



Pentateuch – Part I

Introduction and Genesis (Part I)

Lesson 1.1

Prepare

Please read the following passages:

- Genesis 1:31
- Genesis 1:26-28
- Genesis 2:8,10
- Genesis 3:15
- Genesis 4:26
- Genesis 5:24
- Genesis 6:8-9
- Genesis 9:28-29
- Genesis 9:6
- Genesis 9:8-17
- Genesis 10:1-5
- Genesis 10:32
- Genesis 11:4
- Genesis 12:3

Study Guide

Why should we study Bible prophecy?

1. It's Profitable (II Timothy 2:15; II Timothy 3:16)

One-third of Scripture is Bible prophecy.

2. It's Proven (II Peter 1:19)

There are over 1,000 prophecies in the Bible. Of those, 500 have been fulfilled. The fulfillment of the other 500 is just as sure as those that have already come to pass.

3. It's Practical (Matthew 16:2-4)

It helps us understand the times in which we are living.

A. Matthew 14 is the record of the miracle of Jesus feeding 5,000 men (plus the women and the children)

B. Matthew 15 is the record of the miracle of Jesus feeding 4,000 men (plus the women and the children)

C. In Matthew 16, the Pharisees wanted Jesus to show them a sign!

The "sign of the times" then was that Jesus had qualified as the Messiah.

4. It's Purifying (Titus 2:11-14; I John 3:2-3)

Knowing that Christ can return at any moment helps us make every moment count.

5. It's Promised (II Timothy 4:8; Revelation 1:3)

There will be an eternal reward for those that study Bible prophecy.

I. GENESIS

Genesis: A record of the covenant (Abrahamic Covenant) and the covenant people (the Jewish people) coming into existence in the beginning

A. Genesis 1:31

“Very good” - “Abundantly excellent”

“And the evening and the morning were the sixth day” - this is key to understanding we have a 6,000-year history since God created everything.

- We have a 6,000-year life on this earth
- The days referred to in this verse are 24-hour days
 - The Jewish day goes from sunset to sunset

B. Genesis 1:26-28

Prophecy: Looking forward to the kingdom to come

Principle: God made Adam and Eve “king” and “queen” of the first kingdom - God wanted a kingdom operation on the earth from the outset and He wanted humankind, who He had created in His image, to lead that kingdom

Place: Garden of Eden

To be consistent, the next kingdom must have the same principle...

Principle: Jesus (the last Adam) and his wife (the church) will rule over a kingdom

Place: Garden of Eden (Temple Mount in the city of Jerusalem)

The kingdom that Jesus Christ is going to rule and reign from is talked about in the very first book and the very first chapter of the Bible (Genesis 1:26-28)!

As we study eschatology, we will learn theology! Every aspect of theology is found in eschatology.

C. Genesis 2:8,10

- A historical record that reveals to us the location of the Garden of Eden

The Garden of Eden had one river, the Gihon, which can still be found today in the city of Jerusalem.

D. Genesis 3:15

Prophecy: Looking forward to Jesus Christ's coming (the promise of a Messiah)

- Most people think this is the first prophecy in Genesis

E. Genesis 4:26

- What has to happen in order for someone to get saved

Prophecy: Looking forward to Romans 10

F. Genesis 5:24

Don't skip over the genealogies! There is important truth and information in them.

- When we add up the numbers in the genealogies from Adam to Noah (the creation to the flood), we see that there were 1,656 years
- From the time of the flood to Abraham there were 292 years
- From Adam to Abraham there were 1,948 years

According to Jimmy DeYoung, Enoch and Elijah are the two witnesses because they are two men who never died. (Genesis 5:23-24; II Kings 2:1-18; Revelation 11:3-13)

G. Genesis 6:8-9

“... Noah was a just man and perfect...” doesn’t mean he was without sin. It means that, in the sight of the Lord, he was willing to be faithful and to ask the Lord to give him what he needed to have salvation.

H. Genesis 9:28-29

Noah’s lifespan overlapped with Abraham’s lifespan.

If we study the genealogies in Genesis 5, we see that Noah’s lifespan also overlapped with Adam’s lifespan.

Imagine the stories they had to tell about everything they had come through and seen!

I. Genesis 9:6

- The establishment of human government

Three Institutions God Established:

1. Marriage - Genesis 2
2. Human Government - Genesis 9
3. The Church - Acts 2

J. Genesis 9:8-17

A rainbow: A token of the covenant (absolute promise) that God will not judge the earth again with water

The next time God judges the earth it will be with fire, not water.

K. Genesis 10:1-5

In Genesis 9:1, God told Noah and his sons to "... Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth." Genesis 10 is the record of Noah's sons and who they brought forth.

Prophecy: Looking forward to Ezekiel 38

- The Arab world was in existence 292 years before Abraham was even born so neither he nor his sons could have fathered it

L. Genesis 10:32

"These are the families of the sons of Noah, after their generations, in their nations: and by these were the nations divided in the earth after the flood." - Genesis 10:32

This verse summarizes the whole chapter and is a key verse.

M. Genesis 11:4 (Genesis 10:8-10)

Prophecy: Genesis 11 is looking forward to Revelation 17 and 18

"And they said, Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth." - Genesis 11:4

"... and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven..." - The religiosity

- A way to get to heaven other than through the Messiah who the Lord promised to send

Revelation 17 - A false religion

Revelation 18 - Babylon being destroyed

N. Genesis 12:3

- Part of the Abrahamic Covenant

We are given a promise that, if we bless the Jew, God will bless us and, if we curse the Jew, God will curse us.

All prophecy is founded in the book of Genesis.