



THE BOOK OF BEGINNINGS – Introduction to Genesis, Message 1

Genesis is the _____ of the Bible – *if the foundation be faulty then the entire structure built thereon is unstable*. Genesis is the _____ leading into the great and precious promises of God – *if the gateway is misleading then the direction of its course is deceptive*. Therefore, everything found in Genesis must be reckoned as _____ or else all the other books, chapters, verses, and words of scripture are in question. Our study of Genesis will be based upon the fact that it is a literal, accurate, and reliable record.

It is important to note that we study Genesis having _____ the unsearchable riches of Christ found in the NT. Consequently, our eyes will be open to things the OT saints were unable to see...we will appreciate things the unbeliever can never comprehend. We will approach the words of Genesis by _____, believing that this testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple.

Welcome to a study of the most fascinating and extraordinary book ever written, the book of Genesis.

Introduction to Genesis

1. The book of beginnings

a. First things first

- The Bible must be understood in the light of God's _____.
- It is very common for the _____ mention of something in the Bible to establish a truth or pattern that is consistently followed throughout the entire Bible. We often see this illustrated in a figure, truth, or picture throughout the scriptures.
- It is observed that once a general truth is established in the Bible, God does _____ deviate from it. In other words...*"What is true is always true."*
- God's word is consistent because God's _____ is consistent - Malachi 3:6; Hebrews 13:8; James 1:17
- Because Genesis is the _____ book in the Bible it has more first mentions than any other book...

b. First mentions

- Heaven, earth, mankind, Satan, _____ sin, marriage, family, sacrifice, labor, civilization, cities, governments, culture, races, languages, covenants, and redemption...

- Some examples:

Genesis 3:1 - The _____ is consistently associated with sin and the Devil

Genesis 3:1 - The Devil's _____ on the word of God is consistent throughout scripture and throughout recorded history

Genesis 3:21 - The first shedding of _____ paints an incredible picture that will be followed throughout scripture

Genesis 22:2 - The first mention of _____

Genesis 22:5 - The first time the word _____ is mentioned

These are just a meager sample of the first mentions found in Genesis. Throughout our study we will see many other _____ mentions...

2. The book of generations

a. Generations – Genealogies; stages in the descent of a family or a group of people, animals, or plants, described by naming the individual members of that family.

b. Generations in Genesis

- Generations of the heaven and earth – Genesis 1-2:6 (2:4)
- Generations of Adam – Genesis 2:7-6:8 (5:1)
- Generations of Noah – Genesis 6:9-9:29 (6:9)
- Generations of Noah's sons – Genesis 10:1-11:9 (10:1)
- Generations of Shem's sons – Genesis 11:10-26 (11:10)
- Generations of Terah (the father of _____) – Genesis 11:27-25:11 (11:27)
- Generations of Ishmael – Genesis 25:12-18 (25:12)
- Generations of _____ – Genesis 25:19-35:29 (25:19)
- Generations of Esau – Genesis 36:1-37:1 (36:1)
- Generations of _____ – Genesis 37:2-50:26 (37:2)

c. Time line

- The first 11 chapters of Genesis deal with the creation of the universe, as we know it, the establishment of plant, animal, and human life, the fall of mankind, the flood, and the initial formation of human government...all spanning a time frame of *approximately 2,000 years*. (See time line below)

GENESIS 1 **2,000 years** GENESIS 11 **2,000 years** time of CHRIST and APOSTLES

- The last 39 chapters of Genesis are primarily about _____. Genesis details the events in the life of _____...