

Genesis

The Book of

Beginnings

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Herbert Spencer

- A non-Christian scientist, described the categories of the knowable
- Everything that exists fits into one of five categories
- Spencer said, “Everything fits into one of these categories, **time, force, action, space, matter**”

The Knowable

- **Time:** “in the beginning”
- **Force:** “God”
- **Action:** “created”
- **Space:** “the heavens”
- **Matter:** “the earth”

Key Words to Remember

- “beginning” (1:1; 10:10)
- “image” (1:26-27; 5:3; 9:6)
- “likeness” (1:26; 5:1, 3)

Verses to Remember

Gen. 3:15—“Seed of woman”

- Is. 7:14; Jer. 31:22; Mt. 1:23; Gal. 4:4

Gen. 22:18—“Seed of Abraham”

- Gal. 3:16

Gen. 49:10—“Judah . . . Shiloh”

- Heb. 7:14; Rev. 5:5; Is. 9:6

Outline

Chs. 1-11: Creation—Abraham

- 1-5: Adam
- 5-10: Noah
- 11: Babel

Chs. 12-50: History of Patriarchs

- 12-36: Abraham, Isaac, Jacob
- 37-50: Joseph

First Account of Creation

Ch. 1: All-Powerful God

- “God said” (10 times)
- “it was good” (6 times)
 - vv. 4, 10, 12, 18, 21, 25
- “it was very good” (v. 31)

“For He spoke, and it was *done*; He commanded, and it stood fast” (Ps. 33:9)

Second Account of Creation

Ch. 2: Personal, Hands-on God

- “And the Lord **God formed** man of the dust of the ground, **and breathed** into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being” (v. 7)
- “The Lord **God planted** a garden eastward in Eden, and there **He put** the man whom **He had formed**” (v. 8)

Marriage

2:18-25

- “And the Lord God said, 'It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him'” (2:18)
- “Leave and cleave” (2:24)

Walking with God

- “Enoch walked with God three hundred years” (5:22)
- “all the days of Enoch were three hundred and sixty-five years” (5:23)
- “Enoch walked with God; and he was not, for God took him” (5:24)

The Rainbow After the Rain

“I set My rainbow in the cloud” (9:13)

- 9:8-17
- When floods come in life, remember God's rainbow
- God's tomorrow is brighter than today
- The rainbow reminds us the Judgment is coming (Mt. 24:36-39; 2 Pet. 3:5-12)

God's Providence

- “the Lord blessed the Egyptian’s house for Joseph’s sake” (39:5)
- “God sent me before you to preserve life” (45:5)
- “But as for you, you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good, in order to bring it about as it is this day, to save many people alive” (50:20)

Memorable Verses

- “Am I my brother's keeper?” (4:9)
- “The whole earth had one language and one speech” (11:1)
- “Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?” (18:25)
- “How then can I do this great wickedness and sin against God?” (39:9)

Scriptures Parents Need to Remember

- “Do not sin against the child” (42:22)
Yet many do—through parental negligence, poor examples and faithless lives
- “his life is bound up in the lad’s life” (44:30)

Trivia

Who was Lot's dad?

(Gen. 11:27)