

THE BIBLE IN STORY Number 12a—A Review of Genesis

I. Genesis is the book of beginnings.

1. The creation of everything.
2. The beginning of sin.
3. The beginning of God's work in saving man.
4. The beginning of animal sacrifice.
5. The beginning of the family through which Jesus was going to come.
6. The beginning of Israel's stay in Egypt, when the family became a nation.

II. It can be divided into three time periods.

1. From the creation to the flood—about 1 800 years.
2. From the Flood to Abraham—about 330 years.
3. From the birth of Abraham to the death of Joseph—about 375 years.

III. Some great lessons in Genesis—1 Corinthians 10:6; Galatians 3:24 (Note: "The law" as used in the New Testament referred to more than the Law of Moses. It included all the books of the Old Testament.)

1. Man was created without sin, just as a baby is born without sin—Romans 7:9; 2 Samuel 12:23.
2. Adam became guilty when he chose to sin, just as we become guilty when we choose to sin—Romans 7:9; Romans 5:12-14; Ecclesiastes 7:29.
3. From the beginning God had a plan to save man—Genesis 3:15; Ephesians 1:4.
4. Man cannot save himself from the guilt of sin. This is why he made sacrifices to God.
5. God hates sin so much that he destroyed mankind in the flood.
6. The ones who pleased God were those who lived by faith—Hebrews 11:6.
7. God's providence is seen throughout the Old Testament in that He chose Abraham, then Jacob, then Judah, and later David through whom Jesus would be born.
8. The whole life of Joseph is a lesson of how God blesses one who always keeps his faith in God.