

The New Inductive Study Series

TEACH ME YOUR WAYS

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GENESIS

And All Things Were Created by Him and for Him...

Genesis is the book of beginnings. If you want to know where it all started—creation, man, marriage, sin, civilizations, etc., then Genesis is the book you want to study. Genesis lays the foundation for the entire Word of God.

As you read through Genesis, you will find that the first 11 chapters cover four major events: creation, the fall of man, the flood, and the creation of the nations through the confusion of the languages at the tower of Babel.

The rest of Genesis, chapters 12 through 50, will center around four major characters: Abraham, Isaac, Jacob (Israel), and Joseph.

In eight short weeks you will not only have a good grasp of this critical book, but you will find yourself coming to a more intimate knowledge of your God and His ways. And to know and

Week One

DAY ONE

Read Genesis 1. In distinctive ways or colors mark each occurrence of the following two phrases: *Then God said* and *There was evening and there was morning, (a) _____ day.*

Note what was created, how it was created, and when it was created. If there is room, record this in the margin of your Bible next to the appropriate verses.

As you finish reading each chapter of Genesis, record the theme of that chapter on the GENESIS AT A GLANCE chart (pages 44-45). The theme of a chapter is discerned by observing the subject or the person which is dealt with the most in that chapter. You may also want to record the theme in your Bible by the chapter number.

DAY TWO

As you study the Bible you will see that sometimes the author explains something and then comes back to the same subject and covers it again, this time giving additional insight to what was said in the first incident.

Carefully read Genesis 2, as it gives a more detailed account of what God did when He created the heavens and the earth.

As you read, carefully list God's instructions to the man. Also note how woman was created and what the relationship of man and woman was to be like.

List your insights in your notebook. If you have room in the margin of your Bible, you may want to record your insights there. Do this throughout this course. If you record your notes in your Bible, you will always have them with you.

Read Matthew 19:3-9, as it is an excellent cross-reference. Note how it relates to Genesis 2; then, if you want to remember this passage in relationship to Genesis, put the "address" of the verses in Matthew next to the Scripture it relates to in Genesis 2.

DAY THREE

Read Genesis 3 and Revelation 12:9; 20:2. Mark every reference to the serpent (Satan, devil, etc.) with a red pitchfork. List all you learn about him and his tactics.

DAY FOUR

Read Genesis 3 again. This time concentrate on the woman. Ask the 5 W's and an H: who, what, when, where, why, and how about the woman and what she does in this chapter.

List all you learn about the woman, including what she is named and why.

Note the progression of her actions that lead up to eating the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. List what God says will happen to the serpent, Adam, and the woman.

DAY FIVE

Read Genesis 4. List what you learn about Cain and about Abel. Then trace Cain's offspring in this chapter. Note what these men did. It will give you insight into the earliest civilization of man.

DAY SIX

Read Genesis 4:25–5:32. Watch what you learn about

Seth and Enosh. Mark the word *likeness* and note the contrast between the two occurrences of this word. Also mark the key repeated phrase *and he died* and note in the margin of your Bible how long each man lived before he died.

Study the chart on page 46 and note that Adam is a contemporary of Lamech, Lamech of Noah, Noah of Abraham. Interesting, isn't it!

DAY SEVEN

Store in your heart: Genesis 3:15. Read and discuss: Genesis 3:1-15; Romans 5:12; 3:10-12; Isaiah 53:6.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION OR INDIVIDUAL STUDY

- What do you learn from these verses about sin? For instance, from what Adam and Eve did, and from the way the serpent tempted Eve, what would you say sin is? List your insights and discuss them. Maybe you know some other verses that define sin. If so, share them.
- What do you learn from Genesis and the other verses about the consequences of sin?
- If the root of sin is “turning your own way”—i.e., walking independently of God—what would the fruit of such a lifestyle be?
- Who or what would you say governs your life? How do you know? Why?
- Genesis is the book of beginnings. If there is time, discuss the “firsts” you have seen in these five chapters of Genesis (first man and woman, etc.).
- How do the truths of Genesis 1–5 compare with things you have been taught by others? Who are you going to believe?

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Have you recognized that you are a sinner and that there is only One who can grant you forgiveness of sins and set you free from slavery to sin? It is the Lord Jesus Christ, the seed of the woman who bruised the serpent’s head.

Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: When His mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child by the Holy Spirit. And Joseph her husband, being a righteous man and not wanting to disgrace her, planned to send her away secretly. But when he had considered this, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife; for the child who has been conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. And she will bear a Son; and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins” (Matthew 1:18-21).

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