

GENESIS

CHAPTERS 1-11

Introduction...

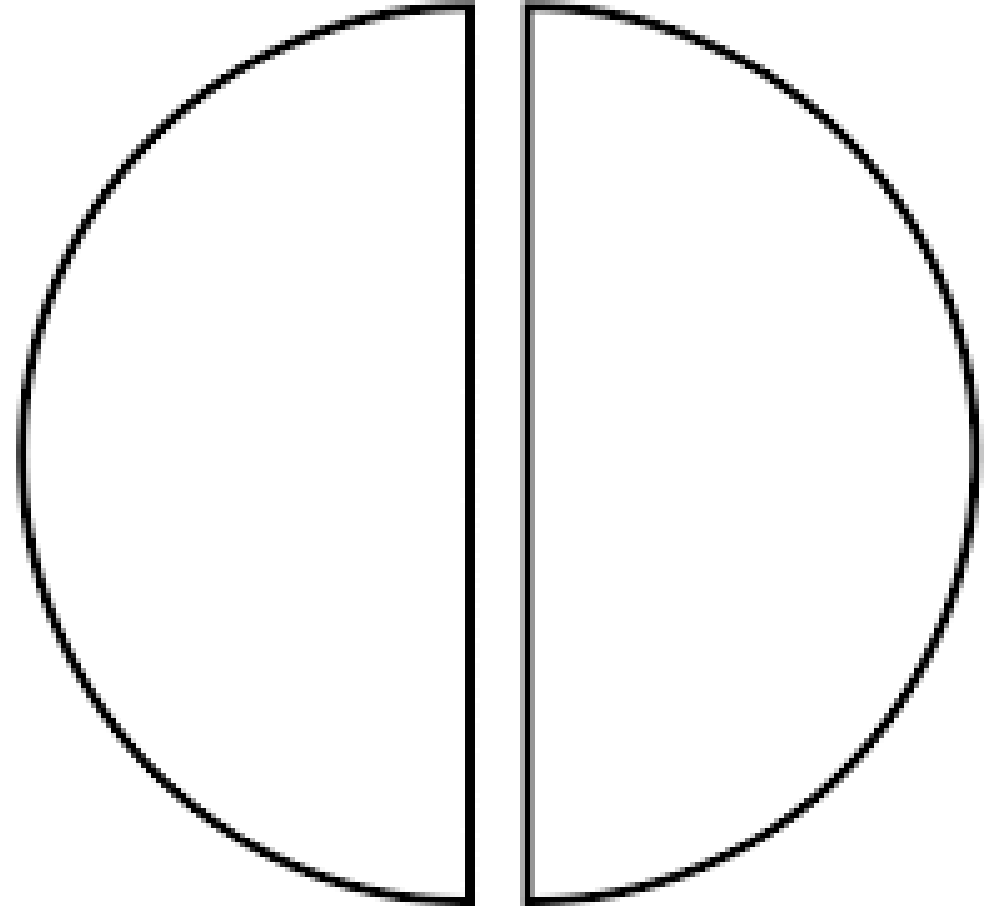
- In the last session we started exploring the Book of Genesis looking at verses 1 & 2.
- In this session we will now pick up 'warp speed' to travel across approximately 2000 years.
- The first eleven chapters of the Bible set the stage and context for the rest of the Scriptures.



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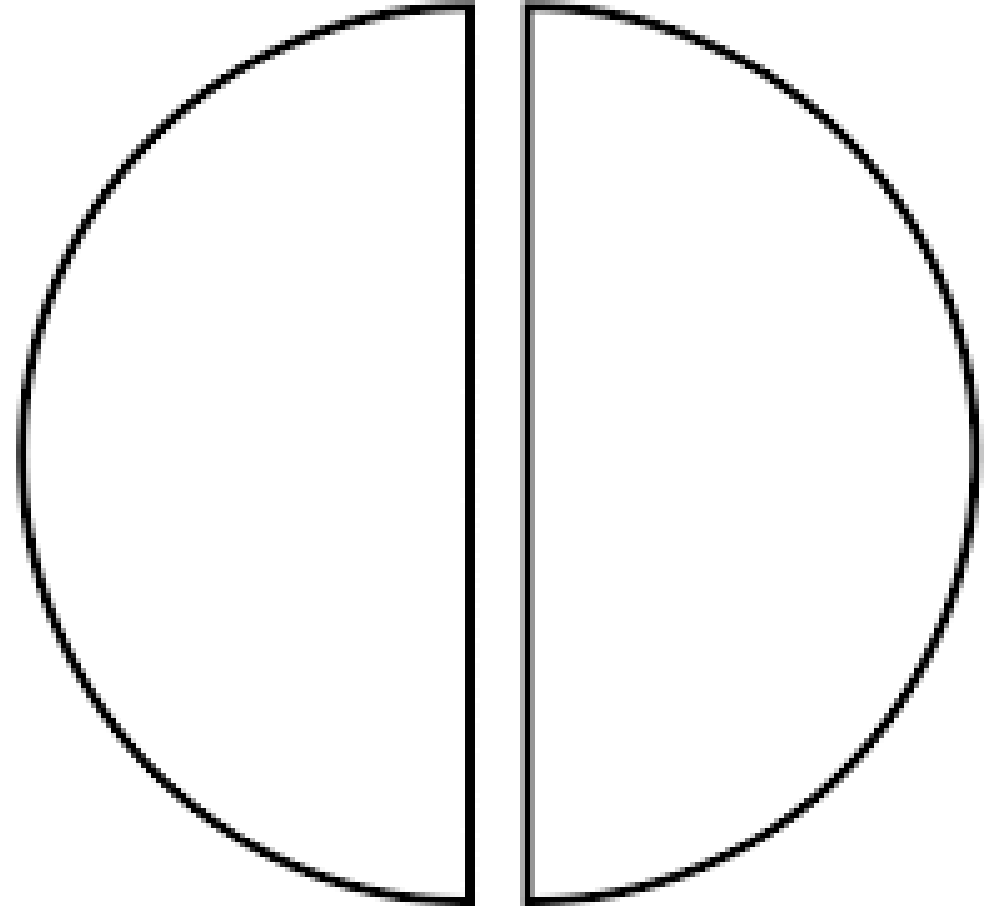
Introduction...

- Genesis is a book of two halves
- The first half is chapters 1-11
- This half is the 'history' of the whole of mankind.
- How the world started, what went wrong and the 'Descent' of Man
- Chapters 12 onwards starts to unravel God's redemptive plan for Humanity by choosing one Man Abraham and his Family line.



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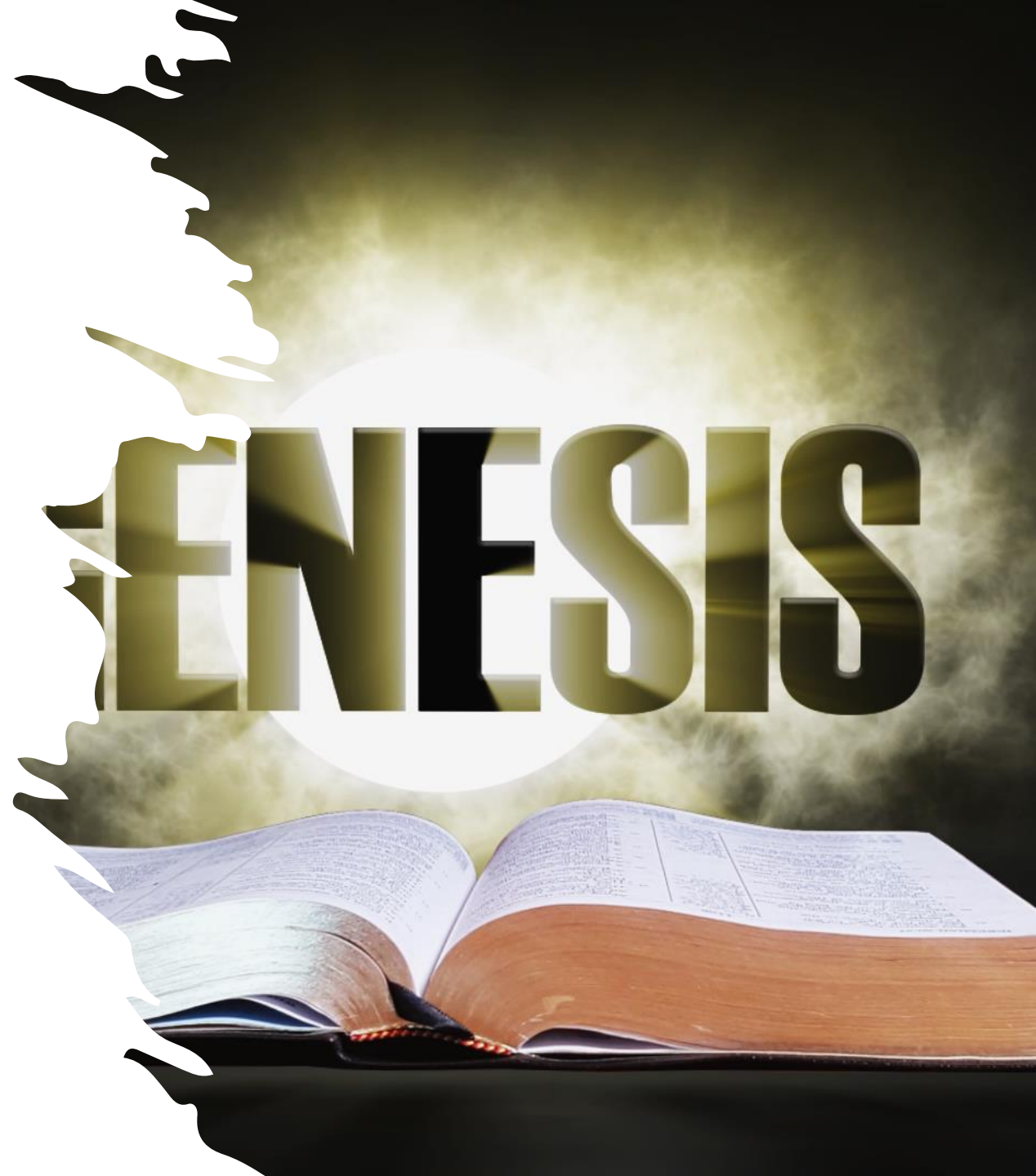
- You could say Chapters 1-11 are the context of Humanity
- That from Chapter 12 the camera zooms in on the story of the Israelites from Abram.
- The drama of mankind shifts to the drama of redemption.
- Chapter 12 is the 'key' to the whole redemption story until Christ who is the DOOR.



Introduction...

We will travel through the first part of Genesis in this session by looking at Five things that happened:

- The Formation
- The Fall
- The Flood
- The Fallout
- The Family





FORMATION

- The first two chapters stand as a combined narrative of God as Creator
- The first creation account is different from the that of Chapter two
- In the first God stands apart from and above His creation
- In the second account, God is imminent and involved with creation.

FORMATION

- Rather than approach the creation account from a scientific combative stance, see the narrative for what it is. A narration.
- God does not bother to explain or unpack His choice of language or terms. HE IS CREATOR
- Thus, chapters one and two are the same coin with different sides
- Two revelations of a God who is above and beyond as well as close and within.





FORMATION

- We should not approach Genesis and get bugged down with the first two chapters.
- Rather read the first 11 chapters as a whole to see the full picture of what they are saying.
- God has created a world and Man as the Vice-Regent over the whole Earth.
- He is to govern over creation, name the animals and subdue or rule over the realm.

FORMATION

- God placed Man in the world for the purpose of filling and subduing the Earth.
- To take the Glory and investment of Eden out to the whole Earth.
- Eden was the starting place for Man's formation, relationship with God and creation.
- Spreading out and filling the Earth with God's Glory has always been the plan. This is the theme of the whole Bible.



FORMATION...

- “Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth?
Tell me, if you know so much.
7 as the morning stars sang together
and **all the angels** shouted for joy?
- Job 38:4-7
- Food for thought: how old is the Earth? When did Lucifer fall? Why was Adam created as a grown man? Could God have created a ‘grown’ old Earth and universe?
- If you are interested in discussing these on a different forum. Ask PJ





FALL...

- The agenda of God was 'stalled' by the FALL of Adam.
- The CHOICE was doing things God's way or Man's way.
- Adam choose the later and brought SIN and DEATH into the world
- The dream of Eden is 'locked away' for a season.
- The DESCENT of Mankind begins

FALL....

- ¹² When Adam sinned, sin entered the world. Adam's sin brought death, so death spread to everyone, for everyone sinned.
Romans 5:12



FALL....

- ⁴ And it was not Adam who was deceived by Satan. The woman was deceived, and sin was the result 1 Timothy 2:14
- By choosing to willingly go against God's commandment, Adam becomes the father of all disobedient mankind who prefer their way to God's way.
- Sin therefore becomes the virulent spiritual and moral decadent virus that infects us all which needs a 'vaccine' which is Christ.
- ²⁴ Oh, what a miserable person I am! Who will free me from this life that is dominated by sin and death? ²⁵ Thank God! The answer is in Jesus Christ our Lord. Romans 7:24



FELONY...

- The story of Cain and Abel is like a parable of all human history. That of rivalry, competition, jealousy, violence and murder.
- We see the sin virus at work in Cain:
- But if you refuse to do what is right, then watch out! Sin is crouching at the door, eager to control you. But you must subdue it and be its master.”
- ⁸ One day Cain suggested to his brother, “Let’s go out into the fields.”^[c] And while they were in the field, Cain attacked his brother, Abel, and killed him. Genesis 4:7-8



FELONY...



- ²³ One day Lamech said to his wives Adah and Zillah, hear my voice listen to me, you wives of Lamech.
- I have killed a man who attacked me, a young man who wounded me.
- ²⁴ If someone who kills Cain is punished seven times, then the one who kills me will be punished seventy-seven times!"
- Genesis 4:23-24

FLOOD

- When Lamech was 182 years old, he became the father of a son. ²⁹ Lamech named his son Noah, for he said, “May he bring us relief^[d] from our work and the painful labor of farming this ground that the LORD has cursed.” ³⁰ After the birth of Noah, Lamech lived another 595 years, and he had other sons and daughters. ³¹ Lamech lived 777 years, and then he died.
- ³² After Noah was 500 years old, he became the father of Shem, Ham, and Japheth

Genesis 5



FLOOD

⁵ The LORD observed the extent of human wickedness on the earth, and he saw that everything they thought or imagined was consistently and totally evil.

⁶ So the LORD was sorry he had ever made them and put them on the earth. It broke his heart. ⁷ And the LORD said, “I will wipe this human race I have created from the face of the earth.

Yes, and I will destroy every living thing— all the people, the large animals, the small animals that scurry along the ground, and even the birds of the sky. I am sorry I ever made them.”

⁸ But Noah found favor with the LORD.



FLOOD

- There are studies that extrapolate the possible population on the Earth before the flood.
- There are estimates of around 1Billion due to the rapid rate of production and the length of lifespan
- After the flood, the Earth's population reached 1Billion around AD1850
- 1930 2B, 1962 3B, 1975 4B



FLOOD

- The Flood was more than just rain.
- God allowed the oceans to breach their shorelines
- The firmament of water above the Earth was unleashed
- With 1.34 billion cubic kilometers of in the oceans and a surface area of 510 million square meters, there is enough water to cover the whole Earth completely to a depth of 2600 meters or 8,600 feet! - Quora



FLOOD

- The Hindus
- The Chinese
- The Babylonians
- The Greeks
- The Egyptians
- All these and others have ancient chronicles of a worldwide flood in antiquity.



FALLOUT

- After the Flood, God blesses Noah and his sons and family
- God gives them a similar blessing and commission as He did with Adam:
- *Then God blessed Noah and his sons and told them, “Be fruitful and multiply. Fill the earth. ² All the animals of the earth, all the birds of the sky, all the small animals that scurry along the ground, and all the fish in the sea will look on you with fear and terror. I have placed them in your power. Genesis 9*



FALLOUT

- ⁷ Now be fruitful and multiply and repopulate the earth.” Genesis 9:7
- God’s agenda is coming out again
- To take God’s Glory and mandate across the whole Earth and to follow His lead and guidance.
- But Man chooses his own way instead



FALLOUT

- At one time all the people of the world spoke the same language and used the same words. ²As the people migrated to the east, they found a plain in the land of Babylonia^[a] and settled there.
- ³They began saying to each other, “Let’s make bricks and harden them with fire.” (In this region bricks were used instead of stone, and tar was used for mortar.) ⁴Then they said, “Come, let’s build a great city for ourselves with a tower that reaches into the sky. This will make us famous and keep us from being scattered all over the world.”
- **Genesis 11**



FALLOUT

- ⁸ In that way, the LORD scattered them all over the world, and they stopped building the city.
- ⁹ That is why the city was called Babel, ^[b] because that is where the LORD confused the people with different languages. In this way he scattered them all over the world.



FAMILY...

- The eleventh chapter ends with the camera lens on a man call Terah who has three sons; Nahor, Haran and Abram.
- It appears that he intends to go to Canaan but changes his mind and settles in a place called Haran



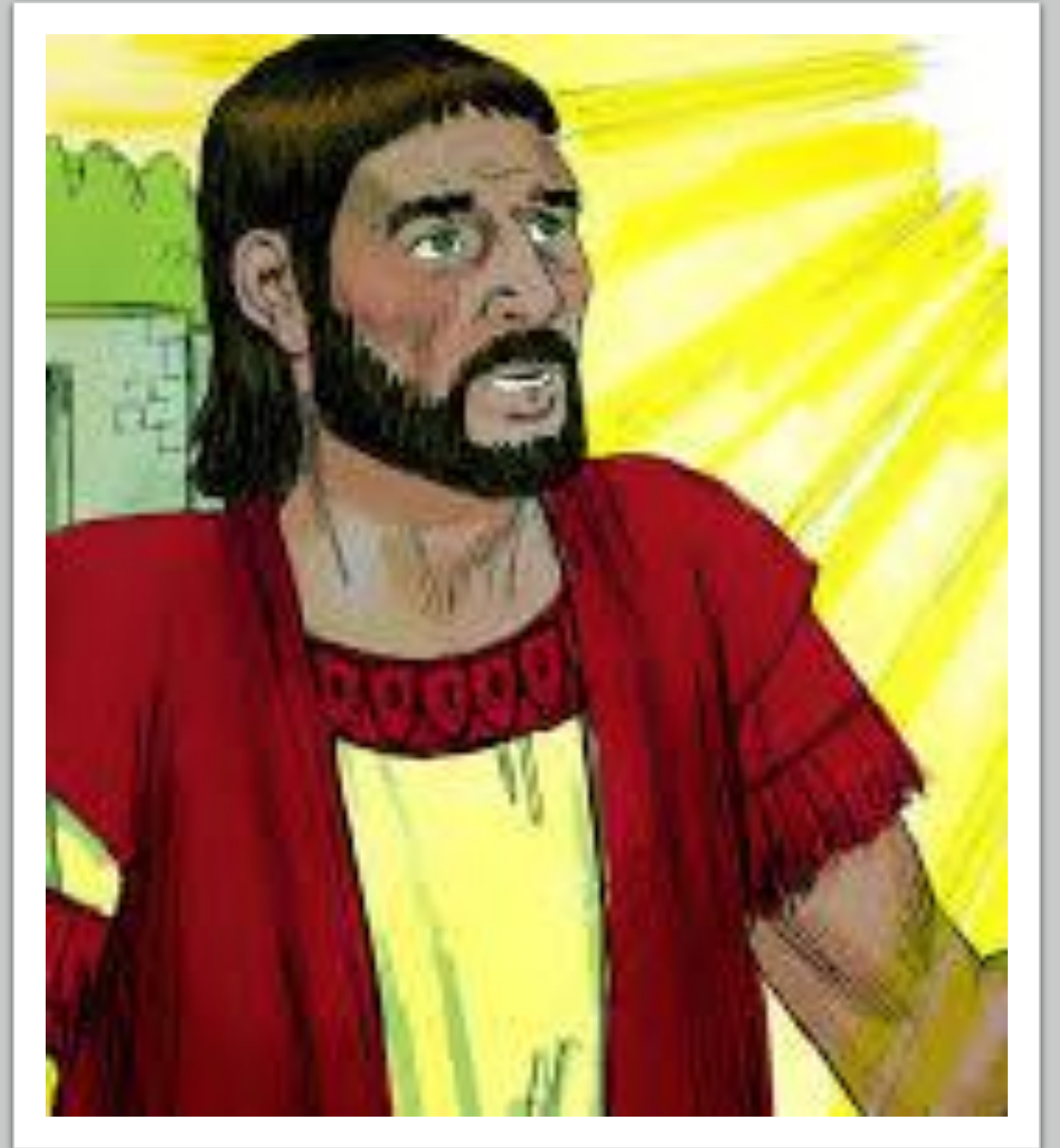
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- ³¹ One day Terah took his son Abram, his daughter-in-law Sarai (his son Abram's wife),
- and his grandson Lot (his son Haran's child) and moved away from Ur of the Chaldeans.
- He was headed for the land of Canaan, but they stopped at Haran and settled there.
- ³² Terah lived for 205 years^[f] and died while still in Haran. Genesis 11



FAMILY...

- The LORD had said to Abram, “Leave your native country, your relatives, and your father’s family, and go to the land that I will show you.
- ²I will make you into a great nation. I will bless you and make you famous, and you will be a blessing to others.
- ³I will bless those who bless you and curse those who treat you with contempt. All the families on earth will be blessed through you.”
- Genesis 12:1



Summary – A Tale of Two Cities

- Adam vs Tree of Knowledge
- Cain vs Abel
- Man vs God
- Faith vs Fear
- Blessings vs Rebellion
- Eden vs Babel



Next Week...

The Story of Abraham and
his family in the
redemptive saga of God
and Mankind

