

Bethel Bible Series

Divine Intentions

Week 2

Welcome & Announcements

Be sure to sign-in on a sheet in the hall
Roll Call - Introduce yourself to someone and tell them a concept you learned last week
Recite together the first 27 books of OT

Prayer Requests and Opening Prayer

Review of Last Week

Think Hebrew

Look for the CARGO. Don't focus on the VEHICLE.
Words are the Vehicle. Listen for the Cargo.

Why Study the Bible?

Why should we study the Bible?
Matthew 22:29
What did John say was the purpose for the Bible?
John 20:31
How can the Bible help us in our daily lives?
2 Timothy 3:16-17
How seriously should we consider the words in the Bible to be the exact Words of God?
Matthew 5:18

Creation and Its Concepts

*Hands lifting the earth out of hazy mist
Halo of white light circling the earth*

*Fingers opened on the right hand
White links attached to the arms and globe*

*Lettered banner flying on the earth
Figure grasping staff
Banner furling around figure
Halo of light behind figures' heads*

*Figures holding crowns in left hand
Four jewels in crown
Jewel 1
Jewel 2
Jewel 3
Jewel 4*

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Lesson

Forms of Literary Media (TOOLS)

WORDS - Picture we try to pass into the minds of those we speak to
Receiver may or may not have their camera focused the same

How would a Hebrew describe God?

Psalm 18:1-3

Sung by David when God saved him from his enemies and Saul

Historical Reporting

Straight events the way they happened

Luke 2:1-7

What is the CARGO?

Poetry

Poetic description of an event or message

Judges 5:13-18

Part of *The Song of Deborah*

Ephraim

Benjamin

Makir (Manasseh)

Zebulun

Isaachar

Reuben

Gilead (Gad)

Dan

Asher

Naphtali

Zebulun & Naphtali

What is the CARGO?

Personification

Inanimate objects are given human qualities

Isaiah 55:12

What is the CARGO?

Fable

Makes a moral point using a fictional story

Judges 9:8-15

Did the trees actually talk?

What is the CARGO? (Judges 9:16-20)

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Forms of Literary Media (continued)

Allegory

Extended metaphor - One action or thing is symbolic of another

Psalm 80:8-12

Vine

Planted it

Cleared the ground

It took root

Filled the land

Mountains & Cedars

Boughs to Sea, Shoots to River

All who pass by pick its grapes

What is the CARGO?

Imagery & Symbolism

Figurative language

Ecclesiastes 12:1-7

Days of trouble

Keepers of the house tremble

Strong men stoop

Grinders cease because they are few

Those looking through the windows grow dim

Doors to the street are closed

Sound of grinding fades

Rise up at the sound of birds

Their songs grow faint

Afraid of heights

Dangers in the street

Almond tree blossoms

Grasshopper drags himself along

Desire no longer is stirred

What is the CARGO?

Homework Questions

Is it always easy to recognize literary forms in the Bible?

Question a – The literary techniques used in Genesis are very common in the western world

True or False?

What is the literary form of Genesis 1?

What is the literary form of Genesis 2?

Question b – The trees in Genesis 2:9 were probably actual trees that Adam & Eve could see

True or False?

Question c – The emphasis of Gen. 2 suggests that humans were doomed to disharmony from the start

True or False?

Question d – There are no commands in Genesis 2

True or False?

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God's Divine Intentions

Garden

Eden

Adam

Genesis 2:9

Note banner extended from heavens

Genesis 2:8

Four mountain peaks

Raised arms of figures

Genesis 1:26-27

Genesis 2:7

Life is so much fuller when we live in harmony with God

Banner enfolding figures

Genesis 2:25

Clasped arms of figures

Genesis 2:18

Banner flowing through peaceful lake scene

Genesis 1:28-30

Genesis 2:19-20

Figures with faces lifted upward

Genesis 2:15-17

Freedom within limits

Halos behind figures' heads

Summary

Review Picture Concepts

Closing Prayer

Distribute Materials

Next Week - *Disharmony*

Chinese Proverb

*If Righteousness is in the Heart,
Then Happiness is in the Person.
If Happiness is in the Person,
Then Harmony is in the Home.
If Harmony is in the Home,
Then Order is in the Nation.
If Order is in the Nation,
Then Peace is in the World.*