

## STUDY PACK 4

### THE BIBLICAL ORIGINS OF HUMAN CIVILIZATION

“The world’s history is \_\_\_\_\_ of which the history of every nation is a canto and every man a word. Its strains have been peeling down the centuries, and though there have been mingled discords of warring cannon and dying men, yet to the Christian philosopher and historian—the humble listener— there has been a divine melody running through the song which speaks of hope and halcyon days to come.”

~ President James A. Garfield ~

#### I. CREATION

Man has a natural curiosity regarding origins. Where did the world come from? Where did plants and animals come from? Where did I come from? These questions have bothered mankind down through history. Creation is not able to be studied or to be verified by the \_\_\_\_\_ method since the normal sources of data are not available. However, we have a source that is more reliable than the historical method—that is the Word of God.

The book of Genesis, which means “\_\_\_\_\_” or “beginning,” was given by God to inform us of God’s mighty act of creation and the development of civilization. Genesis gives us a record of the beginning of heaven and earth and also of all living things — plants, animal, and human. The Biblical account of creation is often referred to as special creation. The creation is described in Gen. 1:1-31.

#### A. THE THEORY OF EVOLUTION

It has been said that Satan, the old deceiver, has \_\_\_\_\_. Satan definitely has a substitute for Creation in the theory of evolution. Evolution denies the idea of the Genesis account of Creation and teaches that man developed or evolved from lower forms of life. The evolutionary process was popularized by the writings of Charles Darwin including *Origin of Species by Means of Natural Selection* and *Descent of Man*.

Evolution cannot be proven by the scientific method. Remember that for the Christian, God’s Word is the only test of truth—which leaves only Creation as acceptable.

The evolutionist believes that men developed from the lowest forms through many stages and over a period of millions of years finally reaching a peak with the development of man.

\_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_. However, this faith is in a manmade theory that has constantly changed over the years in order to conform to new scientific discoveries.

The creationist accepts the Biblical account of creation with a full-developed man in the person of Adam, whose name means “man.” Adam was not a subhuman person, but rather was a man with intelligence as evidenced by his naming of the animals in response to God’s command. Faith is also essential to believe in special creation, but this faith is in a never-changing God (Malachi 3:6). The Genesis account has never had to be changed in order to be brought up-to-date.

It is interesting to compare the creationist’s view with the evolutionist’s view. We see the unchangeableness of the Scriptural account and how it remains consistent with scientific truth, while the inconsistency of the evolutionary theory necessitates constant revisions.

As the Scripture reveals to us the creative act of God, we note that the \_\_\_\_\_ was the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_. Adam was created in the image of God; formed from possibly the most common of all ingredients, the dust of the ground; and given the breath of life by God Himself (Genesis 1:27, 2:7). The Lord gave man a helpmate with the creation of Eve, and with the two of them civilization was begun.

The Word of God warns men about false scientific theories like \_\_\_\_\_, I Tim 6:20-21.

## **B. MAN’S DOMINION**

God gave man clear dominion over the earth and a \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_, Gen. 1:28. “The heaven, even the heavens are the Lord’s, but the earth hath he given to the children of men” (Psalm 115:16). Man’s authority to exercise dominion and subdue nature are the \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. From the development of simple farming techniques to irrigation to air flight to heart surgery, man \_\_\_\_\_ his \_\_\_\_\_ by carrying out his right to subdue the forces of nature.

God placed the first man and woman in the beautiful garden which provided a great environment and He gave them one \_\_\_\_\_.

“And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.” Genesis 2:15-17

## **II. THE FALL OF MAN**

The saddest event in early history occurred in the Garden of Eden as Satan, using the serpent, tempted Eve by adding to the Word of God. Adam and Eve joined in disobedience to the command of the Lord as given in Genesis 2:16, 17 and thereby brought mankind under the bondage of sin. Genesis 3:14-17 reveals to us the effects of sin and the promise of redemption. Here we find that the serpent as an instrument of

Satan was cursed “above all cattle and above every beast of the field.” Woman received both sorrow in relation to motherhood and subjection to the husband as the entrance into sin demanded leadership. Man received the curse of the ground and also a life of toil “by the sweat of his face” (Genesis 3:15).

Adam and Eve were removed from the Garden by God because of their disobedience. After this Adam and Eve began to have children. The results of their fall into sin were evident in the lives of their children with the first murder in history, Cain’s slaying of his own brother, Abel. Later, in Genesis 9:6, we find that God introduced the principle of capital punishment into this new civilization.

The influence of the fall on man’s nature is dramatic and overwhelming. Man’s sinful nature influences his \_\_\_\_\_, his \_\_\_\_\_, and his \_\_\_\_\_. The history of the world is largely the history of the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ -- the whole world lieth in wickedness.”, I John 5:19b.

Romans 3:10-18 describes the influence of man’s sinful nature on his lifestyle.

The fall of man impacts every single event in World History.

### **III. PRE-FLOOD CIVILIZATION**

Genesis Chapter 4-5 describes man’s early civilization through the first ten generations. The earth was protected by a vapor (Gen. 1:7) which dramatically made the earth’s climate different from what it is today. During the first ten generations men routinely lived eight hundred and nine hundred years.

Men began to develop the skills of animal husbandry, music, and metallurgy — Genesis 4:20-23. Sacrifices were offered to the Lord and the pattern of sacrifice was corrupted. Men began to marry multiple wives. In these first generations men began to rebel against God. “And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.” Genesis 6:5

David Criswell writes: “It is not surprising that science cannot find direct evidence of antediluvian civilizations, because the Bible says the whole ancient world was destroyed by the Flood. Peter even compares the destruction to that which will come when the Earth is destroyed by fire (2 Peter 3:5-7). The Flood annihilated virtually all the remains of ancient man. Only scant traces can be found, and these would be swept under the rug as insignificant anomalies.

Yet these anomalies indicate that ancient civilizations might have been even more advanced than some later civilizations.”

OOPARTS is a term for “\_\_\_\_\_.” Occasionally items are found which seem out of place historically. Some have speculated that these items are from pre-flood civilizations—they are OOPARTS.

#### IV. THE FLOOD

God determined to judge man and remake human society — Gen. 6:6-8. God commissioned Noah and his sons to build an ark for their physical salvation and to fill it with representatives of the animal species, Gen. 6:17-22.

God sent a flood to cover the entire earth — Ps. 104:6; Genesis 7 and 8. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ bears testimony to the Great Flood. \_\_\_\_\_ has a legend of the Great Flood.

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.

Genesis 6:5: And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

I Timothy 6:20-21: O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding profane and vain babblings, and oppositions of science falsely so called: 21 Which some professing have erred concerning the faith. Grace be with thee. Amen.