

Genesis Review

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[0 : 00] This message was recorded at Vision Baptist Church in Alfred, Georgia. It is our prayer that you will be blessed by the preaching of God's Word. Genesis chapter number 1. Turn to Genesis. Anywhere you go will be okay because I'm headed there at some point.

In the Genesis chapter number 1, God looks at what He created and says, Behold, it is very good. All things God does is very good. As we do a review in the book of Genesis tonight, we're not playing hermeneutical hopscotch and skipping over any portions.

You can land at any part in this book and you can see what God was doing towards man, for man, on the behalf of man. And you can say what God does is very good.

He is highly exalted. He is worthy of our worship. And we learn that so clearly in the book of Genesis. So how many of you are good students in school? Would you raise your hand?

Your kids aren't watching. All right. I'm glad you said that. How many of you are good students? Wow. Man, maybe I should simplify this lesson then, okay? No, we got those of you that aren't.

[1 : 00] Maybe you should sit by a few of those that raised their hand because I'm preparing you for a quiz tonight. Pastor's coming back. He made quizzes on the book of Genesis. And I want us to be ready. I told Brother Philip I was going to try to bash on the book of Genesis.

Some of you may remember he tried to preach on the book of Hebrews one night. And we all decided we should never try that again. But he was okay with it. But I'm not going to do that by no means. You have Cliff Notes there.

And we put the sermons that pastor preached with the chapters the best I could. Looking over it today, I realized I missed several. But pastor started it on January the 23rd. And took us.

And then last service, we ended the book of Genesis, nearly 50 sermons. And when you spend that much time in a book, you feel like you need some closure. So I'm trying to feel some closure tonight in the book of Genesis.

It's not us. It's not the book of Genesis. It's you. We have to move on. Okay? We're moving the Exodus. And I hope we get some closure tonight as we do a quick review of it. 2,500 years it covers.

[1 : 59] Start in Genesis 1 to the end. Starts pretty broad and gets really narrow to the point we're studying the sons of one man and what he does. Starts out broad and gets narrow.

Two natural divisions in it. The first and verse 26 of 27 of chapter number 11. You start off with the creation of the world and the curse and the flood and Noah.

And then from that, you go to the patriarchal history. And that's Abraham all the way to the end of the book, his descendants and how God is making a nation. And in that section from 12 on, there's 12 divisions that are real clear that says these are the generation of.

And you can follow that. So in the very beginning of Genesis, you find that it's the world's most controversial book. And the first four words, which all of you should know, it says in the beginning, in the beginning.

In the first four words, atheism is disputed because God exists. Pantheism because God is distinct from creation. He's not part of it. He creates it. Polytheism because there's not multiple gods there.

[3 : 05] Materialism says matter is eternal. But God brought matter into existence. Naturalism, which would say evolution. Fatalism created by a personal act, but he didn't have to.

An impersonal act, but he chose to here. So in the first four words of our Bible, it makes it the most controversial book of mankind. And it says in the beginning, God.

We believe Moses wrote this because inside of the first five books in the Pentateuch in Numbers 33, he says that he did. Outside of it in Nehemiah, they said that Moses wrote it. And the biggest evidence is Jesus believed that Moses wrote it.

And when he quoted there in Genesis, and we haven't found him to be wrong about anything. So if Jesus believed Moses wrote it, then I believe it as well. And then the book of Acts, when they quote the first five books of the Bible, they'll say as Moses said.

Or they may say as God said, reminding us of the inspiration because it was God speaking through the human author there. So as we look at part one in our divisions here, we look at Genesis verses one and two.

[4 : 09] And in the beginning, God. Pastor preached on this eternal creator, God. Man is a creation. That sermon has been listened to over a hundred times that man is a creation.

From light, the firmament, the division there, the vegetation, and then sun, moon, and stars, the lesser lights. And everybody says, you can't do it like that. But God says, I want to do it like that.

I will create things because it centers around him and nothing else. Got sky and sea, land and animals on the sixth day. And we spent five sermons in Genesis chapter one and two.

And Pastor could have spent a lifetime and it would have been well worth it if we would have never got past those two chapters. And what did we learn about God? Which is our pursuit that we're going for. What did we learn?

Is that God can turn chaos into a good creation by his word. And that we see that, that his spoken word can create something out of nothing.

[5 : 07] And that's what he did. Pastor really belabored the point that we believe in a literal six days of creation. Not because of the science that would take place millions of years before that.

But because of the hermeneutical principles moving forward in the Bible. It's not just the problem if you want to add millions of years scientifically that you'd have to go against. It's what you're going to do with the next book and the next chapter if you do not read those first two chapters in this sense.

And believe in a literal creation. He creates all kinds of problems if you don't read it the way that it was intended there. Genesis 3, we get to 15. We're introduced to a concept for the first time which is grace.

God goes and finds man there. Hiding himself from him who is ashamed of his sin. And who knows his nakedness. And God goes to him. And he finds him.

And shows. Genesis 3, 15. And I will put enmity between thee and the woman and between thy seed and her seed. And it shall bruise thy head. And that shall bruise his heel.

[6 : 10] And we saw that God of grace on man's worst day. That when in the middle of him telling the serpent the curse upon him. And the woman that would be upon him. And the man that swayed the bearer.

In the middle of that he says I have a plan to redeem you. And to bring you back to me. And we learn about God right at the beginning. That he is a God of grace.

That in the middle of cursing and telling what would be the result of sin. He says I want you to know there's grace for you. And I love you so much that I'm going to send you out of this garden. Because I love you.

And he provides for them. Then we get to the brothers. And the first fight between the brothers Cain and Abel. Abel a more excellent sacrifice. Providing a godly heritage here.

More excellent not because of what was brought. But because of the obedience. When God outlined for them. That they knew what God wanted. And Abel was obedient. And that it matters.

[7 : 05] That we must please God in our worship. Or sin will ruin our lives as we see in Cain. That the fact that we worship him. And we worship him the way that he prescribes for us to worship him.

Is so important to us. And then we get to Enoch. And we see that those who walk with God can enjoy him. And anticipate victory over the curse. As seen there with Enoch. He walked with the Lord.

And we're reminded that after the fall. You could still walk with the Lord. And we're so encouraged by that. That gets us to Genesis 6. And in Genesis 6. Sin tries to take center stage right again very quickly.

Finally Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord. And he was made righteous because of that. Because of his faith in that. And then immediately afterwards at the flood. Waters reside.

Noah's family fall. There's sin there among them. And sin brings on a storm. And then we learned about the sons of God. And the daughters of men. And we left there with many questions.

[8 : 04] That we see. God established the covenant with Noah. And God will judge the wicked with a catastrophic judgment.

In order to start over with a worshiping community. And worship is that important. So by this far into the book. We realize that worship is so important to God.

That he will take a creation that he said was good. That was ruined by man. And that he would take a catastrophic event. To wipe everybody out. But Noah. Unless we start to think that humanity didn't matter to God.

He immediately teaches them. That mankind is responsible to preserve life. Because of its value to God. And he teaches that as soon as this all happens.

We are valuable to him. But his worship is most important. And he teaches us that there. Where Genesis 11.4. As I alluded to earlier. A group of people get together.

[9 : 04] And they want to make a name for themselves. They were the rebellious builders. It wasn't just. They weren't building stairs. As we said. On the flannel graph growing up. You thought they were trying to get into heaven.

Like Jack of the Bingstock. That wasn't the problem. Is that they were trying to make a name for themselves. And we weren't created to be builders of a name for ourselves. But we were supposed to replenish the earth.

And we were supposed to take his fame around the world. And he scattered them. In mercy. The flood was mercy. And the scattering then was mercy as well.

Then we get to the patriarchs in chapter number 2. So as soon as chapter number 11 happens. They're all together. The languages are divided. And then he sends them around the world. In 12 verse number 1.

It says. Now the Lord sends out a missionary. As soon as they scatter. He says. Abraham. Go get these people. And teach them about the one true God.

[9 : 57] And in contrast to the people that try to make a name for themselves. In 12, 2, and 3. He says. I will make of you a great nation. And those that bless you are blessed. And those that curse you.

I will curse. And in direct contrast. The man of faith. Versus these people. Who were sinful. And wicked people. Abraham rescues lots from his captors.

Abraham is blessed from Melchizedek. And honoring God for his work. In your life. Abraham would not take credit. He would not take a shoe latchet from them. But he wanted all praise. To go to God.

Abraham doubts God's promises. God has to reiterate it to him. Abraham's faith. We're told. Is counted of righteousness. In Genesis 15. 16. And we're seeing so clearly.

That Abraham. Being a man of faith. And that's what made him righteous. God tells Abraham. That his descendants will be slaves. In a foreign country. For 400 years. But his faith. Helps overcome.

[10 : 51] His fears. And God graciously. Protests his plan. When his people. Complicate it. Through. Their sin. God is loving and caring. Even when man. Complicates things.

Abraham. Sarah's wife. Gives his handmaiden. Haggard Abraham. Haggard conceives Ishmael. We saw the deliberating. That takes place. There in a delay. You see where God's going. We have a picture.

If you could put that back there. We see where God's going. In life. But we don't know exactly. The course that God's taking us. And why we are deliberating. On that. We often make. Bad decisions.

During that time. Abraham knew that God. Had a son for him. And he knew he was supposed to wait. But he decided to go and get it. Another way. And I saw this. Your plans. You know what God has for you.

And this is how you think. Things are going to happen. But we see. This is really what God's plan is. For Abraham. And that's what he has. In our lives. But he is going to be with us. All along the way.

[11 : 46] And we've been watching that. Genesis 12. There's a promise. But they have to wait. For the son of promise. Of the come. Genesis 17. God reminds of the covenant. And says there needs to be a circumcision.

Ishmael and the whole family follow that. Immediately. It happens. A man of faith. Who's acting out there. In faith. And then we find that. God sends. Three. Comes. And sits down with Abraham.

Showing that intimacy. That he still has there. Sarah standing in the doorway. Outside. And she laughs. When he says. She is going to have. A child. And God says. Why did you laugh?

And Sarah says. I did not laugh. And we learn that you should not. Lie to God. He hears you when you laugh. And he says. I'm going to redeem your laughter. I'm going to take your cynical type of laughing.

And I'm going to change it into a laugh of joy. She was worried what people would think of her. What are people going to say? I'm of this age. But later. When God redeems that laughter. She is a testimony. Of what God has done.

[12 : 45] That he could have used a younger person. He could have used a lot of people. But he chose to use her. And for his glory. And so as we're learning about God here. We learn that nothing is incredible. Or unbelievable.

For those in fellowship with God. Because nothing is too hard. For him. And Sarah laughs at that idea. But we know that God can do that. God destroys Sodom and Gomorrah.

God escapes with his daughters and his wife. And the sin destroys. In a home. And Pastor Frick showed us very clearly. That it is a dangerous folly. To become attached to the present corrupt world.

Because it is awaiting God's destruction. The righteous judge of the earth. Will not destroy the righteous with the wicked. And we see that. A city is destroyed. That Lot is the righteous man.

We find that in scripture. He was a righteous man. He was vexed. That God does not destroy him. But we see his wife turning. And that she felt an attachment to the present corrupt world.

[13 : 45] 20. Abraham moves his family. He lies about Sarah. Biblick the king there. Takes Sarah onto his harem. And God curses the people because of it. Sarah gives birth to Isaac.

Ishmael and Hagar are sent away. But as they are sent away. God goes and finds Hagar. And finds Ishmael. And God cares for them. Because he cares for all people.

22. God calls Abraham to sacrifice Isaac. 22. 8. Abraham says God will provide himself a lamb. And those of us who know the scriptures. Know how powerful that statement was.

And what it was foreshadowing. And how God provided. We see in the New Testament. That Abraham believed that God would take Isaac. And bring him back to life. If he was to take the knife to him.

And that faith trusts God with all of it. And we see here that faith. The type that Abraham has. Is not in a situation. But it's in a person. Which means as ridiculous as it sounds.

[14 : 42] Or whatever. My faith is placed in God. And he's able. Faith is going all in. In moments like that. And then our choices are real. That God's involvement is performed.

In such a way that. We. That we must make responsible choices. And we don't know exactly how that works. But it's seen time and time again. Chapter 23.

Abraham buries Sarah. Abraham sends his servant back. To get Isaac a wife. Where Isaac needed a little help. They didn't have e-harmony or dating. So Abraham sends somebody. To go find Isaac a wife.

And it worked out for him. Fortunately. There. Abraham marries otherwise. Abraham dies. Ishmael dies. After 20 years of prayer. Rebecca bears two sons. Esau. And Jacob.

And Esau sells his birthright. To Jacob. For a bowl. Of stew. There. And. We find that he despised the birthright. 25. Verse 34. Being the key verse in that story.

[15 : 40] It says that he despised. He made little. Of it. And pastor asked a very profound question. That night. Is what is your attitude. Towards spiritual. Opportunities. And he asks us that.

Because here was a man. Who sold his birthright. To satisfy. A temporary thing. That he had going on. People are willing. To relinquish things. Of lasting spiritual value.

Because they live. To satisfy. Their basic. Appetites. We see that. In that story there. Genesis 26. Another famine. Comes there. And Isaac.

Can you believe. Wives. That they said this. They. Abimelech says. Hey. Why did you. Why did you. Why did this happen. The king of Philistines said. Why did you put your wife.

At jeopardy. And the bonehead. In chapter 26. In verse number 9. He said. If I told you the truth. Lest I fear. I might die for her. He's like. I don't want to die for my wife.

[16 : 35] And so. I had to lie to you. What the most. Unromantic. Verse. Ever. I had to lie to you. Or I might have to die for her. All right. Hallmark doesn't make cards like that. Okay.

I love you. But. I didn't get you anything. Lest I die for you. I didn't do that. And. A mature faith. In God's promise. Provides a fearless walk with him.

The cowering fear. Endangers the blessing. Makes a mockery. Of our faith. Isaac wavered. Because his faith. Was not set. As it should have been. And we see how to ruin. A perfectly good.

Family. That was a great one. At the end of your booklet. You can see where to go. Listen to all the sermons. Here. And tonight. Is this the greatest hits. All right. Genesis 30. 27 through 35.

Jacob steals Esau's blessing. And Esau plots to kill Jacob. At the end of 27. Jacob flees from Esau. And God appears to Jacob. In a dream. While at Bethel. And God promises to bless Jacob. With the same blessing.

[17 : 29] He gave Abraham. And he gave the blessing. And this effectual revelation. Of God's protective presence. And promised blessings. Should inspire devout. And faithful worship.

As they would begin. To teeter. And as they would begin. To waver in it. And they begin to make bad decisions. Based on it. God would come back. And say. Let me remind you. Of a promise I made. To Abraham. In Genesis 12.

2-3. You see that quoted. Again and again. In the Bible. That the promises of God. Are supposed to let us. Stand fast. And be unmovable. Because we know. Our foundation.

Is steadfast. And unmovable. Jacob falls in love. With Rachel. He works seven years. To marry Rachel. And he gets tricked there. He works another seven years. And we learn about.

Making our spouse a priority. The long road home. Jacob has more sons. And daughters there. Jacob sleeps from Laban. In chapter number 31. He catches up with them.

[18 : 23] They come to an agreement. And then by 32. Jacob prepares to meet. Esau. And he wrestles. With God. God. And in Genesis 32.

Verse 8. Jacob becomes. The name. Israel. And he learns. That that becoming strong. In faith. Believers must. Rid themselves. Of self-sufficiency.

And it's a wonderful thing. Because he wrestles. With God. And that applies. To so many things. In our lives. Where we wrestle. With God. And we get rid of. Our self-sufficiency. And say.

You are stronger. We submit to you. And you are no longer. A trickster. But you are now. Israel. And I am preparing you. To make. A great nation. Jacob meets his brother.

Esau. And he is scared. He said. I am going to send some gifts to you. So you have grace on me. Which is exactly. How grace works. He said. I want to have grace. In your eyes. And when Esau sees him. Esau in 33. 10 says.

[19 : 16] I have grace to you. And he looks at him. And he said. We still take my gifts. And Israel is here. Surprised by the grace. Of Esau. And we learned here. About living up to who we are.

In Christ. The way that Jacob thought. His brother would view him. Is different than the way. His brother viewed him. And the way that you think. God thinks about you. Is many times much different. Than the way that you should think.

About those things. The prince of Shechem. Rapes Diana. Jacob's daughter. Jacob's son. Simeon and Levi. They make a plot. And they kill all the men of Shechem. In revenge. And that story is going to come back.

To haunt them. If you will. In chapter number 48. As God says. These are cruel people. And we learn at this time. Dads. Listen here. That when spiritual leaders. Are indifferent to. And fail to act decisively.

About pagan defilements. Those who are immature. May profane the covenant. By their misguided zeal. Jacob here. Israel here. Should have taken steps.

- [20 : 12] When this happened. And since he didn't. Clearly define. What happens with sin. His sons. And their zeal. Go and kill. A city. And they become called. Cruel people.
- God calls Jacob. To Bethel. Chapter 26. Is the genealogy of Esau. Which is so reassuring. That we have a whole chapter. About Esau. And his genealogy.
- Even though he missed. That opportunity. Earlier on. And you know what it does. Is the original audience here. For the book of Genesis. It appears that Moses wrote it. In the wilderness wondering. And then it's going to be.
- Some 440 years. When Genesis 50 ends. It's going to be some 440 years. Before the children of Israel. Go back into the land. And when they go back into the land. God's going to say.
- Spare the Edomites. Who are the Edomites? They are the descendants. Of Esau. And so as they're about to go in. And take the land. God in his book here. Provides protection for them.
- [21 : 06] And says. Leave those Edomites alone. Because I know you guys. Don't remember this. But that was. Israel's. Brother. Esau. And you need to spare. The Edomites.
- And that whole chapter. Provides protection. It outlines who those people are. For them. Genesis 37. Joseph. Is the dreamer. They said in 37.19. Behold the dreamer.
- Will come. And God's will. Just might hurt. Back to the comical picture we saw. He has a promise in the future. He thinks he knows how he's going to get to it. But the path here. It goes up.
- And it goes down. And you may know your destination. But you do not know the course God. Has designed for you. So you have to trust his wisdom. When the next thing looks hard. You have to trust his wisdom.
- In that 38. There in 38. Judah. We get to Judah. I preached that night. I was all excited about the life of Joseph. Opened my Bible. And said. It's stinking Judah. It isn't Joseph.
- [22 : 00] And we saw in there. How Judah. The contrast. Between Joseph. That would trust God. And a Judah. Who had done all these. Wicked things. There. An unwielding. For his son.
- His son was unwilling. To build his brother's name. And because of that. That they would die. And we see. Then we get back to Joseph. At Potiphar's house. And these arrows.
- Are going over Joseph now. He's in a prison. And he gets forgotten. Arrows are over his head. We see. For Judah. That self-indulgence. Will bring discipline. And that the discipline.
- Is God's love. In saving us. From ourselves. Dedication. To the calling of God. Will enable the servant of God. To resist. Temptation. So in Judah. We see.
- What kind. The children of Israel are. And how the culture. Is affecting them. And why he's going to take them. Into Egypt. And take them into a culture. That hated people. That handled cattle. And how. He was going to bring them.
- [22 : 53] Into slavery. But that was going to save them. From themselves. Because if they continued. The course of chapter number 38. Like Judah. They were just going to. Disperse. Into the culture. And disappear.
- So God. In his goodness. Put them. In that opposing culture. And we see that. But then we see. In Joseph. That a dedication. To the calling of God. Enables the servant of God. To resist.
- Temptation. He knew that God. Would be faithful. So because of that. He would be faithful. Chapters 40 through 45. Joseph interprets. The dream. Pharaoh's dream.
- The prime minister. We learn about being truly guilty. Here as his brothers. Well there in 42. 28. There's a back and forth. That Joseph is doing these things. To see their intent.

Of their heart. To see if they're the same. Sneaky brothers. That had sold him the slavery. 42. 28. The brother says. What has God done. To us. They come to. An end of themselves. And that's where Judah.

[23 : 48] Gives to a place. Of just. Confession. And honesty. And repentance. Which is so important. Because remember. We're going to go. Not. Not Reuben. Who will get skipped. Not Simeon and Levi.

Who destroyed a city. But then it's going to go. The Judah. Who will have the divine prince. Of Jesus come through. His genealogy. Because it's at that time. He recognizes his sin. And he takes ownership. Of it.

In his life. And then as we got there. To chap. As we ended out. Chapters 45. Then on to 50. We find that. Not only does Jacob.

Get to see. Joseph once again. But then he gets the opportunity. To see. His grandsons. And then he. He sees that.

And it's a wonderful thing. And Jacob. At the end of his life. Says that he sees God. As his shepherd. There. He doesn't say it in exact words. But he sees that God. Had provided for him.

[24 : 43] And had disciplined him. In a loving way. Then he brings his children in. And we learn about them. And they're like. In the different animals. And then at the end of it.

He's going to die. And remember. We finished this the other night. The brothers come in. And said. Hey Joseph. Be nice to us. Dad said so. You have to be nice to us. Here's a letter. He said. Be nice to us. Please be nice to us.

Joseph cries. And says. Guys. Don't you understand. That I have been paying attention. Through all these chapters. Even though you may not have been. And I know. That I am not going to sit in the place of God.

And I know that despite your malice. That God has been good to us. And I'm going to show you. The love. Of God. And so through the book of Genesis. We see that God is faithful.

God is gracious. And he is loving. And we see that man is constantly failing him. In need of repentance. And he is loving. And allowing us to keep serving him.

[25 : 38] And it is a wonderful thing. So if you have cliff notes there. If you're not going to read the book. And you're going to take a test on it. Your main character is here. God. He's faithful. He's eternal. He's true.

And all things he does. He does well. And then you have man. And he is always stumbling. And falling. And needing God. And God continues on loving us.

And then you saw Satan. The antagonist of the story. Who thought he had recruited us to his team. Because unlike us. Satan can't have children and offspring. So if he could corrupt us at the spring.

He thought he would do something. That would take mankind. But God says. I love my children. I'm going to take them back. For my own good. For my own glory. And he loves us. So I know you got 49 sermons.

All in one. But I have one main point. And that is. God is good. And you are not. But he still loves you. And has a wonderful plan. For your life. And man.

[26 : 35] That was an exciting ride. As pastor took us through it. You got the. You got a link there. I challenge you to go. Look at it. And pick up where you left off. I didn't miss one. I was gone different times.

I was upstairs on Thursday. But I did not want to miss one. And now. They're about to go into captivity. But in Exodus. We will get out of it. But you know. One day. We're going to be in the middle. Of one of these books.

And Jesus may come back. And we'll get to finish it. Sitting at his feet. And I know pastor. Won't mind you saying this. That he'll do a much better job. Explaining it. Than anybody else here.

Can. Are you excited about the fact. That God is good. Despite that we are rebellious people. I know I am. I am going to pray. And then. Miss Kristen. If you'll just play a couple verses. Pray in your seat.

Meditate upon that. We'd like to come to an altar. And then after that. Brother Bo. Will come and make. A few announcements. Heavenly Father. We thank you. That we get to see. This book.

[27 : 29] We get to learn about creation. We would be so. Curious. And we'd be guessing. And we'd be making up things. About creation of the world. And about your character.

And who you are. And we would be in darkness. And blind. If you didn't give us a book. And I'm so grateful. That you did give us a book. And we see from day one. All the way to this day.

That you have dealt graciously. With mankind. That in times where it looked like. You were being harsh to us. You were being the most. Loving. Thank you for these examples. Of people that.

When they wavered in the faith. You kept. Your plan consistent. And moving forward. I pray for my brothers and sisters. In here tonight. Who may be thinking they're good. And that you are bad.

I pray that. This book will remind them. That if that is not. The case. That you are gracious. And loving. And we are very much. In need of you. This message was recorded.

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