

1 - Genesis: The Beginning of Everything

- Genesis 1:1 *"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth."*
If you understand and accept this statement, you will have no trouble with anything else found in the Bible. **Only 2 World Views:** 1) Everything is a result of a cosmic accident; **or** 2) We are the result of a deliberate design by a Designer.



- First quote by God:** *"let there be light."* **The speed of light has been slowing down....** If the figures are extrapolated backwards, we could speculate that light was: 10-30% faster in the time of Christ; 2X in the days of Solomon; 4X in the days of Abraham; 10 million times as fast prior to 3,000 BC. Just something to think about!! It is good for us to remember how much we do NOT know.

Highlights

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1-2	Creation: Desire for Fellowship Day One: "Let light be" 2nd Day: Stretching of space. . . 3rd Day: Land and vegetation 4th Day: Sun, Moon, Stars. 5th Day: Sea animals, Birds 6th Day: Land animals, and Man 7th Day: Sabbath Rest
3	The Fall: Fellowship is Broken <i>The Seed Plot of the Entire Bible</i> Nachash, the "Shining One," Forbidden Fruit, Methodology of Deception (Denial and Deception), God's Declaration of War, Seed of the Woman, Seed of the Serpent, Promise of Savior (<i>redemptive plan in motion, restored fellowship</i>) Effects of the Fall Entropy ("Bondage of Decay") introduced, The Plan of Redemption (involves more than Man alone: New Heavens and a New Earth), First Act of "Religion" (fig leaves)
4	Cain and Abel: Offerings, Cain's=Fruit of his own labors, Abel's=A Lamb, Cain's rejected, Cain murders Abel, Cain's family, Seth born
5	Genealogy: Message in the Names Adam Man (is) Seth Appointed Enosh Mortal Kenan Sorrow; (but) Mahalalel The Blessed God Jared Shall come down Enoch Teaching Methuselah His death shall bring Lamech The Despairing Noah Comfort, Rest
6-8	The Flood: Unnatural Offspring: <i>Nephilim</i>: "the fallen ones;" God disappointed in creation, regrets it; Judgment of Flood, saving of righteous; Ark comes to rest on Ararat on 17th of Nisan (<i>celebration of resurrection in</i>

	<i>advance)</i>
9	New Beginnings, New Order Not vegetarians anymore, Capital punishment ordained, Human government established, Sinful man wiped out, but not sin Post-Flood Changes: Thermal blanket gone, End of universal climate, Atmospheric pressure reduced 50%, Extended life spans decline...
10	Table of Nations: 70 Nations from Noah (Sham, Ham, Japheth) (<i>all nations descended from these</i>)
11	Tower of Babel: One Language (Hebrew), godless Confederacy: 1st World Dictator Nimrod ("We will rebel"); Plain of Shinar: Bab-El "Tower to Heaven" (<i>Astrological Temple, Zodiac corrupted</i>); Trinity Seen Tale of Two Cities Babylon – the City of Man Jerusalem – the City of God <i>Not the last time, still to come...One world government, One world religion, One world language, One world in rebellion against God</i>
12-13	Call of Abram Abrahamic Covenant, 7 "I Wills" <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • And I will make of thee a great nation, • and I will bless thee, • and make thy name great; • and thou shalt be a blessing: • And I will bless them that bless thee, • and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.
14	Melchizedek , precursor of Jesus (Priest/King) Abraham rescues Lot
15	Covenant Ritual, <i>barath</i>, "To cut a covenant" Terms of the Covenant: Declared eternal and unconditional, Re-confirmed by an oath: Gen 22:15-18, Confirmed to Isaac and to Jacob: Gen 26:2-5 (despite disobedience); Heb 6:13-18 declares it immutable

16	Abraham and Hagar, Ishmael born
17	Abram to Abraham (God changed his name to Abraham; Confirmed His Covenant: "Father of Many Nations;" Instituted circumcision as a sign; changed Sarai to Sarah; promised a son
18	Special Visit (Christophany): Three "men" visit (<i>the Lord and 2 angels</i>), a son from Sarah confirmed; Abraham "negotiates" for Sodom and Gomorrah
19	Destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah Two angels visit Lot, homosexuals seek the visitors, Lot offers his virgin daughters instead, angels blind the attackers, Lot's family evacuated (<i>a prerequisite to judgment, then and now</i>) Jesus likened His return to these days. <i>Luke 17:29</i> Lot's daughters had relations with father, Each had a son, one called Moab (<i>Moabites</i>), One called Ben-Ammi (<i>Ammonites</i>)
20	Abraham and Abimelech , worldly mistakes, God rescues
21	Isaac born , Hagar and Ishmael removed from camp, blessing given, more stuff with Abimelech Flesh vs. Spirit theme throughout scripture (Ishmael vs. Isaac) Ishmael: of the flesh, in unbelief; Isaac: of promise, in response to faith (<i>Galatians</i>)
22	Abraham Offers Isaac ("The Akedah") Abraham told to sacrifice his son, Isaac. An early "enactment" of another father who would provide an offering, His only begotten, beloved Son, 2000 years later, in exactly the same place. Jehovah Jireh - God will provide.
23	Sarah's death and burial , first stake in property in Canaan (Oaks of Mamre)
24	A Bride for Isaac: Rebekkah purchased as bride (<i>represents church, Bride of Christ</i>)
25	Keturah (Abraham's 2nd wife), Abraham's death, Ishmael's genealogy. Esau and Jacob: Esau firstborn, Jacob purchases birthright from Esau for pot of stew.
26	Isaac and Abimelech (dealing with the world) Dwelling in the land, wells of living water
27	Jacob: obtains the blessing by deceiving his father. Esau angered. Jacob flees to Haran
28	Jacob leaves, Esau marries, Jacob has a vision of a ladder to heaven
29	Jacob cheated by Laban (Leah for Rachel)
30	12 Tribes Born (12 sons of Jacob: Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Dan, Naphtali, Gad, Asher, Issachar, Zebulun, Joseph, Benjamin)
31	Jacob leaves Haran, returns to Canaan
32	Jacob wrestles with God, renamed Israel
33	Jacob reconciled with Esau
34	Jacob's family sins in Shechem, daughter

	Dinah revenged.
35	Jacob returns to Bethel, Benjamin born, Rachel dies, Isaac dies
36	Genealogy of Esau , Edomites
37	Joseph: Joseph (favored) dreams, brothers plot, sold into slavery in Egypt, brothers deceive Jacob (thinks Joseph is dead)
38	Judah and Tamar (<i>strange interlude!</i>) custom of Levirate marriage, Messianic line of Judah begins with birth of twins
39	Joseph works for Potiphar excels, rebuffs wife's advances, wrongly imprisoned
40	Joseph interprets the butler's and the baker's dreams . Butler forgets Joseph.
41	Pharaoh's dream , Joseph interprets, rises to power 2nd in command, 7 good years, 7 lean years (famine)
42-45	Famine in Canaan , Joseph's brothers come to Egypt for food, Joseph recognizes but tests them, elaborate scam, requires Benjamin to come, keeps Simeon as hostage Benjamin comes to Egypt in 2nd trip, more trickery, Joseph reveals his identity, feast together, Jacob learns Joseph is alive
46	Jacob and family migrate to Egypt , (family of 70) settle in Land of Goshen
47	Favor with Pharaoh, Joseph handles the famine
48	Jacob blesses Joseph's sons (Manasseh and Ephraim), Jacob pulls a switch
49	Jacob's prophetic blessing of his 12 sons, Jacob dies and body taken to Canaan for burial
50	Mourning for Jacob , burial in Canaan, Joseph kind to brothers, Joseph dies (<i>embalmed for future burial in Canaan</i>) Jacob's family now in Egypt, soon to be a nation.

The Scarlet Thread: from the seed of the woman (Gen 3), narrowed to a nation (call of Abraham), narrowed further a tribe (Judah, Gen 49), to a specific family and dynasty (David, 2 Sam 7), finally to the virgin birth in Bethlehem (Isa 7, Micah 5)...From the Tree of Life, to another tree in another garden..... with another Lamb that was accepted and provided for sacrifice...**The incredible plan continues...**

