

Old Testament Overview Autumn 2021

Session 1: The Book of Genesis: *The Covenant founded, broken, and re-established*

Psalm 33:6-11

6 By the word of the LORD were the heavens made, their starry host by the breath of his mouth.

7 He gathers the waters of the sea into jars; he puts the deep into storehouses.

8 Let all the earth fear the LORD; let all the people of the world revere him.

9 For he spoke, and it came to be; he commanded, and it stood firm.

10 The LORD foils the plans of the nations; he thwarts the purposes of the peoples.

11 But the plans of the LORD stand firm for ever, the purposes of his heart through all generations.

1.1 Introduction

Aims of the course

Why study the Old Testament?

How will we study the Old Testament?

1.2 Why is Genesis so important?

'This is the account of...', 'These are the generations of...' (2:4, 5:2, 6:9; 10:1; 11:27; 25:12; 25:19; 36:1; 37:2);

Overview of Genesis 1-11

1:1-2:4 Creation

2:5-3:24 Fall

4:1-4:26 Cain and Abel

5:1-6:8 From Adam to Noah

6:9-9:29 Noah

10:1-10:32 New Nations

11:1-11:9 Tower of Babel

11:10-11:32 From Shem to Abram

1.3 Creation and Fall: Genesis 1-3

1.3.1 Creation

FORM	CONTENT
Day 1 Light (v3-5)	Day 4 sun / moon/ stars
Day 2 water / sky	Day 5 fish / birds
Day 3 land / vegetation	Day 6 beasts / human beings
And God said... v3, 6, 9, 14, 20, 24	
And God saw that it was good... v4, 10, 12, 18, 21, 25, very good v31	
And there was evening... v5, 8, 13, 19, 23, 31	

The Image of God 1:27

Purpose:

1.3.2 The Covenant of Works (cf Hosea 6:7)

The implication of creation:

Genesis 1:28 and 2:16-17

We owe our Creator a response

1.3.3 Cause of the fall

Sin entered because of _____

Sin =

1.3.4 Effects of the fall

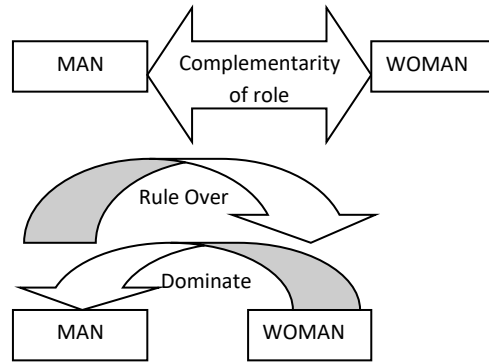
God → People → Animals becomes Animals → People → God

Broken fellowship with God (Genesis 3:8-13)

Broken relationships with each other (Genesis 3:14-19)

Genesis 2:20-25

Desire = desire to dominate (Gen 4:7)



The Future? (Genesis 3:15)

Romans 5:17

1.4 After the Fall: Genesis 4-11

1.4.1 Patterns of sin in Genesis 3-11

<i>Section</i>	<i>SIN</i>	<i>JUDGEMENT</i>	<i>GRACE</i>
Fall Genesis 3	The Fall (Rebellion against God)	Woman: pain in childbirth and marriage Man: pain in work	The promised seed
Cain and Abel Genesis 4	Cain kills Abel	Homelessness, fear of being murdered	The mark of protection
Noah Genesis 6-9	Universal Sin (6:5)	The flood – creation reversal	One man and his family and animals saved BUT Sin not dealt with (Genesis 9:18-29)
The Tower of Babel Genesis 11	The Tower of Babel (arrogant self-assertion)	Confusion of languages	To be continued... AND Sin affects all of society

1.4.2 Cain and Abel

1.4.3 Noah

1.4.4 Babel

*Come, let us build ourselves a city, **with a tower that reaches to the heavens, so that we may **make a name for ourselves** and not be scattered over the face of the whole earth***

Into the New Testament (Acts 2:17-24)

1.4.5 Why all the names?

5:1-32 = *Adam to Noah*

10:1-32 = *The families and nations descended from Noah's sons*

11:10-32 = *From Shem to Abraham*

Luke 3:23-38 From Jesus (via Joseph) back to Adam, and God

1.5 Abraham and the Beginnings of Redemption - Genesis 12-25

1.5.1 Outline – Genesis 12-25

The divine call and Abraham's response 12:1-9

Threats to the promises 12:10-14:24

 God's Covenant's with Abraham and the birth of Ishmael 15:1-17:27

 Sodom and Gomorrah 18:1-19:38

 Abraham and Abimelech and the birth of Isaac 20:1-21:24

Testing of Abraham 22:1-19

Land and family 22:20-24:67

Conclusion 25:1-11

1.5.2 God's Covenant with Abraham – Genesis 12, 15, 17

12:1-3 *The content of the covenant promise*

Land / Place: Genesis 15:7, 15:18

People/ Nation: Genesis 12:2, 15:5

Blessing / rule: Genesis 12:2-3

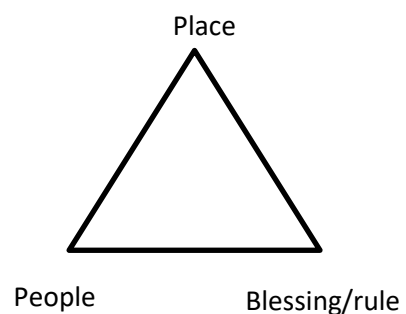
15:1-21 *The form of the covenant promise*

17:1-14

A bumpy road... Abimelech (12:10-20), Lot (13-14, 18), Ishmael (16) - A faithful God

1.5.3 Prophet Priest and King – Melchizedek

Genesis 14:18-20; Psalm 110:1, 4



Melchizedek is a _____ of Jesus Christ

1.6 Isaac and Jacob – Genesis 25-36

1.6.1 Isaac

Miracle birth, Genesis 21:3

A Sacrifice - Genesis 22:1-19

A wife from his own people, Genesis 24:1-67

1.6.2 Jacob

Genesis 25:19-23

Outline of Genesis 25-36

The genealogy of Ishmael 25:12-18

Jacob and Esau in Canaan 25:19-28:9

 Jacob's border experience with God 28:10-22

 Jacob with Laban in Haran 29:1-31:55

 Jacob's border experience with God 32:1-32

Jacob and Esau in Canaan 33:1-35:29

The Genealogy of Esau 36:1-43

And right at the centre – Genesis 29:31-30:24

God's promise to the children of Israel, 35:9-15

1.7 Joseph – Genesis 37-50

Genesis 37:1-7

by the end of the narrative:

- Joseph is blessed in Egypt, and a blessing to the Egyptians Gen 45:5, 50:20
- He and his brothers are reconciled, and have the beginnings of a great nation (70 people)
- But – they are not in the land – Gen 47:27, 50:24

Outline:

Joseph is sold into Egypt	37:2-36
<i>Tamar and Judah</i>	38:1-30
Joseph and Potiphar	39:1-20
Joseph in Prison	39:21-40:23
Joseph in the palace	41:1-57
1 st visit of Joseph’s family to Egypt	42:1-38
2 nd visit of Joseph’s family to Egypt	43:1-45:28
3 rd visit of Joseph’s family to Egypt	46:1-47:31
<i>The last days of Jacob and Joseph</i>	48:1-50:26

The development of Judah’s character:

Genesis 37:26, 38:26, 43:8-9, 44:18-34, 49:8-11

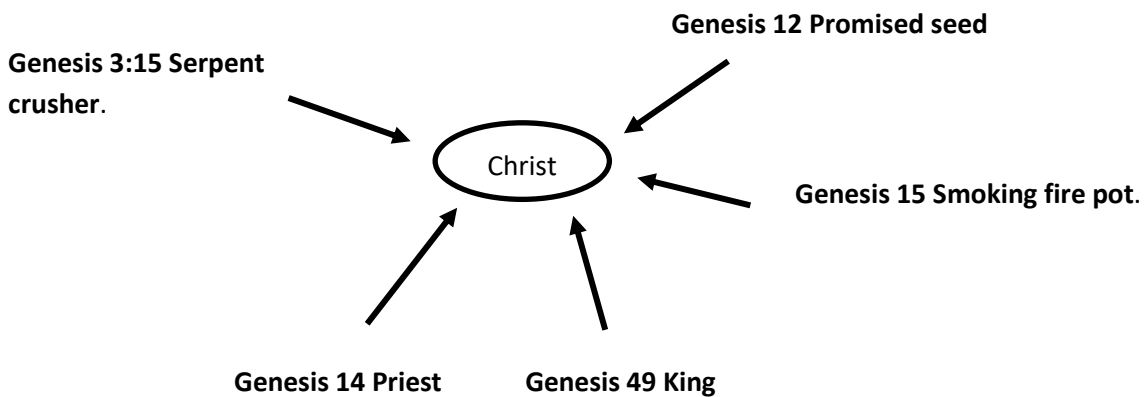
Into the New Testament: Matthew 1:1-3

1.8 Conclusion

1.8.1 A Summary of the Story So Far:

CREATION Genesis 1-2	FALL Genesis 3-11	REDEMPTION Genesis 12+	NEW CREATION Jesus +
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1.8.2 The picture so far and how it points to Christ



1.9 Bible Timeline