

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.