



## Magnolia Bible Church Men's Group - Creation Series

Introduction and Lesson #1 | Thursday, February 2 and 9, 2017

The principal aim of this series is to explore what the Bible has to say about Creation and the early history of mankind up to the Tower of Babel. The first eleven chapters of Genesis define for us what God's Word has to say about the early days of man. For many people this portion of the Bible is nothing more than fables, while for others it is the inspired Word of God that clearly establishes the origin of man, civilization, and the universe. As Christians, it is important to know what we believe and be able to clearly communicate to others the basis of our beliefs. The world needs well-read, articulate Christians who are confident in their beliefs built on a strong, Biblical foundation.

Listed below is the basic outline for our Creation Series, along with the schedule for each lesson.

Topic	Location in Genesis	Planned Date
Introduction	N/A	February 2
Six days of Creation	Genesis 1 – 2	February 9
The Fall	Genesis 3	February 16
Cain and Abel	Genesis 4	February 23
Genealogy (Adam to Noah)	Genesis 5	March 2
Wickedness of Man	Genesis 6:1-8	March 9
Noah and the Flood	Genesis 6 – 8	March 23 (*)
God's Covenant with Noah / Sons of Noah	Genesis 9	March 30
Table of Nations	Genesis 10	April 6
Tower of Babel	Genesis 11:1-9	April 13

\* Spring Break is scheduled for March 13-17; there will not be a lesson on Thursday, March 16.

In reviewing the above table, it is clear that many significant events took place to establish how we view the world. For Believers who take a literal interpretation of Genesis 1 – 11, there are several critically-important points that should be considered as presented in the questions below.

- One of the more controversial topics concerns the "literal" six day Creation. Did God literally create in a six-day period and how does the geologic time scale impact our view on this subject?
- Evolution, although a theory, is often cited as a law and fact. How does the Theory of Evolution counter what is read in Genesis, specifically as it relates to mankind and our being made in God's image?
- Is Satan a real being, or is he more of an evil force that creates "bad karma" in the world today?
- What was God's original plan for men and women?
- What can we learn about God's Divine Plan for mankind in studying genealogies?
- Although we live in an evil world, how bad could it have been in the days of Noah when we read in Genesis 6:5, "The Lord saw how great the wickedness of the human race had become on the earth, and that *every inclination of the thoughts of the human heart was only evil all the time*"?
- Was the Flood a literal flooding of the entire surface of the earth, or a local phenomenon? What impact could such forces have on the face of the earth and what effect did it have on certain species of animal and plant life?

- After the Flood, where did the sons of Noah go and how did their descendants form the Table of Nations and the civilizations we know today?
- How did we get our languages? How does the Evolutionist explain this in light of Genesis' account of the Tower of Babel?
- From an overall perspective, what do we learn in the first eleven chapters of Genesis about God's redemptive plan for mankind?

### Questions & Deep Thoughts

1. For those of us who identify ourselves as Bible-believing Christians, the way we view the world should be influenced by what the Bible has to say. Consider some of the subjects below and contrast how the world's view might disagree with our own.

#### **WORLD VIEW**

#### **BIBLICAL VIEW**

- a. How earth came into being
- b. Origin of man
- c. Period of time man has lived on earth

2. Read Genesis 1-2. Identify what happened on each of the six days of Creation.

DAY 1: \_\_\_\_\_

DAY 2: \_\_\_\_\_

DAY 3: \_\_\_\_\_

DAY 4: \_\_\_\_\_

DAY 5: \_\_\_\_\_

DAY 6: \_\_\_\_\_

3. What patterns do you see in completing the above list? Think specifically in terms of Days 1 – 3.

