

Genesis Bible Study Handout
Session Two, Monday July 28, 2021
Creation, Chapters 1 and 2

Overview of Genesis 1-11

Primeval History, Ancient, Pre-Recorded History

Some key differences from the Sumerian, Babylonian and Egyptians creation accounts

- The absence of a *theogony* – absence of a family tree.
- Conflict among the gods, e.g., Greek mythology
- Solid monotheism, One God
- High value given human beings

The two main types of literature in Genesis 1-11 are *genealogy* and narrative

Genealogies – six in this section, ten in all of the Genesis

2:4 Heaven and Earth
5:1 Adam
6:9 Noah
10:1 Noah's sons
11:10 Shem
11:27 Terah
25:12 Ishmael
25: 19 Isaac
36: 1 Esau
37: 2 Jacob

The interweaving of genealogy and narrative proves the basic structure of Genesis 1-11, God's Story and Humanity's Story:

Beginnings	1:1-2:25
Sinful Individuals	3:1-24
Family	4:1-26
Ten Generations	5:1- 31
Larger World	6:1-8:19 ending in catastrophe – The Flood

Post-Flood

Sinful Individuals 8:20 – 9:17

Family 9: 18-27

Larger Word 10:1 -11:9

Creation

God's Activity: speaks, creates, makes, blesses, gives laws, judges, grieves, saves, elects, promises, makes covenants, provides counsel, protects, confers responsibility to human beings, and holds them accountable.

The Big Ideas

- God creates. God is the Creator.
- Creation is not static. Interwoven into creation is change. Creation is dynamic.
- Our God is a God of relationship.