

## The Genesis Baseline

Medical people like baselines. They want to know what our internal numbers are so they can tell a few weeks later if we are changing. Heart rate, PSA, and other significant numbers are duly recorded to enable making good decisions.



Genesis plays the same role - a baseline for society's health. Genesis is not a book of science. It claims to be a revelation from God, providing a baseline so men and women will know how to live and pursue whatever observation, investigation, and conclusions that may be available to them. People are free to observe and record the natural world, but they need certain rules for living that cannot be quickly provided by scientific discovery.

**From Genesis we learn that the planet and the universe were the work of a Creator and did not form by chance.**

*In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.*  
(Genesis 1:1 NASB)



**From Genesis we learn about the human race.** We are not evolved from animals, but are unique forms of life that can relate to God, while animals do not even develop a conscience. A memory, yes, but not a conscience. We are made in the moral image of God.

*Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness . . . ."*  
(Genesis 1:26 NASB)

**From Genesis we learn that clothing is important to God.** In fact, the choices of Adam and Eve were not ok with God and he clothed them with animal skins. Modest clothing has been the norm for the Bible-using part of society until the past 50 years. Now people believe that suitable clothing has nothing to do with the worship of God, but in Genesis, God upgraded their choices even before worship began.

*Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loin coverings.* (Genesis 3:7 NASB)



*The LORD God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife, and clothed them.* (Genesis 3:21 NASB)

Inadequate clothing can be a step to immorality.

**From Genesis, we learn what marriage was intended to be.** It was a contract between a man and a woman, finalized in the presence of God. Marriage was a formal and legal arrangement and the results were written down (in Genesis).

*For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother, and be joined to his wife; and they shall become one flesh.* (Genesis 2:24 NASB)

God spoke these solemn words before there were fathers and mothers, so they were prophetic.

From Genesis we learn of the beginning of polygamy, but it was not approved by God. The guy was an admitted rebel and a killer.

*Lamech said to his wives, "Adah and Zillah, Listen to my voice, You wives of Lamech, Give heed to my speech, For I have killed a man for wounding me; And a boy for striking me; . . . (Genesis 4:23 NASB)*

But at least he had *contracted* multiple marriages. Today's society practices serial fornication called "living together" without a contract. They say, "But we love each other." Feelings of love are substituted for the responsibility of a public marriage agreement. The result is broken lives.

From Genesis we learn the homosexual lifestyle was introduced and the outcome was the entire society was destroyed, not just the gays. It included Sodom and four other towns. Evidently the homosexual practice (and other wickedness) was spreading beyond Sodom. It must have been attractive. God had his own plans for sex for humans and the gay lifestyle was not on His list.



*And the LORD said, "The outcry of Sodom and Gomorrah is indeed great, and their sin is exceedingly grave. (Genesis 18:20 NASB)*

*Then the LORD rained on Sodom and Gomorrah brimstone and fire from the LORD out of heaven, and He overthrew those cities, and all the valley, and all the inhabitants of the cities, and what grew on the ground. (Genesis 19:24 - 25 NASB)*

It was for more than lack of hospitality that he became their destroyer.

*. . . just as Sodom and Gomorrah and the cities around them, since they in the same way as these indulged in gross immorality and went after strange flesh, are exhibited as an example in undergoing the punishment of eternal fire. (Jude 1:7 NASB)*



Any domestic partnerships were dissolved in the heat of punishment.

The nature of marriage is being debated hotly this decade. Believers in Genesis have the Makers plans and know that is the way to go to produce stability in society.

From Genesis we learn that Adam was to be the head of the home, but failed to lead, and this allowed sin to enter the world. God held Adam, not Eve, as primarily responsible.

*Then to Adam He said, "Because you have listened to the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree about which I commanded you, saying, 'You shall not eat from it'; Cursed is the ground because of you; In toil you will eat of it All the days of your life. (Genesis 3:17 NASB)*

From Genesis, we see the answer to the abortion question. We quote from the website of *Answers in Genesis*:

Genesis 25:21-22 states: 'and Rebekah his [Isaac's] wife conceived. And the **children** struggled together within her; ...' Note that Rebekah's unborn twins, Jacob and Esau, are referred to as 'children' (the Hebrew word used, *banim* (plural of *ben*), commonly refers to children after birth, and often has a more specific meaning 'sons'. )



The unborn are called *children* by an inspired writer. They are not a blob of tissue. So Genesis addresses the divisive abortion debate.

From Genesis we learn that not only did mankind not evolve from animals, but he is to rule over the other living creatures. This enables me to think clearly about animal rights.

*Then God said, ". . . and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." (Genesis 1:26 NASB)*



Genesis spoke of Nimrod as a mighty hunter before the Lord. There were no spear-control laws.

From Genesis we learn that mankind is not to be wasteful of the earth:

*Then the LORD God took the man and put him into the garden of Eden to cultivate it and keep it. (Genesis 2:15 NASB)*

From Genesis we learn that the earth has been submerged twice. The first was during the Creation Week of Genesis 1 and the other was the flood of Noah's time.

*Then God said, "Let the waters below the heavens be gathered into one place, and let the dry land appear"; and it was so. (Genesis 1:9 NASB)*

*Then the flood came upon the earth for forty days, and the water increased and lifted up the ark, so that it rose above the earth. (Genesis 7:17 NASB)*



Replica of Noah's Ark

Our study of the rock formations should be influenced by these known events.

Is Genesis important? Many of the questions dogging society today are answered there.

Where did Genesis come from? While many believe that it was written by Moses, this writer believes that Moses pulled earlier documents together and edited them, marking them with inspiration from God because he was a prophet. Moses used 11 documents that had come down to him and were written by men contemporary with the events they recorded. They were eyewitnesses or could gather information easily.

Genesis means *beginnings*, and in the book are the foundations for a workable and lasting society. Banning Genesis from the classroom and school library is a step toward a host of costly and life-ruining events. The family pays and all of society pays. To offset these deficiencies, every parent should be teaching this great book to their children.

## Related Reading:

Numerous later Bible writers endorse the contents of Genesis. If we accept them, then we need to accept their sources. This includes Jesus of Nazareth. Check out a chart showing the endorsements:

[ncbible.info/MoodRes/Moses/InspiredWritersEndorsedGenesis.html](http://ncbible.info/MoodRes/Moses/InspiredWritersEndorsedGenesis.html)

An article that discusses whether Genesis is factual or mythical:

[ncbible.info/MoodRes/Moses/Genesis1-11-Thompson.pdf](http://ncbible.info/MoodRes/Moses/Genesis1-11-Thompson.pdf)

An article that explains how Genesis could have been written by 11 writers before Moses.

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