

MURPHY ROAD CHURCH OF CHRIST

May 21st, 2017

ANNOUNCEMENTS
Training Classes (Sundays)

PRAYER REQUESTS

Jenny Spradlin
Gloria Ferrell
Millie Broussard
Leola Weathers
John Cash
Austin Wilburn
Donna Meeks
Pat Andress

SHUT IN
Bess Pollock
Iva Williams

Travelling
Dawn and Noah

Meeting Times:

Sunday: 9:30 Worship
Sunday: 10:30 Bible Class
Sunday: 5:00 Worship
Wednesday 7:30 PM Bible Class

Looking for opportunities to serve?

- Talk to an elder about teaching a Bible Class.
- Ask an elder about specific needs that can be met.

Interested in further Bible study?

- Speak with our full time evangelist. Nathan Quinn can be reached at (402) 304-5699.

*“Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God;
and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.”*

1st John 4:7



Reading Your Bible Series

Genesis

By Nathan Quinn

The book of Genesis was written by Moses as the first book of the Law God gave to the Jews. The name Genesis comes from the opening line of the book “in the beginning.” The word Genesis means origin or beginning, and this book is about beginnings. Genesis records two separate beginnings that are both important to understand about humanity and about man’s relationship to God.

The first beginning is told in the first 11 chapters of Genesis and it describes the origin of life as we know it. It reveals to man his beginning and where he came from. Genesis 1:1 states “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.” This earth and the heavens (universe) were the result of God’s powerful word. The reason there is anything and everything is because God determined to make it. Genesis 1:26-27 reveals to us that man (both male and female) was created in the image of God. Humanity is here because God determined to create and make life. The origin of man is not the result of random chance. It is the result of God’s creative power and planning. There is a purpose to life and man being here. We learn in Genesis 2:15-17 that man is accountable to God and is expected to obey God’s instructions. In the 3rd chapter of Genesis we read about sin entering the world and the fall of man. When sin entered the world, man was separated from God, suffering entered the world, and death became a part of our existence. Through the first 11 chapters of Genesis, we see the catastrophic results sin brought upon this earth.

The second beginning revealed in Genesis is found in the remainder of the book, chapters 12 - 50. It tells of the beginning of God’s chosen people which was the focus Moses had as he taught the sons of Israel about their specific history as a people. In addition to their personal history, we have the beginning of God’s plan to remedy the problem that sin created. In God’s promise to Abraham in Genesis chapter 12:1-3, we see the driving point of the entire Old testament! It speaks of what God was going to do for Abraham and his descendants, as well as a blessing God was going to offer to the world through Abrahams descendant. Through the rest of the book of Genesis, God begins to fulfill His promises to Abraham. We see Abraham’s faith and devotion towards God, and we see the struggles his family endures. We read of Jacob making his faith his own and then of his 12 sons who will make up the 12 tribes of Israel. Joseph becomes the key character for the last third of the book. Joseph would suffer a cruel injustice from his brothers, but God would put him in the position to save the lives of Abraham’s descendants. Through all the difficulties of Abraham’s descendants, there is a hope and expectation of the promises God had made to their family.

When you read Genesis, look for the beginnings and follow the promises! The answers to life’s most important questions are answered there. We live in God’s world. We were created in His image to serve Him. Sin entered the world and tainted God’s wonderful creation. However, God made a promise to Abraham that will remedy our sin problem.
