



THE BOOK OF BEGINNINGS – Overview of Genesis, Message 2

Today's study of Genesis will reveal things which _____ believer should be familiar. A condensed analysis of this book (understanding its divisions and subject matter) will be helpful before delving into our textual study. This is what we refer to as an "_____."

Overview of Genesis:

Title Means: _____

Note: The Jews have always called it "In the _____" & the first book of _____

Chapters: _____ Verses: _____ Words: _____

Author: _____ Notes: _____

Historical Time Span: _____ BC to _____ BC

Theme: The _____ of everything

Key Verses: Genesis 1:1 - If you believe this verse, you will have little problem believing the rest of _____. This single verse refutes _____ the false concepts about origins that men have contrived.

Genesis 3:15 - The first redemptive _____ in the Bible; the first messianic _____ in the Bible.

Three basic applications:

It is important to note that _____ scripture has three basic applications:

- 1) Historical - The Bible is unlike any other book of religious writings in that it is primarily a book of _____, and its history is true. God has chosen to work within the framework of time and space. Every person, place, and event is real.
- 2) Doctrinal - The word doctrine simply means “_____”. God is always interested in teaching us something. The biblical usages of the word doctrine: God uses historical events to teach a _____ truth; God uses historical events to teach a _____ truth.
- 3) Devotional - This ancient book applies to my life _____. Every book, chapter, and verse applies to me right now, somehow. All scripture has a devotional application - 2 Timothy 3:16-17.

Three basic applications of Genesis:

- 1) Historical: God records the _____ of the heaven, the earth, light, vegetation, animals, mankind, human relationships, _____, death, redemption, judgment, rebellion, prophecy, grace, races, nations, Israel, covenants, promises, science, arts, and geography.
- 2) Doctrinal: Genesis is a _____ book – Jesus’ 1st coming, Israel’s restoration – the fulfillment of God’s original plan for Israel, the rule of the antichrist, Jesus’ 2nd coming, etc.

The events of Genesis will _____ throughout history – Ecclesiastes 3:15
- 3) Devotional: Genesis begins with _____ – with God all things are possible and without God nothing is possible – we can do nothing. This is woven through the entire book of Genesis and throughout the whole of scripture.

Outline structures of Genesis:

Basic outline:

- 1-11: The _____ stage – the beginnings of the cosmos, plant life, animal life, and mankind
- 12-50: The patriarchal stage – the beginnings of the _____ people and the nation of Israel

Chapter outline:

- 1-2: _____
- 3-4: _____ & _____
- 5: Generations of _____
- 6-9: _____ and the flood
- 10: Generations of Noah
- 11: Tower of _____
- 12-25: _____ & _____
- 26-27: _____ & _____
- 28-35: The life of _____
- 36: Generations of Esau
- 37-50: The life of _____

Genesis vs. Revelation

Genesis	Revelation
Creation of heaven and earth	New heaven and new earth
Creation of darkness and light	No more night
Satan is victorious (in attack toward man)	Satan is defeated (in rule of Man)
Messiah is promised	Messiah is reigning
Man is put out of garden paradise	Man is welcomed into heaven's paradise
Tree of life guarded from earth's inhabitants	Tree of life open to all earth's inhabitants
Babylon constructed	Babylon destroyed
Life of hardship filled with sorrow	Eternal rest with no more tears

Note: The Bible is _____...

That which hath been is now; and that which is to be hath already been; and God requireth that which is past. Ecclesiastes 3:15

NEXT WEEK: Genesis 1:1 – expository study begins