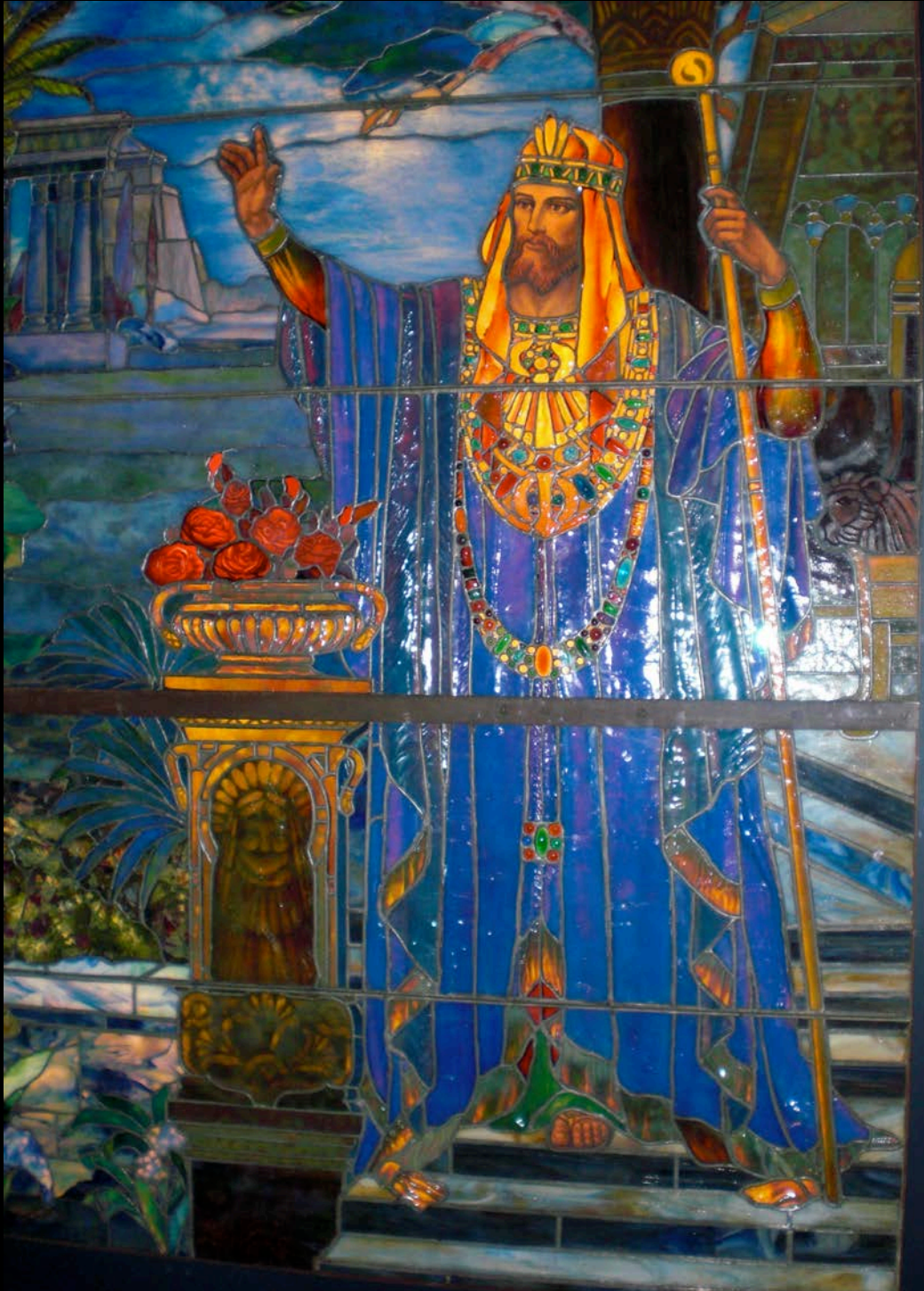


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Introduction:

The Bible is not one book but sixty-six individual books. The Book of Genesis has been called the most important book in the Bible. This is because it is the foundation for all the major doctrines that are developed in the rest of Scripture. The Bible is actually a collection of books and as such it rests on the foundation of Genesis. Another way to view the importance of this book is as one of the “bookends.” That is, Genesis starts the Bible and Revelation concludes it, hence those two are the bookends of the collection of books we know as the Bible. There are at least twenty-seven major doctrines that have their origin in Genesis and their fulfillment/completion in Revelation.

MAJOR DOCTRINE	GENESIS	REVELATION
1. The Earth Created – Earth Passed Away	Gen 1: 1	Rev 21: 1
2. Sun, Moon Stars Created - Blackened	Gen 1: 14-16	Rev 8: 12
3. Earth’s Government – Earth’s Judgment	Gen 9: 1-11:4	Rev 16: 8
4. Sun to Govern the Day – No Need for the Sun	Gen 1: 16	Rev 21: 23
5. Darkness called Night - No More Night	Gen 1: 5	Rev 22: 5
6. Waters he Called Sea - No More Sea	Gen 1: 10	Rev 21: 1
7. A River for the Earth’s Blessing	Gen 2: 10-14	Rev 22: 1-2
8. Man Made in God’s Image - Man Led by Satan’s Image	Gen 1: 26	Rev 13
9. Entrance of Sin – End of Sin	Gen 3	Rev 21, 22
10. Curse Pronounced – No More Curse	Gen 3: 14-17	Rev 22: 3
11. Death Entered – Death Ended	Gen 3: 19	Rev 21: 4
12. Cherubim First Mentioned – Cherubim Final Mention	Gen 3: 24	Rev 19: 4
13. Man Drive out of Eden – Man Restored	Gen 3: 24	Rev 22
14. Tree of Life Guarded - Access to Tree of Life	Gen 3: 24	Rev 22: 14
15. Sorrow and Suffering Enter – No More Sorrow or Suffering	Gen 3: 17	Rev 22: 4
16. Religion, Art & Science Separated from God – Judged, Destroyed	Gen 4	Rev 18
17. Nimrod Founds Babylon - Babylon Falls	Gen 10:8-10	Rev 17, 18
18. God’s Flood to Destroy – Satan’s Flood to Destroy the Elect	Gen 6-9	Rev 12
19. A Bow: God’s Promise – For Remembrance	Gen 9: 13	Rev 4:3; 10: 1
20. Sodom & Egypt Corruption and Judgment – Jerusalem; Completion	Gen 13, 19	Rev 11:8
21. Abraham’s People – Abraham’s Seed	Gen 14	Rev 12
22. Bride for Abraham’s Son – A Bride for Abraham’s Seed	Gen 24	Rev 19
23. Marriage of First Adam - Marriage of Last Adam	Gen 2: 18-23	Rev 19
24. Promised Seed Possess Gate of Enemies – Promised Seed Possesses	Gen 29: 8	Rev 19
26. Satan’s Dominion Begun - Satan’s Ended, Man restored	Gen 3: 24	Rev 22

Christ when speaking to the Pharisees told them that Moses wrote Old Testament books and that if they did not believe what Moses had written then they could not believe in Him. Moses wrote of Christ in Gen 3:15; Numbers 21:9; 24:17; Deuteronomy 18:15-18 etc.

John 5: 45-47 Do not think that I will accuse you to the Father: there is one that accuseth you, even Moses, in whom ye trust. For had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed me; for he wrote of me. But if ye believe not his writings, how shall ye believe my words?

The Mosaic authorship has been subject to much criticism. If Christ Himself affirms the Mosaic authorship of the books he wrote that should settle the issue. He said that He came to fulfill the Law and the Prophets namely the Old Testament.

Mat 5:17-18 Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil. For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.

One fundamental issue that is clearly made in Genesis is the control that God has exerted over His creation. We see in the early chapters the beginning of time, matter and space. The description that Genesis offers simply states what God did, not how he did it. In fact the Bible does not even defend the existence of God, it assumes it. There can only be two possible views of creation. One is an intelligent designer and the other a cosmic accident. Only the designer view can offer to answer questions that have plagued mankind for centuries.

1. Who am I?
2. Where did I come from?
3. Why am I here?
4. Where am I going when I die?

If the Book of Genesis were not in the Bible then we would not have answers to these vital issues. They all start here and get developed here and elsewhere in the Bible.

The New Testament describes and implements God's plan for mankind's salvation. However this would be redundant or anachronistic if it had not been established in Genesis.

The Book of Genesis gives us vital information concerning the beginning of all things. Without this it would forever be unavailable to humans. Some have said that the future is bound up in the past. This is certainly true of Genesis. It is the beginning, the foundation and the basis for all that follows. The Hebrew simply calls the book Bereshit-beginnings. It is the book of beginnings.

1. The origin of the universe
2. The origin of order and complexity
3. The origin of the solar system

4. The origin of the atmosphere and hydrosphere
5. The origin of life
6. The origin of man
7. The origin of marriage
8. The origin of evil
9. The origin of language
10. The origin of government
11. The origin of culture
12. The origin of nations
13. The origin of religion
14. The origin of the chosen people.

The Book of Genesis is really the foundation of all true history as well as true science and philosophy. It is above all else the foundation of all of God's revelation to mankind as given in the Bible. Apart from Genesis there is no adequate explanation for the Nation Israel or the rest of the Old Testament. It has been said that the Old Testament is in the New Testament revealed and the New Testament is in the Old Testament concealed. There are over one hundred direct references or quotation to the first eleven chapters of Genesis in the New Testament. This book was written as sober history not myth. It truly reflects the condition of mankind and to the open-minded observer all the scientific outlines of that which are observable in physics and nature.

The Old Testament is the account of the nation Israel which had its beginnings in Genesis and culminated in the New Testament through a man, Jesus of Nazareth the Jewish Messiah. This is what the Bible is all about. Christ Himself affirmed the authenticity of Genesis and the Old Testament as well.

John 5:39 Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me

All the major Biblical doctrines have their roots in Genesis:

1. Sovereign election
2. Salvation
3. Justification by faith
4. Believer's security
5. Separation
6. Disciplinary chastisement
7. Divine Incarnation
8. Rapture
9. Death and resurrection
10. Priesthoods
11. The Antichrist's birth
12. The Land Covenant

Genesis answers some fundamental questions:

1. Is the Universe 15 billion years old?

2. Was it created in six days – 144 hours?
3. Was light created in transit
4. Was evolution the mechanism that God used?

Scientific inquiry has validated many issues developed and explained in Genesis.

1. Einstein's General Theory of 1915 affirmed that there is no distinction between time and space.
2. Time is not uniform; it bends, distorts and is slowing down.
3. God lives outside of time and controls it
4. The earth is actually as young as the Book of Genesis states it is.
5. Thermal Decay shows us that heat flows away from hot sources to cold, as in a heat sink. If the universe were infinitely old then it would be at an equal temperature, as it would have had "time" to equalize.
6. The earth's magnetic field is calculated to be less than 10,000 years old
7. The Mississippi Delta deposits about 300 Million cubic yards of sediment each year into the Gulf of Mexico. Analysis of the deposits suggests the age of the Delta to be about 4,000 years old.
8. Testing the salinity of the Oceans yields the following: The uranium, Sodium, nickel, magnesium, silicon, potassium, copper, gold, molybdenum and bicarbonate concentrations in the oceans are much less than they would be expected if these elements and compounds were being added to the oceans at the present for thousands or millions of years. Nitrates and uranium do not break down or recycle like salt. This implies that the oceans are only a few thousand years old.

As Genesis is the beginning of all things Revelation is the termination of all things. They are the bookends of the Bible. Without Genesis no other book of the Bible would make complete sense. It is important to know the entire council of God, which is what we call the whole Bible. Only if we read it in a "plain sense" reading do we receive the message and grasp its meaning.

This plain sense reading will enable us to realize how mankind developed through the Jewish nation. We will explore the toldot's of the various nations depicted in this book. From that we will see clearly the origins of the Jewish-Arab conflict and come to realize that it is simply a family feud.

	GENESIS OUTLINE	
CATEGORY		
Prehistory	Isaiah 14 & Ezekiel 28	Fall of Lucifer
Part 1:	Genesis 1, 2	Creation
	Genesis 3	Fall of Man
	Genesis 4	Cain & Able
	Genesis 5	Genealogy of Noah
	Genesis 6-9	Flood of Noah
	Genesis 10-11:19	Tower of Babel
Part II	Genesis 11:20-25:8	Abraham
	Genesis 25:9-26:35	Isaac
	Genesis 27:1-36:43	Jacob
	Genesis 37:1-50: 26	Joseph
Creation Week	Day 1	Let Light Be
	Day 2	Stretching of Space
	Day 3	Land & Vegetation
	Day 4	Sun, Moon & Stars
	Day 5	Sea Animals & Birds
	Day 6	Land Animals & Man

Genesis Prehistory:

It is important to understand the origin of sin and the celestial beings in God's creation before we venture out into Genesis 1. The Bible describes three levels of celestial beings.

1. Cherubim
2. Seraphim
3. Angels with Michael the only declared Arch Angel.

The cherubim are the highest order of the celestial (heavenly) being which God created and made know unto mankind They are followed in stature by the seraphim and finally the angels. The Cherubim have the most prominent role of all as they are close to God in many instances we are given in Scripture. For example they appear at the gate of the Garden of Eden brandishing flaming swords to prevent man from re-entering the garden after expulsion by God. They are also seen in Ezekiel Chapter 1. They also appear

in Ezekiel Chapter 10 lifting God's physical manifestation (Shekinah Glory) up out of the Temple. They are also seen in several spots of the Book of Revelation surrounding God in all His Glory. They have a prominent role to play for God in the Third heaven or outside time and space. The highest of the Cherubim was called Lucifer, which means "Son of the Morning."

Sin began in heaven with Lucifer, "the son of the morning." Due to his rebellion his name was changed to Satan. Satan was not created evil. Christ said He saw Satan fall. (Luke 10:18) Sometime after the creation of the angelic beings (Job 38:4-7) God created the heavens and the earth. (Gen 1:1) There were essentially two falls; Lucifer and his angels as well as Adam and Eve.

Satan was in God's garden Eden which is different than that which is described in Genesis 2. The Genesis garden is described as a vegetable garden. This one was a mineral garden. Ezekiel 28:13 describes how the entire planet was covered by precious stones and had no water. This probably happened some time before Genesis 1:2. Lucifer was in charge of this earth. This passage also describes how the earth looked when it was originally created. It had no oceans or seas and was covered with the brightness of the precious stones already mentioned. This is not the "Gap Theory." This is how the earth will look after the Millennium when the eternal order is re-established.

The best revelation we have regarding this subject is that Satan drew other angels aside in his pride and involved them in his defection from God. It is a well know fact in the New Testament that some of the angels described as those who "kept not their first estate" whom God cast down to Tartarus and "delivered them into chains of darkness to be reserved unto judgment of the great day" are represented by the demons. (II Peter 2:4; Jude 1:6) Satan drew one-third of the angelic host of heaven into sin with him. (Rev 12:3-4)

Genesis 1:1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

The first verse is foundational to the entire Bible. It describes the fact that God was in existence before any creation efforts were put forth. It has often been pointed out that coming to an understanding of the early chapters of Genesis and *believing* them makes the rest of the Bible easy to understand and believe. These early verses demonstrate the degree of control over all things that God has and exercises.

This one verse refutes all the isms. It refutes atheism, pantheism, polytheism, materialism, dualism, humanism and evolutionism. All these philosophies are just different ways to say there is no God. They are all expressions of unbelief. Genesis takes the existence of God for granted. The Bible begins with God and moves into the creation account. Those who believe in other forces all start with some preexisting matter or force to bring about cosmic changes which then develop of extremely long periods of time to finally get the planet and humans where we are today. They never answer the question of "what started those forces or matter?"

Only God can create. Mankind is not able to do this. He can manage, rearrange and form. He cannot create matter out of nothing *ex nihilo*. This is the Latin meaning for "out of nothing." (Hebrews 11:13) The use of the Hebrew word to create, *Bara* in Gen 1:1 means that at some point God spoke the creation into being. God alone is infinite and omnipotent. We then have a choice. Is matter eternal or is God eternal. God is a person who claims to be the person of Jesus of Nazareth who the Bible says created all things.

(John 1) If matter is eternal where did we come from, how did we get here and why. Everything has a cause and effect. Our human reasoning tells us that.

God created the heavens. The heavens here refer to space. So the beginning of time was then followed by the space of the universe. Our entire universe only consists of three components. They are space, time and matter. The Hebrew word *shamayin* is that used of the space component of the basic space-time-mass universe. This is followed by the Hebrew word *erets* for translated as earth but primarily refers to matter. Matter of course is anything that has weight and takes up space. At the time that matter was created there were no bodies in the heavens. They were created on the fourth day. The term matter is understood to include energy.

In the beginning is a direct reference to the creation of the physical property of time. When we ponder the concept of time we find it impossible to arrive at a suitable definition. Einstein came close in his quest to understand the basic fundamentals of energy in the universe. He saw time as bending, having a velocity and decaying. Time is not uniform: It is a physical property that varies with mass, acceleration and gravity, among other things. Particle physicists insist that we exist in more dimensions than we are aware of. These are all products of the time domain. What is important to understand is that time had a beginning is in existence now and will have an end.

The unity of the three components of our existence, time, matter and space are all independent and coterminous with the whole. The universe is not part time, matter and space. It is rather all space, time and matter.

Genesis 1:2 And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness [was] upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

Every word of these early verses is vitally important to the development of a sound understanding of God's created universe. Some expositors claim that there were "millions" of years between verse one and two. Even though there is nothing in the Bible to support that. Some who believe in evolution have tried to reconcile it with the creation account by inserting it here between verses one and two. This verse simply says that earth initially had no form. The initial creation was not perfect for the first of God's six-day plan of creation. It was empty and uninhabited. Elements of matter and molecules of water were present but, not yet energized. The forces of gravity were not yet fully functional producing a sphere of definite form. Neither were the electromagnetic forces yet operational and everything was in darkness. The physical universe had come into existence but everything was still and dark-no form, no motion and no light.

It was the work of the Spirit of God to bring about the energizing action to activate the power of The Word of God. This happened when God's Spirit moved. The Hebrew word is *ruach*, which is also the word for wind or breath. The Hebrew suggests a movement back and forth in rapid motion. For example in engineering for any movement or energy production there must be prime mover.

The operation of energy in the cosmos is in the form of waves-light, heat waves, sound waves and so forth. In fact except for nuclear energy with is the breaking of the fundamental structure of matter itself there are only two fundamental types of forces that

operate on matter-the gravitational forces and the forces of electromagnetic spectrum. All are associated with fields of activity and with transmission by wave motion.

Waves are oscillations and are produced by a mechanism, which is a wave producer of sorts. Energy cannot create it self. It is most appropriate that the first impartation of energy to the universe is described as the “vibrating” movement of The Spirit of God Himself!

As the out flowing energy from God’s Spirit began to flow outward and to permeate the cosmos, gravitational forces were activated and water and earth particles came together to form a great sphere moving through space. Other such particles would soon come together to form a sun, moon and stars throughout the universe. The earth was then ready for light, heat and the other forms of enlivening energy.

Genesis 1:3 And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.

This is the first record of speaking in the Bible and it is God speaking of the allowance of light coming into the universe. The Bible says that God is Light. This does not just refer to awareness but also to the physical property of light.

Light existed prior to the separation of light from darkness. God says that “He Formed the light and created darkness: He makes peace and created evil: He says I the LORD do all these things.” (Isa 45:7) Here God says that darkness is not simply the absence of light. Photons (light particles) cannot travel freely until electrons are bound in stable orbits and then the photons become visible. This basically relates to the velocity of light. Or also called the speed of light.

Sir Isaac Newton (1642-1727) the Scottish physicist viewed light as a stream of particles called “corpuscular theory.” Christiaan Huygens (1629-1695) developed the wave theory of light called: “The refraction and reflection of light.”

By the 17th century several men such as Johannes Kepler and Rene Descartes believed that light was instantaneous and therefore infinite. In 1677 Olaf Roemer measured the elapsed time between eclipses of Jupiter with its moons, which yielded a finite speed of light. In 1729 James Bradley confirmed Roemer’s work. Over the next 300 years, the velocity of light was measured 164 times by 16 different methodologies. The net result of all these measurements is that light is slowing down over time. So we can infer that if light has been slowing down for the last several centuries, then it must have been slowing down since the origin of time. For example using the same regression as observed by Roemer et.al. we can surmise that light was 10-30% faster during the time Christ was on the earth (Cir. A.D. 33) . We can then believe that light was 2 times faster during the time of Solomon (Cir. 900 B.C.) If we go back further with the same regression to the time of Abraham (Cir. 2350 B.C.) light could have been 4 times faster than now. Using the same regression and understanding the decay caused by the “fall “light could well have been 10 Million times as fast at the time of the creation and therefore light was able to be so fast as to travel almost instantaneous at creation so as to be at the origin (stars) and the earth almost at once. This rebukes the some of the critics of creation and the six days time frame. (Yom) Critics seem to believe that the speed of light is constant at 299,792-kilometers/per sec so it would have taken a long time for the light of Alpha Proxima to reach the earth. (4.2 Light Years) Certainly longer than a day!

However, as research shows it was much faster at creation then it is now and the six-day creation account is therefore very accurate.

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