

# SEARCHING THE SCRIPTURES

AN OVERVIEW OF THE OLD TESTAMENT

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A couple weeks ago we began a new series that I trust will honor the Lord Jesus Christ and be a special blessing to our congregation. We are doing as He directed us in Jn. 5:39.

# The Old Testament Is The New Testament Concealed: The New Testament Is The Old Testament Revealed

Augustine is often cited as the source for this famous quote, defining the meaning of the Bible, but it's origin is actually from the Bible itself. After Jesus had risen from the dead, He appeared to the disciples and told them: *“And he said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me. ~Luke 24:44*

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The book of Genesis begins with Creation and closes with a coffin. In between those events are many wonderful facts that should be an enlightening encouragement to the reader.

## I. THE PRIMEVAL HISTORY: BEGINNINGS OF THE HUMAN RACE, 1:1—11:32

### A. The Creation, 1:1—2:25

1. Introduction of the Creation, 1:1
2. Narration of the Creation, 1:2-31
3. Conclusion of Creation, 2:1-7
4. Consummation During Creation, 2:8-25

## B. The Curse, 3:1—4:15

### 1. The Fallen Race, 3:1-24

❖ After “the fall,” is the Protoevangelium:

#### The PROTOEVANGELIUM

The protoevangelium is the term used to describe the first mention of the gospel in reference to Genesis 3:15:

Gen. 3:15 And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

### 2. The False Religion, 4:1-15

❖ The first account of worshipping God involves God’s way vs. Man’s way.

This evening, we will see what happened soon after the fall of Adam – our personal prayer should be like David's:

Psalm 119:18 Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law.

## C. The Catastrophe, 4:16—9:29

### 1. A World Fast Ripening for Judgment, 4:16—6:22

## a. God's Assessment of Those Times, 4:16—6:7

### (1) The Ungodly, 4:16-24

Gen. 4:16 And Cain went out from the presence of the LORD, and dwelt in the land of Nod, on the east of Eden.

- ❖ The genealogical descendants from Cain were the first polygamists listed in the Scriptures (Gen. 4:19), and none are described as having spiritual testimonies.
- ❖ In essence, Gen. 4 is the beginnings of civilization.

## (2) The Unworldly, 4:25—5:32

Gen. 4:25 And Adam knew his wife again; and she bare a son, and called his name Seth: For God, *said she*, hath appointed me another seed instead of Abel, whom Cain slew.

26 And to Seth, to him also there was born a son; and he called his name Enos: **then began men to call upon the name of the LORD.**

- ❖ The end of chapter four closes with a positive note – “...then began men to call upon the name of the LORD.”



- ❖ In chapter five, the narrative shifts to following Seth's descendants.

Gen. 5:1 This *is* the book of the generations of Adam. In the day that God created man, in the likeness of God made he him;

2 **Male and female created he them**; and blessed them, and called **their name** Adam, in the day when they were created.

- ❖ Seth's genealogy is opposite of Cain's. Chapter 5 gives account of the next 1,000 years of Seth's ancestors.

After Creation = A. C.  
Timetable

<u>Name</u>	<u>Year Born, A.C.</u>	<u>Years Lived</u>	<u>Year Died, A.C.</u>
Adam	0	930	930
Seth	130	912	1042
Enos	235	905	1140
Cainan	325	910	1235
Mahalaleel	395	895	1290
Jared	460	962	1422
Enoch	622	365	987
Methuselah	687	969	1656 (Year of the Flood)
Lamech	874	777	1651
Noah	1056	950 (1536 warning came)	2006
Terah	1878	205	2083 (- 75 Gen. 12:4)
Abram	2008	175	2183

- ❖ Methuselah could have known Adam for 283 years, as well as known Noah for 600 years.
- ❖ Abram was born 2 years after Noah died. He knew Tereh for 75 years, and Terah could have known Noah for 128 years.

### (3) The Unruly, 6:1-7

Gen. 6:1 And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them,

2 That **the sons of God** saw the daughters of men that they *were* fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose.

3 And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also *is* flesh: yet his days shall be **an hundred and twenty years.**

4 There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when **the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men**, and they bare *children* to them, the same *became* mighty men which *were* of old, men of renown.

5 **And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.**

6 And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart.

7 And the LORD said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them.

8 But **Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD.**

❖ Mankind went from a perfect environment to such a degradation that the Creator was “...grieved at his heart.” (Gen. 6:6)

Jer. 17:9 The **heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked**: who can know it?

❖ From Gen. 3:15, the protoevangelium, a “seed” was promised and that seed was Christ.

Gal. 3:16 Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy **seed, which is Christ.**

- ❖ The Satanic assault on the “seed” was displayed in Gen. 6:2-4. (Later seen by Pharaoh and Herod.)
- ❖ The Creator knows the heart of mankind, his wickedness, and has provided the perfect solution – the Lord Jesus Christ.

## Conclusion

The first few chapters of Genesis glorify the Lord Jesus Christ as the Creator, as well as pointing us to the cross for redemption. Right after the Creation, Adam falls and sin permeates the world. Cain murders Abel and sin infiltrates the earth to a point of God's destruction.

Genealogies reveal descendants from Cain and Seth. Noah is introduced with a plan from God to preserve mankind. The Savior for mankind is the Lord Jesus Christ.

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2 Tim. 2:15 **Study to shew thyself approved unto God**, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, **rightly dividing the word of truth.**