

Old Testament Eras

Adam through Noah

Introduction

Today we'll be discussing Genesis 1-11. We'll see names like Adam, Eve, Cain, Abel, and Noah. We'll cover topics like Creation, the Fall, the first murder, a world-wide flood, and the Tower of Babel. These are people and events that are reviewed often in Sunday School, children's Bibles, church services, etc. At your table, share one example of a memory you have that is tied to a time when you learned about someone, or something, recorded in Genesis 1-11. *(It could be a memory from Sunday School, home devotions, a sermon that stuck with you—anything related to the people and events of Genesis 1-11!)*

Course Overview

The Meta Narrative of Scripture

The goal for this course is simple: We aim to sharpen our grasp of the Old Testament timeline. While parts of the Old Testament are recorded in chronological order, some of it is arranged thematically. For example, the major and minor prophets all fit into the timeline but are not necessarily found in timeline order. The Psalms are not arranged chronologically, but many of them can be set on the OT timeline. As our understanding of OT chronology increases, the meta narrative of Scripture (the main story running throughout), becomes more and more clear. That's a big deal because the meta narrative of Scripture is all about Jesus!

Systematic Theology

Built on Genesis 1-11

In systematic theology, we strive to find everything the Bible says about a particular topic. Systematic theology is often broken up into 5 to 6 categories. Prolegomena, Theology, Anthropology, Christology, Soteriology, and Eschatology. Everything we study in systematic theology stands on the shoulders of Genesis 1-11.

Prolegomena (The "before conversation")

Theology (The study of God)

Anthropology (The study of man)

Christology (The study of the Christ)

Soteriology (The study of salvation)

Eschatology (The study of the last things)

Next Week's Old Testament Era—Abra(ha)m!

If you'd like to preview it during the week, Abra(ha)m is covered in Genesis chapters 12-25!