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An Exposition of Genesis 1 –11 Fall 2025 Wednesdays 6:30-7:30pm

### Syllabus for Class on An Exposition of Genesis 1 – 11

# I. Class Description

This class helps the student gain an understanding of the earliest chapters of the Bible, Genesis 1-11. These chapters are foundational for understanding the rest of the Bible. We are taught here about the sovereignty of Creator God, the creation of humans in God's image, the Fall of humans, the first mention of redemption, God's judgment against humanity and government, God's promises through covenant-making, and more. Many controversial issues also arise from these chapters like the age of the universe, results of the Fall, and extent of the flood. In this class we will discuss all these issues, while remaining focused on what each passage meant to the original audience, what theological truths should be drawn from the exegesis, and how we should make application to us today as we seek to be conformed to the image of Christ.

### II. Class Objectives

This class aims:

- A. To discern the pericopes (passages) of Genesis 1 11, with a view to each pericopes exegetical meaning, theological import, and applicational value.
- B. To address the controversies surrounding Genesis 1-11, in a way that seeks to not only explain various views that relate to each controversy but also discern which views are outside orthodox Christian teaching.
- C. To finish the class with a deeper commitment to biblical faithfulness in a sinful culture that rejects God as Creator, Judge, and Redeemer.
- D. To love God and his people better because of making application to our lives from the timeless teaching of Genesis 1-11.
- E. To refresh ourselves in the biblical gospel as presented in Genesis 1-11.

#### III. Class Textbooks

### A. Required Books

1. The Holy Bible in preferred English translation. [The student may wish to have two different English translations on each end of the spectrum of translation philosophy—a "literal" rendering (ESV, NASB, etc.) and a "dynamic" rendering (NLT, TNIV)—though the expositions will largely draw from "literal" translations.]

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## **B.** Supplemental Books

- 1. Currid, John. *A Study Commentary on Genesis*. Vol. 1: Genesis 1:1 25:18. Webster, NY: Evangelical Press, 2003.
- 2. Kuruvilla, Abraham. *Genesis: A Theological Commentary For Preachers*. Eugene, OR: Resource Publications, 2014.
- 3. Ross, Allen. *Creation & Blessing: A Guide to the Study and Exposition of Genesis*. Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 1996.
- 4. Sarfati, Jonathan D. *The Genesis Account: A theological, historical, scientific commentary on Genesis 1 11.* Powder Springs, GA: Creation Book Publishers, 2015.
- 5. Wiersbe, Warren. The BE Series Commentary. *Be Basic (Genesis 1 11): Believing the Simple Truth of God's Word*. Colorado Springs, CO: David C Cook, 2010.

## IV. Class Schedule

Class Dates	Passage in Genesis
Aug 20 <sup>th</sup> , 6:30-7:30pm	1:1 – 2:3
Aug 27 <sup>th</sup> , 6:30-7:30pm	1:1 – 2:3, cont.
Sept 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 6:30-7:30pm	1:1 – 2:3, cont.
Sept 10 <sup>th</sup> , 6:30-7:30pm	2:4-25
Sept 17 <sup>th</sup> , 6:30-7:30pm	3:1-7 3:8-24
Sept 24 <sup>th</sup> , 6:30-7:30pm	3:8-24
Oct 1st, 6:30-7:30pm	4:1-16
Oct 8 <sup>th</sup> , No Class	No Class
Oct 15 <sup>th</sup> , No Class	Fall Break
Oct 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 6:30-7:30pm	4:17-26
Oct 29 <sup>th</sup> , 6:30-7:30pm	5:1-32
Nov 5 <sup>th</sup> , 6:30-7:30pm	6:1-8
Nov 12 <sup>th</sup> , 6:30-7:30pm	6:9 - 8:22
Nov 19 <sup>th</sup> , 6:30-7:30pm	9:1-29
Nov 26 <sup>th</sup> , No Class	Thanksgiving Break
Dec 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 6:30-7:30pm	10:1-32
Dec 10 <sup>th</sup> , 6:30-7:30pm	11:1-9
Dec 17 <sup>th</sup> , 6:30-7:30pm	11:10-26