

## REVIEW of Adam & Noah—Genesis 1-10

### A Review of Lessons Previously Covered

#### I. Summary of the previous lessons...

**Genesis 1--** What a GREAT CHAPTER! Do we want to know about origins? Here is the answer to our questions. By the powerful voice of God Almighty all things we see were brought into existence. Ten times in this chapter we find the expression, “And God said...” Each time that which He said came about. We have the creation of light; the sky and water separated; land and seas and vegetation; the sun, moon, and stars; creation of fish and birds; animals to fill the earth and man and woman to care for the earth and commune with God.

God saw everything He had made and, behold, it was very good.

**Genesis 2--** The second chapter of God’s revelation provides more answers for us regarding beginnings. The REST spoken of in verses two and three is not to be understood as God needing to rest from exhaustion, but rather He was preparing for a time of rest that man would need from his labors (the sabbath day), and eventually this REST is used as a figure of heaven (Heb 4:1ff). Chapter 2 gives a summary statement about chapter one and then gives further details about the creation of man on Day Six (vv. 7-25).

Here we learn about the beauty of the Garden of Eden, which the Lord had created for man. Only a couple of the rivers are recognizable as existing today. The Tigris and Euphrates Rivers are in modern-day Iraq and this garden must have been somewhere in that region. God placed man in this beautiful environment “to dress it and to keep it” (Gen 2:15).

There was given to man an opportunity to demonstrate his complete loyalty and submission to the Lord by placing a tree in that garden from which he was not to eat, though he was allowed to eat of all of the others. For ONE SINGLE TIME in the creative process, we hear God say, “It is not good,” in connection with the observation that there was for man no suitable help meet or companion. The dominion Adam was given is demonstrated in the authority given to him of naming all of the animals that were brought to him. Of all of the animals there was no help meet for Adam.

God caused a deep sleep to come upon Adam and took a rib and from the rib he formed a woman. Then was instituted by God the institution of marriage. The leaving and cleaving and one-flesh arrangement was from the very beginning and was begun by God Himself.

This chapter closes by giving a glimpse of the innocence of man in his God-given home before sin entered.

**Genesis 3--** The serpent by subtlety begins to tempt Eve to disobey God. He seeks to get Eve to eat of the forbidden fruit. Eve ADDS to God’s word to them by telling the serpent that God had said, “neither shall ye touch it.” Satan likewise ADDS to God’s word by inserting the word NOT into the prohibition. He attempts to explain why god has restricted them by telling a lie about them becoming God-like as a result of eating.

Rather than fleeing from this temptation, Eve remained at the forbidden tree and mulled things over in her mind. It looked good, would be good for food, would provide for her need of self-esteem—so she was overcome and partook of the fruit. She gave to her husband and he also ate of this fruit which God had said they must not eat. Now recognizing their nakedness they sewed fig leaves together into aprons. When God called for them they were fearfully and certainly without success attempting to hide themselves. When God called for him, Adam explained that he was afraid because he was naked, and hid himself. God asked how he knew he was naked (not to be informed, but to focus in on the disobedience that had taken place). Adam began to blame Eve and Eve blamed the serpent.

God had a curse to place upon the serpent. The first reference to the great scheme of redemption is given in this third chapter of God's revelation at verse 15. There was a punishment for the woman, for the man, and for the serpent.

Adam called his wife, Eve—the mother of all living. God made coats of skins and clothed the two of them.

God set angels at the entrance of the garden to prevent anyone eating from the Tree of Life and drove Adam and Eve out of the beautiful Eden.

**Genesis 4--** The first couple is blessed by the Lord with two sons through the God-ordained system of reproduction. The two boys were different; Abel was a keeper of sheep and Cain was a tiller of the ground.

On offering was brought by each of the boys and God had respect unto Abel's offering, but had not respect for Cain's. Cain was angry as a result. The Lord spoke to Cain and stated facts about how He always deals with man. Cain killed Abel because his own works were evil and his brother's were righteous (1 Jn 3:12; Mt 23:35). God asks Cain about the whereabouts of his brother and Cain says, "Am I my brother's keeper." Abel's blood cried out from the ground and God cursed Cain. Cain protested that the punishment was too great and God placed a mark on Cain and vowed vengeance 7-fold upon anyone who killed Cain.

Cain's descendants are listed in this chapter. The first polygamist is introduced to us in the person of Lamech. Jubal is listed as the father of those who handle the harp and organ. Tubalcain was instructor of every artificer in brass and iron. Lamech evidently killed a man in self-defense. Adam and Eve have another son, Seth.

**Genesis 5--** This chapter provides a record of the descendants of Adam. One of the remarkable things to observe in this record is their ages at death. They lived exceptionally long lives. We are introduced here to Enoch, who "walked with God," and who is also mentioned in Luke's account of the genealogy of Christ and also in Hebrews and Jude. Enoch is one of only two men in the Bible of whom it is said he "walked with God." The other is found in Genesis 6:9. Verse 24 is a startling revelation. Enoch was exempted by God from the statement of Hebrews 9:27, in that GOD TOOK HIM—he did not die. This chapter tells us about the man who lived longer on earth than any other man, Methuselah (v. 27). Noah and his sons: Shem, Ham, and Japheth are also in the listing (v. 32).

**Genesis 6--** The length of days that men lived was accomplishing the purpose of multiplying and replenishing the earth (Gen 1:28). This chapter begins with a reference to that fact. SONS

OF GOD surely has reference to those faithful to God through the line of Seth; DAUGHTERS OF MEN would include those who were faithful to God and those who were not. The Lord places a time limit upon His “striving with men,” to be 120 years. Evidently this date extends back before the birth of Noah’s sons just a bit and culminates in the Flood.

Giants were present during these days. Also when the marriages mentioned in verse 2 came to pass there were children from those unions who became mighty men of renown. God saw the wickedness of man was great and his every imagination was only evil continually. The extent of the wickedness is expressed as: “it repented the Lord that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart” (v. 6). The Lord determined to destroy man and beast.

However, there was one man, Noah, who found favor in the eyes of the Lord. God spoke to Noah and gave to him detailed instructions about constructing an ark that would survive the great Flood. Noah and his family would be spared along with two of each animal. From 1 Peter 3:19-20 we can deduce that Noah preached to the people and it would have been possible for more to enter the ark of safety had they been so inclined. Noah followed all the instructions that the Lord had given him completely.

**Genesis 7--** It is now time for Noah to go into the ark which he has been working so hard to prepare for many years. He is instructed to take along “clean” beasts by sevens and all others in pairs. In seven days the 40-day/night flood will begin. Noah followed all of the instructions the Lord gave to him. Noah was 600 years old at the beginning of the flood. Noah, his wife, their sons, and their wives entered the safety of the ark. The fountains of the deep and the windows of heaven were opened up and a tremendous flood of water resulted. The waters increased and lifted up the ark and it began to float above the earth. All the high hills that were under the whole heaven were covered (v. 19). As a result, all flesh that moved upon the earth DIED. Noah only remained and those who were with him on the ark. The waters prevailed for 150 days.

**Genesis 8--** The chapter opens with a statement of the grace of God shown toward Noah— AND GOD REMEMBERED NOAH. The process of drying up the earth after the flood is put into place by the Lord. The ark comes to a resting place upon the mountains of Ararat. Over a period of time the waters decrease. Noah opens the window of the ark and sends out a raven. Since the raven could survive by feasting upon floating carcasses, there is no indication that it actually came back into the ark, but went back and forth. Next Noah sent out a dove and the dove returned to Noah and he pulled it back into the ark. Seven more days passed, and Noah sent out the dove again. The dove returned with an olive leaf. Noah stayed seven more days and sent out the dove again and it did not return.

In the second month and the twenty-seventh day of the month, God told Noah to go forth from the ark, taking all of the animals with him. The very first thing Noah did after leaving the ark was to build an altar to offer of every clean animal as a sacrifice to the Lord. The Lord was well pleased with Noah’s actions and makes a covenant with Noah/man never to destroy the earth in this way again.

**Genesis 9-10--** Leaving the ark, Noah and his sons receive a blessing and a charge from the Lord to go forth, be fruitful, multiply, and replenish the earth. Man will have control over the other creatures and the DREAD of him has been placed there by God. God tells Noah that all living matter can be used for food like the green herbs He had already given to man. A

restriction is placed upon eating blood, which is the source of life, it is not to be eaten. Capital punishment is set out as a statute before Noah in that the man's blood, being the source of life, comes only from God and man has not been given the prerogative of dispensing with human life.

God speaks about establishing a covenant with Noah and those who come after him. The covenant involves an agreement that God would not ever again destroy life from the face of the earth by a flood. As a token of the agreement, God placed His bow in the sky and it would be seen in the cloud.

Noah began to be a husbandman and planted a vineyard. Noah became drunken and was naked in his tent. Ham told his two brothers about the drunken state of their father. Evidently Canaan, fourth son of Ham, was somehow involved in an incident in his grandfather's tent because his name is mentioned in verse 22, before a curse is announced about him in verse 25. Shem and Japheth dutifully and respectfully covered up their father's nakedness. Shem was blessed and Japheth also by Noah. Noah lived after the flood for another 350 years. He likely was contemporary with Abraham for a little over 50 years.

Chapter 10 provides for us the "generations of Noah" and the clear demonstration that the sons of Noah did as God had told them to do after leaving the ark.

**ANSWERS to Lesson 02-118...** [01—False, Acts 7:9; 02—False, Acts 7:16; 03—True, Acts 7:35; 04—False, Acts 7:41; 05—True, Acts 7:52; 06—d, Acts 7:4; 07—c, Acts 7:18; 08-- b, Acts 7:36; 09—a, Acts 7:38; 10—b, Acts 7:56-57; 11—C, Acts 7:33-34; 12—G, Acts 7:43; 13—A, Acts 7:52; 14—F, Acts 17:17; 15—H, Acts 7:11.]

**VII. Seek-A-Word Puzzle.**

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*[The highlighted words can be found above. They may be backwards, diagonal, upside down, etc. See if you can find them all. The more you use the words of the Bible, the greater blessed you will be! You might be surprised at how much this little exercise will help you retain important truths. THANK YOU for the good effort you are putting forth in Bible study. DRL] These words appeared in our study of the first ten chapters of Genesis...*

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| 01. firmament     | 10. Noah       |
| 02. day           | 11. gopherwood |
| 03. cleave        | 12. highhills  |
| 04. serpent       | 13. covered    |
| 05. subtle        | 14. wentforth  |
| 06. Cain          | 15. altar      |
| 07. Abel          | 16. token      |
| 08. Enoch         | 17. covenant   |
| 09. walkedwithGod | 18. bow        |