



A Study in
Genesis
Part One

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This **Part One** study of **Genesis, The First book of Moses also called** the '**Book of Beginnings**' will be the launchpad from which we can begin to comprehend the workings of God from the point of creation.

We will investigate:

- 1) Who God is
- 2) God's purposes for creating and favoring us
- 3) His hatred of sin, yet great love for sinners
- 4) His promise to judge sin but reward faith, holiness and righteous living

We hope to zero in on this phenomenal book as it describes man's fall from grace, but also God's plan for redemption which immediately begins to unfold.

May God's holiness and fervent love for us continue to inspire us, bless and enrich us in this study of His life-changing, life-creating Word.

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God's Wisdom in Creation

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Gen. 1:1-31 NLT

Discussion Starter

In Genesis Chapter 1, God's process of creation is presented as fact, simply and without complex explanation, to be accepted by faith. Why do you think this is such a problem for skeptics and evolutionists?

Creation Begins with God

Genesis 1:1-2

¹ In the beginning God created the heavens(sky) and the earth (land). ²The earth was formless and empty and darkness covered the deep waters. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the surface of the waters.

Day 1

Creation's Chaos is Set in Order

Light and Darkness

Genesis 1:3-5

³Then God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good. Then he separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light "day" and the darkness "night." And evening passed and morning came, marking **the first day**.

Day 2

Waters Separated

Genesis 1:6-8

⁶Then God said, “Let there be a space between the waters, to separate the waters of the heavens from the waters of the earth.” ⁷And that is what happened. God made this space to separate the waters of the earth from the waters of the heavens. ⁸God called the space “sky.” And evening passed and morning came, marking **the second day**.

Day 3

Dry Land and Plants Appear

Genesis 1:9-13

⁹Then God said, “Let the waters beneath the sky flow together into one place, so dry ground may appear.” And that is what happened. ¹⁰God called the dry ground “land” and the waters “seas.” And God saw that it was good. ¹¹Then God said, “Let the land sprout with vegetation—every sort of seed-bearing plant, and trees that grow seed-bearing fruit. These seeds will then produce the kinds of plants and trees from which they came.” And that is what happened. ¹²The land produced vegetation—all sorts of seed-bearing plants, and trees with seed-bearing fruit. Their seeds produced plants and trees of the same kind. And God saw that it was good. ¹³And evening passed and morning came, marking the third day.

Stars, Planets and Galaxies

Genesis 1:14-19

¹⁴Then God said, “Let lights appear in the sky to separate the day from the night. Let them be signs to mark the seasons, days, and years. ¹⁵Let these lights in the sky shine down on the earth.” And that is what happened. ¹⁶God made two great lights—the larger one to govern the day, and the smaller one to govern the night. He also made the stars. ¹⁷God set these lights in the sky to light the earth, ¹⁸to govern the day and night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹And evening passed and morning came, marking the fourth day.

Discussion Question 1:

- What is the most extraordinary thing you have learned or recognized about God or His creation?

Birds and Fish

Genesis 1:20-23

²⁰Then God said, “Let the waters swarm with fish and other life. Let the skies be filled with birds of every kind.” ²¹So God created great sea creatures and every living thing that scurries and swarms in the water, and every sort of bird—each producing offspring of the same

kind. And God saw that it was good. ²² Then God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply. Let the fish fill the seas, and let the birds multiply on the earth.” ²³ And evening passed and morning came, marking the fifth day.

Day 6

Man, and Land Animals

Genesis 1:24-28

²⁴ Then God said, “Let the earth produce every sort of animal, each producing offspring of the same kind—livestock, small animals that scurry along the ground, and wild animals.” And that is what happened. ²⁵ God made all sorts of wild animals, livestock, and small animals, each able to produce offspring of the same kind. And God saw that it was good. ²⁶ Then God said, “Let us make human beings in our image, to be like us. They will reign over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, the livestock, all the wild animals on the earth, and the small animals that scurry along the ground.” ²⁷ So God created human beings in his own image. In the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. ²⁸ Then God blessed them *and said*, “Be fruitful and multiply. Fill the earth and govern it. Reign over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, and all the animals that scurry along the ground.”

Discussion Question 2 & 3:

- Was Adam a perfect creation? Explain.

- How does the original man being created in God's image, seem so antithetical to people's behavior today?

Day 7

God's Pleasure in His Creation

Genesis 1:29-31

²⁹ Then God said, "Look! I have given you every seed-bearing plant throughout the earth and all the fruit trees for your food. ³⁰ And I have given every green plant as food for all the wild animals, the birds in the sky, and the small animals that scurry along the ground—everything that has life." And that is what happened. ³¹ Then God looked over all he had made, and he saw that it was very good! And evening passed and morning came, marking the sixth day.

Apply the Text

The book of Genesis ascribes to God the power and wisdom to but speak and things happen; the concept of time begins, chaos becomes cosmos, the emptiness is filled, and darkness becomes light. Yet He doesn't rest until He creates mankind, His crowning achievement. May we somehow truly comprehend how special we are to our God.

Memory Verse

"Then God looked over all he had made, and he saw that it was very good! And evening passed and morning came, marking the sixth day." **Genesis 1:31**

A home for Adam in the Garden of Eden

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Genesis 2:1-9, 15-25 NIV

Discussion Starter

The book of Genesis is a book of many 'firsts'. Describe the feeling you had when you bought a 1st home, opened a 1st business, or completed a 1st life-changing academic milestone. How did you **celebrate** that moment or occasion?

The First Sabbath – God’s Rest After His Creation

Gen. 2:1-3

¹ Thus the heavens and the earth were completed in all their vast array. ² By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work. ³ Then **God blessed the seventh day and made it holy**, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done.

Everything Is Made Ready

Gen. 2:4-6

⁴ This is the account of the heavens and the earth when they were created, when **the Lord God** made the earth and the heavens.

⁵ Now no shrub had yet appeared on the earth and no plant had yet sprung up, for the Lord **God had not sent rain on the earth** and there was no one to work the ground, ⁶ but a mist came up from the earth and watered the whole surface of the ground.

God Breathes Life into the Man

Gen. 2:7-8

⁷Then the Lord God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being. ⁸Now the Lord **God had planted a garden in the east, in Eden** (luxury, delight, pleasure); and there he put the man he had formed.

Two Trees

Gen. 2:9

⁹The Lord God made all kinds of trees grow out of the ground—trees that were pleasing to the eye and good for food. In the middle of the garden were the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

Man Given Responsibility and Warning

Gen. 2:15-17

¹⁵The Lord God took the man and **put him in the Garden of Eden** to work it **and take care of it**. ¹⁶And the Lord God commanded the man, “You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; ¹⁷but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die.”

Discussion Question 1:

- God said that his creation was very good. Was something wrong with the tree of the knowledge of good and evil?

God Remedies The Man's Loneliness

Gen. 2:18-20

¹⁸The Lord God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him."¹⁹ Now the Lord God had formed out of the ground all the wild animals and all the birds in the sky. He brought them to the man to see what he would name them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name.

²⁰ So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds in the sky and all the wild animals. But for Adam no suitable helper was found.

Discussion Question 2

- If God was with Adam, why did God say that Adam was alone?

The Woman Taken from the Man and Given Back

Gen. 2:21-25

²¹ So the Lord God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man's ribs and then closed up the place with flesh. ²² Then the Lord God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man. ²³ The man said, "This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called 'woman,' for she was taken out of man."

²⁴ That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh. ²⁵ Adam and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame.

Discussion Question 3:

- What does shame denote?

Apply the Text

The Lord God in his wisdom took the rib of the man and made the woman. After returning her to Adam, He declared them to be one flesh. This two- becoming-one relationship which began in the garden of Eden, sets forth the foundation for the family unit. This standard (described as marriage) set forth by God reflects the present relationship between Christ and His church, of which we are a part.

Memory Verses

“Then the Lord God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being. ⁸ Now the Lord God had planted a garden in the east, in Eden (luxury, delight, pleasure); and there he put the man he had formed.” **Gen. 2:7-8**

The Temptation, the Fall and God's Judgment

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Genesis 3:1-24 NLT

Discussion Starter

The devil has proven to be very persuasive, even able to convince 1/3 of heaven's angels to follow him. With the Word of God at our fingertips, why do you imagine many saints are still being deceived by him?

The Devil's Persona

Gen. 3:1

1 The serpent was the shrewdest of all the wild animals the Lord God had made. One day he asked the woman, "Did God really say you must not eat the fruit from any of the trees in the garden?"

The Dark Conversation

Gen. 3:2-3

2 "Of course we may eat fruit from the trees in the garden," the woman replied. 3 "It's only the fruit from the tree in the middle of the garden that we are not allowed to eat. God said, 'You must not eat it or even touch it; if you do, you will die.'"

Discussion Question 1:

- Why is indulging the devil in conversation not wise?

Yielding to Temptation to Disobey God

Gen. 3:4-6

⁴ “You won’t die!” the serpent replied to the woman ⁵ “God knows that your eyes will be opened as soon as you eat it, and you will be like God, knowing both good and evil.” ⁶ The woman was convinced. She saw that the tree was beautiful and its fruit looked delicious, and she wanted the wisdom it would give her. So she took some of the fruit and ate it. Then she gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it, too.

Discussion Question 2:

- Knowing that Adam would succumb to temptation, why would God put the tree of the knowledge of good and evil into the garden to begin with?

Sin Brings Shame

Gen. 3:7-8

⁷ At that moment their eyes were opened, and they suddenly felt shame at their nakedness. So they sewed fig leaves together to cover themselves. ⁸ When the cool evening breezes were blowing, the man and his wife heard the Lord God walking about in the garden. So they hid from the Lord God among the trees.

Discussion Question 3:

- Was shame of their nakedness the only thing they sensed?

The Lord Has A Few Questions

Gen. 3:9-13

⁹Then the Lord God called to the man, “Where are you?” ¹⁰He replied, “I heard you walking in the garden, so I hid. I was afraid because I was naked.” ¹¹“Who told you that you were naked?” the Lord God asked. “Have you eaten from the tree whose fruit I commanded you not to eat?” ¹²The man replied, “It was the woman you gave me who gave me the fruit, and I ate it.” ¹³Then the Lord God asked the woman, “What have you done?” “The serpent deceived me,” she replied. “That’s why I ate it.”

Discussion Question 4:

- Who was Adam blaming for his disobedience?

God’s Judgment of the Serpent

Gen. 3:14-15

¹⁴Then the Lord God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, you are cursed more than all animals, domestic and wild. You will crawl on your belly, groveling in the dust as long as you live.

¹⁵And I will cause hostility between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring. He will strike your head, and you will strike his heel.”

Discussion Question 5:

- Discuss the implications of **Gen. 3:15** on God’s plan for humanity.

God's Judgment of the Woman

Gen. 3:16

¹⁶ Then he said to the woman, "I will sharpen the pain of your pregnancy, and in pain you will give birth. And you will desire to control your husband, but he will rule over you."

God's Judgment of Adam

Gen. 3:17-19

¹⁷ And to the man he said, "Since you listened to your wife and ate from the tree whose fruit I commanded you not to eat, the ground is cursed **because of you**. All your life you will struggle to scratch a living from it. ¹⁸ It will grow thorns and thistles for you, though you will eat of its grains. ¹⁹ By the sweat of your brow will you have food to eat until you return to the ground from which you were made. For you were made from dust, and to dust you will return."

Sacrifice For Covering

Gen. 3:20-21

²⁰ Then the man—Adam—named his wife Eve, because she would be the mother of all who live. ²¹ And **the Lord God made clothing from animal skins** for Adam and his wife.

Banished - Paradise Lost

Gen. 3:22-24

²² Then the Lord God said, "Look, the human beings have become like us, knowing both good and evil. What if they reach out, take fruit

from the tree of life, and eat it? Then they will live forever!" ²³ So the Lord God banished them from the Garden of Eden, and he sent Adam out to cultivate the ground from which he had been made. ²⁴ After sending them out, the Lord God stationed mighty cherubim to the east of the Garden of Eden. And he placed a flaming sword that flashed back and forth to guard the way to the tree of life.

Discussion Question 6:

- Do you think banishment from the Garden was too harsh for our 1st parents?

Apply the Text

The Lord provided for our first parents everything they needed in the garden that was in Eden, yet they chose to disobey God's one restriction. Their one flawed choice plunged all of mankind into sin from which there is but one remedy. As the Lord would sacrifice an animal to provide skins for covering them, our only hope for life eternal is the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, not just to cover but to take sin away.

Memory Verse

"So the Lord God banished them from the Garden of Eden, and he sent Adam out to cultivate the ground from which he had been made." **Gen. 3:23**

Growth and Spread of Sin

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Gen. 4:1-11, 5:21-29, 32 NIV

Discussion Starter

How can we distinguish acts that are our nature from what is satanic?

Two Brothers and Two Offerings

Gen. 4:1-5

1 Adam made love to his wife Eve, and she became pregnant and gave birth to Cain. She said, “With the help of the Lord I have brought forth a man.” **2** Later she gave birth to his brother Abel. Now Abel kept flocks, and Cain worked the soil. **3** In the course of time Cain brought some of the fruits of the soil as an offering to the Lord. **4** And Abel also brought an offering—fat portions from some of the firstborn of his flock. The Lord looked with favor on Abel and his offering, **5** but on Cain and his offering he did not look with favor. So Cain was very angry, and his face was downcast.

Discussion Question 1:

- What was the problem with Cain's offering?

Unwanted Correction

Gen. 4:6-7

⁶Then the Lord said to Cain, “Why are you angry? Why is your face downcast? ⁷If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must rule over it.”

Discussion Question 2:

- How do we prevent sin from ruling over us?

Sin Out of Control

Gen. 4:8-11

⁸Now Cain said to his brother Abel, “Let’s go out to the field.” While they were in the field, Cain attacked his brother Abel and killed him.

⁹Then the Lord said to Cain, “Where is your brother Abel?” “I don’t know,” he replied. “Am I my brother’s keeper?” ¹⁰The Lord said, “What have you done? Listen! Your brother’s blood cries out to me from the ground. ¹¹Now you are under a curse and driven from the ground, which opened its mouth to receive your brother’s blood from your hand.

Discussion Question 3:

- What did God mean about blood crying out?

Bright Lights in A Dark World

Gen. 5:21-29, 32

²¹When **Enoch** had lived 65 years, he became the father of Methuselah. ²²After he became the father of Methuselah, Enoch walked faithfully with God 300 years and had other sons and

daughters. ²³ Altogether, Enoch lived a total of 365 years. ²⁴ Enoch walked faithfully with God; then he was no more, because God took him away. ²⁵ When Methuselah had lived 187 years, he became the father of Lamech. ²⁶ After he became the father of Lamech, Methuselah lived 782 years and had other sons and daughters. ²⁷ Altogether, Methuselah lived a total of 969 years, and then he died. ²⁸ When Lamech had lived 182 years, he had a son. ²⁹ He named him Noah and said, "He will comfort us in the labor and painful toil of our hands caused by the ground the LORD has cursed." ³² After Noah was 500 years old, he became the father of **Shem**, Ham and Japheth.

Discussion Question 4:

- Enoch walked with God after Methuselah was born. How important is it to walk closely with God when raising Children?

Apply the Text

Only in scripture is sin's darkness exposed and brought to light. After generations of people being born, living and dying, Enoch and Noah defy the seeming natural order of men under the curse of sin, and shine as bright lights in a dark world. We are promised that if we are daily committed to walk in the light Jesus Christ, we can enter into his rest where there is no more death.

Memory Verse

“If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must rule over it.” **Gen. 4:7**

The Deluge – God’s Judgment on The Earth For Sin

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Gen. 7:1-5, 11-13, 23-24, 8:1-5, 15-22 NIV

Discussion Starter

Who do you believe will escape or be exempted from God's final judgment and why?

Let's Load 'Em Up

Gen. 7: 1-5

1 The Lord then said to Noah, "Go into the ark, you and your whole family, because I have found you righteous in this generation. 2 Take with you seven pairs of every kind of clean animal, a male and its mate, and one pair of every kind of unclean animal, a male and its mate, 3 and also seven pairs of every kind of bird, male and female, to keep their various kinds alive throughout the earth. 4 Seven days from now I will send rain on the earth for forty days and forty nights, and I will wipe from the face of the earth every living creature I have made." 5 And Noah did all that the Lord commanded him.

Discussion Question 1 & 2:

- How do think Noah was able to please God when most others could not?
- Why did the Lord ask for the clean animals in 7s and the unclean animals in 2s?

The Rainy Days

Gen. 7: 11-13

¹¹ In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, on the seventeenth day of the second month—on that day all the springs of the great deep burst forth, and the floodgates of the heavens were opened. ¹² And rain fell on the earth forty days and forty nights. ¹³ On that very day Noah and his sons, Shem, Ham and Japheth, together with his wife and the wives of his three sons, entered the ark.

A Clean Slate

Gen. 7: 23-24

²³ Every living thing on the face of the earth was wiped out; people and animals and the creatures that move along the ground and the birds were wiped from the earth. Only Noah was left, and those with him in the ark. ²⁴ The waters flooded the earth for a hundred and fifty days.

God's Judgment is Complete

Gen. 8:1-5

¹ But God remembered Noah and all the wild animals and the livestock that were with him in the ark, and he sent a wind over the earth, and the waters receded. ² Now the springs of the deep and the floodgates of the heavens had been closed, and the rain had stopped falling from the sky. ³ The water receded steadily from the earth. At the end of the hundred and fifty days the water had gone down, ⁴ and on the seventeenth day of the seventh month the ark

came to rest on the mountains of Ararat. ⁵ The waters continued to recede until the tenth month, and on the first day of the tenth month the tops of the mountains became visible.

You Can Come Out Now

Gen. 8:15-19

¹⁵ Then God said to Noah, ¹⁶ “Come out of the ark, you and your wife and your sons and their wives. ¹⁷ Bring out every kind of living creature that is with you—the birds, the animals, and all the creatures that move along the ground—so they can multiply on the earth and be fruitful and increase in number on it.” ¹⁸ So Noah came out, together with his sons and his wife and his sons’ wives. ¹⁹ All the animals and all the creatures that move along the ground and all the birds—everything that moves on land—came out of the ark, one kind after another.

Discussion Question 3:

- Other than gratefulness to be back on solid ground, how do you think it must have felt to be the only family alive on the planet?

Time To Worship God

Gen. 8:20-22

²⁰ Then Noah built an altar to the Lord and, taking some of the clean animals and clean birds, he sacrificed burnt offerings on it. ²¹ The Lord smelled the pleasing aroma and said in his heart: “Never again

will I curse the ground because of humans, even though every inclination of the human heart is evil from childhood. And never again will I destroy all living creatures, as I have done. ²² “As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease.

Discussion Question 4:

- What are some reasons that Noah had for worshipping God here?

Apply the Text

Our world is no different and no better today than the world before the deluge. God will judge the world again, but by fire. How wonderful to know that nothing can separate us from God's love for us, and as Noah and his family were spared in the ark, we also will be spared as we remain in the ark of safety which is Jesus Christ.

Memory Verse

“The Lord then said to Noah, “Go into the ark, you and your whole family, because I have found you righteous in this generation.””

Gen. 7: 1

After the Flood

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Gen. 9:1-2, 9-10, 12-13, 18-19, Gen. 11:1-9, 29-31 NIV

Discussion Starter

Starting over in a new career, moving to a new city or more so, a new country will have many challenges. Describe, if you can, what you would do 1st, knowing there are no neighbors, not even strangers passing by, and none of the usual conveniences you are accustomed to.

The Sign of The Covenant

Gen. 9:1-2, 9-10, 12-13

1 Then God blessed Noah and his sons, saying to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the earth. 2 The fear and dread of you will fall on all the beasts of the earth, and on all the birds in the sky, on every creature that moves along the ground, and on all the fish in the sea; they are given into your hands. 9 “I now establish my covenant with you and with your descendants after you 10 and with every living creature that was with you—the birds, the livestock and all the wild animals, all those that came out of the ark with you—every living creature on earth. 12 And God said: “This is the sign of the covenant which I make between Me and you, and every living creature that is with you, for perpetual generations: 13 I set My

rainbow in the cloud, and it shall be for the sign of the covenant between Me and the earth.

Discussion Question 1:

- What makes this covenant unique?

The Sons of Noah

Gen. 9:18-19

¹⁸The sons of Noah who came out of the ark were **Shem**, Ham and Japheth. (Ham was the father of Canaan.) ¹⁹These were the three sons of Noah, and from them came the people who were scattered over the whole earth.

A Towering Goal

Gen. 11: 1-4

¹ Now the whole world had one language and a common speech. ² As people moved eastward, they found a plain in Shinar and settled there. ³ They said to each other, "Come, let's make bricks and bake them thoroughly." They used brick instead of stone, and tar for mortar. ⁴ Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city, with a tower that reaches to the heavens, so that we may make a name for ourselves; otherwise we will be scattered over the face of the whole earth."

Discussion Question 2:

- In what ways did things change after the flood? In what ways were they the same?

The Lord Came Down

Gen. 11: 5-9

⁵ But the Lord came down to see the city and the tower the people were building. ⁶ The Lord said, "If as one people speaking the same language they have begun to do this, then nothing they plan to do will be impossible for them. ⁷ Come, let us go down and confuse their language so they will not understand each other." ⁸ So the Lord scattered them from there over all the earth, and they stopped building the city. ⁹ That is why it was called Babel—because there the Lord confused the language of the whole world. From there the Lord scattered them over the face of the whole earth.

Abram and Sarai

Gen. 11: 29-31

²⁹ Abram and Nahor both married. The name of Abram's wife was Sarai, and the name of Nahor's wife was Milkah; she was the daughter of Haran, the father of both Milkah and Iskah. ³⁰ Now Sarai was childless because she was not able to conceive. ³¹ Terah took his son Abram, his grandson Lot son of Haran, and his daughter-in-law Sarai, the wife of his son Abram, and together they set out from

Ur of the Chaldeans to go to Canaan. But when they came to Harran, they settled there.

Discussion Question 3:

- What may have been some of the reasons Terah took his family from Ur toward Canaan?

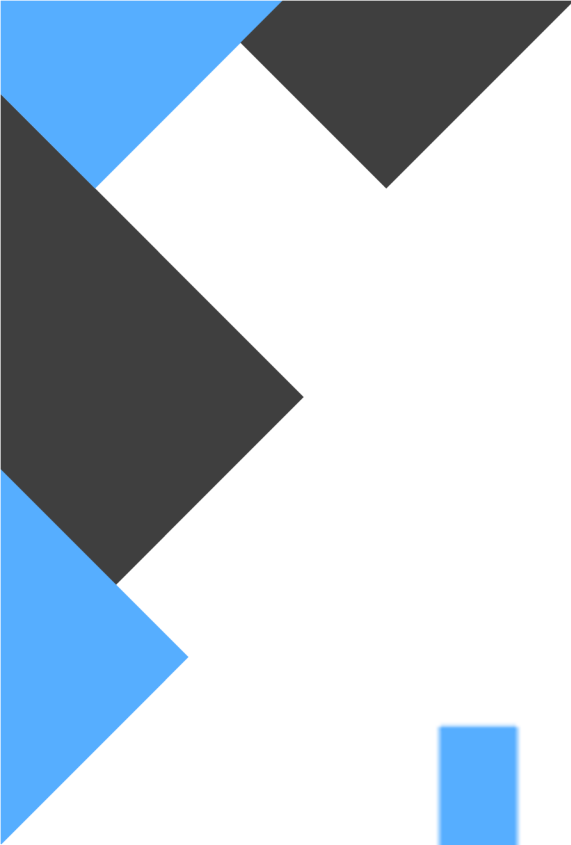
Apply the Text

After God's cleansing of the Earth with flood waters, He makes a covenant with Noah to be fruitful and replenish the Earth's population. The hostility between the offspring of Eve (Jesus), and the seed of the devil is ongoing. The Lord in his mercy and grace will perpetuate humankind until his perfect plan for man's redemption and Satan's final defeat come to fruition. We serve a wise and faithful creator.

Memory Verses

"And God said: "This *is* the sign of the covenant which I make between Me and you, and every living creature that *is* with you, for perpetual generations: ¹³I set My rainbow in the cloud, and it shall be for the sign of the covenant between Me and the earth."

Gen. 9:12-13



C H R I S T I A N M I N I S T R I E S

