

Genesis, Chapters 1-11

Introduction

Three Genesis Units:

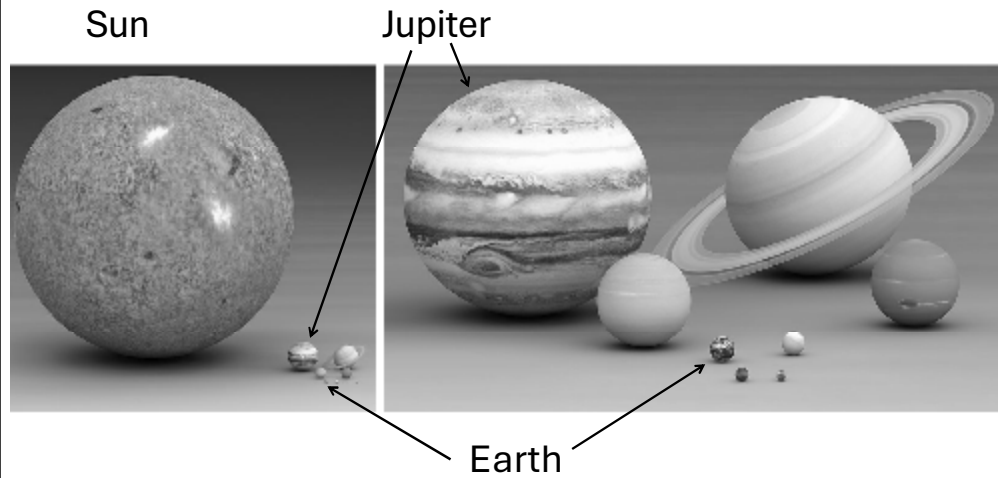
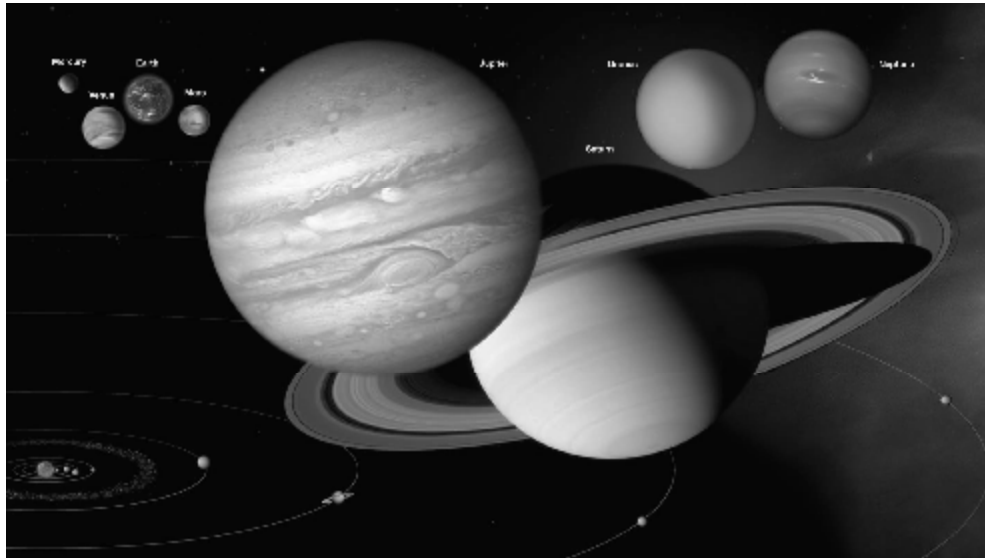
- Genesis 1-11: Creation to the Tower of Babel
- Genesis 12-25: Life of Abraham
- Genesis 25-50: Patriarchs—Isaac, Jacob, Joseph

Genesis 1-11 = Our Focus this Fall

- Creation of the World
- Creation of Humans
- The Garden of Eden
- The Fall
- Cain and Abel
- The Spread of Sin
- Noah and the Flood
- Covenant with Noah
- Noah's Descendants
- The Tower of Babel

These Foundational Chapters Address

- Why am I here?
- What is the meaning of life?
- What is God like?
- What does God want from me?
- How did evil infect the human race?
- Where did LOVE come from?
- What is my place in the universe?



Several Galaxies

They come in different sizes, but our Milky Way Galaxy contains about 100 Billion stars.

The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork (Psalm 19:1).

5,000 + Galaxies

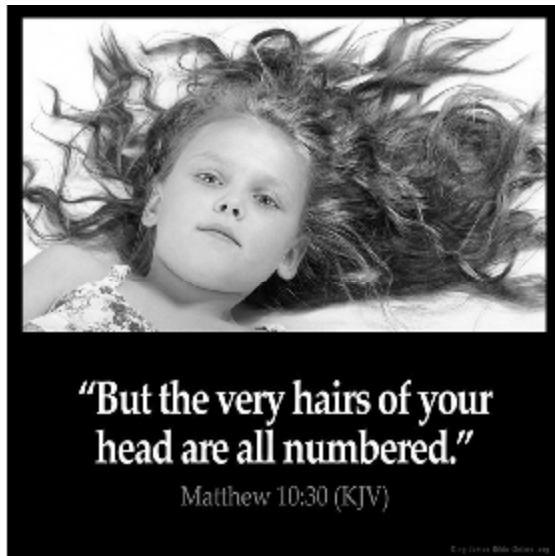


“By the word of the LORD the heavens were made,
And all the host of them by the breath of His mouth”
(Psalm 33:6).



Psalm 8:3-5

- ³ When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,
- ⁴ what is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him?
- ⁵ Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor.



Sparrows: “Not one of them will fall to the ground outside your Father’s care. . . . So don’t be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows” (Matthew 10: 29, 31).



For by Him [Jesus] all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible . . . —all things have been created through Him and for Him. He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together (Colossians 1:16-17).

Moses wrote the Torah or the Pentateuch (first 5 books):

1. Genesis
2. Exodus
3. Leviticus
4. Numbers
5. Deuteronomy



Jesus Cites Moses as the Author

- Now He said to them, “These are My words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things which are written about Me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled” (Luke 24:44).

Genesis as History, not Myth

- Luke 3:38 traces Jesus' biological history to Adam.
- Romans 5:12 & 14 tells us that through one man (Adam) sin entered the world.
- 1 John 3:12 refers to Cain and his brother (Abel) as real people.
- Hebrews 11 lists Abel, Enoch, and Noah as heroes of faith & examples to us.

Genesis as History, not Myth (Jesus' Words)

- Matthew 19:8 refers to how marriage was in the beginning (Gen. 2).
- Matthew 8:11 speaks of Abraham, Isaac, & Jacob (Gen. 12 ff).
- Luke 17:26-27 compares future judgment to the days of Noah & the Flood (Gen. 6-8).
- Luke 17:28-29 speaks of Lot & what happened at Sodom (Gen. 19-20).

Romans 1:18-20

- 18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth.
- 19 For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them.
- 20 For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse.

Romans 1:21-22

- 21 For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks, but they became futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened.
- 22 Professing to be wise, they became fools.

The Golden Rule of Biblical Interpretation

- When the plain sense of Scripture makes common sense, seek no other sense, lest it result in nonsense (Dr. David L. Cooper).
- Don't use human reasoning to twist Scripture into meaning what you want it to mean.
- Submit to the authority of God's Word.