

## CREATION, FLOOD, & SCATTERING

- 1) Gen 1 – 5: The Creation. “Genesis” means “beginning”. This book is the beginning of many things
  - a) Beginning of creation
    - i) Each day of creation is a declaration by God, not a proof (Gen 1:3, 6, 9, 11, 14, 20, 24, 26)
    - ii) Everything God made was “good” (Gen 1:4, 10, 12, 18, 21, 25)
    - iii) The most important creation was mankind, who was made in God’s image (Gen 1:26-27, 31a)
  - b) Beginning of marriage
    - i) God made woman because of a deficiency in man (Gen 2:18)
    - ii) What God has joined together, let not man separate! (Gen 2:24; Matt 19:4-6)
  - c) Beginning of sin
    - i) One law: abstain from eating the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil (Gen 2:15-17)
    - ii) Eve was enticed by Satan to disobey God; hence sin entered the world (Gen 3:1-7)
    - iii) Man and woman are cursed and removed from the garden (Gen 3:16-24)
  - d) Beginning of Messianic promises
    - i) God’s curse to Satan is the very first Messianic promise – **Gen 3:15**
    - ii) Explanation: Satan will bruise His heel (minor); the woman’s seed will bruise Satan’s head (major)
  - e) Life beyond the garden shows the spreading of sin
    - i) Adam and Eve bore Cain and Abel. Cain, however, eventually murders Abel (Gen 4:1-15)
    - ii) A descendant of Cain, Lamech, commits polygamy and brags about killing a boy (Gen 4:23)
    - iii) Adam and Eve bore Seth; during those days men began calling on the name of the Lord (Gen 4:26)
    - iv) 7 generations pass between Adam and Noah where wickedness filled the Earth (Gen 5)
- 2) Gen 6 – 10: The Flood
  - a) Man has become so wicked, God decides to limit his years to 120 (Gen 6:3)
    - i) However one man in the line of Seth named Noah finds favor in the eyes of the Lord (Gen 6:8)
    - ii) Noah is commanded to build an ark to preserve the life his family and the animals (Gen 6:13-21)
    - iii) Noah builds the ark according to the pattern God gave him (Gen 6:22)
    - iv) God sent rain and opened the fountains of the deep to flood the earth for 40 days (Gen 7:6-12)
    - v) After 150 days, the water receded and the ark rested on Mt Ararat (Gen 7:24, 8:1-4)
  - b) After 370 days on the ark, Noah and his family and the animals depart it (Gen 8:13-19)
    - i) One of the first things Noah does is offer sacrifices to God (Gen 8:20)
    - ii) God is moved by Noah’s offering, promising to never again destroy the earth by flood (Gen 8:21-22)
    - iii) God creates the rainbow as the seal of that promise (Gen 9:8-17)
    - iv) Noah plants a vineyard and becomes drunk on the wine (Gen 9:20-21)
    - v) Noah’s son Ham dishonors his father and is therefore cursed (Gen 9:23-25)
    - vi) Shem is blessed, and Canaan would become his servant
    - vii) Japheth will be enlarged, eventually dwelling in the tents of Shem
  - c) The descendants of Noah
    - i) Shem – Semitic tribes: Arabia, Assyria, Lydia, Mesopotamia, Syria, Armenia, Israel, etc.
    - ii) Japheth – Medes, Persians, Europe, India, Afghans, Kurds, Russia, Celt, etc.
    - iii) Ham – Canaan, Ethiopia, Egypt, Sudan, Lybia, Hittite, Sidon, Hivite, Jebusite, Amorite, etc.
- 3) Gen 11: The Scattering of the People
  - a) God’s command to Noah: “Be fruitful, multiply, and fill the Earth” (Gen 9:1)

- i) Instead, the descendants of Noah centrally locate to the plain of Shinar (Gen 11:2)
- ii) They determine to build a tower reaching to heaven (Gen 11:3-4)
- iii) God does not approve of their plan, as it goes against His own (Gen 11:5-6)
- iv) God decides to confuse them with different languages (Gen 11:7)
- v) Not able to understand one another, the people scatter, thus fulfilling God's plan (Gen 11:8-9)
- b) Another seven generations pass
  - i) The generations listed follow Shem's son, Arpachshad (Gen 11:10-13)
  - ii) One of Arpachshad's descendants is Eber, from which the name "Hebrew" derives (Gen 11:14-17)
  - iii) The story will now hone in on Abram and Sarai, who live in the Ur of the Chaldeans (Gen 11:31)
- c) Chinese pictographs reveal knowledge of the first 11 chapters of Genesis
  - i) Confirms that the ancient Chinese took the history and used it to construct their language

船 = 舟 + 八 + 口

Ship | Vessel                      Ship                      Eight                      People

園

*garden*

土 + 口 + 𠂇 + 口 = 園  
*dust breath two enclosure garden*  
*persons*

魔

*tempter*

厶 + 儿 + 田 + 丿 = 鬼  
*secret man garden [alive] devil*

鬼 + 林 + 广 = 魔  
*devil trees cover tempter*

義 = 羊 + 我 (手 + 戈)

Righteousness                      Sheep                      Me                      Hand                      Knife