

**“In the beginning”**

**Genesis 1-50**

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**Genesis 1:1**

**1 In the beginning God  
created the heavens and  
the earth.**

# **“In the beginning”**

**“The simple statement that God created the heavens and the earth is one of the most challenging concepts confronting the modern mind.”**

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## **Genesis 3:1**

**1** Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God really say, ‘You must not eat from any tree in the garden’?”

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**“The question and response changed the course of human history. By causing the woman to doubt God’s Word, the serpent brought evil into the world. Here the deceiver undertook to alienate people from God. Elsewhere he acts as an accuser to alienate God from people.”**

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**“In the beginning”**

**Genesis 3:15**

**15** And I will put enmity  
between you and the woman,  
and between your  
offspring and hers; he will  
crush your head, and you  
will strike his heel.”

# **“In the beginning”**

**“The offspring of the woman would eventually crush the serpent's head, a promise fulfilled in Christ's victory over Satan—a victory in which all believers will share.”**

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## **Genesis 9:12-13**

**12** And God said, “This is the sign of the covenant I am making between me and you and every living creature with you, a covenant for all generations to come: **13** I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth.



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**“God sovereignly promised in this covenant to Noah, to Noah’s descendants and to all other living things never again to destroy the earth and its inhabitants until His purposes for His creation are fully realized.”**

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## **Genesis 15:5-6**

**5** He took him outside and said, “Look up at the sky and count the stars — if indeed you can count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.” **6** Abram believed the LORD, and he credited it to him as righteousness.

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**“...this verse is the first explicit reference to faith in God’s promises. It also teaches that God graciously responds to faith by crediting righteousness to one who believes.”**

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## **Genesis 22:15-18**

**15** The angel of the LORD called to Abraham from heaven a second time **16** and said, “I swear by myself, declares the LORD, that because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son,

**17** I will surely bless you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore.

Your descendants will take possession of the cities of their enemies, **18** and through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed, because you have obeyed me.”

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**“Abraham’s devotion is paralleled by God’s love to us in Christ...”**

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## **Genesis 25:21-23**

**21** Isaac prayed to the LORD on behalf of his wife, because she was childless. The LORD answered his prayer, and his wife Rebekah became pregnant. **22** The babies jostled each other within her, and she said, “Why is this happening to me?” So she went to inquire of the LORD.

**23** The LORD said to her, “Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples from within you will be separated; one people will be stronger than the other, and the older will serve the younger.”



# **“In the beginning”**

**“God’s election of the younger son highlights the fact that God’s people are the product not of natural or worldly development but of His sovereign intervention in human affairs.”**

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## **Genesis 32:24-26**

**24** So Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him till daybreak. **25** When the man saw that he could not overpower him, he touched the socket of Jacob’s hip so that his hip was wrenched as he wrestled with the man.

**26** Then the man said, “Let me go, for it is daybreak.” But Jacob replied, “I will not let you go unless you bless me.”

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**“Jacob’s persistence was soon rewarded... Jacob finally acknowledged that the blessing must come from God.”**

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## **Genesis 50:20**

**20** You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives.

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**“Joseph's wise theological answer has gone down in history as the classic statement of God's sovereignty over men.”**

**John MacArthur**

# Life Applications

- **God is sovereign**
- **Genesis points us to Jesus**

# Final Thoughts

## Romans 5:15-19

**15** But the gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died by the trespass of the one man, how much more did God's grace and the gift that came by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, overflow to the many!



**16** Nor can the gift of God be compared with the result of one man's sin: The judgment followed one sin and brought condemnation, but the gift followed many trespasses and brought justification. **17** For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God's abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ!

**18** Consequently, just as one trespass resulted in condemnation for all people, so also one righteous act resulted in justification and life for all people. **19** For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous.

# Final Thoughts

## John 3:16

**16** For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.