

McCoy Memorial Baptist Church
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Class: Genesis—From Paradise to Prison

IS THE GENESIS RECORD _____? CAN IT BE _____?

1. Many do not accept the creation days as ordinary _____ - _____ days.

Why? *They want to harmonize the Genesis account of creation with the accepted system of geologic ages and it's teaching of billions of years for the age of the earth.*

2. Why all the fuss about creation details and the age of the earth? As long as we believe God started it all, does it really matter _____ or _____ it began?

A. What is the Genesis Record?

The year of Abraham's birth was 2,166 B.C. The date of the division of the United Kingdom at the death of Solomon was 930 B.C. (a fixed date in history). Solomon reigned 40 years which means he became king in 970 B.C. Following the information given in 1 Kings 6:1 and Exodus 12:40, we arrive at 1,876 B.C. for the entrance of Jacob into Egypt. Since Jacob was 130 years old at this time (Gen. 47:9), he was born in 2006 B.C. Isaac was 60 when Jacob was born (Gen. 25:26), and Abraham was 100 when Isaac was born (Gen. 21:5). Therefore, Abraham was born in 2,166 B.C. Before Abraham was born (Genesis 1:1-11:26) there are four major events that are included in the Genesis record. . . .

- 1) _____ (Gen. 1, 2; cp. Exodus 20:4; Psalm 8)
- 2) _____ (Gen. 3; cp. Hebrews 2:5-10 commentary on Psalm 8)
- 3) _____ (Gen. 6-8)
- 4) _____ (Gen. 10:1-11:10)

*The question of the age of the earth has produced heated discussions on internet blogs, TV, radio, in classrooms, and in many churches, Christian colleges, and seminaries. The primary sides are 1) **young-earth proponents** (biblical age of the earth and universe of about 6,000 years,* and 2) **old-earth proponents** (secular age of the earth of about 4.5 billion years and a universe about 14 billion years old).
***NOTE:** Not all young-earth creationists agree on 6,000 years for the age of the earth. Some believe there may be small gaps in the genealogies of Genesis 5 & 11 and put the maximum age of the earth at about 10,000 to 12,000 years.*

B. I take the young-earth creationist side 'cause I trust the Genesis record's _____!

- 1) Genesis, in common with the other 65 books, was written by God (see 2 Pet. 1:20-21).
- 2) The result is, "All Scripture is _____ - _____" (see 2 Tim. 3:16a).
- 3) Summary: The process by which Spirit-moved writers recorded God-breathed writings.
 - a) Inspiration is _____ (extends to the very words of Scripture)
What about to "the smallest letter" & "the least stroke of a pen"? (see Matt. 5:17)
 - b) Inspiration is _____ (full, it extends to all parts)

C. Because the Genesis record was revealed/written by God, it is _____.

UNIFYING THEME OF THE BIBLE (starting with Genesis): THE _____ OF GOD.

1. The Kingdom _____ (Gen. 1-2)

A. God brought into existence a universe and specific realm, Earth, over which to rule.

B. God also brought into existence a being, created in His image, named Adam.

Created from the dust of the earth,

Adam could relate to his _____.

Brought forth in the image of His Creator,

Adam could _____ to and _____ with God.

Knowing that Adam was in need of a helpmate,

God created _____ from Adam.

C. God endowed Adam with everything necessary to rule over the realm of Earth as His representative (co-regent; mediator).

2. The Kingdom _____ (Gen. 3)

Shortly after creation, Adam chose to disobey God & eat from the forbidden tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Adam delivered the authority of the earthly realm to Satan when he fell. "What Satan did not say was that they would know the good without being able to do it and know the evil without being able to avoid it" (John Walvoord).

A. When Adam sinned, _____ came upon all mankind (see Rom. 5:12)

B. When Adam sinned, we all became _____ (see Rom. 5:12)

C. The impact of Adam's fall befell _____ God's creation (see Rom. 8:20-22)

D. God told Adam He was cursing the ground so man would _____ to grow food (3:17-19).

E. The woman would have pain in childbirth because of her part in the rebellion against God (3:16).

F. To the serpent, God said "you will crawl on your belly & you will eat dust all the days of your life."

G. Adam and Eve were kicked out of the Garden of Eden; they had no access to the Tree of Life.

H. In judging Satan, God gave _____ as He announced a plan to restore His Kingdom on Earth.

3. The Kingdom _____ (Gen. 3:15)

From the Seed of a woman would come a Son, who would deliver a fatal blow to Satan. However, before He bruised Satan's head, Satan would bruise the Son's heel.

A. Israel is the _____ through whom God is working His plan to redeem the world and restore His Kingdom.

B. Jesus Christ became the fulfillment of God's promise to send a male Child to restore His Kingdom.

4. The Kingdom _____ (Rev. 21:1-22:5)

Exactly how God is working out the restoration of His Kingdom on Earth is the unifying theme of the Bible!

A. The restoration of God's Kingdom was a _____ for Christ, and it should be for us as well.

B. Jesus' model prayer: Matthew 6:10 – "Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth, just as it is being done in heaven."

C. At Jesus' first Advent . . .

D. At Jesus' second Advent . . . 1) the Millennial Kingdom ... *followed by* ... 2) the Eternal Kingdom.