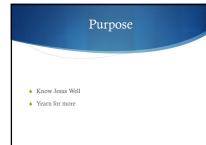


	Most of the Story
	The origin of nearly everything Everything Jesus Why we need "saving" Why He chose to die for us
-	3 of the 6 Covenants are in Genesis What is a Covenant?

	Piece	s	
 Origins 			
• Abraham			
 Israel 			
 Joseph 			



What is a "Covenant"?

- The formation of a family bond (marital, tribal, or otherwise)
- It carries a death penalty should one break it
- It is the foundational principle of our relationship with God
- It explains why Jesus chose to die for us, a death we earned many times over across the ages

Why Not Start at the Beginning?

- This has not worked for most people in our time
- ♦ Complex, crucial, potentially confusing
- You need a firm understanding of the "Senses of Scripture"
- Too much, too soon...easier to circle back

The Gospels are the Climax

- Study all of Sacred Scripture through the "lens" of Jesus' mission
- All of the Bible points to, or builds upon, the defeat of sin and death by Jesus
- The origins of these two very different problems are found in a single book, Genesis

The First Great Hurdle

- Ancient, pre-dates books, pre-dates writing
- Very complex & potentially confusing
- Remember the Senses of Scripture
- Break it into pieces, simplify

Senses of Scripture CCC 115

- Literal Truth, foundational, the Empty Tomb
- Spiritual Truth
 Allegorical Truth >> Jesus (Faith)
 Moral Truth >> Right Action (Charity)
 Anagogical Truth >> Heaven (Hope)

Abraham

- Half of our planet claims him as their spiritual father
- Given the Promise of God (Gen 12:1-3)
- Land
 Kingdom
 Worldwide Blessing >> Jesus
- The first line of the New Testament: "The story of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham" Matthew 1:1



- Marries the daughters of Laban
- 11 sons in Haran before returning
- Rachel dies in childbirth with Benjamin, buried at
- Bethlehem
- Renamed "Isra-El" for wrestling with God

First Things/Last Things

- Chapter 1: Ex Nihilo, "everything from nothing" • Chapter 2: Paradise
- Chapter 3: Lost...the Predicament, and The Plan
- The Sin Sequence
 The Seed of the Woman, 3:15, "protoevangelium"
- Death...for now, our opportunity to return to Paradise

Isaac Promised in their old age • "Laughter" • First in the Bloodline to Jesus • His sacrifice strongly prefigures that of Jesus

	e Sons of I	
Reuben (L1)	Simeon (L2)	Levi (L3)
 Judah (L4) 	Dan (B1)	Naphtali (B2)
• Gad (Z1)	Asher (Z2)	Issachar (L5)
 Zebulun (L6) 	Joseph (R1)	Benjamin (R2)

Creation in Genesis 1

- Science and Religion Magisreasonfaith.org
- Creation is "Ex Nihilo"...from nothing
- George LeMaitre, 1923
- There was a beginning...
- 3 days of forms, 3 days of rulers

Jacob

- The "supplanter"/thief
- Birthright
 Blessing
- Flees from his angry brother Esau

Safe in Egypt

- Genesis ends with the entire family (70 people) in Egypt under Joseph's protection
- "The scepter shall not pass from Judah"
- Generations are "fruitful and multiply" until..
- A new king arises "who did not know Joseph" (Ex 1:8) Israelites enslaved for <u>400</u> years & Grow into *Tribes* Enter Moses, the story continues>> Read Exodus & Numbers

Genesis 2-Sabbath Rest

- The First Covenant is the Sabbath
- 7 is the Number of the Covenant
- The Sabbath is for US..to contemplate gratitude, God, Eternal Bliss...a "foretaste of heaven" (Heb 4)
- "The Seventh Day" is repeated throughout the story-completeness
- "Sevens" dominate Revelation as well

The Second Story of Creation

- Paradise-our ultimate objective (Gen 2, Cross, Rev 21)
- Breath of life (Jesus on Easter Sunday in John 20)
- Science and Religion
 Genome project proves singular original parents

♦ 2 Trees: Adam is to <u>Keep & Protect</u>, death if you disobey*

Flood & Remnant Noah prefigures Jesus Peter writes how the Ark prefigures the Church The Rain Bow is a weapon, God points at Himself "neither will I ever again destroy every living creature as I have done" Got 8:21 "...but willing to die Himself instead...

The Problem, Genesis 3

- Paradise Lost
- "Nahash" and the failure of Adam
- The Temptation Strategy (3:1-5)
 How we fall every day
 Doubt, Lie, Twist God's intentions
- "You Shall Not Die" is the first worst lie >>> "Get Behind Me Satan" is what Jesus said to Peter when he repeated this
- ♦ Now <u>WE</u> define what is right and wrong-"moral relativity"

Gospel First Then Genesis, very slowly with commentary • Then Moses, Jesus' prototype • Then the Timeline to Jesus...Joshua, Judges...

Genesis 3:15, the 1st Gospel

- The Protoevangelium
- Adam was there all along, failed to guard/fight/die
- The New Adam. Jesus, will reverse this curse
- The Seed of the Woman >> "Woman" in John's Gospel
- Death is the *temporary* solution to the problem

