

"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth."

Genesis 1:1

Genesis 1-11: Universal Concerns

Genesis 12-50: Focus on a single family line

“Don’t be afraid. Am I in the place of God? You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives”

Genesis 50:19-20

"Our science is God's science. He holds the responsibility for the whole scientific story...the remarkable order, consistency, reliability and fascinating complexity found in the scientific description of the universe are reflections of the order, consistency, reliability and complexity of God's activity."

Sir John Houghton

There is room for diversity among believers on
Genesis

There is much dissension among scientist regarding
Genesis



“According to the physicist and the astronomer it appears that the universe was constructed within very narrow limits, in such a way that man could dwell in it. This result is called the Anthropic principle. It is the most theistic result to ever come out of science in my view.”

Robert Jastrow

(Founder of NASA'S Goddard Institute of Space
Studies)

"The existence of a limit to science is, however, made clear by its inability to answer childlike elementary questions having to do with first and last things--questions such as 'How did everything begin?' 'What are we all here for?' 'What is the point of living?'"

Nobel Scientist Peter Medawar

"The best data we have...are exactly what I would have predicted had I had nothing to go on but the five books of Moses, the Psalms, and the Bible as a whole."

Arno Penzias (Nobel Prize)

Genesis 12

God makes a covenant with Abraham

"Abraham believed God and it was credited to him
as righteousness"

Genesis 15:6

“Know for certain that your descendants will be strangers in a country not their own, and they will be enslaved and mistreated four hundred years. But I will punish the nation they serve as slaves, and afterward they will come out with great possessions. You, however, will go to your fathers in peace and be buried at a good old age. In the fourth generation your descendants will come back here, for the sin of the Amorites has not yet reached its full measure.”

Genesis 15:13-15

Consider Abraham: “He believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness.” Understand, then, that those who believe are children of Abraham. The Scripture foresaw that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, and announced the gospel in advance to Abraham: “All nations will be blessed through you.” So those who have faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith.

Galatians 3:6-9

"Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us..."

Galatian 3:13

"He redeemed us in order that the blessing given to Abraham might come to the Gentiles through Christ Jesus, so that by faith we might receive the promise of the Spirit.

Galatians 3:14

Why we are here

Why we are in this mess

What God has done to redeem us

In the beginning God created the heavens and the
earth

For by him (Jesus) all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

Colossians 1:16-17

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earth

So do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain
conceit, but in humility put the interests of others
ahead of your own.