

Genesis 1-11 Summary

Genesis 1 and 2 represents two accounts of creation. Genesis 1 gives us a big picture view of creation. God is the one ordering and creating purpose. He creates time, land and skies, trees and plants and humans (which is the crown jewel of His creation). Genesis 2 portrays the creator God as a caretaker gardener. He creates humans with precise care and purpose. He gifts them with His good world. He blesses them. Humans and God share a living space. Heaven (God's space) and earth (human's space) are united. He is among His people. An evil force (represented by a snake) tempts the humans to rule creation apart from God's wisdom. They decide to become their own "gods" and rule according their own wisdom. This snake will not have the last say. A human will come who will be bruised by this snake, but will destroy all that the snake represents. *Spoiler alert: This is Jesus Christ!*

We see a downward spiral of human relationship and ultimately ending in rampant violence and wickedness. God's created order has become chaotic, due to the violence of humans. He wipes the earth clean by releasing waters to destroy all those who are wicked. He saves a family (Noah). The reboot of humans starts again. This Noah gets drunk and is found naked by his son Ham. Ham "sees" his father's nakedness and is cursed.

Eventually Babylon, which is representative of an evil empire in the bible, is born. God scatters the people, who live in Babylon, across the world. This is to protect them from themselves.

Will God ever live among humans again? How can humans rule creation in a good way-where humans can flourish? Are we doomed? Who is this human who somehow destroys this snake (evil)?



Genesis 3: A Weird Talking Snake

Genesis 1-3: God's good creation was gifted to Adam and Eve, who were called to be partners with God. Adam and Eve were co-rulers.



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Genesis 3: Snake Crushing Human



Genesis 6-8: Violence spreads and God brings judgement on land, starts over with Noah and his family



Genesis 9-11 The scattering of people groups across the world and the founding of Babylon