

Genesis 1:1 - Genesis, The Book of Beginnings

Intro. - we have already begun an emphasis on the OT – going to continue this trend - back to the beginning. Genesis is at the beginning of Book and it the Book of Beginnings. Genesis sets the stage and is a foundational book. The rest of the Bible is built upon it history, people, places, events, truths. Genesis is world history with meaning and interpretation attached....these things happened and why

My initial plan was to do a one sermon survey...not. Unsure of final form but I want to focus on giving the big picture and hit some major themes. I will leave it to you to daily examine. Encourage you to read your Bible...read Genesis. It is a good read, and read it like a book. (many good Bible reading plans) Just read it, live it, love it, keep it. it is good to begin at the Book of Beginnings

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- A condensed outline of Genesis -
 - Ch. 1-11 = Gods World - Creation, Man, Sin, Genealogies of people, Divisions of people
 - Ch. 12-50 = Gods People - Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Judah and Joseph
 - Gen. 1:1 “in the beginning God....” To start with God is a great principle in life
 - The universe had a beginning, everything had a beginning....except for God
 - God is the uncaused CAUSE of our universe
 - For anything to exist there has to be the Eternal
 - God is declared to be,(not defended) in the Bible – the eternally existent I AM
 - There is only one God but His initial name is plural - Elohim = gods
 - Cherub=1 angel cherubim=multiple (seraphim)
 - God is ONE but there is something manifold/multiple about His nature
 - US - Gen. 1:26; 3:22; 11:7
 - Spirit - Gen. 1:2 God has revealed Himself in Tri-unity
 - The beginning of the Universe Gen. 1
 - Science finally came around to teaching that it had a beginning
 - World was originally made “good” Gen. 1:31 “very good” paradise
 - Our world is different from original state. It has been corrupted (devolution and decay)
 - The beginning of Time
 - The heavens are a clock - Gen. 1:14 - signs to mark times, days and years
 - 7 day week is derived from (and marks) the 7 days of creation
 - There is no repetitive mechanism to account for a “week” except creation itself
 - Observed worldwide. Attempts to abolish 7 day week have failed
 - You cannot force evolution onto the creation account - (long periods of time)
 - “Evening and morning ” plants created on 3rd day before the sun on 4th day
 - Genealogical record of mankind Gen. 4, 5, 10, 11
 - The “begets” may be boring but Bible shows lineage from beginning (Lk. 3:23-38)

- The beginning of Gender, Marriage and the Family
 - Gender fluidity is stupidity Gen. 1:27 (rebellion against created order is rampant)
 - Gender pronouns in scripture are not interchangeable or irrelevant
 - Marriage/family Gen. 2:23-25
 - Marriage = man+woman man leaves father and mother to cleave to wife
 - Those gender/role/relationship distinction are from the beginning (foundational)
 - God created the marital union between male/female (sex) for: Fun & Family
 - Homosexuality is a perversion of the purpose of sex. Sex for only pleasure without any possibility of procreation. Contra(against)conception (family)
 - The battle for the family was lost long before the 60's sexual revolution
- The beginning of Sin and Temptation
 - Sin began as a quest for a forbidden knowledge knowledge of good and evil
 - Education is not always the cure....sometimes it is the disease
 - Now - Man inherently knows good from evil but chooses the evil
 - Temptation came to our parents through the eye gate Gen. 3:6
 - The eye is the light of the body (Matt. 6:22-23)
 - Our generation has much screen time. beware of temptation through eyes
 - We walk by faith and not by sight. Be careful little eyes what you see
 - The nature of temptation is:
 - Questioning God's word "did God really say?" Gen. 3:1
 - Believing no consequences to sin "you will not surely die" Gen. 3:4
 - Your sin will find you out sowing/reaping Gal. 6:7
 - God is withholding something "good" from you Gen. 3:5
 - God is a tester but Satan is a tempter Satan is a snake
 - Snakes with legs – PBS – snake embryo's begin to develop legs but somehow that are genetically switched off...hmm (bible is history- it fits reality)
- The Beginning of the Curse and Death
 - Our rebellion brought a curse and death. We live in a cursed environment
 - Pain, misery, sorrow, frustration, tragedy, disaster....death
 - People often wonder why bad things happen – they blame God but man is to blame
 - The consequence for our sin is a cursed environment (paradise no more)
 - Death is the ultimate consequence Rom. 5:12
 - Death did not come until man sinned. (can't be millions of years of death before sin)
- The beginning of clothes and yearning for a covering
 - Originally naked and unashamed - animals need no clothes - why us?
 - Sin brings shame. Adam and Eve tried to hide and cover (same today)
 - Our clothes are symbols of our corruption (though we turn them into fashion)
 - God sacrificed an innocent to clothe the corrupt Gen. 3:21 (sound familiar?)
 - Are you clothed with the life of Another? Covered with Christ
- God was gracious in that He did not let death be eternal Gen. 3:22
 - God provided for life after death. There is an end to sin and death