

## A SURVEY OF BIBLICAL TEACHING – OLD TESTAMENT

### **WARFARE IN PARADISE:**

Survey of the Bible on Spiritual Warfare must begin in Genesis...we have already spent a lot of time here...but will look at some more detail now.

Genesis – Beginning – also Generation as in family history.

Why is Genesis so important?

- It identifies who God is as Creator of all.
- It explains the fall of man kind and the consequences of that fall.
- It identifies our need to be redeemed/saved...the need of a Messiah.
- It also explains our enemy.

If Satan can get us to doubt the teaching of Genesis, we will doubt the Bible and thereby doubt the will of God and not know Him fully.

### **BIG PICTURE OF GENESIS:**

1. Genesis 1 – Origin of life – the Heavens and the Earth.
2. Genesis 2-11 – Tells the creation of man, man's fall, origin of sin, the great flood, the origin of the nations.
3. Genesis 12 – 50 – tells of the calling of Abram, the origins of Israel, the history of the patriarch (Abraham, Isaac, & Jacob) through Joseph.

This book stands alone...the rest of the Old Testament tells of God' unique revelation of Himself through the descendants of Abraham.

### **\*\*\*\*\* SIX ASPECTS OF THE CREATION OF HUMANITY\*\*\*\*\***

Why is this so important? Why are the origins of Humanity so important? Why is there so much debate over this? Why are there so many theories? Why????

1. God created man in His image (Gen 1:26-27)
2. God gave man total dominion (Great Mandate) (Gen 1:26-28)
3. Man is both male and female (Gen 1:27)
4. Be fruitful and multiply (Great Mandate) Gen 1:28
5. Special Blessing on them (Gen 1:28)
6. God is pleased with man as part of His creation (Gen 1:31)
  - a. Genesis 4, 10, 12, 21, 25, 31.

How do these 6 points match up with evolution?

How are they in conflict?

- God created
- All fully created...not developed.

- God saw it as good and very good.
- To believe that God created and allowed evolution to bring all of life to pass in incompatible with Scripture.
  - The order of Creation.
  - The fullness of Creation
  - The goodness of Creation.
  - It challenges God's Word, His Character, and His ability.

What are the immediate effects of Humanity's Sin?

Read Genesis 3:7-24

1. Genesis 3:7 – SHAME
2. Genesis 3:8 – SEPARATION FROM GOD
3. Genesis 3:10 – LYING (Lack of Honesty)
4. Genes 3:12 – BLAME
5. Genesis 3:16-24 – IMMEDIATE JUDGMENT (individual and together) demonstrates the consequences of sin.
6. Genesis 3:22-24 PARADISE LOST

GENESIS 3:15 – ENEMY AND MESSIAH

Two powerful promises from this verse of Scripture.

- It identifies our enemy.
- And it tells of the Messiah to come (Please note is is pre-evangel...this passage could not be fully understood except through the lens of the New Testament.)

CHRIST – this passage foretells of the INCARNATION – God becoming flesh.

He came from the SEED of woman or EVE – that would be MARY...see Luke 2 for genealogy.

TWO SEEDS:

1. SEED OF SATAN:
  - a. Demons, evil spirits, fallen angels...they follow Satan's command and advance his kingdom.
  - b. Unredeemed humanity and creation...they carry out Satan's nature on earth through sin, evil acts, and wickedness (secularism, humanism and so forth are not neutral).
2. SEED OF WOMAN
  - a. CHRIST – Jesus is the Messiah ( Gal. 3:16, Rev 12:1-5, Heb. 2:14, I John 3:8)
  - b. Redeemed Humanity – Those redeemed by the blood of the Lamb are Children of God...we are a work of redemption. God's nature is being revealed in us and through us as we become more like Christ and live by God's purposes.

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