

# GENESIS: DOES IT MATTER?

## INTRODUCTION

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- We have spent the last 3 years studying the end times in theology class: 1) Covenants, The Unity of Scripture, and the Kingdom of God; 2) Exposition of Daniel; 3) Exposition of Revelation
- We know how the end happens...we know the events that are still future that will occur when Christ returns and establishes His kingdom
- Although there is controversy surrounding the order of events in the end times and there are numerous opinions about which end time scheme is correct, we believe that God has spoken clearly
- He did not stutter when He spoke about the end nor did He muddle it with confusing language and contradictory revelation
- He spoke clearly and has told us exactly what we need to know about the end

**Isaiah 46:9-10** ~ Remember the former things long past, For I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is no one like Me, 10 Declaring the end from the beginning, And from ancient times things which have not been done, Saying, 'My purpose will be established, And I will accomplish all My good pleasure';

- The same clarity extends also to the beginning of time, to the moment when everything that exists came into being
- God has also spoken clearly about the origins of the universe
- God has given us a clear revelation about how it happened
- We have His eyewitness account of how it all came into existence
- This is critical to understand because no one was present when the original creation occurred
- No human being was around when the universe began
- But we are not left to try to figure it all out on our own
- There is a divine Originator of all things...and He insists that He made all things and has specifically organized the universe for His glory and our benefit
- By faith we believe this

**Hebrews 11:3** ~ By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things which are visible.

**Romans 1:20** ~ For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse.

**Hebrews 1:2** ~ in these last days has spoken to us in His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the world.

**Colossians 1:16** ~ For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created through Him and for Him.

- We have a clear record of how all of creation came to exist: The book of Genesis!
- This book reveals the origins of the universe...like the beginnings of time and space and many of the firsts in human experience

- Genesis is a book of beginnings providing an account of the origins of mankind and his universe, the intrusion of sin into the world, the catastrophic effects of its curse on the race, and the beginnings of God’s plan to bless the nations through His seed
- It establishes the basic parameters of living on God’s earth according to His precepts in His Word
- It sets forth the Creator’s design and instruction for all that is, including humanity
  
- This makes Genesis a fascinating book!
- It is a book of beginnings...the unembellished, chronological record of our world
- It is essential to understanding the rest of the Bible...it is the source for the entire Christian belief system
- In it, we find the foundation of every doctrine that is essential to the Christian faith, everything we believe as Christians
- This book is the starting point of all theology since Genesis contains the broad outlines of virtually every major area of theology
  
- “The other writings of the Bible are inseparably bound up with it inasmuch as it gives us the origin and initial explanation of all that follows. The major themes of Scripture may be compared to great rivers, ever deepening and broadening as they flow; and it is true to say that all these rivers have their rise in the watershed of Genesis. Or, to use an equally appropriate figure, as the massive trunk and wide-spreading branches of the oak are in the acorn, so, by implication and anticipation, all Scripture is in Genesis. Here we have in germ all that is later developed. It has been truly said that ‘the roots of all subsequent revelation are planted deep in Genesis, and whoever would truly comprehend that revelation must begin here.’”<sup>1</sup>
  
- Thus, Genesis is the Bible’s foundational book
  
- And if Genesis is the Bible’s foundational book, then Genesis 1-11 constitutes the foundation for the rest of Genesis
  
- And if Genesis 1-1 is the foundation for the rest of Genesis, then the first chapter is the foundational chapter of the first 11 chapters since it summarizes the creation of the world and everything in it
  
- And if Genesis 1 is foundational chapter, then the very first verse (Gen 1:1) is the foundational verse of this foundational chapter, speaking of the primeval creation of the universe itself
  
- Thus, these first 11 chapters of Genesis lay the foundation upon which the whole Bible is built
- A clear view of origins is important for the same reason that a foundation is important to a building
- These chapters center on four key elements:
  1. **Creation:** God is the sovereign Creator of matter, energy, space, and time. Man is the epitome of the Creation.
  2. **Corruption (Fall):** Creation is followed by corruption. In the first sin man is separated from God (Adam from God) and, in the second sin, man is separated from man (Cain from Abel). In spite of the devastating curse of the Fall, God promises hope of redemption through the seed of the woman (3:15).
  3. **Catastrophe (Flood):** As man multiplies, sin also multiplies until God is compelled to destroy humanity with the exception of Noah and his family.
  4. **Confusion (Nations):** Genesis teaches the unity of the human race and that we are all children of Adam through Noah. But, because of rebellion at the Tower of Babel, God fragments the single culture and language of the post-Flood world and scatters people over the face of the earth.
- These 11 chapters will be the focus of our study this year

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<sup>1</sup> J. Sidlow Baxter, *Explore the Book*, 22.

## GENESIS UNDER ATTACK

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- Not surprisingly, this book has been under great attack for millennia
  - Its Mosaic authorship has been criticized in favor of a liberal alternative (Graf-Wellhausen Documentary hypothesis/JEDP theory)
  - Its clear statement of an *ex nihilo* creation in six literal, 24-hour days has been refuted and the theory of atheistic evolutionary humanism and naturalism has replaced it because it is deemed more scientifically accurate
  - Its clear teaching about God’s design for marriage has been attacked
  - Its very plain description of a worldwide flood has been denied in favor of a local flood
  - It has been declared merely a mythical section of Scripture with no real, true historical accuracy
  - A real Adam and Eve have been rejected
  - A literal interpretation to the book of Genesis has been jettisoned
- There is quite literally a battle over Genesis
- “There can scarcely be another part of Scripture over which so many battles, theological, scientific, historical and literary, have been fought, or so many strong opinions cherished.”<sup>2</sup>
- Unfortunately, there is a clear connection between the rejection of Genesis as historical fact and the realization that our society is becoming more anti-Christian
- Years ago, our society was based on Christian absolutes...and people knew what was right and wrong
- Their values were mostly built on biblical principles
- And most people accepted or respected a belief in God
- But more and more people are rejecting the God of the Bible...and with that comes a rejection of the basis of the society in which they live
- Once people eliminate God and His standards from their conscience, then no absolutes exist and no behavioral standards are present
- As a result, our country is facing many problems and we are witnessing the downfall of a nation...a society in a moral freefall...a country that is coming apart at the seams
- Today, we are living in a Romans 1 culture
- We are witnessing before our very eyes the fallout of a society that has destroyed its moral fabric from the inside
- We are on the downgrade in our country and, in many cases, it is all being sanctioned at the highest levels in government and in colleges and universities
- We are witnessing the disintegration of a nation that has no conscience...that has lost all its moral moorings
- Our society is heading into greater and greater forms of evil fast and furiously
- It is coming in a variety of forms: a redefinition of marriage...abortion...homosexuality... transgenderism ...rampant pornography...social justice...critical race theory...intersectionality...claims of systemic racism...unwillingness to obey authorities...a complete disregard for any standards of morality
- All of this is leading to an undoing of the very fabric of our society
- We are on a slippery slope which is now virtually unrecoverable from
- We are reaping the destructive consequences of the sinful seeds we have willfully sown
- The US is rapidly becoming a pagan nation

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<sup>2</sup> Derek Kidner, *Genesis* (Chicago: Inter-Varsity Press, 1967), p. 9.

- Without a doubt, there is a strong connection between a denial of origins as defined in Genesis and all these social issues
- All of these social issues have their foundation in the literal, historical understanding of Genesis
- So, when the key foundational doctrines in Genesis are eroded, it should not surprise us that moral decay soon follows
- When society becomes based on relative morality and principles of tolerance rather than biblical absolutes, it is only a short time until that society manifests the effects of that
- “The social issues many Christians find distressing are not problems in themselves, but rather symptoms of an underlying root cause—the loss of biblical authority stemming from attacks on the book of Genesis. Christian values cannot exist in isolation; they only make sense in light of the history recorded in Genesis. So as society increasingly rejects Genesis in favor of evolution or an old-earth creation view, it is a natural consequence that we will experience the decline of Christian America.”<sup>3</sup>
- In other words, our societal ills can be traced back to an abandonment of the very foundations laid down in Genesis 1-11
- Genesis matters! → “Scripture offers the only accurate explanations that can be found anywhere about how our race began, where our moral sense originated, why we cannot seem to do what our own consciences tells us is right, and how we can be redeemed from this hopeless situation. Scripture is not merely the best of several possible explanations. It is the Word of God.”<sup>4</sup>

## SOME REASONS GENESIS MATTERS

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### **It Establishes the Existence and Authority of God**

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- Genesis shows God as creator of all things, which bring Him glory
  - Creation gives irrefutable evidence of the Creator, leaving man responsible to glorify God
  - The lordship, power, and omniscience of the triune God are plainly presented from the very first pages of Genesis
  - You cannot really know God until you rightly understand Genesis
  - From the very first verse of the Bible, it is clear that God exists and has complete authority over creation
- Genesis 1:1** ~ In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.
- This verse proclaims that the eternal God created the heavens and earth in the beginning of time
  - This verse is one of the greatest apologetics in all of Scripture
  - The third word in the Hebrew Bible is “God” (Elohim)...it all starts with a right understanding of God
  - Moses didn’t even make any attempt to defend the existence of God or to present a well-argued discussion of His person and work
  - The Bible simply begins with the assumption that God exists
  - That assumption demands our acceptance of Him as Lord and Judge...it requires that we acknowledge that God exists...it demands that we submit to Him...that we bow in humble reverence before Him

<sup>3</sup> Jason Lisle, <https://www.icr.org/article/does-genesis-really-matter/>

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.gty.org/library/articles/A176/how-important-is-genesis-13>

- "...believing in a supernatural, creative God who made everything is the only possible rational explanation for the universe and life itself. It is also the only basis for believing we have any purpose or destiny."<sup>5</sup>
- Genesis is critical to our understanding of God because it refutes all of man's false philosophies about the origin and meaning of the world
- "It refutes atheism, because the universe was created by God. It refutes pantheism (the belief that God is everything and everything is God), for God is transcendent (apart from and independent of the material universe) to that which He created. It refutes polytheism, for one God created all things. It refutes materialism, for matter had a beginning. It refutes dualism, because God was alone when He created. It refutes humanism, because God, not man, is the ultimate reality. It refutes evolutionism, because God created all things."<sup>6</sup>
- Each of those false philosophies proposes that there is no personal, transcendent God...that ultimate reality is to be found in the creation itself
- But Genesis reveals the existence and authority of God who created all things and whom all of creation is required to worship
- As far as Genesis is concerned, the heart of the issue is authority → It requires us to acknowledge who is in charge
- Genesis presents a Being whose power is limitless and whose knowledge is all-encompassing
- "...we must either accept (believe) that there is an all-powerful and all-knowing God, transcendent to the universe, who is the First Cause of all things, or we must reject the existence of such a Being and retreat into our own experience and intelligence. Mankind, when confronted with that truth, must decide whether he will submit to the Author of that truth or reject both that truth and the Source of that truth – the Creator-God. There is no logical middle ground."<sup>7</sup>

**Romans 1:18-23, 25** ~ For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, 19 because that which is known about God is evident within them; for God made it evident to them. 20 For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse. 21 For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks, but they became futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened. 22 Professing to be wise, they became fools, 23 and exchanged the glory of the incorruptible God for an image in the form of corruptible man and of birds and four-footed animals and crawling creatures...25 For they exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.

- Genesis forces us to recognize the fact that mankind will have to answer to God!

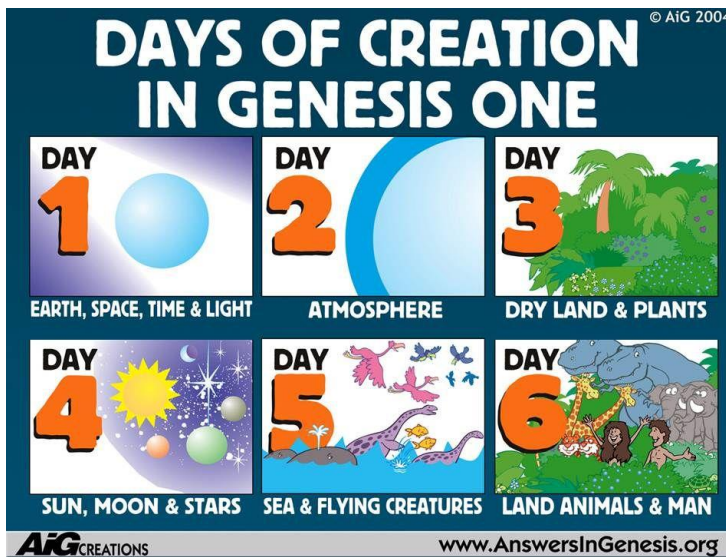
### **It Describes the Divine Origins of the Universe**

- Genesis 1-2 give us God's divine description of how the universe and all that is in it came into existence
- Genesis 1 describes the six days of creation; Genesis 2 describes the sixth day
- In Genesis 1, Moses presents the creation of man on the sixth day as the culmination or high point of creation; then, in Genesis 2, Moses gives greater detail regarding the creation of man.
- Though some scholars interpret the creation narratives of Genesis 1:1–2:3 and 2:4–25 as evidence for the presence of two different and inconsistent creation accounts, Genesis 2:4 does not introduce a new creation account but is rather an expansion of Genesis 1:26–27.
- The opening chapters of Genesis describe the creation of the universe in six, literal, 24-hour days

<sup>5</sup> John MacArthur, *The Battle for the Beginning*, 45.

<sup>6</sup> <https://answersingenesis.org/bible-questions/the-most-important-verse-in-the-bible/>

<sup>7</sup> Henry Morris, *The Book of Beginnings*, 13.



- God created without any preexisting material, only His resolve that things should be called into being
- This is *ex nihilo* creation – He simply spoke and it existed!
- To say that God created “out of nothing” is to confess the mystery, not explain it
- Knowing that God created the world around us is basic to true Christianity
- God is to be praised as Creator, by reason of the marvelous order, variety, and beauty of His works

- God created this world and mankind for His own purpose and pleasure

**Revelation 4:11** ~ Worthy are You, our Lord and our God, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and because of Your will they existed, and were created.

- A biblical understanding of creation demonstrates the complete fallacy of all evolutionary theories (including atheistic evolution, day-age theory, theistic evolution, Gap theory, etc.)
- It becomes very clear that evolution was invented in order to eliminate the God of Genesis...ultimately because mankind does not want the God of the Bible as their Judge
- By embracing evolution, people want to do away with morality, responsibility, and guilt...they want to be free to do whatever they want without guilt and without consequences

### It Proves the Importance of Mankind in God’s Plan

- Mankind is the pinnacle of God’s work of creation...man’s creation was special and unique
- Man was created “in the image of God” and on the last day, the climax of God’s creation

**Genesis 1:26-27** ~ Then God said, “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” 27 God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

**Genesis 1:31** ~ God saw all that He had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

**Genesis 2:7** ~ Then the LORD God formed man of dust from the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.

- A significant change in the creation account occurs with the creation of man/woman in the image of God
- In Genesis 1, “Then God said” is usually followed by “Let there be...” (vv. 3, 6, 9, 11, 14, 20, 24)
- The language “let it be done” expresses an impersonal yet sovereign decree that immediately brought things into existence...they are mandates issued to no one in particular
- But in v. 26, the phrase “Then God said” is followed by personal pronouns: “Let Us make man in Our image”
- God was personally and intimately involved in the creation of man

- “This speaks of the creation of Adam in terms that are uniquely personal. Scripture deliberately employs such pronouns in order to stress God’s intimate connection with this aspect of His creation. It establishes a personal relationship between God and man that does not exist with any other aspect of creation...He has no personal relationship with any of those things in the same sense He does with humanity. All those things were created by God through His fiat decree, and they began to exist because He ordered them to. But there is never a hint of any intimacy or personal identification between God and those things. God’s relationship with humanity is unique in all of creation.”<sup>8</sup>
- Thus, man is a personal, rational, emotional, spiritual, eternal being with a moral responsibility
- Central to being made in the image of God is the concept of personhood (intellect, emotion, will)
- It involves the ability to:
  1. Bear the Creator’s Image – to be personal, to have a moral consciousness, a consciousness of others, a consciousness about God; to reflect the incommunicable attributes of God
  2. Propagate Life – to be fruitful and multiply, to procreate
  3. Receive Divine Blessing – to be the recipients of God’s kindness and well-being
  4. Rule Creation – to exercise dominion over the rest of God’s creation
- “Origins matter. Who and what you are is important! More significantly, how you see yourself *really* matters. If humanity is nothing more than the product of random forces, then *what* I do is irrelevant – except as it satisfies my own wishes. If I am nothing more than a ‘higher order’ of grunting anthropoid, then I can grunt and throw my weight around just like they do. If, however, I am the unique creation of an omnipotent and omniscient God who loves me and has a specific design for my life, then my whole perspective about myself and the world changes radically!”<sup>9</sup>
- This has profound implications for the sanctity of life (abortion, euthanasia, human trafficking, elder care)

### **It Identifies Mankind as Either Male or Female**

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- If God created mankind in his own image as male and female, then we are essentially male and female from the beginning
- In other words, our sex can’t be changed
- Our manhood or womanhood is not incidental; it has been given us by God as a gift

**Genesis 1:27** ~ God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

**Matthew 19:4** ~ And He answered and said, “Have you not read that He who created them from the beginning MADE THEM MALE AND FEMALE,

**Mark 10:6** ~ But from the beginning of creation, God MADE THEM MALE AND FEMALE.

- In order to fulfill the mandate to multiply, God designed male and female
- Neither can reproduce offspring without the other
- This has massive implications for a world that is set on advancing the transgender agenda
- “Our sex is not only externally evident, but also fixed and intrinsic to our created being, regardless of the ways men and women may attempt to mask or change it by dress, cosmetics, hormonal, or surgical means. The pretense of gender fluidity claims that we can create or recreate ourselves sexually according to our

<sup>8</sup> John MacArthur, *The Battle for the Beginnings*, 159-60.

<sup>9</sup> Henry Morris, *The Book of Beginnings*, 8 (italics original).

own desires. However, the DNA of each of our cells reflects our divinely created maleness or femaleness, impacting the whole of our being.”<sup>10</sup>

- No matter how hard some people try, they can’t wish away this fundamental physical reality
- But it should not surprise us that Satan tries to usurp God’s created order

## **It Gives Us God’s Perspective on Work**

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- Some view work as a curse...a necessary evil that we must tolerate as part of life on this fallen planet
- But Genesis tells us that work is not the result of the Fall but something that God had instituted in His perfect creation

**Genesis 2:5** ~ Now no shrub of the field was yet in the earth, and no plant of the field had yet sprouted, for the LORD God had not sent rain upon the earth; and there was no man to cultivate the ground

**Genesis 2:15** ~ Then the LORD God took the man and put him into the garden of Eden to cultivate it and keep it.

- The Hebrew word “cultivate” means to “work”
- In the perfect plan of God, labor was not a curse, but a blessing to be enjoyed even before the fall
- It was instituted before the origin of sin
- What changed with the entrance of sin into the world was not that man had to work, but that work became hard
- In fact, the work week is based on creation week...God worked for six days, then rested on the seventh

**Genesis 2:1-3** ~ Thus the heavens and the earth were completed, and all their hosts. 2 By the seventh day God completed His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done. 3 Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made.

- The first week determined the periods of labor and rest that God would later require of His covenant people

**Exodus 20:9-10** ~ Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath of the LORD your God; *in it* you shall not do any work

- Thus, a correct understanding of Genesis leads us to a right view of work

## **It Defines the Divine Design for Marriage and Family**

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- It was God who designed marriage as one man, one woman from the beginning
- After creating Adam, God determined that part of His creation was “not good”

**Genesis 2:18** ~ Then the LORD God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone; I will make him a helper suitable for him.”

- The fact that Adam was alone was impressed upon him when he named the animals and noted that they each had a companion of the opposite sex

**Genesis 2:20** ~ The man gave names to all the cattle, and to the birds of the sky, and to every beast of the field, but for Adam there was not found a helper suitable for him.

- So, God created Eve, a woman, to be a suitable helper to Adam

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<sup>10</sup> <https://www.reformation21.org/blog/a-brief-theology-of-human-origins>



- In creating Eve and bringing her to Adam, God also created the first and normative marriage of one man and one woman coming together to form one flesh for life

**Genesis 2:24** ~ For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother, and be joined to his wife; and they shall become one flesh.

- In that first marriage, we see God’s permanent design for companionship, sexual intimacy, and the ability to procreate
- They are the pattern for marriage
- Despite our culture’s desire to redefine marriage and family, Genesis is the ultimate counter-cultural book that provides the standard for how we should understand this most basic building block of society
- “While evolutionary models of human origins may construe homosexual, bisexual, and polyamorous sexual desires as innate to original humanity or the ancestry of humanity, Genesis provides the original, God-created paradigm for marriage as a union of one male and one female, husband and wife. God describes this creation ordinance of marriage with its description of monogamous, heterosexual intimacy and desire as very good and sinless. A complementarian view of marriage, with distinct roles of husband and wife, also finds its foundation in the creation of Eve from, for, and with Adam.”<sup>11</sup>

### **It Demonstrates Mankind’s Primary Problem**

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- Genesis 1 repeatedly emphasizes the nature of God’s original creation as “good” and “very good”
- Pre-fall creation is described as a world free from sin, suffering, violence, and death
- However, Adam and Eve’s fall into sin and the ensuing curse they brought on all humanity marks a drastic change in God’s original creation

**Genesis 3:6** ~ When the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was desirable to make one wise, she took from its fruit and ate; and she gave also to her husband with her, and he ate.

**Romans 5:12, 18** ~ Therefore, just as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sinned— ...18 So then as through one transgression there resulted condemnation to all men, even so through one act of righteousness there resulted justification of life to all men.

- All humanity, apart from God’s grace is now unrighteous, unholy, and suppresses the truth of God
- As a result, we live in a world of sin, disorder, violence, suffering, and death
- The entrance of sin into the human realm explains all the problems we currently see in our society
- “In contrast to evolutionary models, all of which require animal suffering and death (along the ape-hominid-human line) prior to the fall, Scripture makes it clear that both human and animal suffering are not inherent to God’s good creation, but connected to sin, the curse and judgement.”<sup>12</sup>
- Genesis shows sinful man as fallen short of God’s glory and in desperate need of rescue

### **It Anticipates the Solution to Mankind’s Serious Dilemma**

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- Genesis shows the promised Seed who would bring God glory by redeeming fallen sinners

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<sup>11</sup> Ibid.

<sup>12</sup> Ibid.

- God could have justly carried out the sentence of death on Adam and Eve immediately after their sin
- But in the first Messianic prophecy, God promised that the Seed of the woman would conquer Satan

**Genesis 3:15** ~ And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her seed; He shall bruise you on the head, And you shall bruise him on the heel.”

- Genesis gives the hope of redemption...in fact, there is no Gospel unless Genesis is true!
- It is important that we understand we are unified in one man, Adam – a literal, real-life person
- If Adam is not a literal person, then we have no plausible explanation for how sin entered into the world
- If mankind, in Adam, did not fall from grace, then mankind cannot be saved by grace through Jesus Christ
- This is because there is a parallel between Adam and Christ...Adam is the head of the fallen race and Christ is head of a redeemed race

**1 Corinthians 15:22** ~ For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all will be made alive.

**Romans 5:18-19** ~ So then as through one transgression there resulted condemnation to all men, even so through one act of righteousness there resulted justification of life to all men. 19 For as through the one man’s disobedience the many were made sinners, even so through the obedience of the One the many will be made righteous.

## **It Teaches About the Unity of the Human Race**

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- Genesis clearly teaches a foundational unity and equality of all humanity through Adam and Eve and their line through Noah (Gen 4-5, 10)
- In short, there is only one race, the human race

**Acts 17:26** ~ and He made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined their appointed times and the boundaries of their habitation,

- The ultimate reason for disunity, rivalry, bitterness, oppression, and other evils perpetrated between racial groups is spiritual...it is the result of sin

**Colossians 3:11-13** ~ a renewal in which there is no distinction between Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and freeman, but Christ is all, and in all. 12 So, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience; 13 bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone; just as the Lord forgave you, so also should you.

- But evolutionary models of human origins do not give solutions to racial tensions as they require the possibility of some humans being more evolved and advanced than others

## **It Guards Against Ungodly Litigation**

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- There are legal consequences when Genesis is ignored
- There are many issues which are the object of intense litigation across the US (definition of marriage, homosexuality, transgender, racial inequality, etc.) that are clearly addressed in Genesis
- In other words, ideas have consequences and when true ideas are rejected, negative consequences will arise
- “The book of Genesis, because it sets forth the Creator’s design and instruction for all that is, including humanity, should be foundational to every human society. If those truths are ignored, distorted or rejected, consequences will occur—they will be litigated and, if successful, imposed upon society.”<sup>13</sup>

<sup>13</sup> <https://answersingenesis.org/genesis/genesis-and-justice/>