

# Survey of the Old Testament

- *"And Abraham believed in the Lord, and He accounted it to him for righteousness"*  
Genesis 15:6
- *"God will provide for Himself the lamb."*  
Genesis 22:8
- *"Watchman, what of the night?"* Isaiah 21:11

## SOT.1 Genesis



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## Logistics & Learning Objectives:

1. Participants will gain a high level understanding of:
  - a. A background to the Book of Genesis
  - b. The first 11 chapters of Genesis
  - c. The larger storyline of Genesis
  - d. Why Genesis is foundationally important to the Christian life
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# Genesis - Introduction



1. "God is introduced as an personal being who cares about His creation and the human struggle of the fallen world. The pages of this incredible book describe the beginning of the cosmos (1:1), the natural world (1:2–25), the human race (1:26–28), marriage (2:22–24), sin (3:1–7), sacrifice (3:21), salvation (3:15), family (4:1–15), civilization (4:16–21), government (9:1–6), covenant (15:1–5), and faith (15:6)."
2. The biblical description of creation is ex nihilo (from nothing) by the power of God's spoken word. Then God said (1:3,6,9,11,14,20,24,26,29 and 2:7).
3. "Genesis uniquely tells the story of the lives and challenges of people like Adam and Eve, Cain and Abel, Noah's family, Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebekah, Jacob's wives, and his 12 sons. Unlike ancient mythological literature, Genesis shows its heroes as they really were, giving a realistic glimpse of human nature in the world."
4. The fact that man is the pinnacle of God's creative work is evident from his designation as God's image bearer (Gen 1:26–27).
5. The book's opening prologue (chaps. 1–11) explains to Israel her purpose by tracing God's redemptive program and messianic lineage from Eden to Abraham. This section explains the terrible progress of sin and the reason God's redemptive program was necessary. Thus, it is the foundation of the biblical worldview, and without this part the rest would be somewhat incomprehensible.

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# Genesis - Introduction *(continued)*

6. Genesis provided Israel with an explanation of her place in the history of the world. In Genesis, Moses (The author of Genesis is not clearly presented but most academics believe it was Moses) explains how God's original plan for creation was marred by sin and how Israel was set aside for the special purpose of propagating God's redemptive blessings to the world. As a divine history of the world, Genesis covers more time than any other biblical book
7. "The book of Genesis involves three basic settings. Genesis 1–11 recounts the ancient history of the world from creation until the birth of Terah (c. 2296 BC) and takes place in the Fertile Crescent. Genesis 12–36 unfolds between the birth of Terah (Abram's father) and Joseph's arrival in Egypt (1899 BC) and takes place mostly in Canaan. Genesis 37–50 fits between Joseph's arrival in Egypt and the death of Joseph (1806 BC) and takes place mostly in Egypt."
8. The fact that people still retained the image of God even in their fallen condition (Gen 5:1; 9:6) reveals humanity's dignity and why God wants to restore His relationship with mankind after the curse.

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# Genesis 1



*In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. v1*

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw the light, that it was good; and **God divided the light from the darkness.** Gen 1:1-4

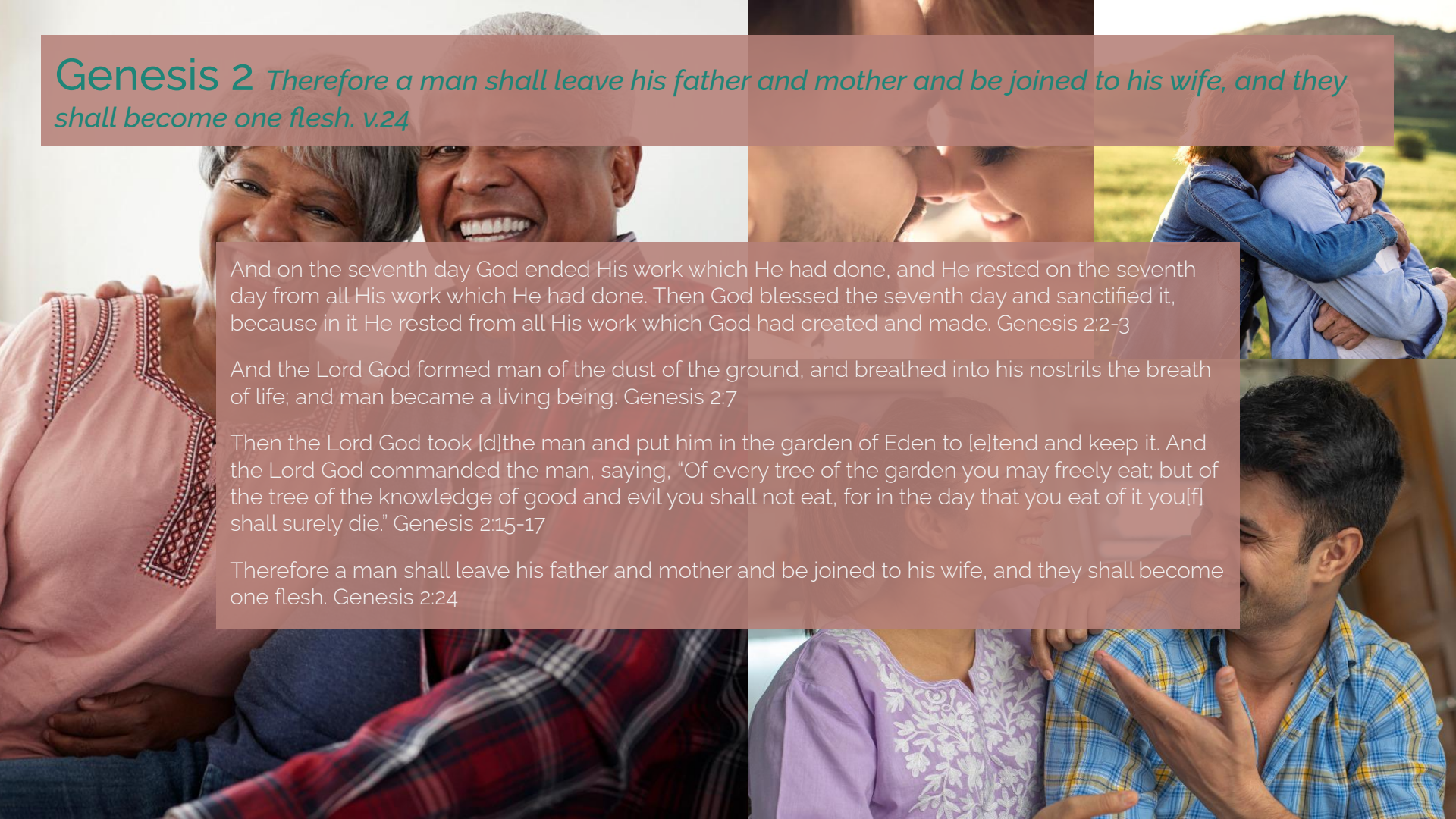
Then **God said**, "Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb that yields seed, and the fruit tree that yields fruit **according to its kind**, whose seed is in itself, on the earth"; and it was so. Gen 1:11

So God created great sea creatures and every living thing that moves, with which the waters abounded, **according to their kind**, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. Gen 1:21

Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." So God created man in His own image; **in the image of God He created him; male and female** He created them. Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; **have dominion over** the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth." Gen 1:26-28

Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed **it was very good.** So the evening and the morning were the sixth day. Gen 1:31





**Genesis 2** *Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. v.24*

And on the seventh day God ended His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done. Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made. Genesis 2:2-3

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. Genesis 2:7

Then the Lord God took [d]the man and put him in the garden of Eden to [e]tend and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, "Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you[f] shall surely die." Genesis 2:15-17

Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. Genesis 2:24



# The Importance of belief in the Creation to our Walk of Faith

Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord my God, You are very great. You are clothed with honor and majesty. You who laid the foundations of the earth, so that it should not be moved forever. Psalm 104:1-5

In the beginning, Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. For by it the elders obtained a good testimony. By faith we made the worlds, understand that the **worlds were framed** by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible. By faith **Abel** offered to God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, through which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts; and through it he being dead still speaks. By faith **Enoch** was taken away so that he did not see death, "and was not found, because God had taken him"; for before he was taken he had this testimony, that he pleased God. But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him. By faith **Noah**, being divinely warned of things not yet seen, moved with godly fear, prepared an ark for the saving of his household, by which he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness which is according to faith. By faith **Abraham** obeyed when he was called to go out to the place which he would receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he dwelt in the land of promise as in a foreign country, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise; for he waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God. By faith **Sarah** herself also received strength to conceive seed, and she bore a child when she was past the age, because she judged Him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born as many as the stars of the sky in multitude—innumerable as the sand which is by the seashore. These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off [e]were assured of them, embraced them and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth. For those who say such things declare plainly that they seek a homeland. And truly if they had called to mind that country from which they had come out, they would have had opportunity to return. 16 But now they desire a better, that is, a heavenly country. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for He has prepared a city for them. By faith **Abraham**, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises offered up his only begotten son, of whom it was said, "In Isaac your seed shall be called," concluding that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead, from which he also received him in a figurative sense. By faith **Isaac** blessed Jacob and Esau concerning things to come. By faith **Jacob**, when he was dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, and worshiped, leaning on the top of his staff. By faith **Joseph**, when he was dying, made mention of the departure of the children of Israel, and gave instructions concerning his bones.

Hebrews 11:1-22



# Genesis 3

*For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." v. 5*

"Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said to the woman, "Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden?'" Genesis 3:1

"Then the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." Genesis 3:4-5

"So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate." Genesis 3:6

"Then the Lord God called to Adam and said to him, "Where are you?" Genesis 3:9

"Then the man said, "The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I ate." Genesis 3:12





# Genesis 3

*For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." v. 5*

But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.  
Romans 5:8

Therefore, as through one man's offense judgment came to all men, resulting in condemnation, even so through one Man's righteous act the free gift came to all men, resulting in justification of life. For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so also by one Man's obedience many will be made righteous.  
Romans 5:18-19

# Genesis 4

*So the Lord said to Cain, "Why are you angry? And why has your countenance fallen? V. 6*

"Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground." Genesis 4:2b

"But He did not respect Cain and his offering. And Cain was very angry, and his countenance fell." Genesis 4:5

"Now Cain talked with Abel his brother; and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother and killed him." Genesis 4:8

"And He said, "What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood cries out to Me from the ground. So now you are cursed from the earth, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. When you till the ground, it shall no longer yield its strength to you. A fugitive and a vagabond you shall be on the earth." And Cain said to the Lord, "My punishment is greater than I can bear!" Genesis 4:10-13

16 Then Cain went out from the presence of the Lord and dwelt in the land of IlNod on the east of Eden. Genesis 4:16

"And as for Seth, to him also a son was born; and he named him E'nosh. Then men began to call on the name of the Lord." Genesis 4:26



# Genesis 5

*And he called his name Noah, saying, "This one will comfort us concerning our work and the toil of our hands, because of the ground which the Lord has cursed." v. 29*



"This is the book of the genealogy of Adam. In the day that God created man, He made him in the likeness of God." Genesis 5:1

"And Enoch walked with God; and he was not, for God took him." Genesis 5:24

"So all the days of Methuselah were nine hundred and sixty-nine years; and he died." Genesis 5:27

"Lamech lived one hundred and eighty-two years, and had a son. And he called his name Noah, saying, "This one will comfort us concerning our work and the toil of our hands, because of the ground which the Lord has cursed."" Genesis 5:28-29

"And Noah was five hundred years old, and Noah begot Shem, Ham, and Japheth." Genesis 5:32

# Genesis 6

*Then the Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. V. 5*

"Then the Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And the Lord was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart. So the Lord said, "I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth, both man and beast, creeping thing and birds of the air, for I am sorry that I have made them." But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord." Genesis 6:5-8

"The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence. So God looked upon the earth, and indeed it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted their way on the earth." Genesis 6:11-12

"Make yourself an ark of gopherwood; make rooms in the ark, and cover it inside and outside with pitch." Genesis 6:14

"And behold, I Myself am bringing floodwaters on the earth, to destroy from under heaven all flesh in which is the breath of life; everything that is on the earth shall die. But I will establish My covenant with you; and you shall go into the ark—you, your sons, your wife, and your sons' wives with you." Genesis 6:17-18



# Genesis 7

*Now the flood was on the earth forty days. The waters increased and lifted up the ark, and it rose high above the earth. V. 17*

“Then the Lord said to Noah, “Come into the ark, you and all your household, because I have seen that you are righteous before Me in this generation.” Genesis 7:1

“For after seven more days I will cause it to rain on the earth forty days and forty nights, and I will destroy from the face of the earth all living things that I have made.”” Genesis 7:4

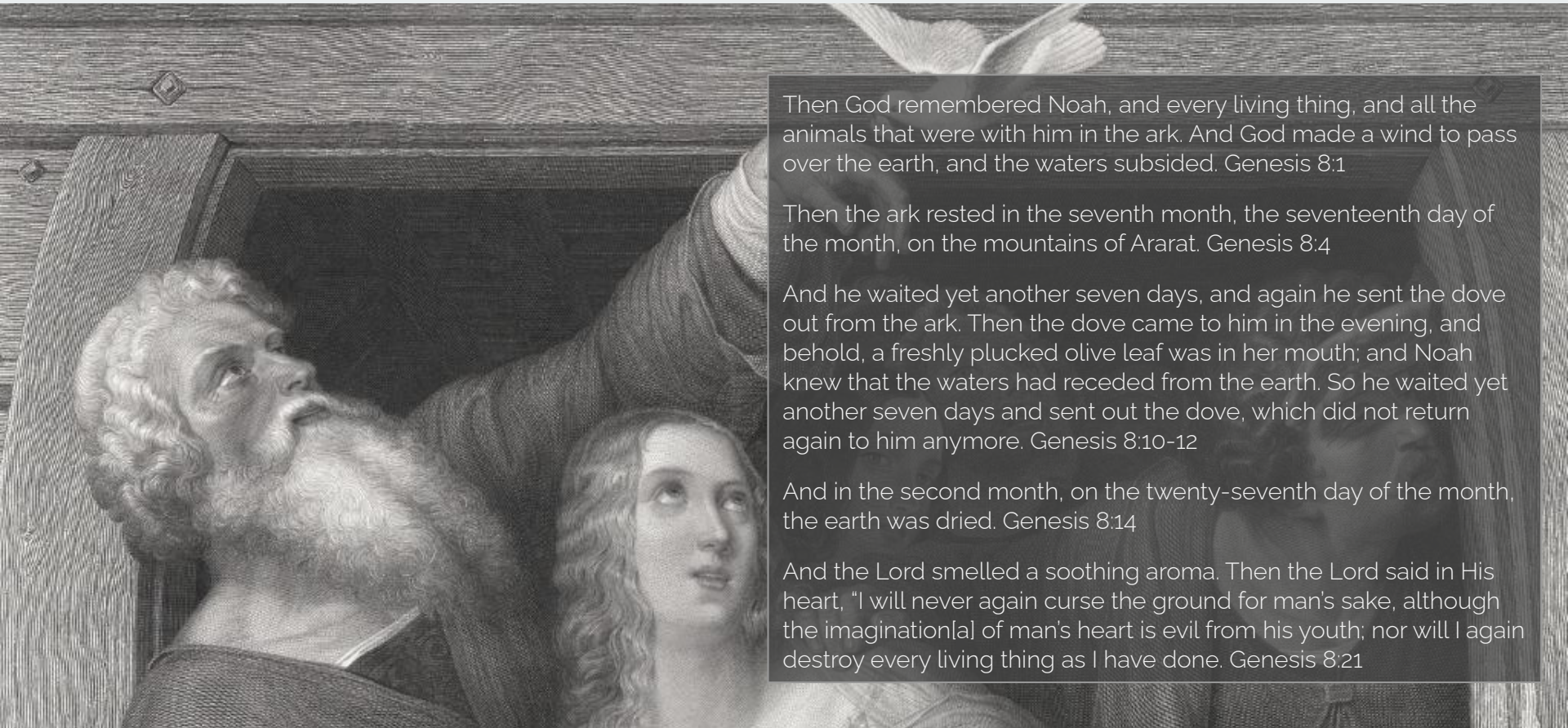
“And Noah did according to all that the Lord commanded him.” Genesis 7:5

“On the very same day Noah and Noah's sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth, and Noah's wife and the three wives of his sons with them, entered the ark” Genesis 7:13



# Genesis 8

*...Then the Lord said in His heart, "I will never again curse the ground for man's sake, although the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth; nor will I again destroy every living thing as I have done.v. 21*



Then God remembered Noah, and every living thing, and all the animals that were with him in the ark. And God made a wind to pass over the earth, and the waters subsided. Genesis 8:1

Then the ark rested in the seventh month, the seventeenth day of the month, on the mountains of Ararat. Genesis 8:4

And he waited yet another seven days, and again he sent the dove out from the ark. Then the dove came to him in the evening, and behold, a freshly plucked olive leaf was in her mouth; and Noah knew that the waters had receded from the earth. So he waited yet another seven days and sent out the dove, which did not return again to him anymore. Genesis 8:10-12

And in the second month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month, the earth was dried. Genesis 8:14

And the Lord smelled a soothing aroma. Then the Lord said in His heart, "I will never again curse the ground for man's sake, although the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth; nor will I again destroy every living thing as I have done. Genesis 8:21



# Genesis 9

*I set My rainbow in the cloud, and it shall be for the sign of the covenant between Me and the earth. V. 13*

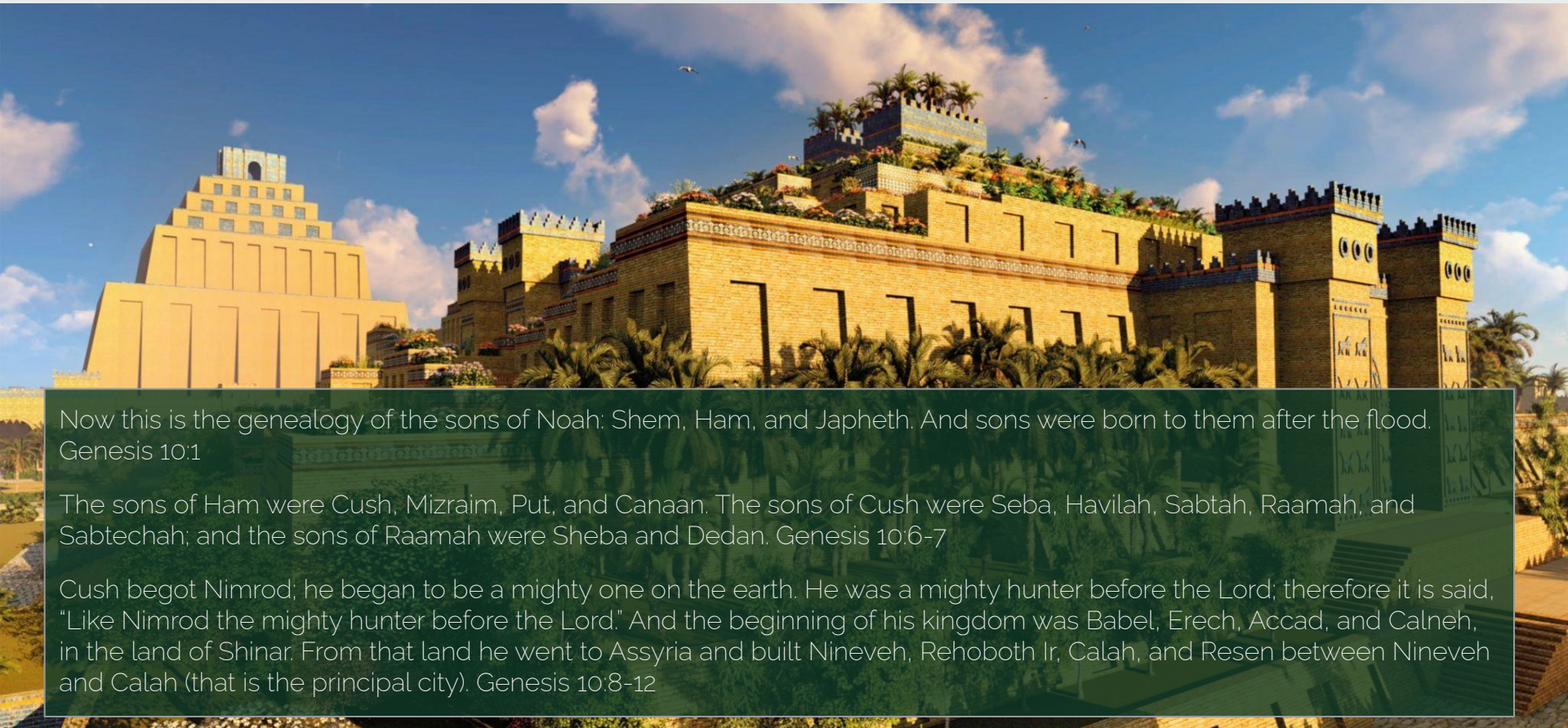
So God blessed Noah and his sons, and said to them: "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth. Genesis 9:1

"Whoever sheds man's blood, By man his blood shall be shed; For in the image of God He made man. And as for you, be fruitful and multiply; Bring forth abundantly in the earth And multiply in it." Genesis 9:6-7

And God said: "This is the sign of the **covenant** which I make between Me and you, and every living creature that is with you, for perpetual generations: I set My rainbow in the cloud, and it shall be for the sign of the covenant between Me and the earth. Genesis 9:12-13

# Genesis 10

Now this is the genealogy of the sons of Noah: Shem, Ham, and Japheth. V. 1a



Now this is the genealogy of the sons of Noah: Shem, Ham, and Japheth. And sons were born to them after the flood. Genesis 10:1

The sons of Ham were Cush, Mizraim, Put, and Canaan. The sons of Cush were Seba, Havilah, Sabtah, Raamah, and Sabtechah; and the sons of Raamah were Sheba and Dedan. Genesis 10:6-7

Cush begot Nimrod; he began to be a mighty one on the earth. He was a mighty hunter before the Lord; therefore it is said, "Like Nimrod the mighty hunter before the Lord." And the beginning of his kingdom was Babel, Erech, Accad, and Calneh, in the land of Shinar. From that land he went to Assyria and built Nineveh, Rehoboth Ir, Calah, and Resen between Nineveh and Calah (that is the principal city). Genesis 10:8-12



# Genesis 11

“And they said, “Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower whose top is in the heavens; let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth.” v.4

At one time or another, most people become disgusted with what is going on in the world. The intractable problems among people, hatred, prejudice, and greed lead to endless cruelty and wars. The problems are unsolvable because hatred and prejudice are burdens of our depraved sin nature. Because we cannot change or forget, our sin nature we appear to be doomed. In response, the idealistic ones among us ask: “What if we started over? What if we expunged history and wiped the slate clean?” The account of Noah puts the lie to that solution. Only through the second Adam and regeneration by His Spirit will the world be saved and humanity realize its dream and divine destination.

Watke & Yu, *An Old Testament Theology*, Zondervan

Then they said to one another, “Come, let us make bricks and bake them thoroughly.” They had brick for stone, and they had asphalt for mortar. And they said, “Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower whose top is in the heavens; let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth.” Genesis 11:3-4

Come, let Us go down and there confuse their language, that they may not understand one another's speech.” So the Lord scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they ceased building the city. Genesis 11:7-8

This is the genealogy of Terah: Terah begot Abram, Nahor, and Haran. Haran begot Lot. [Shem's descendants] Genesis 11:27

Then Abram and Nahor took wives: the name of Abram's wife was Sarai, and the name of Nahor's wife, Milcah, the daughter of Haran the father of Milcah and the father of Iscah. But Sarai was barren; she had no child. Genesis 11:29-30

# New Testament Confirms Genesis 1-11



| Event                     | OT Reference | NT Reference   |
|---------------------------|--------------|--|
| Creation                  | Genesis 1    | John 1:3, Col 1:16                                   |
| Adam & Eve                | Genesis 1-2  | Mark 10:6, 13:19, 1 Timothy 2:13                     |
| God resting on 7th day    | Genesis 1    | Hebrews 4:3-4  |
| Marriage of Adam & Eve    | Genesis 2    | Matt 19:4-6, Mark 10:7-8, Ephesians 5:31, 1 Cor 6:16 |
| Temptation of Eve         | Genesis 3    | 1 Tim 2:14, 2 Corinthians 11:3                       |
| Disobedience of Adam      | Genesis 3    | Romans 5:12-19                                       |
| Sacrifices of Cain & Abel | Genesis 4    | Hebrews 11:4   |
| Murder of Abel by Cain    | Genesis 4    | Matt 23:35, 1 John 3:12, Jude 11                     |

*Dr. Bill Roach, You Tube, "Why Christians Should Not Believe in Theistic Evolution" November 21, 2023*



# New Testament Confirms Genesis 1-11 *(continued)*



| Event                          | OT Reference | NT Reference  |
|--------------------------------|--------------|---------------|
| Birth of Seth                  | Genesis 4    | Luke 3:38     |
| Translation of Enoch to heaven | Genesis 5    | Hebrews 11:5  |
| The Flood                      | Genesis 7    | Matthew 24:39 |
| Preservation of Noah           | Genesis 10   | Luke 3:35-36  |
| Shem & His Descendants         | Genesis 10   | Luke 3:35-36  |
| Birth of Abraham               | Genesis 11   | Luke 3:34     |

# Genesis - The rest of the story!

- ❑ Now the Lord had said to **Abram**: "Get out of your country, From your family And from your father's house, To a land that I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you And make your name great; And you shall be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, And I will curse him who curses you; And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." Genesis 12:1-3



# Genesis - The rest of the story!

- ❑ Then **Melchizedek** king of Salem brought out bread and wine; he was the priest of God Most High. And he blessed him and said: "Blessed be **Abram {Abraham}** of God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth; Genesis 14:18-19
- ❑ And he [Abram/Abraham] believed in the Lord, and He accounted it to him for righteousness. Genesis 15:6 And I will make My covenant between Me and you, and will multiply you exceedingly." Genesis 17:2 No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you a father of many nations. Genesis 17:5 9
- ❑ And God said to Abraham: "As for you, you shall keep My **covenant**, you and your descendants after you throughout their generations. Genesis 17:5 And Abraham called the name of his son who was born to him—whom Sarah bore to him—**Isaac**. Genesis 21:3 Therefore she said to Abraham, "Cast out this **bondwoman** and her son; for the son of this bondwoman shall not be **heir** with my son, namely with Isaac." And the matter was very [d]displeasing in Abraham's sight because of his son. Genesis 21:10-11
- ❑ And Abraham said, "My son, God will provide for Himself the lamb for a burnt offering." So the two of them went together. Genesis 22:8

# Genesis - The rest of the story!

- ❑ Now before they lay down, the men of the city, the men of Sodom, both old and young, all the people from every quarter, surrounded the house. And they called to **Lot** and said to him, "Where are the men who came to you tonight? Bring them out to us that we may know them carnally." Genesis 19:4-5



# Genesis - The rest of the story! *(continued)*

- Afterward his brother came out, and his hand took hold of Esau's heel; so his name was called **Jacob**. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them. Genesis 25:26 And Esau said, "Look, I am about to die; so what is this **birthright** to me?" Genesis 25:32 Also your descendants shall be as the dust of the earth; you shall spread abroad to the west and the east, to the north and the south; and in you and in your seed **all the families of the earth** shall be blessed. Genesis 28:14 And He said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but **Israel**; for you have struggled with God and with men, and have prevailed." Genesis 32:28 Now the **sons of Jacob were twelve**: Genesis 35:22b

# Genesis - The rest of the story! *(continued)*

- ❑ Now Israel loved **Joseph** more than all his children, because he was the son of his old age. Also he made him a tunic of many colors. Genesis 37:3 Now Joseph had a dream, and he told it to his brothers; and they hated him even more. Genesis 37:5 Come therefore, let us now kill him and cast him into some pit; and we shall say, 'Some wild beast has devoured him.' We shall see what will become of his **dreams!**" Genesis 37:20 Then Midianite traders passed by; so the brothers pulled Joseph up and lifted him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty shekels of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt. Genesis 37:28 Now the Midianites had sold him in **Egypt** to Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh and captain of the guard. Genesis 37:36
- ❑ And **Pharaoh** said to Joseph, "I have had a dream, and there is no one who can interpret it. But I have heard it said of you that you can understand a dream, to interpret it." So Joseph answered Pharaoh, saying, "It is not in me; God will give Pharaoh an answer of peace." Genesis 41:15-16 And Pharaoh said to his servants, "Can we find **such a one as this**, a man in whom is the Spirit of God?" Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, "Inasmuch as God has shown you all this, there is no one as discerning and wise as you. Genesis 41:38-39 And Pharaoh said to Joseph, "See, I have set you over all the land of Egypt." Genesis 41:41

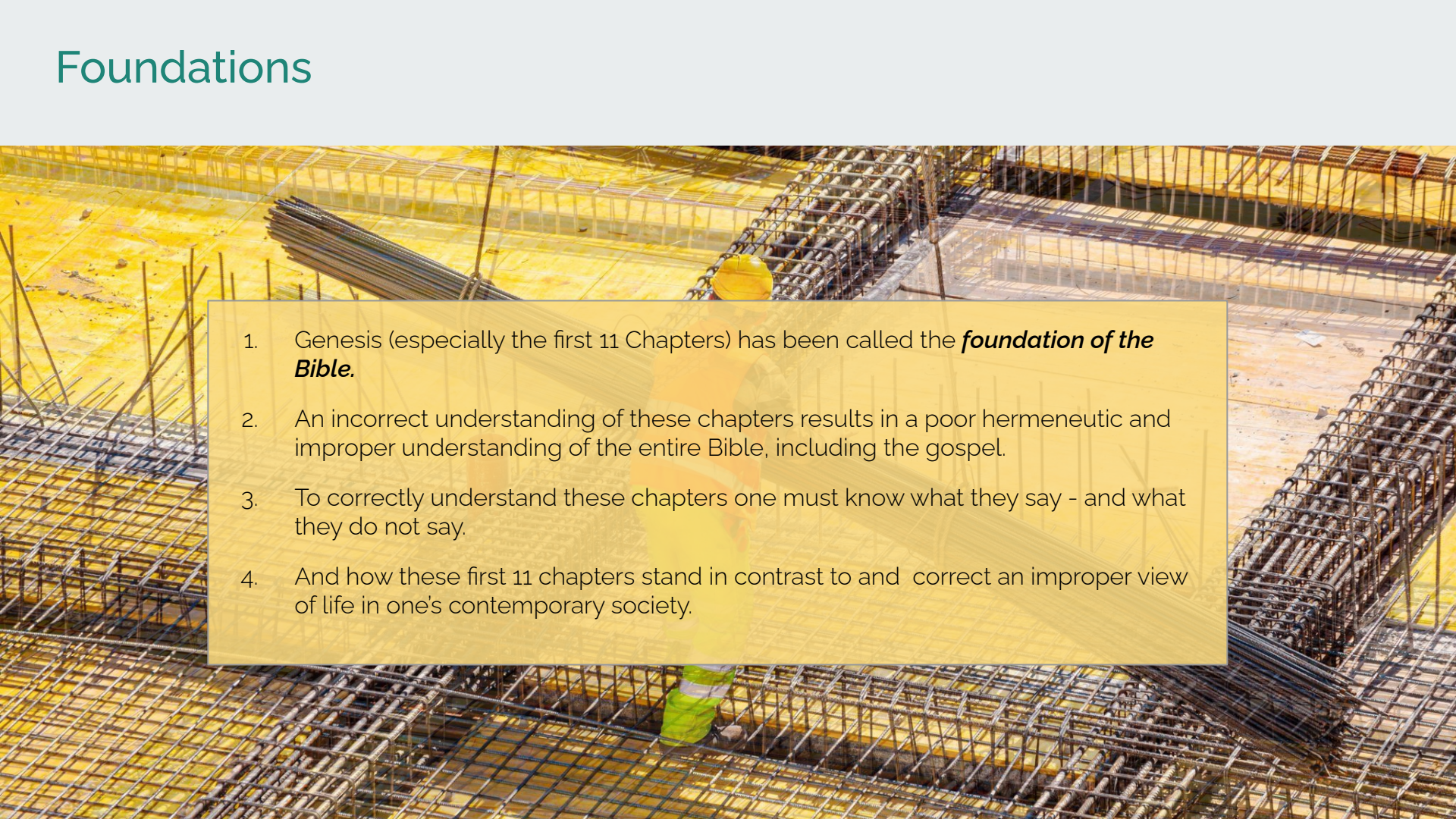


# Genesis - The rest of the story! *(continued)*

- ❑ When **Jacob** saw that there was grain in Egypt, Jacob said to his **sons**, "Why do you look at one another?" And he said, "Indeed I have heard that there is grain in Egypt; go down to that place and buy for us there, that we may live and not die." Genesis 42:1-2 **Joseph** said to them, "Do not be afraid, for am I in the place of God? 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. Now therefore, do not be afraid; I will provide for you and your little ones." And he comforted them and spoke kindly to them. Genesis 50:19-21
- ❑ Early in the story we see **brothers** - one kills the other. Near the end of the plotline we encounter **brothers** - they sell one of their own into slavery but that one ends up redeeming them from the bondage of famine! In the first story of brothers the righteous is killed; in the second story one is raised from the pit.



# Foundations

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1. Genesis (especially the first 11 Chapters) has been called the ***foundation of the Bible***.
  2. An incorrect understanding of these chapters results in a poor hermeneutic and improper understanding of the entire Bible, including the gospel.
  3. To correctly understand these chapters one must know what they say - and what they do not say.
  4. And how these first 11 chapters stand in contrast to and correct an improper view of life in one's contemporary society.



# Foundations *(continued)*

5. What foundational lessons are critically and eternally important from the Book of Genesis
  - 5.1. God's creation, sovereignty and sole authority in the universe
  - 5.2. God's creation of male and female
  - 5.3. The covenant of marriage between one man and one woman
  - 5.4. Sin's entrance into all of humanity
  - 5.5. Sin's infection of our entire being, especially our intentions, thoughts, and relationships
  - 5.6. Sin's eternally damning consequences
  - 5.7. God's initiative of entering into a covenant relationship with man
  - 5.8. Man's striving for a way without God and his quest to make a name for himself results in confusion and disaster
  - 5.9. Introduction of the Priest of the most high God - Melchizedek as a *type* of Christ
  - 5.10. God's message of forgiveness of sin and justification by faith.



# The Council on Biblical Manhood & Womanhood

MISSION: The mission of The Council on Biblical Manhood and Womanhood is to set forth the teachings of the Bible about the complementary differences between men and women, created equally in the image of God, because these teachings are essential for obedience to Scripture and for the health of the family and the church.

## WHAT'S AT STAKE:

- The authority of Scripture
- The health of the home
- The health of the church
- Our worship
- Bible translations
- The advance of the gospel





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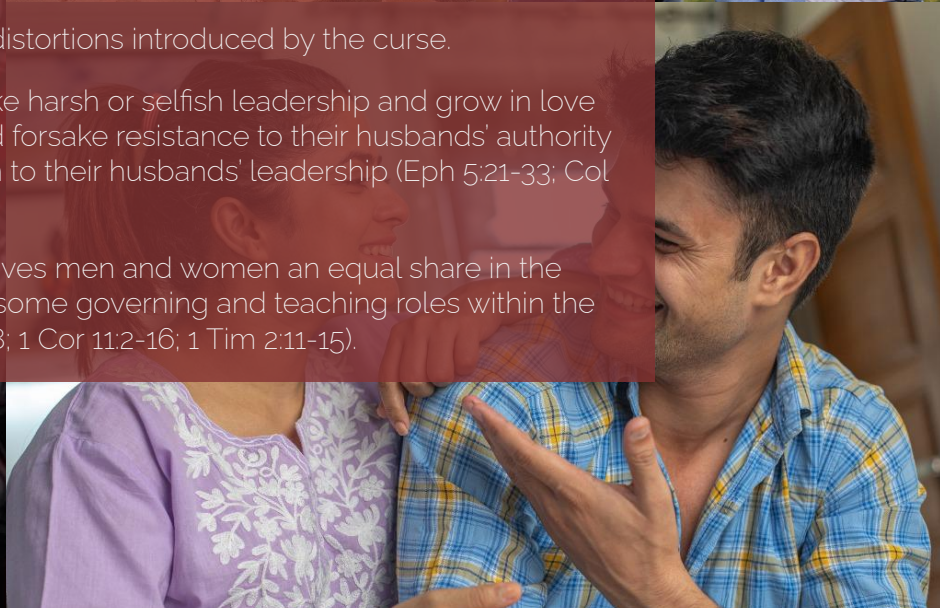
Based on our understanding of Biblical teachings, we affirm the following:

1. Both Adam and Eve were created in God's image, equal before God as persons and distinct in their manhood and womanhood (Gen 1:26-27, 2:18).
2. Distinctions in masculine and feminine roles are ordained by God as part of the created order, and should find an echo in every human heart (Gen 2:18, 21-24; 1 Cor 11:7-9; 1 Tim 2:12-14).
3. Adam's headship in marriage was established by God before the Fall, and was not a result of sin (Gen 2:16-18, 21-24, 3:1-13; 1 Cor 11:7-9).
4. The Fall introduced distortions into the relationships between men and women (Gen 3:1-7, 12, 16).
  - a. In the home, the husband's loving, humble headship tends to be replaced by domination or passivity; the wife's intelligent, willing submission tends to be replaced by usurpation or servility.
  - b. In the church, sin inclines men toward a worldly love of power or an abdication of spiritual responsibility, and inclines women to resist limitations on their roles or to neglect the use of their gifts in appropriate ministries.



## 1987 - Danvers Statement *(continued)*

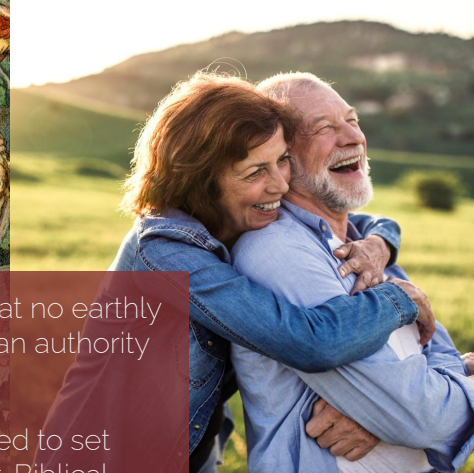
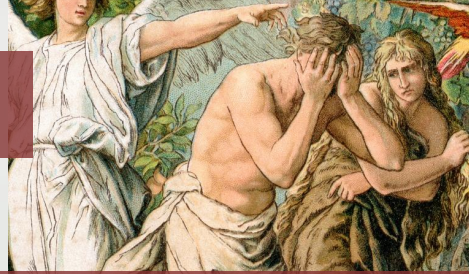
5. The Old Testament, as well as the New Testament, manifests the equally high value and dignity which God attached to the roles of both men and women (Gen 1:26-27, 2:18; Gal 3:28). Both Old and New Testaments also affirm the principle of male headship in the family and in the covenant community (Gen 2:18; Eph 5:21-33; Col 3:18-19; 1 Tim 2:11-15).
6. Redemption in Christ aims at removing the distortions introduced by the curse.
  - a. In the family, husbands should forsake harsh or selfish leadership and grow in love and care for their wives; wives should forsake resistance to their husbands' authority and grow in willing, joyful submission to their husbands' leadership (Eph 5:21-33; Col 3:18-19; Tit 2:3-5; 1 Pet 3:1-7).
  - b. In the church, redemption in Christ gives men and women an equal share in the blessings of salvation; nevertheless, some governing and teaching roles within the church are restricted to men (Gal 3:28; 1 Cor 11:2-16; 1 Tim 2:11-15).





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7. In all of life Christ is the supreme authority and guide for men and women, so that no earthly submission-domestic, religious, or civil-ever implies a mandate to follow a human authority into sin (Dan 3:10-18; Acts 4:19-20, 5:27-29; 1 Pet 3:1-2).
8. In both men and women a heartfelt sense of call to ministry should never be used to set aside Biblical criteria for particular ministries (1 Tim 2:11-15, 3:1-13; Tit 1:5-9). Rather, Biblical teaching should remain the authority for testing our subjective discernment of God's will.
9. With half the world's population outside the reach of indigenous evangelism; with countless other lost people in those societies that have heard the gospel; with the stresses and miseries of sickness, malnutrition, homelessness, illiteracy, ignorance, aging, addiction, crime, incarceration, neuroses, and loneliness, no man or woman who feels a passion from God to make His grace known in word and deed need ever live without a fulfilling ministry for the glory of Christ and the good of this fallen world (1 Cor 12:7-21).
10. We are convinced that a denial or neglect of these principles will lead to increasingly destructive consequences in our families, our churches, and the culture at large.

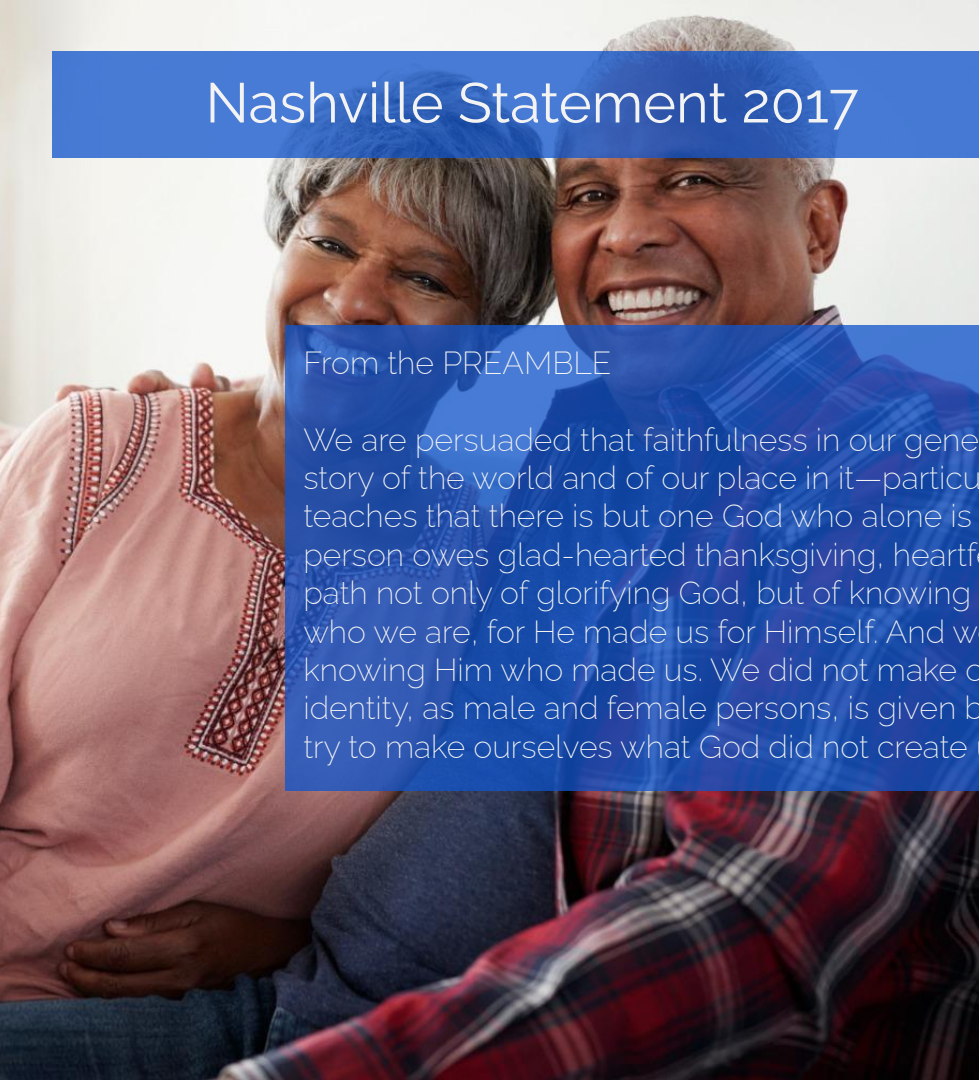
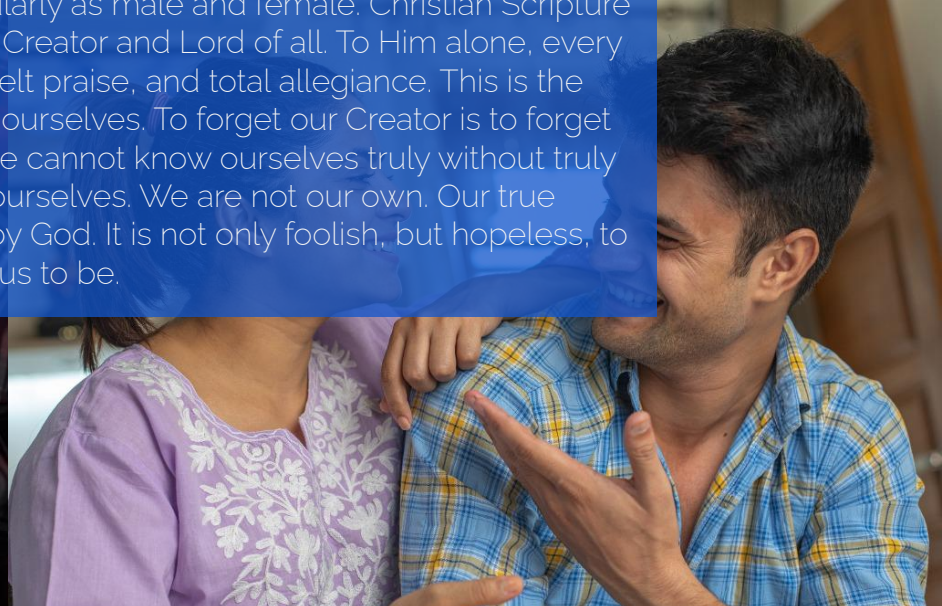




# Nashville Statement 2017

From the PREAMBLE

We are persuaded that faithfulness in our generation means declaring once again the true story of the world and of our place in it—particularly as male and female. Christian Scripture teaches that there is but one God who alone is Creator and Lord of all. To Him alone, every person owes glad-hearted thanksgiving, heartfelt praise, and total allegiance. This is the path not only of glorifying God, but of knowing ourselves. To forget our Creator is to forget who we are, for He made us for Himself. And we cannot know ourselves truly without truly knowing Him who made us. We did not make ourselves. We are not our own. Our true identity, as male and female persons, is given by God. It is not only foolish, but hopeless, to try to make ourselves what God did not create us to be.





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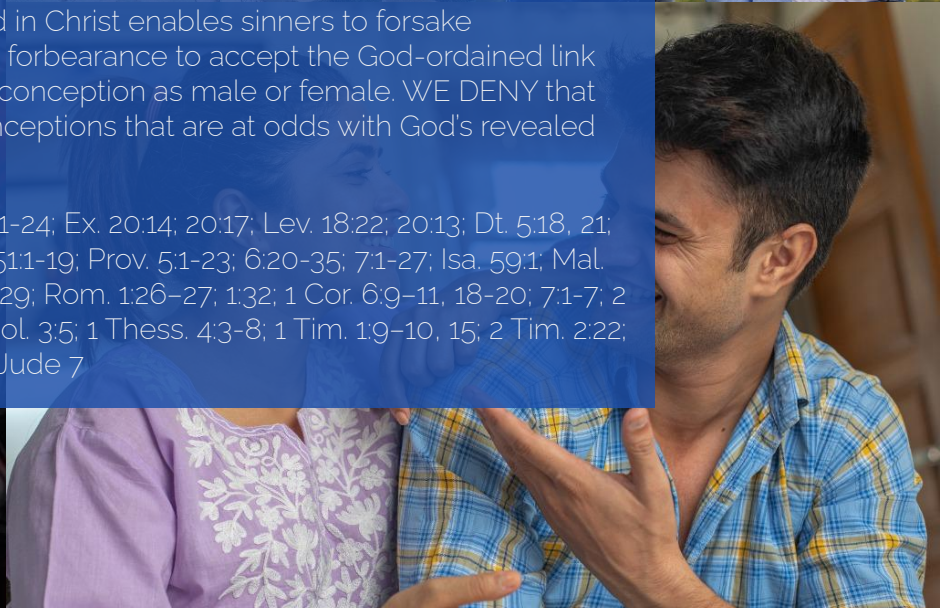
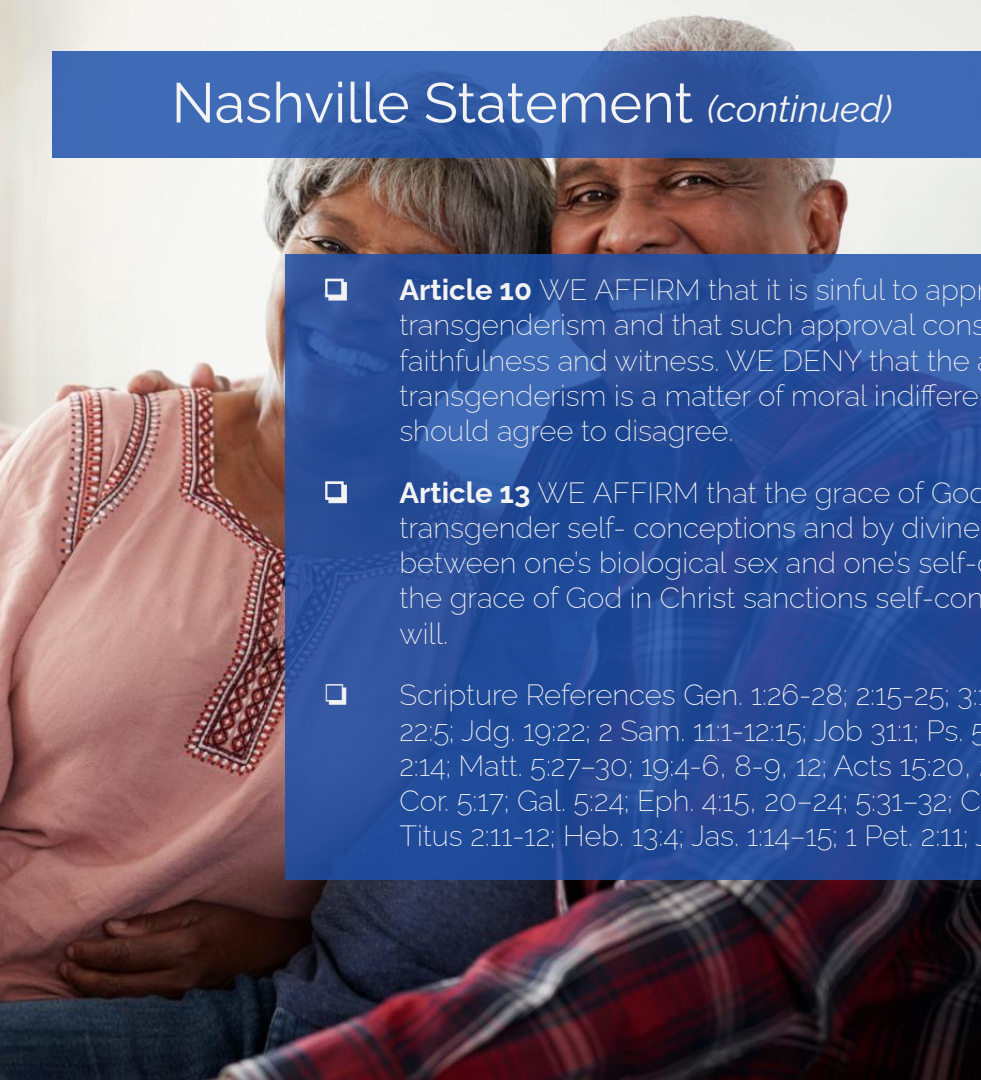
- ❑ **Article 1 WE AFFIRM** that God has designed marriage to be a covenantal, sexual, procreative, lifelong union of one man and one woman, as husband and wife, and is meant to signify the covenant love between Christ and his bride the church.  
**WE DENY** that God has designed marriage to be a homosexual, polygamous, or polyamorous relationship. We also deny that marriage is a mere human contract rather than a covenant made before God.
- ❑ **Article 3 WE AFFIRM** that God created Adam and Eve, the first human beings, in his own image, equal before God as persons, and distinct as male and female. **WE DENY** that the divinely ordained differences between male and female render them unequal in dignity or worth.
- ❑ **Article 5 WE AFFIRM** that the differences between male and female reproductive structures are integral to God's design for self-conception as male or female. **WE DENY** that physical anomalies or psychological conditions nullify the God-appointed link between biological sex and self-conception as male or female.
- ❑ **Article 7 WE AFFIRM** that self-conception as male or female should be defined by God's holy purposes in creation and redemption as revealed in Scripture. **WE DENY** that adopting a homosexual or transgender self-conception is consistent with God's holy purposes in creation and redemption.





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- ❑ **Article 10** WE AFFIRM that it is sinful to approve of homosexual immorality or transgenderism and that such approval constitutes an essential departure from Christian faithfulness and witness. WE DENY that the approval of homosexual immorality or transgenderism is a matter of moral indifference about which otherwise faithful Christians should agree to disagree.
- ❑ **Article 13** WE AFFIRM that the grace of God in Christ enables sinners to forsake transgender self- conceptions and by divine forbearance to accept the God-ordained link between one's biological sex and one's self-conception as male or female. WE DENY that the grace of God in Christ sanctions self-conceptions that are at odds with God's revealed will.
- ❑ Scripture References Gen. 1:26-28; 2:15-25; 3:1-24; Ex. 20:14; 20:17; Lev. 18:22; 20:13; Dt. 5:18, 21; 22:5; Jdg. 19:22; 2 Sam. 11:1-12:15; Job 31:1; Ps. 51:1-19; Prov. 5:1-23; 6:20-35; 7:1-27; Isa. 59:1; Mal. 2:14; Matt. 5:27-30; 19:4-6, 8-9, 12; Acts 15:20, 29; Rom. 1:26-27; 1:32; 1 Cor. 6:9-11, 18-20; 7:1-7; 2 Cor. 5:17; Gal. 5:24; Eph. 4:15, 20-24; 5:31-32; Col. 3:5; 1 Thess. 4:3-8; 1 Tim. 1:9-10, 15; 2 Tim. 2:22; Titus 2:11-12; Heb. 13:4; Jas. 1:14-15; 1 Pet. 2:11; Jude 7





## So What & Now What?



- ❑ Before next week's class, read the Book of Genesis
- ❑ Written Short Answers - 30 to 50 words (for Certification)
  - ❑ **How does the New Testament confirm the historicity of the first 11 chapters of Genesis**
  - ❑ **What are the key themes of each of the first 11 chapters of Genesis?**
  - ❑ **Who are the key players in Genesis 12 through 50**
  - ❑ **Why is the Book of Genesis important to us today?**
- ❑ Discuss:
  - ❑ What part of the lesson on Genesis most impacted you? Why?
  - ❑ How will you specifically use the lessons from the book of Genesis in your Christian life?
  - ❑ Which aspects of Genesis will you use in sharing the gospel in the next week/month?

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Thursday January 25, 2024

7pm (PT U.S.)

Exodus through Deuteronomy

