

**Week #1**  
**Genesis 1-21**

1. **Pre-history: 1-11: 4 great events: Creation, fall, flood, and Babel**
  2. **Redemptive history 12-50: 4 great men: Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph**
  3. **The phrase: “this is the account of” occurs ten times in Genesis and is literary structure of the book.**
  4. **This is seen in 2:4, 5:1, 6:9, 10:1, 11:10,27; 25:12, 19; 36:1, 37:2**
  5. **The overall narrative of Genesis begins after the prologue with the first human family in the Garden of Eden and works successively from Adam’s family through Noah and Shem to Terah and Abraham and finally through Isaac to Jacob (Israel), and thus to Joseph. At the same time, the family lines of the rejected sons (Cain, Ishmael, and Esau) are also given so that the chosen seed and the rejected brother are set off in contrast (the accepted son has a story, the rejected seed has a genealogy).**
  6. **God uses Noah to preserve human life in the great deluge (6-9) and God uses Joseph to preserve human life in the great drought (37-50)**
- I. Prologue: 1:1-2:3**
- A. Day 1: (Chapters 1-3)**
    1. Creation Account #1: The Primary Focus is on the Creation of the Universe: 1:1-2:3
      - a. The Nature of the God of Creation
      - b. The Nature of the Creation that God Created
- II. The Account of Human Beginnings: 2:4-4:26**
2. Creation Account #2: This is not a different creation account, but a more detailed account that expands on the creation account and the relationship of the man and the woman. The focus in this second section is on the Creation of Mankind and how they relate to the universe
    - a. Man’s Origin: 2:4-14
    - b. Man’s Responsibility: 2:15-17
    - c. Man’s Relationships: 2:18-25
    - d. Man’s Rebellion: 3:1-7
    - e. Man’s Interrogation: 3:8-13
    - f. Man’s Conviction: 3:14-19
    - g. Man’s Probation: 3:20-24
- B. Day 2: (Chapters 4-6)**
1. More Beginnings: 4
    - a. The First Children: 4:1-2
    - b. The First Murder: 4:3-16
    - c. The First Secular Culture: 4:17-24
    - d. The First Worshipping Culture: 4:25-26
- III. The Account of Adam’s Family Line: 5:1-6:8**
2. The Spread of the Curse: 5
    - a. God’s purpose for man: 1-2
    - b. God’s punishment of man: 5: the repeated and he died

- c. God's power is foreshadowed: 24: Enoch did not die
- d. God's promise is foreshadowed: 28: the curse maybe relieved
- 3. Creation is Corrupted: 6:1-9
  - a. The Patience of God: 1-3
  - b. The Sorrow of God: 4-7
  - c. The Grace of God: 8

**IV. The Account of Noah: 6:9-9:29**

- 4. What About Noah?: 6:9-22
  - a. Noah's Character: 9-13: sought by God's grace
  - b. Noah's Challenge: 14-21: obedience by faith
  - c. Noah's Compliance: 22: blessings of obedience

**C. Day #3: (Chapters 7-9)**

- 1. The Flood: 7
  - a. God's Commands: 7:1-10
  - b. God's Power: 7:11-12
  - c. God's Protection: 7:13-16
  - d. God's Justice: 7:17-23a
  - e. God's Mercy: 7:23b-24
- 2. The Aftermath: 8
  - a. God Preserves: 8:1-14
  - b. God Promises: 8:15-22
- 3. God Orders Repopulation of the Earth: 9
  - a. Man's Responsibility to Fill the Earth: 1
  - b. Man's Dominion over other life Forms: 2-4
  - c. Man's Life is Sacred: 5-17
  - d. Man's Life is Meaningful: 18-19
  - e. Man's Heart is Wicked: 20-28
  - f. Man Cannot Escape Death: 29

**V. The Account of Shem, Ham, and Japheth: 10:1-11:9**

**D. Day #4: (Chapters 10-12)**

- 1. The United World: What was wrong with the World: 11:1-9
  - a. This passage takes place before chapter 10, see 10:25: the scattering took place in the lifetime of Peleg
  - b. The world is one in their rebellion against God, they have not obeyed the commands in chapter 9 to fill the earth
  - c. The people try make a name for themselves: 11:1-4
  - d. God frustrates their plans: 11:5-9
  - e. Chapter 10 is the result of God scattering the nations
- 2. The Divided World: 10: The Table of Nations
  - a. The Descendants of Japheth: 1-5: coastal regions of Mediterranean Sea
  - b. The Descendants of Ham: 6-20: primarily become Israel's enemies, see 9:24-25: the curse of Ham, a quest for autonomy
  - c. The descendants of Shem part #1: 21-32: this chapter gives the reader an explanation of different cultures and how the earth was repopulated

**VI. The Account of Shem: 11:10-26**

- 1. The Descendents of Shem Part #2: 11:10-26

2. The author is getting really precise: he is honing in on one family: v.26:  
Terah, the father of Abram
3. The world is sustained by God's promise (God's covenant With Noah), man is redeemed by God's promise (God's covenant with Abraham: 12)

## **VII. The Account of Terah: 11:27-25:11**

1. Introduction to Abram
  - a. Introduces the reader to Abraham's family: 27
  - b. Introduces us to the major characters involved in the life of Abraham: Sarah, Lot, etc.: 28-30
  - c. Introduces the reader to Abraham's culture: 31-32
2. The Call of Abram: 12:1-9
  - a. The initiative of God: 12:1-3
  - b. The obedience of Abram: 12:4-6
  - c. The promise of God: 12:7-9
3. The Faithlessness of Abram: 12:10-20
  - a. Abram is faithless: 12:10-16
  - b. God is faithful: 12:17-20

### **E. Day #5: Chapters 13-15**

1. Abram's Faith Blossoms: 13
  - a. Abram's Survival: 13:1-4
  - b. Abram's Conflict: 13:5-7
  - c. Abram's Generosity: 13:8-13
  - d. Abram's Trust: 13:14-17
  - e. Abram's Worship: 13:18
2. Abram's Faith Conquers: 14
  - a. Abram's loss: 14:1-12
  - b. Abram's victory: 14:13-16
  - c. Abram's God prevails: 14:17-20
  - d. Abram's trust is solidified: 14:21-24
3. Abram's Faith is Reassured: 15: see Gen.12:7
  - a. How can God fulfill the promise of descendants to barren man? 15:1-6
  - b. How can God fulfill the promise to make a great nation without land? 15:7-21
  - c. How can God make sinners right with Himself: 15:6, Rom.4:3,9,22

### **F. Day #6: Chapters 16-18**

1. Abram's Faith Falts: 16
  - a. A Bad Idea: 16:1-3
  - b. A Bad Result: 16:4-5
  - c. A Bad Homelife: 16:6
  - d. A Bad Ending: 16:7-16; 12
2. Abram's Faith is Strengthened: 17
  - a. God's Promise: 17:1-8
  - b. God's Expectations: 17:9-14
  - c. Abraham's unbelief: 17:15-22: his head said no
  - d. Abraham's belief: 17:23-27: his actions said yes

3. Sarah's Faith is Challenged: 18:1-15
  - a. God's message for Sarah: 18:1-9
  - b. Sarah's response to God's message: 18:10-15
4. Abraham Intercedes for Sodom: 18:16-33

**G. Day #7: Chapters 19-21**

1. God's Intervention: The Destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah: 19
  - a. The affect of Sodom on Lot: 19:1-5
  - b. The affect of Sodom on Lot's home: 19:6-9
  - c. The affect of Sodom on Lot's influence: 19:10-15
  - d. The affect of Sodom on Lot's family: 19:16-35
  - e. The affect of Sodom on Israel's history: 19:36-38
2. God's Intervention: Protection for Abraham and the Promised Seed: 20
  - a. God's rule over deception: 1-2
  - b. God's rule over thoughts: 3-5
  - c. God's rule over peoples sin: 6-10
  - d. God's rule over lack of faith: 11-16
  - e. God's rule over prayer: 17
  - f. God's rule over the womb: 18
3. God's Intervention: Producing the Promised Seed: 21
  - a. The laughter of belief: 21:1-7
  - b. Peacemaking in the family: 21:8-21
  - c. Peacemaking with the neighbors: 21:22-34

**VIII. The Account of Ishmael: 25:12-18**

**IX. The Account of Isaac: 25:19-35:29**

**X. The Account of Esau: 36:1-37:1**

**XI. The Account of Jacob: 37:2-50:26**