Genesis
Chapters 1-11
The Book of Beginnings

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Psalm 148

Expository Structure:
A. Call on Heaven to Praise the Lord (vv. 1–6)
B. Call on Earth to Praise the Lord (vv. 7–12)
C. Rationale for Praising the Lord (vv. 13–14)

Reference: Expositor's Bible Commentary

Why Cain Slaughtered Abel

Genesis 4:8
1 John 3:12-13, “For what reason did he slay him? Because his deeds were evil, and his brother's were righteous. Do not marvel, brethren, if the world hates you.”
John 15:18-19, “If the world hates you, you know that it has hated Me before it hated you. If you were of the world, the world would love its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you.”
Lineage of Cain

City builders
Ranchers
Musicians
Craftsmen
Metalurgists

Genealogies are designed to celebrate life and accomplishment by tracing the continuation of family from one ancestor to the next.

Irad - Semitic, ʿrd, meaning "wild ass," or Arabic for "camel huts.
Mehujael "God has smitten," and "God gives life.

See p. 46, notes

Ages for Palestine

Early Bronze Age - 3200-2200 BC
Middle Bronze Age - 2200-1550 BC
Late Bronze I - 1550-1400 BC
Late Bronze II - 1400-1200 BC
Iron Age I - 1200-1000 BC
Iron Age II - 1000-600 BC
Iron Age III - 600-332 BC
Babylonian Period - 586-539 BC
Persian Period - 539-332 BC
Hellenistic Period - 332-137 BC
Hasmonean Period - 137-37 BC
Roman Period - 37 BC-324 AD
Herod the Great - 37 BC-4 AD
Nabatean Period - 100 BC-300 AD
Byzantine Period - 324-638 AD
Arab Period - 638-1516 AD
Crusader Period - 1099-1291 AD
Ottoman Period - 1516-1917 AD
Purpose of the Gospel

Titus 2:14: “[Christ] gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself a people for His own possession, zealous for good deeds.”

Ephesians 3:10: “In order that the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known through the church to the rulers and the authorities in the heavenly places.”

Every family is a mission field.

A family legacy is equivalent to a “generation” (toledoth) in Genesis (See page 8 class notes)

Jonathan Edwards

Jonathan Edwards married a committed Christian woman, and these two instilled principles of piety in their family. Among their descendants were:

- 300 clergymen, missionaries, and theological professors
- 100+ college professors
- 100+ attorneys (30 of these were judges)
- 60 physicians
- 60+ authors of good books
- 14 presidents of universities
- Many giants of American industry
- 3 U.S. congressmen
- 1 U.S. vice president


Max Jukes

Unbeliever Max Jukes married a woman equally lacking in character and faith. Out of their union came over 1,200 descendants among them were:

- 310 professional vagrants
- 440 physical wrecks due to debauched lifestyle
- 130 prison residents serving an average of 13 years apiece, 7 of these were murderers
- 100 alcoholics
- 60 habitual thieves
- 190 prostitutes
- 20 learned a trade (10 of these in prison)

Being, for the most part, wards of the state, these 1,200 descendants cost the taxpayers of New York $1,500,000.
**Genesis 5**

The Inerrancy of Scripture

The Doctrinal Statement of Irvine Community Church:

“We believe the Bible is the verbal (in its words, thoughts and concepts), plenary (in its entirety), inspired (God-breathed, God-delivered), Word of God, and that it is infallible (perfect truth) and inerrant (without error) in the original languages of the 66 books of the Old and New Testaments.”

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**Moses Wrote the Torah**

**Ex 17:14; 24:4; Num 33:1-2; Dt 31:9, 24-26; Jos 1:8; 2 Ki 21:8**

- God directed Moses to write (Ex 34:27)
- At Sinai, Moses told the people all the words of the Lord then later wrote them down (Ex 24:3-4)
- Moses recorded the wanderings of the Israelites in the wilderness (Num 33:2; 36:13)
- Moses wrote the Law (Deut 31:9)
- Moses wrote a song which he taught to the Children of Israel (Deut 31:22)
- The Holy Spirit empowered Moses to write (Num 11:16-17)

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**Moses Wrote the Torah**

- Jesus attributed Moses as the author of the Torah (Mt 8:4; 19:7-8; 23:2; Mk 1:44; 7:10; 10:3; 12:26; Lk 5:14; 16:29,31; 20:37; 24:27; 44; Jn 3:14; 5:45-46; 6:32; 7:19-25).

- The Jewish scribes and political leaders of the first century accepted Moses as the author of the Torah.

- On this issue they were in complete agreement with Jesus and the apostles.

- For Christians, this is not a point worthy of debate.
Theories of Inspiration

- Natural Inspiration
- Partial Inspiration
- Mechanical Inspiration
- Conceptual Inspiration
- Mystical or Neo-Orthodox Inspiration
- Plenary and Verbal Inspiration
  - Jeremiah 1:9
  - Jeremiah 1:17
  - Jeremiah 15:19
  - Jeremiah 23:28
  - Jeremiah 26:2
  - Jeremiah 36:2

Moses Referenced Other Sources

- Numbers 1 describes census lists
- Numbers 31:26 is a list of plunder
- Numbers 33:1-2 is an itinerary of the journey taken by Israel
- Exodus 38:21-31 itemizes the inventory of materials used in the construction of the tabernacle.
- Exodus 20:23-31 is called the Book of the Covenant
- Exodus 20 and Deuteronomy 5 contain the Ten Commandments, which needed to be transcribed into the text of Scripture.
- Exodus 24 and Deuteronomy 5:22 say that Moses “wrote down all the words of YHWH,” a reference to instances in which mechanical dictation was indeed employed. (The mere mention of this form of writing suggests that it was not the norm.)
- Numbers 21:14 refers to a written source specifically identified by name as “The Book of the Wears of YHWH.” (We know nothing about this book other than Moses incorporated it into Scripture.)
- Exodus 15, Numbers 21:17-18 and Deuteronomy 31:30 – 32:44 were songs that Moses incorporated into Scripture.
- Exodus 34 is an account of Moses’ own death, which Moses either wrote prior to the event, or someone else (perhaps Joshua) added.

Other OT Authors Referenced Other Sources

The author(s) of Kings and Samuel is unknown, however, these books refer to external sources:

- The Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Israel (18 references)
- The Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Judah (18 references)
- The Chronicles of King David (1 Chron 27:24),
- The Chronicles of Samuel the Seer (1 Chron 29:29)
- The Chronicles of Nathan the Prophet (1 Chron 29:29)
- The Chronicles of Gad the Seer (1 Chron 29:29)
- The Chronicles of the Kings of Media and Persia (Esther 10:2)
How Moses Wrote Genesis

• Moses was not present during the time of Genesis
• Joseph died ca. 1804 BC, Moses born 1526 BC
• Flood ca. 2517 BC, 1000 years before Moses
• Most scholars propose three options:
  1. God supernaturally dictated the book to Moses
  2. A strong oral tradition existed, passed down from Adam to Moses.
  3. Moses had access to carefully-preserved reference materials.

Genesis 5 Genealogy

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Year (The Flood in 2517 BC)