

GENESIS –Lesson 1

Learn: Genesis 1:1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

Read: Genesis 1.

1. What is the meaning of the word Genesis?
2. Genesis is the first of the first five books of the Bible called the Pentatuch. In the Bible itself these books are called the books of _____.
John 7:19
3. Who does the Bible itself say wrote these books?
Exodus 24:4; Joshua 1:7-8; Daniel 9:11; Mark 12:26; Romans 10:5

According to the Scripture, who was responsible for exactly what the writer wrote?
II Peter 1:21; II Timothy 3:16

4. There are those who say that Moses was not the author of Genesis, saying that it was written much later in time. If one accepts this idea of a different authorship than what the Bible itself expresses, what are we saying about the Bible itself?
5. What details are noted in the following verses?
Exodus 15:27

Numbers 11: 7-8
6. Do details such as those shown in the previous two scripture passages indicate that the writer was a participant in the event or an editor who lived centuries later?
Explain your answer.
7. What are some kinds of details that would be difficult to learn centuries after the times written of, as seen in the following verses?
Genesis 13:10

Genesis 16:1-3

Genesis 33:18

Genesis 41:43

Genesis 48:17-20

8. What is indicated about the time when Genesis would have had to be written by such details as seen in the above verses?

NOTE: Certainly, Moses had both oral and written records of the history before his time, which he used in his writing under the control and guidance of the Holy Spirit. And someone else wrote the account of his death as recorded in Deuteronomy 34.

9. Genesis is a real history of individual people. How is this emphasized by the ten following sections?

Genesis 2:4

Genesis 5:1

Genesis 6:9

Genesis 10:1

Genesis 11:10

Genesis 11:27

Genesis 25:12

Genesis 25:19

Genesis 36:1

Genesis 37:2

10. What do we find in Luke 3:23-38 that ties the Old Testament to the New Testament?

NOTE: Genesis is a book about the beginning of many things: the world, man, sin, civilization, the nations, Israel.

Genesis also contains important theological themes: the doctrine of the living, personal God; the doctrine of man made in the image of God; sinful man; the anticipation of a Redeemer (Genesis 3:15); and the covenant promises made to the nation of Israel (Genesis 12:1-3; 15:18-21).

Genesis is a book unique among all literature, and foundational to all other books of the Bible.
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