

## Bible Study of Genesis chapter 1 and John Chapter 1

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### OBSERVE

- Key Words
- Advice, Admonitions, Warnings, Promises
- Reasons, Results
- Contrast, Comparisons illustrations
- Repetition and Progression of Ideas
- Questions
- Important Connectives (*prepositions conjunctions*)
- Grammatical Construction (*verbs, nouns, pronouns, adverbs adjectives*)
- Atmosphere Emphatic Statements
- Literary Form
- General Structure

### INTERPRET

- Ask questions for understanding
  - Meaning
  - Significance
  - Implication
  - Relationship
  - Progression
  - Literal or figurative
- Use cross-references
- Compare translations
- Define words and wrestle with meanings  
(*Pray and Meditate, Discern, define, Compare, investigate, consult, wrestle, summarize*)
- Recording Interpretations
- List *the definitions of key words*
- Record *phrases from other translations that give new insight*
- List *some of the cross-references found relating to the key ideas.*
- Record *any significant information gained from a Bible dictionary or commentary.*

SUMMARIZE *what has been learned.*

### EVALUATE

### APPLY

- Interpret in terms of your own experiences
- Complete the statements:
  - Learning how to study the Bible will help me understand...
  - What I receive in this Bible study will depend on...
  - Hindrances that prevent the word of God growing in my life are....
  - God's action in my life is....
  - The good news I find in this passage for me is....
- Pray about your individual response to the word.
- ACTUALIZE

## **Observing the whole book of Genesis**

Chapter 1 Creation of the World

Chapter 2 7<sup>th</sup> day rest Creation of Man and Woman

Chapter 3 The Fall Temptation sin introduced curse incurred

Chapter 4 Cain and Abel

Chapter 5 Adam's Descendants to Noah

Chapter 6 Increasing corruption on Earth – God favours Noah

Chapter 7 God instructs Noah about the Ark

Chapter 8 Flood subsides

Chapter 9 God Blesses Noah and his descendants

Chapter 10 Nations Descended from Noah

Chapter 11 Tower of Babel – dispersal of earth shem's Descendants Terah's Descendants

Chapter 12 Call of Abraham, Abraham and Sarah in Egypt

Chapter 13 Abraham and Lot separate

Chapter 14 Abraham rescues Lot

Chapter 15 God's covenant with Abraham

Chapter 16 Sarah and Hagar

Chapter 17 Abraham and the Covenant of Circumcision/ Isaac's birth promised/Abraham intercedes for Sodom.

Chapter 18 Lord appears to Abraham at Mamre

Chapter 19 God rescues Lot/God destroys Sodom/ Lot and His Daughters

Chapter 20 Abraham and Abimelech

Chapter 21 The Birth of Isaac/ God protects Hagar and Ishmael/Treaty with Abimelech

Chapter 22 Sacrifice of Isaac

Chapter 23 Sarah's death and burial

Chapter 24 Isaac and Rebekah

Chapter 25 Abraham's death and his descendants/Birth of Esau and Jacob/Esau sells his birth right

Chapter 26 God's promise to Isaac/Isaac and Abimelech

Chapter 27 Isaac Blesses Jacob

Chapter 28 Jacob sent to Laban/Esau marries and Ishmaelite/Jacob's Dream

Chapter 29 Jacob marries Leah and Rachel

Chapter 30 Rachel demands a child/ Jacob's prosperity

Chapter 31 Jacob flees from Laban

Chapter 32 Jacob fears Esau/ Jacob wrestles with God

Chapter 33 Jacob meets Esau

Chapter 34 The Defiling of Dinah

Chapter 35 God blesses and renames Jacob/Deaths of Rachel and Isaac

Chapter 36 Esau's Descendants

Chapter 37 Joseph's Dreams/ Joseph sold by his brothers

Chapter 38 Judah and Tamar

Chapter 39 Joseph and Potiphar's wife

Chapter 40 Joseph interprets two prisoner's Dreams

Chapter 41 Joseph interprets Pharaoh's Dreams/Joseph rises to power

Chapter 42 Joseph's Brothers Go to Egypt

Chapter 43 Joseph's Brothers Return to Egypt

Chapter 44 Joseph Tests His brothers

Chapter 45 Joseph Provides for His Brothers and Family

Chapter 46 Joseph Brings His Family to Egypt

Chapter 47 Jacob's Family Settles in Goshen/Joseph and the Famine

Chapter 48 Jacob Blesses Ephraim and Manasseh

Chapter 49 Jacob Blesses His Sons/ Jacob's Death and burial

Chapter 50 God's Good purposes/ Death of Joseph

## Summary Outline of the Book of Genesis

Chapters 1 & 2 God's creation

Chapter 3,6,11,19 &34 introduction to corruption/sin

Chapters 1,9,27 and 35 God Blesses his people.

Chapters 4 and 5 Adam's descendants to Noah

Chapters 6 – 10 Story of Noah

Chapters 12 – 25 Story of Abraham and his descendants

Chapters 26 -27 God's relationship with Isaac

Chapters 28 -35 All about God's relationship with Jacob

Chapter 36 Esau

Chapters 37 -46 Joseph

Chapters 47 – 49 Jacob and his family restored back to wealth Jacob dies

Chapter 50 Joseph dies

## **Observing the whole Book of John**

Chapter 1 The Word became flesh/Jesus Calls his first Disciples

Chapter 2 Wedding at Cana/Jesus Cleanses the Temple

Chapter 3 You must be Born Again/For God so loved the world

Chapter 4 Jesus and the Woman of Samaria/Jesus Heals the official's Son

Chapter 5 The Healing at the Pool on the Sabbath/Jesus is Equal with God/Authority of the Son/Witness to Jesus

Chapter 6 Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand/Jesus Walks on water/ I am the Bread of life/The Words of Eternal Life

Chapter 7 Jesus at the Feast of Booths/ Can This be the Christ? /officers sent to arrest Jesus/Rivers of Living water

Chapter 8 Woman Caught in adultery/ I am the light of the world/ The truth shall set you free/Before Abraham was I am

Chapter 9 Jesus heals a man born blind

Chapter 10 I am the Good Shepherd/ I and the father are one

Chapter 11 The Death of Lazarus/ I am the Resurrection and the life/ Jesus Weeps/Jesus Raises Lazarus/plot to kill Jesus

Chapter 12 Mary Anoints Jesus at Bethany/plot to kill Lazarus/Greeks seek Jesus/The Son of Man Must be Lifted Up/Jesus came to save the world.

Chapter 13 Jesus Washes the Disciples Feet/one of you will betray me/ A New Commandment

Chapter 14 I am the way, the Truth and the life/ Jesus promises the Holy Spirit

Chapter 15 I am the true vine

Chapter 16 The work of the Holy spirit/your sorrow will turn into joy/ I have overcome the Word

Chapter 17 The high priestly prayer

Chapter 18 Betrayal and Arrest of Jesus/Jesus Faces Annas and Caiaphas/ Peter Denies Jesus/The High Priest Questions Jesus/Jesus before Pilate

Chapter 19 Jesus Delivered to be Crucified/Crucifixion/Jesus Buried

Chapter 20 The Resurrection Jesus appears to Mary Magdalene /Disciples/Thomas

Chapter 21 Jesus appears to seven disciples/Jesus and Peter/Jesus and the Beloved Apostle.

### [Summary of the outline of the book of John](#)

[Chapters 1- 17 Ministry of Jesus](#)

[Chapters 18 - 19 Crucifixion, Death and Burial](#)

[Chapters 20 -21 Resurrection](#)

Purpose determines:

-the content of the Book – ideas and facts. [Historical events and situations governed some of the content.]

-structure -how the material was arranged.

Personality of the author and background influence the literary style.

The writer of the book of Genesis uses 11 chapters to discuss beginnings and 39 chapters to discuss the story of a few persons.

Emphasis is on the beginnings and the early people of the bible.

Consider original audience

-their characteristics

Observe the structure of the Book

Some do not have a definite structure

Alert to the way the chapters are grouped according to content. Variety of ways in which the author can order and content, noting that many books reflect more than one category.

Biographical: - lives of people eg. Genesis organized according to the lives of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Joseph.

Historical: successions of events

Chronological: times when events happen Genesis is told in a Chronological order.

Geographical: places where events happened

Logical or ideological: ideas themselves.

Focus on Smaller Sections

Begin with the first paragraph of the first chapter – see the section in the context of the whole book.

# Genesis

## Purpose

Establish how the Earth and the Universe came into existence.

Introduction of God's role in the Universe as sovereign ruler, provider and source.

The will of God initially, how man interacted with God and the affect Man had on the outcome of the will of God. How sin first came into the world and the manifestations of sin in the early days.

God's response to humanity.

God's Character.

## Personality of the Author

All scripture is God inspired, however, Emphasis is placed on key areas God's creation and genealogy of key people Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Joseph. Scholars felt that the author of the Book of Genesis was most probably Moses. Therefore, we are to assume his primary focus was on how God was key in the creation of humanity and the relationship God had with the various Key men promising them prosperity and blessings. One significant relationship is the one between Jacob and his twelve Sons. The significance of these twelve sons in God's plan was manifested in the twelve tribes Israel.

## Original Audience

Jewish

They were oppressed, poor although now had some form of wealth from Egypt very much new to the idea of worshiping and following God. People who had no idea about who God really was or what his purpose was in their lives and fundamentally how they should respond to an overwhelmingly all powerful God.

## Structure of the Book

- **Biographical** – because it talks about the lives of various people Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Joseph.
- **Chronological** – Beginnings, Adam, Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob,

# John

## **Purpose**

To give an account of the Life, Ministry, crucifixion and Resurrection of Jesus Christ, through the eyes of one his most trusted disciples, to prove without a doubt his identity as the Son of God, God incarnate, the Messiah. Also the purpose of his coming to offer salvation and redemption from sin.

## **Personality of the Author**

All scripture is God inspired, however, Emphasis is placed on the mystery of Jesus, his divinity, his coming was so divine it was foretold by the prophet Isaiah and now confirmed by John the Baptist. We also gain an insight to how unique Jesus was and his deity status by narrative demonstrations of things he prophesied, healings he carried out and repeated demonstrations of his power and authority through things he said and did, finally his death which was very demonstrative of his sovereignty. John the author of this book was clearly mesmerised by all that Jesus taught and did and he clearly demonstrates this in his account of this book.

## **Original Audience**

Jews and Gentiles

## **Structure of the Book**

- **Biographical** – because it talks about the life of Jesus
- **Chronological** – symbolised by the periods within the life of Jesus
- **Geographical** – a lot of events are recorded at various locations finally ending at Golgotha
- **Logical** – Each event is logical to fulfil the prophecies spoken about Jesus to confirm his identity.
- **Historical** – each event that occurred during the ministry and life of Christ marked an historical significance.



# Genesis Chapter 1 v1-31

## The Creation of the World

1 In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. 2 The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

3 And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. 4 And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. 5 God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

6 And God said, "Let there be an expanse<sup>1</sup> in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." 7 And God made<sup>2</sup> the expanse and separated the waters that were under the expanse from the waters that were above the expanse. And it was so. 8 And God called the expanse Heaven.<sup>3</sup> And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

9 And God said, "Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. 10 God called the dry land Earth,<sup>4</sup> and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good.

11 And God said, "Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants<sup>5</sup> yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, on the earth." And it was so. 12 The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed according to their own kinds, and trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. 13 And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

14 And God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons,<sup>6</sup> and for days and years, 15 and let them be lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth." And it was so. 16 And God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. 17 And God set them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth, 18 to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. 19 And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

20 And God said, "Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures, and let birds<sup>7</sup> fly above the earth across the expanse of the heavens." 21 So God created the great sea creatures and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. 22 And God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." 23 And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

24 And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds—livestock and creeping things and beasts of the earth according to their kinds." And it was so. 25 And God made the beasts of the earth according to their kinds and the

livestock according to their kinds, and everything that creeps on the ground according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

26 Then God said, “Let us make man<sup>8</sup> in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”

27 So God created man in his own image,

in the image of God he created him;

male and female he created them.

28 And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.” 29 And God said, “Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food. 30 And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. 31 And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

## Footnotes

[1] 1:6 Or *a canopy*; also verses 7, 8, 14, 15, 17, 20

[2] 1:7 Or *fashioned*; also verse 16

[3] 1:8 Or *Sky*; also verses 9, 14, 15, 17, 20, 26, 28, 30; 2:1

[4] 1:10 Or *Land*; also verses 11, 12, 22, 24, 25, 26, 28, 30; 2:1

[5] 1:11 Or *small plants*; also verses 12, 29

[6] 1:14 Or *appointed times*

[7] 1:20 Or *flying things*; see Leviticus 11:19–20

[8] 1:26 The Hebrew word for *man* (*adam*) is the generic term for mankind and becomes the proper name *Adam*

## John Chapter 1v1 – 51

### The Word Became Flesh

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made. 4 In him was life,<sup>1</sup> and the life was the light of men. 5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. 7 He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. 8 He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

9 The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. 10 He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. 11 He came to his own,<sup>2</sup> and his own people<sup>3</sup> did not receive him. 12 But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, <sup>13</sup> who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. 15 (John bore witness about him, and cried out, “This was he of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.’”) 16 For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.<sup>4</sup> 17 For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. 18 No one has ever seen God; the only God, <sup>5</sup> who is at the Father's side,<sup>6</sup> he has made him known.

### The Testimony of John the Baptist

19 And this is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, “Who are you?” 20 He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, “I am not the Christ.” 21 And they asked him, “What then? Are you Elijah?” He said, “I am not.” “Are you the Prophet?” And he answered, “No.” 22 So they said to him, “Who are you? We need to give an answer to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?” 23 He said, “I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, ‘Make straight<sup>7</sup> the way of the Lord,’ as the prophet Isaiah said.”

24 (Now they had been sent from the Pharisees.) 25 They asked him, “Then why are you baptizing, if you are neither the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?” 26 John answered them, “I baptize with water, but among you stands one you do not know, <sup>27</sup> even he who comes after me, the strap of whose sandal I am not worthy to untie.” 28 These things took place in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

### Behold, the Lamb of God

29 The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! 30 This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.’ 31 I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel.” 32 And John bore witness: “I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. 33 I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and

remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ 34 And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God.”

## Jesus Calls the First Disciples

35 The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, 36 and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God!” 37 The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. 38 Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, “What are you seeking?” And they said to him, “Rabbi” (which means Teacher), “where are you staying?” 39 He said to them, “Come and you will see.” So they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour.<sup>8</sup> 40 One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus<sup>9</sup> was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. 41 He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which means Christ). 42 He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, “You are Simon the son of John. You shall be called Cephas” (which means Peter<sup>10</sup>).

## Jesus Calls Philip and Nathanael

43 The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, “Follow me.” 44 Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. 45 Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.” 46 Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.” 47 Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, “Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!” 48 Nathanael said to him, “How do you know me?” Jesus answered him, “Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you.” 49 Nathanael answered him, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!” 50 Jesus answered him, “Because I said to you, ‘I saw you under the fig tree,’ do you believe? You will see greater things than these.” 51 And he said to him, “Truly, truly, I say to you,<sup>11</sup> you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man.”

## Footnotes

- [1] 1:4 Or *was not anything made. That which has been made was life in him*
- [2] 1:11 Greek *to his own things*; that is, to his own domain, or to his own people
- [3] 1:11 *People* is implied in Greek
- [4] 1:16 Or *grace in place of grace*
- [5] 1:18 Or *the only One, who is God*; some manuscripts *the only Son*
- [6] 1:18 Greek *in the bosom of the Father*
- [7] 1:23 Or *crying out, ‘In the wilderness make straight*
- [8] 1:39 That is, about 4 p.m.
- [9] 1:40 Greek *him*
- [10] 1:42 *Cephas* and *Peter* are from the word for *rock* in Aramaic and Greek, respectively
- [11] 1:51 The Greek for *you* is plural; twice in this verse

## OBSERVATIONS

### Genesis Chapter 1 v1-31

### John Chapter 1v1-51

#### KEY WORDS

*Beginning*

*Beginning*

*Created*

*God made*

*Darkness*

*Darkness*

*Spirit of God*

*God*

*Light*

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*Man (Adam)*

*Man (John)*

*Life*

*Life*

#### Definitions

*Beginning:- the time or place at which something begins the first or earliest part a person's background or origin.*

*Created :- `bring into existence invest (someone) with a title of nobility, make a fuss; complain the creation: creating of the universe, especially when regarded as an act of God*

*Darkness :-with little or no light. Of a deep or sombre colour. (of skin, hair, or eyes) brown or black. (f a person) having dark skin, hair, or eyes. Characterized by unhappiness or unpleasantness: the dark days of the war. (of an expression) angry. evil; sinister: dark deeds. Mysterious: a dark secret. darkest of a region most remote, inaccessible, or uncivilized. Ignorant the absence of light. A dark colour or shade nightfall.*

*Spirit of God:- the non-physical part of a person which is the seat of emotions and character this regarded as surviving after the death of the body, often manifested as a ghost. A supernatural being the prevailing or typical quality or mood: the nation's egalitarian spirit a person identified with their role or most prominent quality: a person's mood courage, energy, and determination. The real meaning or intention of something as opposed to its strict verbal interpretation.*

*Light:-the natural agent that stimulates sight and makes things visible; electromagnetic radiation from about 390 to 740nm in wavelength a sour of illumination. An expression in someone's eyes understanding; enlightenment: a person's opinions, standards and abilities. An area that is brighter or paler than its surrounding. A person eminent in a particular sphere.*

*Man :- An adult human male, a male member of a workforce team, etc a husband or lover: man and wife. A person human beings in general; the human race a group or person in a position of authority over others, such as a corporate employer or the police. A figure or token used in a board game in nouns denoting a man of a specified nationality or origin:*

*Life:- the condition that distinguishes animals and plants from inorganic matter, including the capacity for growth, functional activity, and continual change preceding death. Living things.*

## **ADVICE, ADMONITIONS, WARNINGS, PROMISES**

### **Genesis Chapter 1**

**V22** Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.

**V28** Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living.

**V29** And God said, "Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food.

**V30** And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth everything that has the breath of life. I have given every green plant for food." And it was so.

### **John Chapter 1**

**V12** But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.

**V13** Who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

**V29** The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!

**V33** I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.

**V36** and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God!"

**V42**...You are Simon the son of John. You shall be called Cephas (which means Peter).

**V47** ..."Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit."

**V50**.....You will see greater things than these."

**V51** And he said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man".