

**OLD TESTAMENT SURVEY**  
**PERIOD ONE**  
**THE BEGINNINGS - CREATION**  
**LESSON 5**

PERIOD ONE    THE BEGINNING			
CREATING THE WORLD AND NATIONS			
<b>CREATION</b> Genesis 1 to 2	<b>THE FALL</b> Genesis 3 to 5	<b>FLOOD</b> Genesis 6 to 8	<b>NATIONS</b> Genesis 9 to 11
In the beginning was God; and God said, "Let it . . . be and it was.	People disobeyed God; Sin came into the world.	Punishment for sin.	New beginning; People scattered to many places.

The devil hates the Bible. He has caused people to doubt what God says (Genesis 3:1,3,4).

Many people do not believe that the stories in the book of Genesis are true. Because of this many people do not listen to them or read them.

**1. GENESIS**

**A. Genesis is a book of beginnings.**

Genesis is often called the "book of beginnings." Every truth found in the Bible has its beginning in Genesis. This is why the devil hates it.

**B. What is in the book of Genesis.**

Genesis tells us:

- where people came from (Genesis 1:26)
- where marriage came from (Genesis 2:21-25)
- where sin came from (Genesis 3)

- where the first promise of the Savior came from (Genesis 3:15)
- where the different nations came from (Genesis 10)
- where the different languages came from (Genesis 11:1-9)

The New Testament uses words from the book of Genesis more than 60 times. Examples of this: Genesis 2:24 - Matthew 19:5; Genesis 2:2 - Hebrews 4:4.

### **C. Who wrote Genesis.**

Moses wrote what God gave him to write (Exodus 24:4; Deuteronomy 31:9). Moses wrote the book of Genesis. He also wrote Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy (Luke 24:27).

### **D. How the book of Genesis is divided.**

Genesis is divided into three parts.

- 1) Chapters 1 and 2 - God is getting the world ready for people.
- 2) Chapters 3 - 11 - God is punishing people for their sin.
- 3) Chapters 12 - 50 - God is making a special nation.

## **2. GETTING THE WORLD READY FOR PEOPLE - CREATION**

READ GENESIS CHAPTERS 1 and 2 again CAREFULLY.

People have many questions about Genesis chapter one. The biggest questions are, "Did God really create the world?" and "How long did it take God to make the world?" People have found things in the world that show it to be very, very old. We can only guess how old the world really is.

In Genesis chapter one we read, "And the evening and the morning were the first day," Genesis 1:5 (KJV). How long was that day and the days that came after? The Bible speaks of a day as twenty four hours like we know days (Genesis 8:22). In other places it speaks of a day as a long period of time (2 Peter 3:8). In Genesis 5:5, years are called days, "All the days that Adam lived . . ." Did God make everything in six days as we know days? Or did God take thousands or millions of years to make things? These are questions people ask. *(Note to teacher: There is too much to explain on this subject to cover in a survey course.)*

### **A. Teachings about creation.**

- Some people believe that God created the world perfect (Genesis 1: 1). They believe that this happened millions of years ago. They believe something happened to the world which spoiled it. When this happened, it became formless and void (Genesis 1:2). They believe that God brought the world back to where it was in six days as we know days.

- Some people believe that God started to create the world millions of years ago. They believe the days were many long years. They believe it took millions of years to make everything.
- Some people do not believe in God. They do not believe the Bible. They say, "Everything in the world just happened. It took millions of years for the world to become as good as it is today." This belief is wrong because the Bible says, "**God created.**"

### **B. Creation days.**

- What did God do on the first day?
- What did God do on the second day?
- What did God do on the third day?
- What did God do on the fourth day?
- What did God do on the fifth day?
- What did God do on the sixth day?
- What did God do on the seventh day?

### **C. Age of the world and people.**

We do know that the world was created before the people were created. The Bible says that in the beginning God created the world. Some believe it is millions of years ago. Many Bible believing people think that people have been on the earth for about 6,000 years, but the Bible does not tell us exactly how long.

### **3. FIRST PEOPLE AND MARRIAGE**

#### **A. First people.**

God prepared the world for people. In Genesis 1:26 we can see that man is a special creation. What do you see in this verse that shows there was more than one person talking here?

In whose image was man created?

Image means "likeness." In other words, who did God make people like?

What was man supposed to do?

What was Adam to do in the garden (Genesis 2:15)?

What was Adam not to do (Genesis 2:17)?

#### **B. Marriage.**

Adam could not find a helper among the animals. God had to create a helper for him. Where did his helper come from?

It is said that God did not take bone from Adam's head. If He had, Adam's wife would rule over Adam. God did not take bone from his feet. If God had, Adam would walk on her. God took bone from Adam's side, so they could walk and work side by side. God took bone from Adam's side, near to his heart, so that she would be very dear to him. (Jamison, Fausset and Brown, Commentary on the Whole Bible, p.19.)

We see here the first marriage, (Genesis 2:22-24). God brought Adam and Eve together.

What does God tell us to do about our parents when we get married (Genesis 2:24)?

What is a person to do to his wife or to her husband?

This means when a couple is married, they stop going with another man or woman. They are now as one person and they are to live together as one. They are to do this until one or the other dies.

## **WORDS TO LEARN**

1. create - to make out of nothing.
2. creation - when God made the world and people from nothing.
3. divide - to make into parts.
4. formless - something that does not have a shape.
5. image - likeness.
6. teachings - whatever is being taught, lessons.
7. truth - whatever is true.
8. void - nothing in it, empty.

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