

Gems in Genesis

☐ Monday - Before Time Began

The word “genesis” means origin or beginning. Hence, the Book of Genesis is the book of beginnings – the beginning of *everything*! Conversely, nothing preceded Genesis: no time, no space, not even empty space, nothing. In the endless eternity before God created the universe, not a single second ticked off the clock. There was no time, nothing but God in eternal non-dimension. “Before the mountains were born, or Thou didst give birth to the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, Thou art God” (Psa. 90:2). The infinity of God should fill our hearts with profound wonder! Read Genesis 1

☐ Tuesday - Blueprint for Marriage.

Genesis, the book of beginnings, records the beginning of the ordinance of marriage. God established marriage, not man: “Then the Lord God said, ‘It is not good for the man to be alone; I will make him a helper suitable for him’” (Gen. 2:18). Marriage is a divine institution; a covenant between a man and a woman *and God*. “What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder” (Mt. 19:6).
Read Genesis 2

☐ Wednesday - In Adam / In Christ.

The effect of Adam’s disobedience upon all of those “in Adam” (i.e. the entire human race) is that all “were made sinners” (Rom. 5:12, 19), resulting in judgment (Rom. 5:16), condemnation (Rom. 5:16, 18), and death (Rom. 5:12), so that “in Adam all die” (1 Cor. 15:22). Conversely, Christ was obedient even to the point of death on the cross (Phil. 2:8), and the effect of His obedience for all of those “in Christ” is grace (Rom. 5:15), justification (Rom. 5:16, 18), righteousness (Rom. 5:17, 19) and eternal life (Rom. 5:21). “For as *in Adam* all die, so also *in Christ* all will be made alive” (1 Cor. 15:22). One is “in Adam” by physical birth, but only “in Christ” by spiritual birth. This is the Christian message: You must be born again!
Read Romans 5:12-21

☐ Thursday - Beginning of Judgment.

Within two thousand years after the Fall “the Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great on the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually” (Gen. 6:5). Such wickedness precipitated a worldwide flood. Genesis records the first global judgment, Revelation the last. But Christ is our Ark and all who seek refuge in Him, shall be saved from the wrath to come (1 Thes. 1:10, 5:9; Rom. 5:9).
Read Genesis 6-9

☐ Friday - First Call

Genesis also marks the beginning of a people, called by God, out of a world of unbelief. “By faith Abraham, when he was *called*, obeyed by going *out* to a place which he was to receive for an inheritance...” (Heb. 11:8). Likewise, the true church (Gk. *ekklesia*, from *ek*, “out”, and *kaleo*, “to call”) is made up of those who are *called out* of the world to walk with God. “Come out of her, my people, that you may not participate in her sins and that you may not receive of her plagues” (Rev. 18:4).
Read Genesis 12-15