then Satan fell to earth thus causing chaos and then God started “reforming” the earth. Again, this was to accommodate the billions of year old fossils in the earth.