

In Defense of A Plain Literal Bible

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A Genesis Survey

Introduction

Some say, the New Testament is hidden in the Old. This is true, and for this reason I would love a chance to fellowship with you in a survey of Genesis—by nature a book that is God’s interpretation of certain high points of history, and in purpose is to show how the Creator decided to bless and curse in His creation of the universe, man, and the Hebrew race. It’s scope is as wide in time as it is in land—from Adam in Mesopotamia to Abraham in Canaan over 2,000 years. Then, in some 250 years, it spans from Jacob in Israel to Joseph in Egypt.

A closer look, though, sees the unveiling of how the pre-incarnate Glory of God which is the only means of salvation in the Old, is the same means of salvation in the New, Jesus of Nazareth. From the inception of writing, God revealed in some way His Son, Who would come to be named Yeshua in the New—His Very Name meaning Salvation. This series of seven articles over 50 chapters is meant to see, in the reading of Genesis, God’s founding words to man for all time, its authority as Truth, and how God imparted it to us.

The first word of Genesis bears its title, Beginning, Origins, or Genesis as the Greeks handed down to us. So, God details in this book how He originates the universe, earth, life, man, marriage, sin, salvation, civilizations, government, occupations, tools, and war among others. It is the first of the Law of Moses, the Torah meaning Teaching, and the first book of the TANAK—a name for the whole Hebrew Bible identifying its three parts of the whole—‘T’ for Torah, ‘N’ for Neviim or Prophets, and ‘K’ for Kethuvim or Writings.

Genesis is authenticated as absolute truth in two ways—by historical events and archeological finds. Rather, Genesis, the inerrant holy Word of God, authenticates evidence man has discovered, like that of cataclysmic events. For instance, when Jesus

said...and the Flood came, and destroyed them all...the God-Man was authenticating the pandemic deluge of Noah. When Chap. 10 says, ...the name of the one was Peleg. For in his days was the earth divided...this genealogy of Shem authenticates in plain language how God actually divided the earth into continents—to name just two.

Before going on, I should lay out the Golden Rule of Interpretation I try to live by when reading Scripture—When the plain sense of Scripture makes common sense, seek no other sense; therefore, take every word at its primary, ordinary usual, literal meaning; unless the facts of the context indicate clearly otherwise. I quote this in italics because like Scripture, I did not originate it; but like Scripture, it is for me to pass on as truth. I like to abbreviate this Rule—take every word of the Bible literally unless it makes no sense to do so.

Moses is authenticated as the author of the Torah over 20 times in all the Bible calling it the Law of Moses. In other ways, too, like when the Lord Jesus said...Moses commanded for a testimony; or when the writer of Hebrews wrote...our Lord had sprung out of Judah; as to which tribe Moses spoke nothing concerning priests. So, all 5 books of the Torah bear the authorship of Moses. The words,...Moses wrote..., or...the Lord spoke to Moses, saying...appear throughout Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy, yet where in Genesis. A closer look finds Genesis chapters 1-11... permeated with Babylonian concepts and words; chapters 12-36...meets ...the customs and life of Canaan on every page; and that of chapters 37-50...enters an Egyptian atmosphere...the culture and civilization of the Valley of the Nile. Genesis seems to be...laid down in successive deposits, and...there are...evidences of different racial, social...religious contacts; and finally...it appears as if it was...written by those who lived in that part of the world...written as an eye witness account of what happened in the account. In fact, 11 times the words—these are the generations of..., or...these are the accounts of...appear, and evidently originates by one who...lived in that environment and spoke in terms of that civilization...so, by the evidence was...written by or in the possession of the one whose name is on it. Yet, Moses is indubitably held as author of the whole Torah. So, I do, too.

This introduces the survey, so I thank you for your fellowship. Each article will cover about seven chapters of Genesis. So, if it's been awhile since you have read it, and you want to read it again, the next article will go up to the Flood.

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