

Lesson 8: Genesis as Foundation

KEY ASPECT: The first chapters of Genesis are foundational for the rest of Scripture. The major teachings or doctrines of the Bible have their source in these chapters.

- “We exist because God created us at a definite time in the past.” (Genesis 1:1)
- “Jesus was the agent of creation.” (John 1:1-3; Hebrews 1:1-2)
- The days in the creation account are literal 24-hour period (Genesis 1:3-5; Exodus 20:8-11).
- Creation is foundational to Sabbath (Exodus 20:11; Genesis 2:1-3).
- Sabbath points us towards worshiping the Creator (Revelation 14:7; Exodus 20:11).
- Marriage and family are instituted as part of the Creation week (Genesis 1:26-28; 2:18-24).
- God created a perfect world without sin (Genesis 1:31; 2:4-6).
- Suffering and death were not part of God’s original creation (Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-19; Romans 5:12).

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. If we discount Genesis as reliable, how does this affect what we believe?
2. Why is it impossible to take the Bible seriously while accepting theistic evolution?
3. What is the direct link between Adam’s fall and death and the cross of Jesus (Romans 5)?