

OLD TESTAMENT SURVEY

GENESIS

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- I. **Genesis is the spiritual history of man and God revealing His nature, character to man throughout**
 - A. Keep in mind: God is the same yesterday, today and forever.
Man has not changed either
 - B. Four Dispensations are covered in Genesis: *Innocence, Conscience, Human Government; Promise*
- II. **Two Key Verses:**
Genesis 3:15 The Promise of a Redeemer, Savior
Genesis 12:3 The Promise of a Nation through which the Savior would come
- III. Two divisions to Genesis
 - A. Chapters 1-11: The Four Great Events
 - B. Chapters 12-50: The Four Great People
- IV. **THE FOUR GREAT EVENTS: Creation, The Fall, Flood, Nations**
 - A. Chapters 1-11 laid the foundation upon which the whole Bible is built and centers on four key events:

1. Creation – God is All Powerful, and the Sovereign Creator

- a. The Five Elements of Science (life) are found in the very first verse of the Bible:

Time = “in the Beginning”
Force = “God”
Action = “created”
Space = “The Heavens”
Matter = “And the Earth”

- b. **Read Verses 1-5** “Created”, “said”, “saw”, v.5 “Called” (vs. 7) “Made”

Isaiah 43:1 But now thus saith the Lord that created thee, O Jacob, and he that formed thee, O Israel, Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name; thou art mine.

Psalm 147:4 He telleth the number of the stars; he calleth them all by their names.

Isaiah 40:26 Lift up your eyes on high, and behold who hath created these things, that bringeth out their host by number: he calleth them all by names by the greatness of his might, for that he is strong in power; not one faileth.

1. GOD WANTED ADAM TO ASSERT HIS OWN AUTHORITY IN THIS WORLD IN THE RIGHT ORDER.... DOMINION GIVEN TO HIM BY GOD

**GENESIS 1:26
AND GENESIS 2:19**

2. WHY CREATION? Why did God make all of this?

c. LOOK AT CREATION TO SEE GOD'S CHARACTER

God is Creative

Isaiah 40: 18, 21, 22-23

Psalm 19:1-6

Psalm 104:2-3; 5-7; 21-24

1 God is a God of Order

Look at Handout #2 God first formed...then filled!

2. God is Good, Giving, and a Relationship God

God's final creation = Man **Genesis 1:26**

Image= John 4:24 God is Spirit and he that worships Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth.

Colossians 3:10 And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him:

Ephesians 4:24 And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness

3. God is a God of Provision

Verse 28-31: Blessed; be fruitful, multiply, replenish, have dominion

Vs.29 "I have **given**"...every

Vs. 30 "I have **given**"

Vs. 31 God's verdict...it was VERY good.

Genesis 2:9, 15

2. THE FALL - GOD OF LOVE, GRACE

A. Creation is followed by Corruption

B. In the first sin, man is separated from God (Adam from God)

C. In the second sin, man is separated from man (Cain from Abel.)

D. In spite of devastating curse of the fall, God promises hope of redemption through the Seed of the woman (3:15).... and *Who is that Seed?*

E. The Temptation

1. Look at God's provision, His heart.... Genesis 2:16-23

2. Ephesians 5:20 in relation to Verse Gen.2:23 "For we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones For this cause shall a man leave His father and mother and shall be joined unto his wife and they two shall be one flesh...this is a great mystery but I speak concerning Christ and the church.

3. Genesis 3:1-5 Serpent

Satan (Job 1:6)

The devil, Matthew 4:1

Father of lies, John 8:44

Enemy, Matthew 13:39

Beelzebub, ruler of demons, Matthew 12:24

Prince of the power of the air, Ephesians 2:2

The wicked one, Matthew 13:19

Ruler of this world, John 12:31

Ruler of darkness, Ephesians 6:12

Adversary, 1 Peter 5:8

The tempter, 1 Thessalonians 3:5

The deceiver, Revelation 10:10

F. The Temptation -Satan's tactics:

God is NOT good, not fair,

He is withholding something that you need....

Doubt God, Doubt His Love

Discouragement (self pity. Looking at your problems rather than your provisions given by God)

Diversion – makes the world seem attractive or sin less than what it is.

Defeat

G. The Deception: (Genesis 3:4-5) Read **1John 2:16 (James1:14-15)**

Lust of the eyes: “Saw that it was good for food”

Lust of the flesh: “Pleasant to the eyes, tree to be desired”

Pride of Life: “Shall be as god, knowing good and evil”

H. Consequences and Judgement – Result of sin

- **Genesis 3:8** ADAM -Hid from God where once they walked with Him (But God seeks them out !!!)
- Adam *heard, afraid*, saw his nakedness, *blames*, Eve *blames*

Genesis 3:15 1st prophecy of the Bible –Promise of Redeemer!

A. Serpent cursed above all cattle and beasts

1. Consigned to travel upon its belly **Read Isaiah 14:13-15)**
2. Shall eat dust
3. Enmity (deep rooted mutual hatred) between his seed and Woman’s’ seed
4. Woman’s’ seed would bruise Satan’s head (major wound) HOPE
5. Devil’s seed would bruise heel of woman’s seed (minor wound)

B. Woman Genesis 3:16

C. Man Genesis 3:17-19

D. With Judgement comes Mercy: GOD OF HOPE

1st shedding and covering of Blood : **Genesis 3:20-23**

I. Genesis 4:1-7– Cain and Abel **God is Just and Merciful**

A. First Jealousy and Murder

Hebrews 11:4 Abel 1st spoken of in Heroes of Faith

Hebrews 11:6 What pleases God?

Romans 14:23 Whatever is not of faith, is sin

1 John 3:12:

Not as Cain, who was of that wicked one, and slew his brother. And wherefore slew he him? Because his own works were evil, and his brother's righteous.

B. **Genesis 4:25** Seth, the promised Seed

J. **Genesis 5-** Adams’ geneology Look at Verse 21-24 and Hebrews 1:5

Look at Handouts #3

3. THE FLOOD God of Judgment , Longsuffering

A. Genesis 6:1-6 – As man multiplies, sin also multiplies until God is compelled to destroy humanity with the exception of Noah and family.

1. Does or Can God repent? Look at **Malachi 3:6** For I am the Lord, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.

James 1:17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.

B. Noah – Genesis 6: 8-15, Hebrews 11:7, 2 Peter 2:5

C. Genesis 7:14-15 God makes Known His will:
and is specific to those who walk uprightly before Him

1. **Gen 6:14** – ark –same word used in Exodus2:3, Moses put into an ark of bulrushes to “save him”. “Basket or Box”

- **Pitch** - same word used for “covering” or **atonement!!!** (made from henna and bitumen)
- The ark was exactly six times longer than its width – the same ratio used by modern shipbuilders.
- The ark floated some 500 miles or more before it came to rest on the mountain of Ararat.

2. **Genesis 7:11-17** In the Ark approx. 1 year. All mankind died.

3. **Genesis 8:20-22** What was the first thing Noah did when leaving the Ark? What was God’s response?

4. **Genesis 9:8-16**..God establish His covenant with Noah and the rainbow is His token, His promise.

4. **THE NATIONS**

A. **Genesis 11:1-4** Man Made unity, power, exalting man’s achievements, trying to make sure they could escape God’s judgments (why else a tower so tall????) Handout #4