

OLD TESTAMENT SURVEY

STUDY PACK 1B

MEMORIZE: Genesis 3:15 And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

Memorize and recite vocabulary to the Supervisor before proceeding to the study pak material

Vocabulary Words

- **bara** (baw-raw')—Hebrew word for create; to bring into existence from nothing.
- **reshith** (ray-sheeth')—Hebrew word that means in the beginning.
- **Cain**—Name of the first child born, who became a murderer.
- **creation**—The act of God whereby He brought into existence from nothing.
- **Elohim**—Hebrew word for God, which is a plural word used with a singular noun.
- **enmity**—Hostility to a personal foe. In Genesis 3:15, hostility between the serpent and the seed of the woman.
- **replenish**—The Hebrew word literally means to fill.
- **YHWH**—The personal name for God given in Genesis 2:4. Originally, the Hebrew language only used consonants. By adding vowels, the word becomes Yahweh and is translated Jehovah or LORD.
- **Ziggurat**—Tower in Babylonia.

Jean Astruc was a gifted French physician and professor of anatomy. His father was a protestant minister who converted to Catholicism. Privately, Astruc had an interest in theology. In 1753 he anonymously published a book in which he put forth the hypothesis that Moses compiled Genesis from two primary source documents and ten fragments. That Moses had used source documents had been proposed before. Astruc was the first to offer an explanation of how Moses might have used his sources.

Astruc's ideas have earned him the distinction of being "the father of what Higher Criticism", the school of thought that has tried to undermine the Bible's claim of divine inspiration.

The theory was expanded over time and ultimately became what is known as the Documentary Hypothesis or the "JEDP Theory": "J" for Jahvistic, "E" for Elohist, "D" for Deuteronic, and "P" for Priestly—the authors of the oral sources that Moses relied upon. The theory views the Pentateuch as a patchwork document gathered from sources between the ninth and sixth centuries B.C. _____ . It was made popular among unbelieving theologians 1878 by Julius Wellhausen and K. H. Graf who are the originators of the modern manifestation.

There is no evidence for Moses' sources. Any claim of such is mere speculation. It would seem safe to assume that Moses knew something of the history of mankind in general and of his own people in particular. However, what he recorded was from one source, the Holy Spirit. Therefore, it is accurate as borne out by archeology.

The manners, customs, and language of the Pentateuch are proven to be much earlier than supposed by the authors of the Documentary Hypothesis. Language used in the Pentateuch has

been discovered in documents dating well before the time of Moses. The continuity of the Pentateuch points toward a unity and coherence that are difficult to reconcile with the proposed "cut and paste" editorial viewpoint of the JEDP theory.

The JEDP theory has long been discarded among serious students due to archeological evidence which emphasizes the folly of advancing theories that are based on the lack of evidence at a given time.

The first book in the Bible, Genesis, is called Bereshith, which means "_____". It was commonplace for the Jews to use the first word in a book of the Bible as the name of the book. Today we name the first book of the Bible "Genesis," which is the English for the first Hebrew word in the Bible. All the events in Genesis precede the life of Moses. Moses had no need for source documents since the very words of the Pentateuch are God breathed. That Moses gave us the

Genesis is like a prologue to the rest of the Bible, setting the stage for everything that follows by taking us back to the very beginning of time. The very first three chapters tell at least one-third of the history of the Bible, while chapters 4-11 cover the story of human history up until about 1800 B.C.

The Hebrew word "bara" means, "to bring into existence from nothing." Man cannot bring something from nothing. He can only be creative with existing material.

On day 1 - God created light establishing the day and night cycle. On day 2 God created the firmament. Prior to the second day, it seems that the earth was surrounded by a thick vapor or water layer. On day 3, God created the seas and the dry lands, causing dry land to appear out of the waters that covered the earth and creating vegetation_ on the dry land. On day 4 God created the sun, moon, and stars to bear light and to establish a calendar. On day 5 God created the lower animals and life forms, such as fish and birds. On day 6 God created the higher animal life forms and man. On day 7 God rested and sanctified the seventh day as the Sabbath.

Because God created the sun, moon, and stars on the fourth day, many scholars claim that the day could not have been a 24 hour period, thus allowing for thousands of years. The Hebrew word for day is Yom, which is never used with a numerical adjective (first, second, etc.) and never refers to anything other than a 24 hour day. However, it must be noted that God created light on the first day and divided the light from the darkness. Six times we see the phrase, "and the evening and the morning were the day."

In creating everything else, God was preparing the way for man, His _____. It is significant that God used pre-existing material in making man. The personal pronoun "us" is used to show that the entire Godhead, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit were active in making man. The root word for both *man* and *ground* come from the same word, showing that apart from the grace of God, man has nothing to boast about, being made from the dust of the ground.

Man, who was created in the image or likeness of God, has both a moral and spiritual nature including: intellect, a will, and emotions.

The Hebrew word *ish* is used in both Genesis One and Two, which justifies the belief that in addition to Adam (meaning a specific man); the word also means mankind in general. Adam's wife was named Eve, which means living.

God's plan from the beginning was for man to multiply and fill the earth. Since the original Hebrew language had only consonants, the new name was "YHWH," the covenant name for the God of Israel. This word is translated Jehovah. The King James Version of the Bible indicates its use by all capital letters, LORD. Jews consider it so sacred they refuse pronounce it. Instead, the word Adonai, meaning Lord is substituted.

_____ describes the position or office God holds. _____ is his personal name. In Genesis 2:4, are identified as being one and the same. Jehovah describes the eternal, self-existent One, the I AM.

In our modern world, the view that the earth is "sacred" is constantly increasing with a strong spiritual emphasis found in what is being taught about the environmental movement in the schools. A proper understanding of creation will combat the theories of the universe being divine or Mother Nature being sacred.

_____, teaches that the material universe is some form of god, and that every person, animal, plant, or object is a part of god, and returns to god when they die. The Bible is very clear that God is distinct from His creation.

Genesis gives no account of the beginning of God, for God has no beginning or end. "In the beginning God..." already points to the triune God. "Elohim," the Hebrew word for God, is a plural word used with a singular verb, pointing to the trinity.

These first four words of the Bible are the basis of faith. As Christians, we must not only understand that God created the world out of nothing, but that creation itself depends upon God to sustain it.

The _____ and _____ are resources that God has given to mankind to manage, for God's glory and man's benefit. Because of that stewardship, it is important to manage the earth carefully, not because the earth itself is sacred, but because we will one day give an account of our stewardship of the earth. _____ was a part of God's original plan before the fall.

In Genesis 3, the devil is the author of sin. While the devil is crafty, deceitful, subtle, and destructive, he cannot match the wisdom of God. The devil tempted Eve in the garden, questioning the very word of God. He uses the same tactics in the world today.

God pronounced a specific curse upon the serpent because of his temptation of Eve. The Father of Lies, the devil, seems to believe his own lie that he will overcome God in the end.

Physical death was not the only result of the fall, for man experienced an immediate spiritual separation from God evidenced by Adam and Eve hiding from God in the garden. There were

immediate effects upon Eve in child birth, and upon the ground, making Adam's work more difficult.

By disobeying God, Adam and Eve experienced the knowledge of good and evil. Adam and Eve confessed their sin; both accused others of being at fault for their sin. Adam blamed Eve, and Eve blamed the serpent.

God put hostility between the woman and the serpent. God promised the woman's seed would bruise the head of the serpent's seed and the serpent's seed would bruise the heel of the woman's seed. The promise was that the Redeemer would have his heel bruised (the body of Christ being broken on the cross) and that the serpent would have his head bruised by the same action. There was an enmity established at the fall, and it has continued as a spiritual battle into the present age. Only through faith in the finished work of Jesus Christ, the bruising of the heel of the seed of the woman, can man receive eternal life.

Cain and Abel were the first children born to Adam and Eve. As Abel grew up, he became a shepherd. Cain became a farmer. That they inherited sin became very obvious when Cain killed Abel. The fruition of sin and the first physical death of a man must have been a shock to Adam and Eve, who saw a terrible consequence of their sin.

_____ obeyed God. His offering of a lamb was accepted by God because he believed God. When Cain's offering of fruit was not accepted by God, he murdered his brother in a jealous rage. Cain's offering was unacceptable to God because he decided to do things his way instead of God's way. Thus Cain disqualified himself as the one through whom the Redeemer would come, and Abel, being dead, was no longer an option for the line of the Redeemer.

Seth, which means *substitute*, was born to Adam and Eve, and he became the line through which the Redeemer would come. All mankind on the earth today is of Seth's lineage, for it was only his lineage that survived the great flood.

The account of a world-wide flood in Genesis is supported by both tradition and archaeology. Archaeology supports the biblical account of the flood with ancient tablets making references to the food and flood deposits found at Ur, Kish, Fara, and Nineveh.

The fossil evidence also indicates that a flood covered the whole earth, with fossils that would normally be associated with the sea found high up in the mountains and huge fossil beds, where the animals were swept by the flood, located in various locations in the world.

Other biblical writers such as Isaiah (Isaiah 54:9), the writer of Hebrews (Hebrews 11:7), and Peter (1 Peter 3:20, and 2 Peter 2:5) make reference to the flood. In Matthew 24:37-39, Christ also made reference to Noah and the Flood as an actual historic event.

While men lived long lives, some well over 900 years, they continually grew wicked. During this time of wickedness, there was one man who found favor in the eyes of the Lord.

Noah, at God's command, built a huge ship in the middle of the dry land. It took a tremendous act of faith. Before that time, there had not been rain upon the earth. Noah spent 120 years building the ark God commanded him to build, preaching the whole time. Noah and his family were the only human beings to survive the flood, because God had provided for them an “ark” of safety. The ark which carried Noah and his family safely through the flood is a type of the Lord Jesus Christ.

After the flood, Noah, his wife, and his sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth, with their wives, landed on Mount Ararat. During this time, God made Noah a promise that another world-wide flood would never occur, giving him the rainbow as a sign.

They were commanded by God to repopulate the earth after the flood. Shem and his descendants located across central Asia (east and west). Ham and his descendants settled Africa. Japheth and his descendants settled along the northern coasts of the Mediterranean Sea in Asia Minor, Europe, and in portions of northern Asia.

Noah's descendants had the same sinful nature as those before the flood, and in their pride, built a _____, or a terraced tower, which was intended to reach to heaven. It was only after God looked down in displeasure confused their language, they dispersed to other parts of the world.

The migration of Noah's descendants was not done of their _____ to please God and fulfill His command, but rather a result of God's disciplinary action because of their disobedience. From this scattering by God, the nations of the earth were dispersed so that God could accomplish His purpose instead of rebellious man accomplishing his own purpose.

Doctrinal Foundations Found in Genesis

The universe (Genesis 1).	The universe (Genesis 1).
The earth (Genesis 1-2).	People (Genesis 1-2).
_____ and the family (Genesis 2, 4).	Work (Genesis 2:8-17).
Evil and sin (Genesis 3).	Salvation and redemption (Genesis 3, 12).
The nations (Genesis 5-50).	Governmental authority (Genesis 9).
Languages (Genesis 11).	The nation of Israel (Genesis 12).