



**GENESIS
&
EXODUS**

GOD & THE WORLD

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THE BIG PICTURE

The Bible is a book that contains many books and within those books, many stories. Each of those stories combine to tell a big story, often called the metanarrative, that culminates in the Person of Jesus Christ.

The big story tells of God's work to redeem the world through Christ.

As readers we have the joy of unravelling this big story through the illumination of the Holy Spirit and by savoring God's Word, one story at a time.

BACKGROUND

Genesis begins the metanarrative by telling the story of God and His world. As the story unfolds, we see God's plan to save his fallen creatures by calling a people to Himself. Exodus follows these chosen people into slavery and recounts God's divine heroism to free His people and then form them into His holy nation.

Biblical scholarship attributes Moses as the author of both Genesis and Exodus. As the pioneer prophet of the young nation, Moses repeatedly urged Israel to remember what God accomplished for them directed them to worship the one, true God. These books preserve Israel's history to be told and retold to every generation so that they would not forget how they were called, freed, and formed by a glorious God.

WEEK 1

GOD'S CREATION

GENESIS 1-2



WARM UP
READ GENESIS 1-2 AS A GROUP
& PRAY BEFORE BEGINNING



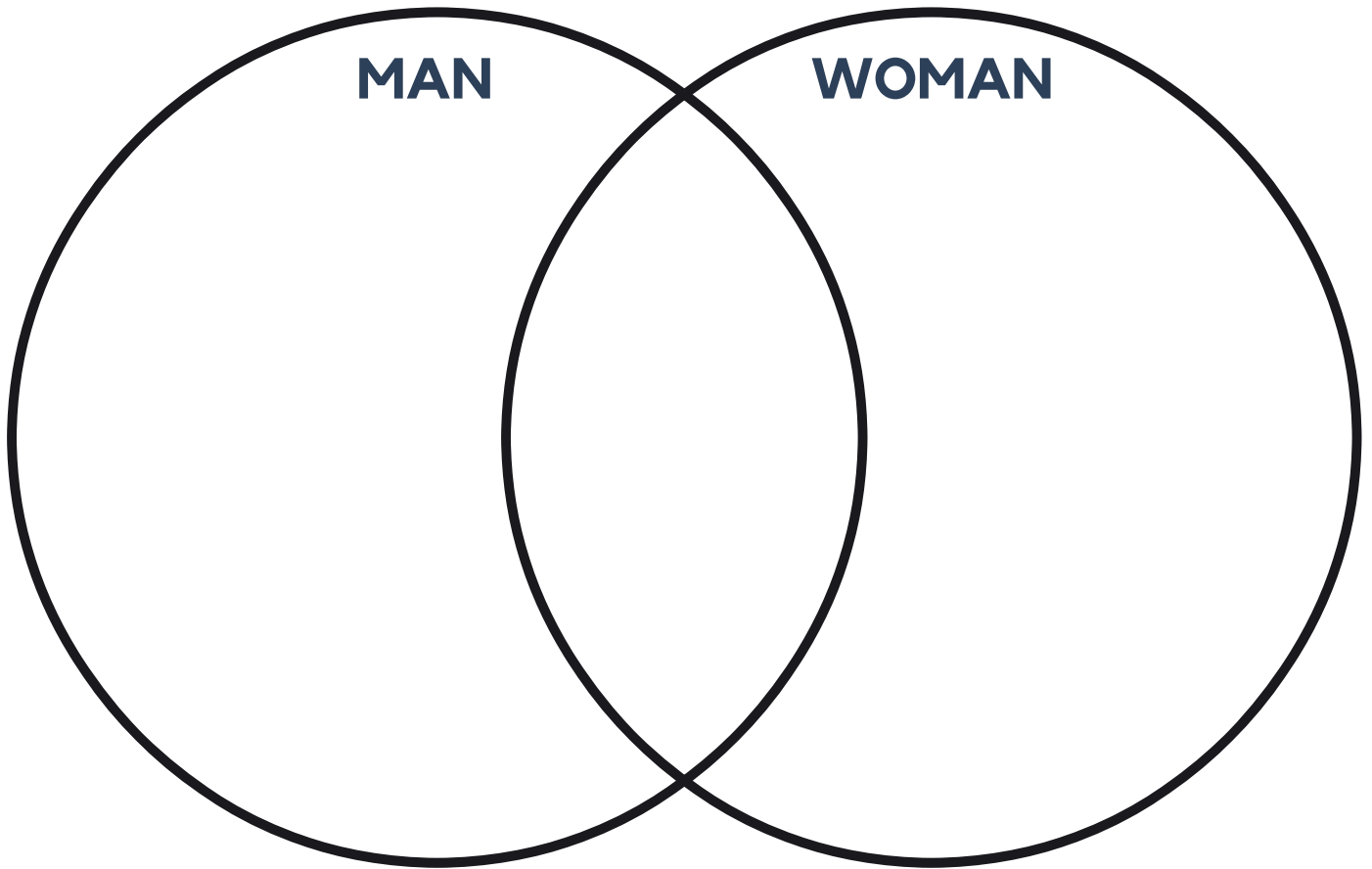
According to the first chapter of the Bible, who is God? What do you learn about Him?

What does God create on each day? List them by day.

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What is different about the seventh day? How is this significant in the order of the days?

Compare and contrast how God's Word describes man and woman and their roles.



What do these comparisons/contrasts suggest about the point of these passages?

Read John 1:1-5. Who is John writing about and what does this passage teach you about that Person?



How do these first chapters of the Bible illuminate your understanding of the Gospel?

What does this passage teach you about your relationship with God? What does it teach you about relationships with others?

When God finished creating humans he "...saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good" (Genesis 1:31a). How might this verse and these chapters encourage you today?

Recommended reading to prepare for week 2: Genesis 3

WEEK 2
THE FALL OF MAN
GENESIS 3



WARM UP

**READ GENESIS 3 AS A GROUP &
PRAY BEFORE BEGINNING**



Summarize the events of chapter three in a few sentences.

Why did Adam and Eve hide from God? After they sinned, who initiated the relationship? Why is that significant?

As a consequence for sin, whom does God curse? What are the curses?

✝ Verse 15 is often called the *protoevangelium*, or '*the first Gospel*.' What hope does God point to here?

Read Romans 5:12-17. Summarize Paul's description of the Fall.

≡♥≡ What might this chapter teach you about yourself?

What might this chapter teach you about God's response to sin? How has He demonstrated this in your life?

Are there any relationships in your life that need restoration? How can you initiate grace toward them?

Recommended reading to prepare for week 3: Genesis 4-17

WEEK 3
GOD CALLS ABRAM
GENESIS 12-17



WARM UP
AS A GROUP REVIEW THE
CHAPTERS, READ GENESIS 15, &
PRAY BEFORE BEGINNING



Summarize the events of chapters 4-11 and 12-17.

Notice the use of verbs/action words in chapter 12. Who is involved? What are they doing?



What promises are being emphasized in chapters 12,15,17? List the key words.

According to Gen. 15:6, what did Abram do to be called righteous? Are there other passages of the Bible that shed light on this event?

✝ How do these promises anticipate the coming of Christ?

☺ How do these chapters offer hope for our broken world and for your life?

How might these chapters help you engage unbelieving friends and family?

How do these passages encourage you to savor Christ?

Recommended reading to prepare for week 4: Genesis 18-35

WEEK 4
GOD KEEPS HIS COVENANT
GENESIS 21-22,24-25,27-29,35



WARM UP
REVIEW EACH SECTION
INDIVIDUALLY OR IN SMALL
GROUPS & PRAY BEFORE BEGINNING



What are some of the major/repeated themes in these chapters?



How do we begin to see the implications of God's covenant with Abraham in these chapters?
Remember Genesis 12:1-3,15:5-7,17:1-8.

Are there any surprises in the development of this story? Explain.



What are the ways God keeps His covenant faithfulness to Abraham and his family?

† Recall the events of Genesis 22. What is the theological significance of the events of this chapter in light of Christ?

≡♥≡ How do the chosen-yet-fallen people in these chapters remind you of yourself?

What encourages you in these chapters?

How has God been faithful to you recently? Can you look back and see His plan for His glory in your life?

Recommended reading to prepare for week 5: Genesis 36-41

WEEK 5
GOD REDEEMS JOSEPH
GENESIS 37, 39-41



WARM UP
**READ THE CHAPTERS AS A GROUP
& PRAY BEFORE BEGINNING**



Summarize these chapters in a few sentences.
What are the key turning points?

According to the text, how does God respond
to the injustice in Joseph's life? Look for key
phrases.

If a new believer were reading this story, what
might stand out to them?



How do the events in Joseph's life point to Christ as the rescuer of the Bible's big story? According to the text, who is the ultimate Author of these events?

What theological themes come to the forefront in these chapters?



How these chapters offer hope/help for your life today?

What is one change you can make to your thinking/living in light of this text?

How might these chapters help you encourage believing friends? unbelieving friends?

WEEK 6

GOD BRINGS ISRAEL TO EGYPT

GENESIS 42-50



WARM UP
REVIEW THE CHAPTERS
INDIVIDUALLY OR AS A GROUP &
PRAY BEFORE BEGINNING



Summarize these chapters in a few sentences.

Who are the main characters/groups of these chapters? How do they develop/change throughout the story?

List the twelve sons of Israel. Which blessing/son foreshadows a royal ruler?

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| 3. | 9. |
| 4. | 10. |
| 5. | 11. |
| 6. | 12. |

According to the text, how & why did God bring Israel to Egypt?

How does Genesis fit into the big story of the Bible?



How do these chapters illuminate your understanding of the Gospel?

What do these chapters teach you about past sin? Is there a relationship in your life that needs to be restored?

What are your major takeaways from the book of Genesis?

Recommended reading to prepare for week 7: Exodus 1-2

WEEK 7
GOD'S PEOPLE OPPRESSED
EXODUS 1-2



WARM UP
**READ THE CHAPTERS INDIVIDUALLY
OR AS A GROUP & PRAY BEFORE
BEGINNING**



Summarize these chapters (noting the final chapter of Genesis) in a few sentences.

Are there any surprises in the development of the narrative?

Make a list of the key words & phrases in the text. What do they suggest?



In what ways is God's covenant with Abraham (Genesis 15) evident in these chapters?



What do you learn about people/mankind from these chapters? How is that reflected in your life?

Describe a time when you have experienced God's faithfulness in your life?

How might a new believer respond to these chapters?

What truth about God can you meditate on from these chapters?

Recommended reading to prepare for week 8: Exodus 3-6

WEEK 8
GOD CALLS MOSES
EXODUS 3-6



WARM UP
**READ THE CHAPTERS INDIVIDUALLY
OR AS A GROUP & PRAY BEFORE
BEGINNING**



Summarize these chapters in a few sentences.

According to the text, who is Moses? What are his strengths? What are his flaws? What verses refer to these?

Notice the conversation between God and Moses at the burning bush (Exodus 3). What stands out to you? How does this encounter with God compare with previous encounters in Genesis?

What general principles can you glean from these chapters?

 What is your main takeaway from these chapters?

What has suffering taught you about yourself?
What has it taught you about God?

Where do these chapters convict you? How do they offer hope?

How do you need to change your thinking/living in light of these chapters?

Recommended reading to prepare for week 9: Exodus 7-15

WEEK 9
GOD RESCUES ISRAEL
EXODUS 7, 11-15



WARM UP
REVIEW THE CHAPTERS
INDIVIDUALLY OR AS A GROUP &
PRAY BEFORE BEGINNING



Summarize these chapters in a few sentences.
What are the major events?

How do these chapters reveal the fallen, sinful condition of man? How does God respond? What does His response tell us about His heart for His people?



In what ways is God's covenant with Abraham (Genesis 15) evident in these chapters?

How do these chapters fit into the big story of the Bible?



How do these chapters anticipate the coming of Christ in the New Testament?



How do these chapters illuminate your understanding of the Gospel?

What habits of your old sinful nature are addressed in the text?

How does God's character revealed in these chapters help you understand yourself better?

Is there a verse from this text that will help you focus on the point of these chapters?

Recommended reading to prepare for week 10: Exodus 16-18

WEEK 10
GOD PROVIDES FOR ISRAEL
EXODUS 16-18



WARM UP
READ THE CHAPTERS INDIVIDUALLY
OR AS A GROUP & PRAY BEFORE
BEGINNING




Summarize these chapters in a few sentences.
What are the major events?

Are there any repeating patterns in the
narrative? What is the significance?

How is God forming His people in these chapters?

What does this passage teach you about people/mankind? What does this passage teach you about the character of God?

 Is there any encouragement for your life from these chapters?

How do these chapters impact your understanding of God's provision for your life? How has God provided for you despite your efforts?

How might these chapters inform your prayers this week?

How do these chapters make you savor Christ more?

Recommended reading to prepare for week 11: Exodus 19-34

WEEK 11
GOD GIVES THE LAW
EXODUS 19-34



WARM UP
REVIEW THE CHAPTERS
INDIVIDUALLY OR AS A GROUP &
PRAY BEFORE BEGINNING



Summarize these chapters in a few sentences.
What are the major events and turning points?

Read 1 Peter 2:1-11 (written to persecuted Christians) and compare with Exodus 19:3-6.
What are the similarities? Differences?

List the ten commandments in Exodus 20. What are the key words and phrases used here?
What is the significance?

How is the fallen condition of mankind revealed in these chapters? What are the consequences?



How are Moses' actions and role within Israel completed/perfected/made better by the ministry of Christ?



Is there any encouragement for your life from these chapters?

In what ways does Exodus 23-31 help you understand the standard of holiness for God's people?

How might these chapters change the way you pray this week?

Recommended reading to prepare for week 12: Exodus 35-40

WEEK 12
GOD FORMS ISRAEL
EXODUS 35-40

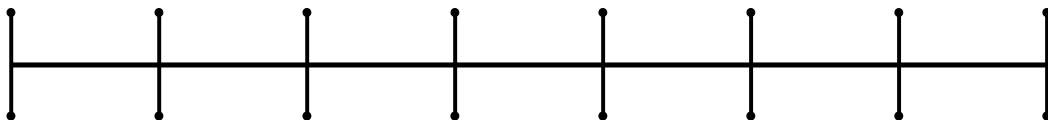


WARM UP
REVIEW THE CHAPTERS
INDIVIDUALLY OR AS A GROUP &
PRAY BEFORE BEGINNING



Summarize these chapters in a few sentences. What are the major instructions and turning points?

Trace the timeline of Israel being formed as a nation from Genesis through Exodus. What events did God use to form his people?



According to the text, what is the tabernacle and what is its significance?

How do these chapters anticipate the coming of Christ in the NT? For reference, read John 1:14-18.

How does Exodus fit into the big story of the Bible?



Notice the holy/sacred treatment of the tabernacle and Israel's duties to construct and keep it. Compare this to the way we approach God. How might this comparison change the way you think/act?

How does this text make you treasure Christ more?

What are your major takeaways from Exodus?



WARM UP QUESTIONS

Week 1: Have you ever made something you were proud of? What was it?

Week 2: Who is the most forgiving person you know?

Week 3: What is the most ridiculous thing you have pinky promised?

Week 4: What is the best view you have ever seen from up high?

Week 5: Have you ever been in the wrong place at the wrong time?

Week 6: Where is the coolest place you have ever been?

Week 7: Did you ever get into trouble as a kid? What happened?

Week 8: Have you ever felt like you were the wrong person for a job? How did that work out?

Week 9: Who is your favorite superhero?

Week 10: What is the best gift you have ever received?

Week 11: Do you tend to be a rule-breaker or a rule-follower?

Week 12: What is an unusual skill you have?

SOURCES

ESV Study Bible

GOING DEEPER

- **Survey of the Old Testament by Hill & Walton**
- **Men and Women in the Church by Kevin DeYoung**
- **The Biggest Story by Kevin DeYoung**
- **Short Studies in Biblical Theology (Crossway Publishers)**
- **Women of the Word by Jen Wilkin**