
In the Beginning



The first three chapters of Genesis form a solid basis for our understanding the rest of the Bible. It is here that God sets the stage for the story that the Bible tells. All the core issues that make up the reason the Bible was written are here in Genesis.

Chapter One: The Creation

"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." (Genesis 1:1)

Read the chapter. For each day of the creation, name the item or items created:

Day One (v. 3-5)

Day Two (v. 6-8)

Day Three (v. 9-13)

Day Four (v. 14-19)

Day Five (v. 20-23)

Day Six (v. 24-31)

Day Seven (Chapter 2, v. 1-3)

Note verse 26 of chapter one: *"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."*

To whom was God speaking in this verse?

In what way is man made in the image of God?

Chapter Two: The Garden of Eden

Note the mention of two trees (v. 9, 16-17)

What was the name and purpose for each tree?

- 1.
- 2.

Why do you think God created man?

Was the tree of the knowledge of good and evil necessary?

Note the law God gave regarding the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. (v. 16-17)

Why did they need a law?

Why do we need laws?

Notice the penalty God prescribed in advance. (v. 16-17)

Why did God prescribe a penalty?

Why do we need penalties when the law is broken?

Chapter Three: The Fall of Man

Who was this serpent? (see chapter 2:1-5)

When Adam and Eve ate the forbidden fruit, they sinned. What is sin?

What were the curses put on Adam, Eve, and the Serpent?

1. The serpent:

2. Eve:

3. Adam:

God did not create man just to destroy him. Yet, we aren't even out of the third chapter of the Bible and man is condemned. What a sorry state of affairs! Is there any hope in this passage? (see Genesis 3:15)