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THE
TRUE STORY
OF THE
OLD
TESTAMENT

Responding to God's Revelation and Redemption



Responses to God's Revelation and Redemption



1. Value a study of the Old Testament.

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I. The Creation of the World

Today: Lesson 2a

- A. The creation week (Genesis 1:1 – 2:3)
- B. The sixth day of creation (Genesis 2:4 – 25)

II. The Entrance of Sin into the World

Next Week: Lesson 2b

- A. God's simple expectation
- B. Eve's conversation with the serpent
- C. Adam and Eve's disobedience
- D. God's punishment of the guilty
- E. God's provision of grace

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OPENING

“Why is the Book of Genesis important?”



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Lesson 2a

Genesis' Purpose

(see pages 30-31, Cloud)

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- Genesis is the book of beginnings
- Genesis is the key to understanding the world
- Genesis is the key to human history
- Genesis lays the foundation for understanding the Gospel
- Genesis is the foundation for the rest of the Bible
- Genesis points to the last days and helps us understand Bible prophecy
- Genesis contains biographies that are examples for believers today

“Mastering the English Bible: OT History – Genesis to the Silent Years”, David Cloud, p.30-31)

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Genesis: A Comprehensive Introduction

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The fifty chapters that constitute the book of Genesis serve as a comprehensive introduction to the whole Bible.

The facts of Genesis, set forth with neither apology nor argument, embrace virtually every major stream of truth that the Bible develops. As the first segment of the revelation of God, this book is vastly greater in scope than all others.

Gabelein once described Genesis as: *“the root out of which the tree of God’s revelation has grown.”*

Similarly, Bullinger declared: *“Genesis is the seed-plot of the whole Bible, it is essential to the true understanding of its every part...[it] is at one the warp and woof of Holy Writ.”*

“The Pentateuch”, L. Thomas Holdcroft, Western Book Company, 1966, p. 1

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The Necessity of Faith in Understanding the Beginning

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Hebrews 11:1

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

Hebrews 11:2

For by it the elders obtained a good report.

Hebrews 11:3

Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.

“Mastering the English Bible: OT History – Genesis to the Silent Years”, David Cloud, p.36)

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Lesson 2a

I. The Creation of the World

A. The creation week (Gen. 1:1 – 2)

“There is no ‘gap’ of time between Genesis 1:1 and 1:2.”

“The gap theory was invented in the late 1800’s to accommodate the millions of years of evolution. It was popularized by the *Scotfield Reference Bible of 1917*.”

“Genesis 1:1 is a summary statement of creation and Genesis 1:2-31 tells us how He did it.”

“Mastering the English Bible: OT History – Genesis to the Silent Years”, David Cloud, p.40)

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I. The Creation of the World

A. The creation week (Gen. 1:2 – 5)

Genesis 1:2



“And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.”

Day 1

Genesis 1:3 – 5



“divided the light from the darkness”

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Lesson 2a

I. The Creation of the World

A. The creation week (Gen. 1:6 – 8)

Day 2



“made the firmament and
divided the waters”

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I. The Creation of the World

A. The creation week (Gen. 1:9 – 13)



“the dry land Earth; and the gathering together of the waters called he Seas”

Day 3



“And the earth brought forth grass, and herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit,”

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Lesson 2a

I. The Creation of the World

A. The creation week (Gen. 1:14 – 19)

Day 4

“lights in the firmament
of heaven to divide the
day from the night...
made two great lights..”



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I. The Creation of the World

A. The creation week (Gen. 1:20 – 23)



Day 5



“Let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving creature that hath life,”

“and the fowl that may fly above the earth in the open firmament in heaven.”

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I. The Creation of the World

A. The creation week (Gen. 1:24 – 31)

Day 6



“Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth after his kind;”

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Lesson 2a

I. The Creation of the World

A. The creation week (Gen. 1:24 – 31)

Day 6



“So God created man in His own image, in the image of God created He him: male and female created He them.”

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I. The Creation of the World

A. The creation week (Genesis 1:26)

God is a Trinity (Gen.1:26).

This is “the union of three persons in the one Godhead: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit” (Webster)...

In Genesis 1:26, God (Elohim) is a plural noun with a singular verb (“said”). Though there is a plurality of Persons in the Godhead, there are not three Gods.

“The LORD our God is one LORD” (Deut. 6:4).

The revelation of Bible is progressive and the doctrine of the Trinity is more fully revealed in the New Testament. (Mt. 28:19)

“Mastering the English Bible: OT History – Genesis to the Silent Years”, David Cloud, p.39)



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I. The Creation of the World

A. The creation week



The phrase “*evening and morning*” shows that God created the world in six literal twenty-four days.

Also, the Hebrew word for “day” when used with a number always refers to a twenty-four hour day.

Exodus 20:11

For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.

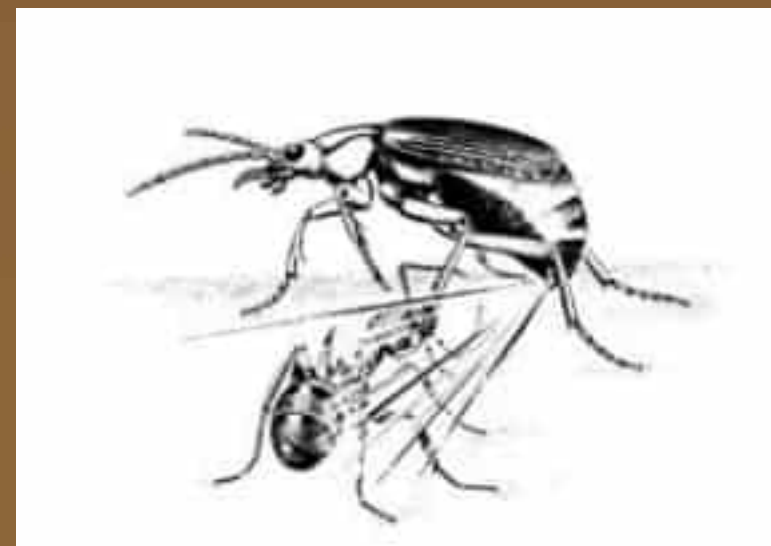
“The True Story of the Old Testament”, Adult Bible Study Leader’s Guide, 2014, Regular Baptist Press, p.20)

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I. The Creation of the World

Creation Wonders: The Bombardier Beetle

“The bombardier beetle has a powerful and complex system of protecting himself from enemies.”
(see *Creation Moments*,
December 1, 2023)



(bombardier beetle
spraying an enemy ant)

Revelation and Redemption at Creation

I. The Creation of the World

B. The sixth day of creation (Genesis 2:4 – 25)

1) The Setting (2:4 – 6)

Ge 2:5

And every plant of the field before it was in the earth, and every herb of the field before it grew: for the LORD God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was not a man to till the ground.



Revelation and Redemption at Creation

I. The Creation of the World

2) The Creation of Man (2:7)

Genesis 2:7

And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.



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Revelation and Redemption at Creation

I. The Creation of the World

2) The Creation of Man (2:7)

Gen. 2:7 “..and man became a living soul.”

“Man is not like the animals; he does not have a physical life alone; he is a spiritual being.

Man’s soul lives forever after the body dies.

Animals do not live beyond death. They have no eternal soul.”



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“Mastering the English Bible: OT History – Genesis to the Silent Years”, David Cloud, p.46)

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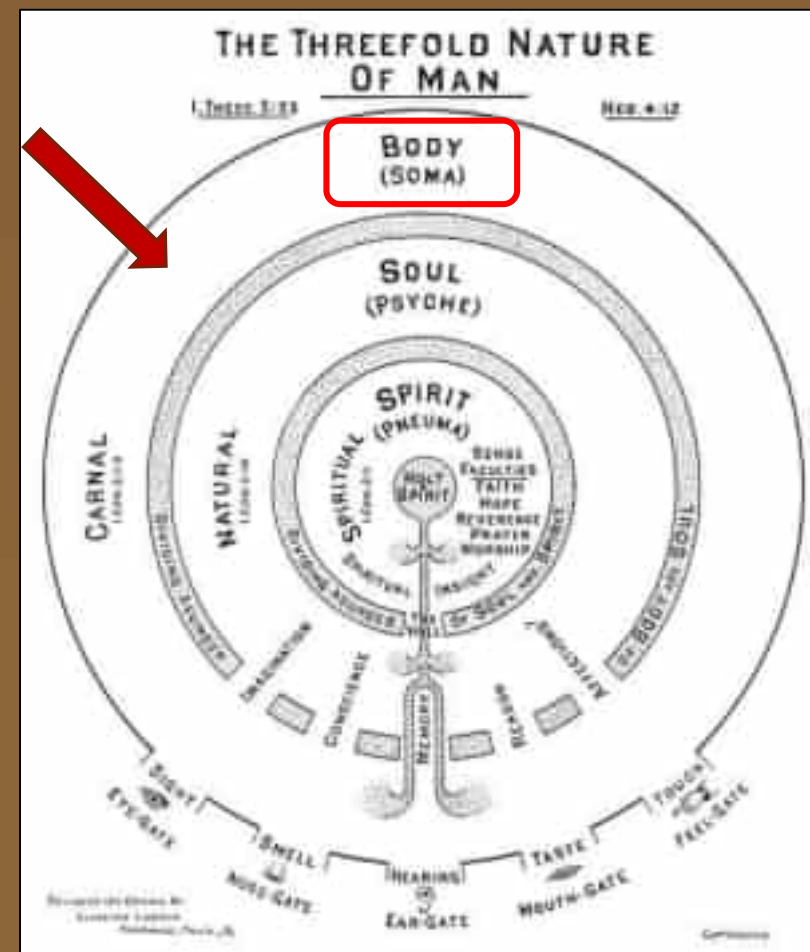
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2) The Creation of Man (2:7)

“We may use the illustration of three concentric circles:

The outer circle refers to our body.

Our body is our outer part containing our five senses with which we contact all the things of the physical, material realm.”



Quoted in Way of Life Literature article by David Could: “The Difference Between Soul and Spirit”

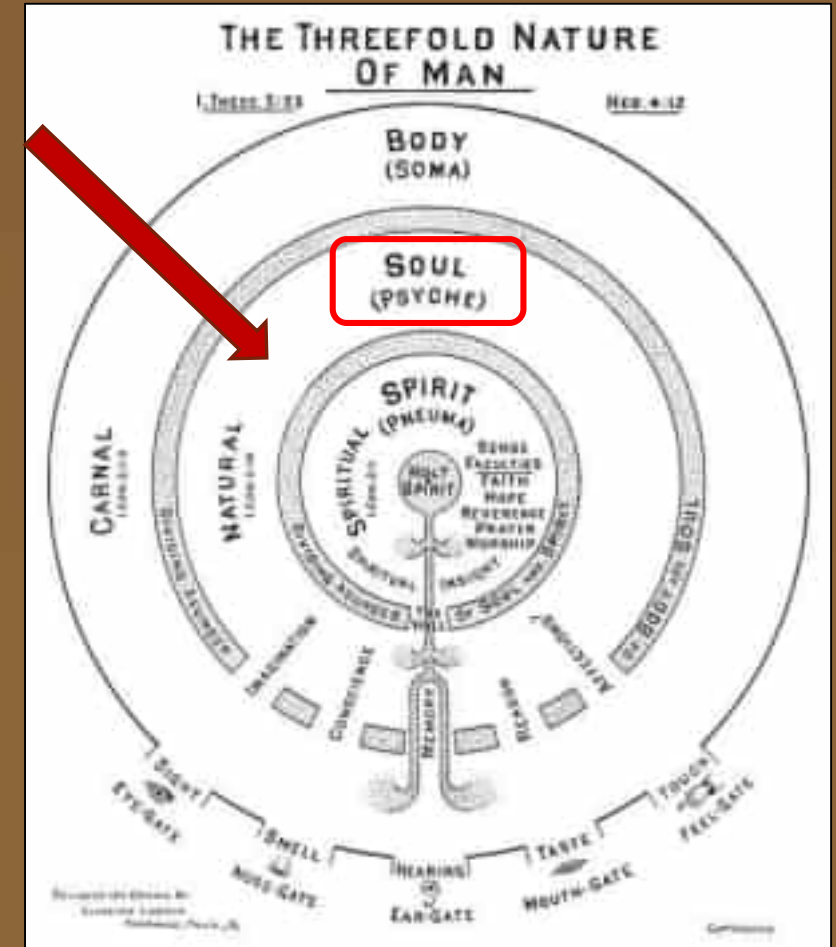
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I. The Creation of the World

2) The Creation of Man (2:7)

“The middle circle refers to our soul.”

Our soul is our inner part containing mind, emotion, and will with which we contact all the things of the psychological realm.”



Quoted in Way of Life Literature article by David Could: *“The Difference Between Soul and Spirit”*

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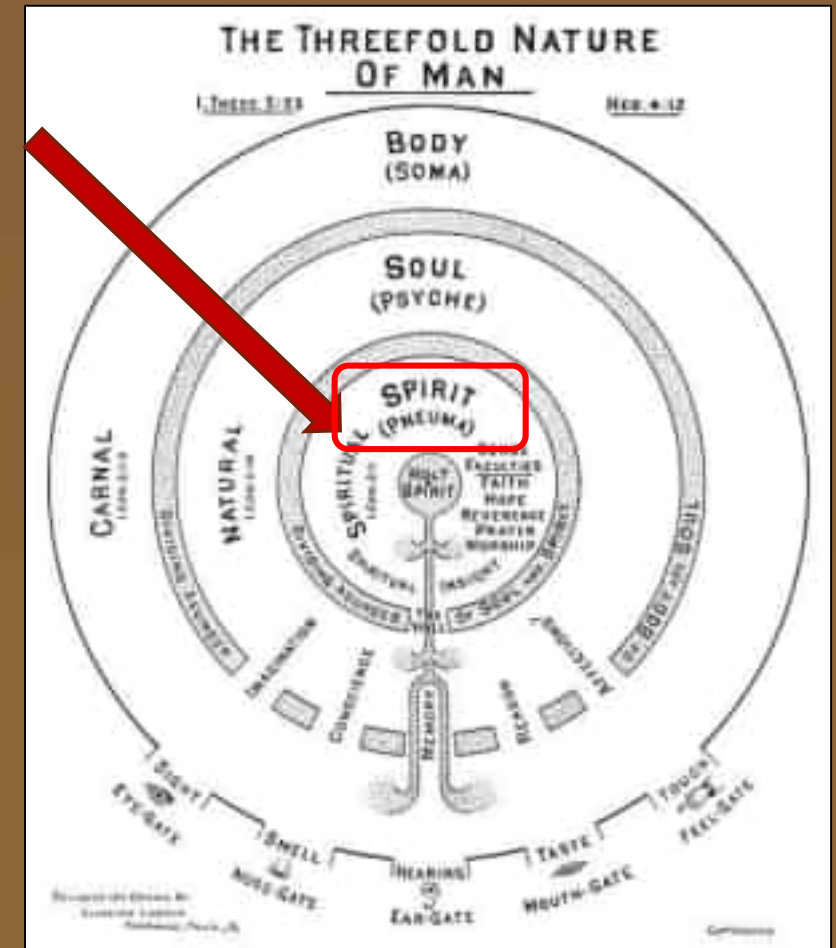
I. The Creation of the World

2) The Creation of Man (2:7)

“The inner circle refers to our spirit.”

Our spirit is our innermost part with which we contact God and substantiate all the things of the spiritual realm.”

“What is the Difference between the Soul and Spirit of Man?”, Tom Smith, holdingtruth.com



Quoted in Way of Life Literature article by David Could: *“The Difference Between Soul and Spirit”*

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I. The Creation of the World

3) The Garden of Eden (2:8 – 15)



Genesis 2:8

And the LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there he put the man whom he had formed.



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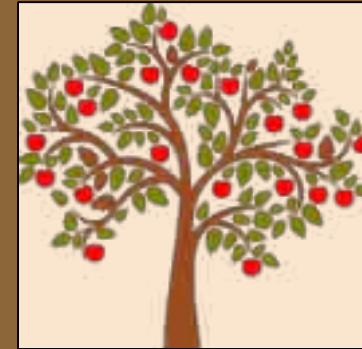
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4) The First Command (2:16 – 17)

“Man was placed under God’s government from the beginning. It is God, not man, who determines the laws by which man will live. Morality is not relative. It is based on God’s absolute law.”



The Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil

“Mastering the English Bible: OT History – Genesis to the Silent Years”, David Cloud, p.47)

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Lesson 2a

I. The Creation of the World

5) The Creation of Woman (2:18 – 25)



It has often been said concerning the relation between Adam and the woman that the woman was:

“Not made out of his head to rule over him nor out of his feet to be trampled on by him, but out of his side to be equal with him, under his arm to be protected, and near his heart to be loved.”

“The Pentateuch”, L. Thomas Holdcroft, Western Book Company, 1966, p. 8 Illustrations from “Free Bible Images”, by Carolyn Dyk – Wycliffe Bible Translators

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CONCLUSION

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“Why is the Book of Genesis important?”

A few things to consider:



- Introduction about God (Gen.1:1)
- Creation of the world & all creatures (Gen. 1:2 – 25)
- Creation of man and woman (Gen. 1:26 – 2:6; 2:18 – 25)
- The first command was given (Gen. 2:16 – 17)

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Responses to God's Revelation and Redemption

1. ²⁹ Value a study of the Old Testament.

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2. Respond to God as your creator.

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