



## Class 2 - Genesis

*Old Testament Seminar - Immanuel Church*

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### **Section 1: Genesis 1-11**

Why study Genesis?

Historical Context

Redemptive-Historical Context

#### **Theme**

*God reveals his character through the world he has created.*

Summary

#### **Genesis 1 & 2 (Creation)**

*There exists an eternal and self-sufficient God, who by sheer verbal fiat has created the universe and all that is in it, in order to display his glory.*

#### **Who Is God? – Genesis 1:1-25**

- God is eternal
- God is self-sufficient
- God created the universe by the power of His word
- God is good

#### **Who Are We? – Genesis 1:26-31**

- Human beings are created in the image of God.

- Human beings are to image God.
- Human beings are to exercise lordship and care for the earth.

### **What Is the World? – Genesis 2:1-3**

- The world was created as a place of rest and peace.

### **How Are We to Relate to Each Other? – Genesis 2:18-25**

- Men and women were created to have a restful, peaceful relationship with each other.

### **How Are We to Relate to God? – Genesis 2:15-17**

- Human beings were created to have a relationship with God, in obedience and worship.

### **What Is Missing if The Bible Stopped at Genesis 2?**

#### **Genesis 3:1-24 (The Fall)**

*But mankind's first parents choose to set themselves up as equals with God, disobeying him and incurring the just wrath of God. While expelled from that pristine fellowship with God, they do not receive the complete wrath they deserve, for God has already begun a plan to overturn the curse of sin by placing enmity between the seed of the serpent and the seed of the woman.*

#### **The Prohibition – Genesis 2:15-17**

#### **The Fall and Immediate Plan of Redemption – Genesis 3:1-24**

Three levels of enmity:

- Between the serpent and the woman
- Between the serpent's seed and the woman's seed
- Between the One seed of the woman and the serpent

## **Genesis 4-5 (Cain, Abel, and the Wages of Sin)**

*As generations continue, the sin resident in the hearts of mankind goes from bad to worse (yet the seed of the woman continues)...*

- The rest of the Bible: the outworking of Genesis 3:15
- "...and then he died."

## **Genesis 6:1-9:17 (The Flood)**

*...and even partial judgment of the world does not end the world of sin.*

- Wrath: un-creation
- Grace: re-creation

## **Typology**

## **Genesis 10-11 (Humanity After the Flood)**

*And so rebellion against God continues.*

## **Study Outline for Genesis 1-11**

### i. Genesis 1:1-2:3

The Telling of the Seven Days of Creation

### ii. Genesis 2:4-4:26

The Dawn of Humanity: 2 Seeds

### iii. Genesis 5:1-6:8

The Descendants of Adam and Their Sin

### iv. Genesis 6:9-9:29

The Punishment for Sin: Un-Creating the Universe... and Grace: Re-Creating the Universe

v. Genesis 10:1-11:9

Humanity after the Flood: Still Sinful

vi. Genesis 11:10-26

The Seed of the Woman Continues On

## Section 2: Genesis 12-50

### Context

- Historical Context
- Redemptive-Historical Context

### Theme

*God is making a gracious covenant with one man and his descendants which will bless the entire world. In this covenant God has promised to be their God and that they will be His special people, that they will live in the place of His choosing, and that they will enjoy a unique relationship with Him, under His rule.*

The Kingdom: God's people in God's place under God's rule

**God's Place – Genesis 12:1, 6-7**

**God's People – Genesis 12:2-3, 15:1-6**

- Faith

**God's Rule – Genesis 15:7-21**

- Covenant

**Is Isaac the Seed?****Is Esau the Seed?...Or is Jacob?****Election – Genesis 25:19-34**

- Grace

**Is Joseph the Seed?****Sovereignty of God – Genesis 45:4-7; 50:18-21****Judah's Descendant Will Be The Seed! – Genesis 49:8-12**

**But look where we end: “in a coffin in Egypt.”**

**A Study Outline for Genesis 12-50**

i. Genesis 11:27-25:11<sup>1</sup>

God's promises to Abraham & sons, Isaac and Ishmael

ii. Genesis 25:12-18

Ishmael's descendants

iii. Genesis 25:19-35:29

God's promises to Isaac & sons, Jacob and Esau

iv. Genesis 36

Esau's descendants

v. Genesis 37-50

God's promises to Jacob & sons; focus on Joseph

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<sup>1</sup>Notice that the longer sections, I, III, and V, focus on the lineage through which the Savior will come, while section II and IV are brief excursions.

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