

BIB 201 The Pentateuch

Lesson 2 - Human History part I: From Creation to the Fall

Intro. Human history begins with the creation!

Many more facts could have been included in the account however, the emphasis was upon revealing the origin of the earth and man and their fall and need for redemption. God does not attempt to prove His existence, He merely states, "in the beginning God"

"It amazes me to see the attempts of men that don't believe in the book of Genesis to write history. They don't know where to commence, they don't know where to end. They don't know how to interpret. They don't see the overruling hand of Divine Providence: blind as bats and moles, they detect no traces of the divine purpose and providence in the history of the world. But prophecy itself has its roots in these eleven chapters, on which all later revelation plants itself." BH Carroll

"Appropriately has Genesis been termed "the seed plot of the Bible" for in it we have, in germ form, almost all of the great doctrines which are afterwards fully developed in the books of scripture which follow: God 1:1, the Trinity 1:26, man 2-3, Satan 3, Sovereign election (Abraham - Isaac - Jacob), salvation (clothed in skins), justification by faith (15:6), eternal security (Noah), separation (Enoch), chastisement (Jacob), prayer (Abraham - Jacob), rapture (Enoch), incarnation (woman's seed), death and resurrection (Isaac), Second coming (Joseph), priesthood (Melchizedek), Antichrist (Nimrod), Palestine 12:7, Israel's future (13:16 22:18), judgment of wicked (Cain, Sodom).

1. Gen. 1 the greatness of God in creation -
 2. creation of the universe 1:1 - Time, Space, and Matter - not a cataclysmic event that makes up for geology
 3. a literal six day creation
 1. mention the gap theory based upon 1:2
 2. Day - Age theory - one day is a thousand years -
 3. "evening and morning were first day"
 4. you would have plants in day three for a thousand year with no sun

Note: this came when man began to doubt the Bible and accept what carbon dating and false theories supposedly revealed. Let God be true but every man a liar.

Note: Evolution is man's ultimate attempt to rob God of the glory and greatness of His creation.

Note: a key to understanding biblical events is knowing the evening comes before morning. In the Jewish calendar the day begins at sundown. Passover, last supper, crucifixion etc.

2. Gen. 2 the goodness of God in provision
 - a. provided rest for man on the sabbath 1-3

- b. provided a mist to water and eventually a man to tend the ground
 - c. provided a garden as a habitation with everything needed including tree of life, rivers, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.
 - d. provided a help meet (sufficient)
3. Gen. 3 the grace of God in redemption
- 4. the serpent and his deception
- Note: his comments in verse 5 was a half truth according to verse 22
- b. deceitfulness of sin verse 6 lust of the flesh, lust of the eyes, pride of life
 - c. man's attempt at covering their sin
 - d. man's recognition of his inability to stand before a holy God
 - e. the curse's
 - f. the serpent verse 14-15
 - g. the woman verse 16
 - h. the man verse 17-19
 - i. God's covering for their skin foreshadows the shedding of blood

Note: sin always causes our original separation from God and need for redemption, a curse or penalty, and a loss of God's blessing

Note: "the divine record of the fall of man is an unequivocal refutation of the Darwinian hypothesis of evolution. Instead of teaching that man began at the bottom of the moral ladder and is now slowly but surely climbing heavenwards, it declares that man began at the top and fell to the bottom. Moreover, it emphatically repudiates the modern theory about Heredity and Environment. During the last fifty years socialistic philosophers have taught that all the ills to which man is heir are solely attributable to heredity and environment. This conception is an attempt to deny that man is a fallen creature and at heart desperately wicked... Man has already been tested under the most favorable conditions and was found wanting. .. The trouble with man is not external but internal. What he needs is not a new berth, but a new birth." Pink

Conclusion

A comparison and contrast of Genesis with Revelation

Comparison

1. first rest 2:2 - Final rest 22:21
21:1
2. tree of life 2:9 - tree of life 22:2
3. river 2:10 - river 22:1
22:3
4. husband 2:21-24 - Lamb 21:9
5. Wife 2:21-24 - Bride 21:9
6. Garden 2:8 - city 21:2

Contrasts

- Paradise lost 3:6,23 - paradise regained
- Satan victorious 3:1-7 - Satan defeated 12:10,11
- curse pronounced 3:17 4:11 - curse removed
- gates shut 3:24 - gates open 21:25
- death descending 2:17 - death destroyed 21:4