Genesis

The book of beginnings
  ▶ The universe
  ▶ Life – plant and animal
  ▶ Man – Adam and Eve
  ▶ Marriage
  ▶ Sin (in the world)
  ▶ Language – nations
  ▶ Government
  ▶ Salvation

Outline
  ▶ Genesis 1-11 – the stage is set
  ▶ Genesis 12-50 – the beginning of salvation
The Promise to Abraham

The hope of the world
Blessing = salvation
  ▪ Through Abraham
  ▪ Through Abraham’s Seed = Jesus Christ

The structure of the blessing
  ▪ A great nation
  ▪ All nations of the earth

The Purpose of Revelation

Reveal the work of salvation
Reveal the experience of salvation
Genesis 12-17 – lesson review

- The blessing is given to Abraham
- Abraham lives in expectation of the blessing
  - Genesis 12-14 –
    - Enter the land and worship God
    - Famine and departure
    - Re-enter the land and worship God
    - Discord and division
    - Military conflict
    - Spiritual blessing by Melchizedek

Abraham lives by faith
  - Genesis 15-17 –
    - The Blessing is “righteousness by faith.”
    - The character of faith.
      - The absence of human works
      - The necessity of human works
    - The promise and the duty

Genesis 18-20 – lesson preview

- Waiting for the promised child
- The LORD visits Abraham
- The LORD visits Lot
- The LORD visits Abimelech
The LORD visits his friend Abraham
Genesis 18

- A visitation by the LORD.
- Abraham commended for hospitality (Hebrews 13:2)
- The Promise again (18:10, 14)
  - Waiting for the Son
  - Sarah laughs
  - Sarah believes
  - “Is anything too hard for the LORD?”
    Isaiah 9:6 – The name of Christ
    Jeremiah 32:17-44 – The hope of Israel
    Matthew 19:26 – The hope of the world
- The LORD and Abraham consider Sodom (18:16-33)
  - “Shall I hide from Abraham what I am about to do?”
    Abraham is blessed
    Abraham is a blessing
  - “Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?”
  - The prayer of the righteous
The LORD visits Lot

Genesis 19

- The angels determine to destroy Sodom
- The lesson of Lot
  - 2 Peter 2:7-8
  - Compare with Joseph and Daniel
  - A total disregard for the blessing
  - No testimony in Sodom
  - No fear of God.
    Slow to leave Sodom
    Asked to go to Zoar
    Deuteronomy 29:23
    Genesis 14:2
  - Godless family
    Remember Lot’s wife
    Wicked daughters
  - 1 Corinthians 3:11-15
  - A word of hope:
    Ruth
    Naamah
    Jeremiah 48:47; 49:6
- The destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah . . .
The LORD visits Abimelech
Genesis 20

- Abraham moves into the land of the Philistines
- Abraham’s recurring sin.
  - Fear of Abimelech
    Proverbs 29:25 – fear of man, a snare
    Genesis 20:10-13 – a long term strategy
  - The ways of the LORD
- God speaks to Abimelech.
- Abraham is a curse and a blessing.
  - Abimelech cursed of God
    Innocence is no excuse
    God’s judgment
  - Abimelech blessed of God
    The prayer of Abraham
    God’s blessing
The Promise of God is precious to God.

The Promise of God is precious to us.

The just shall live by faith.