

# 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

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## 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.**