

Bethel Bible Series

Creation and its Concepts

Week 1

The message of Scripture is not scientific. Take care not to use the Bible to support scientific theory. PK

Prayer Requests and Opening Prayer

Welcome

Be sure to sign-in on the sheet in the hall
If you didn't pay last week, mark sheet and pay (\$35 for Sundays, \$75 for Mondays)
How many completed the homework from last week?
Memory is cumulative, Make cards and carry

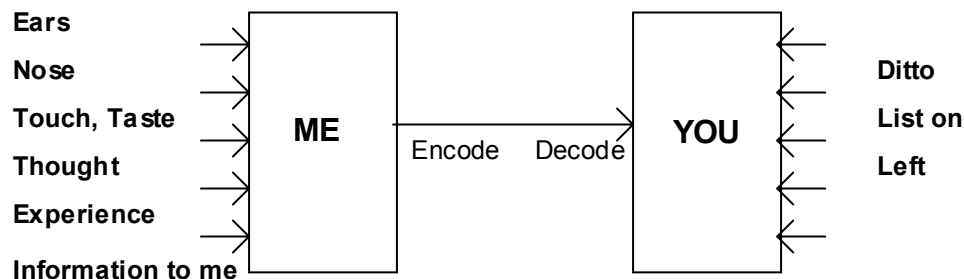
Introductions

Name
Years of Purposeful Bible Study
Major Bible Study Courses Completed
Favorite Bible Study Experience

Review of Last Week

Think Hebrew - Look for the CARGO. Don't focus on the VEHICLE.

Words are the Vehicle. Listen for the Cargo.



Cargo of the Bible

HIS STORY

God works His Plan through and with people

Examples in Historical Events

The Exodus Event (Exodus, Joshua)
Abraham and Lot (Genesis 13, 19)

Examples in Peoples' Lives

Joseph (Genesis 37-50)
Moses (Exodus, 2:1-3:10)
Paul (Acts and Epistles, Acts 9:1-19)

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Lesson

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

Is the Bible given only to build our faith to receive eternal life?

Matthew 4:4

How can the Bible help us in our daily lives?

2 Timothy 3:16-17

Importance of the Bible

In the verse we just read, Paul said that “all Scripture is God-breathed.” Did Peter agree?

2 Peter 1:20-21

How did Paul, the author of nearly half of the New Testament books, feel about the message he gave?

Galatians 1:11-12

How seriously should we consider the words in the Bible to be the exact Words of God?

Galatians 1:8

Did Jesus agree?

Matthew 5:17-19

Receiving God's Word

How do we grow when we study His Word?

1 Corinthians 2:10-14

1 Peter 2:2

Psalms 119:98-100

Isaiah 50:4

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Hands lifting the earth out of hazy mist

Question 1a – Genesis 1 is designed to tell us everything about creation.

True or False?

What is the important CARGO?

Genesis 1:1

Does the Bible explain how God did it?

Bible is religious in emphasis, not scientific

Picture Concept

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Halo of white light circling the earth

Question 1b – Genesis 1 says nothing about the quality of creation.

True or False?

What does Genesis 1 say about the quality of creation?

Genesis 1:31 (1:4, 10, 12, 18, 21, 25, 31)

Other religions teach:

Bible teaches:

What is *evil*?

Is money evil? (1 Timothy 6:10)

Is sex good or evil? (Genesis 1:27-28; 2:24)

Picture Concept

Fingers opened on the right hand

Question 1c – Gen. 1 indicates that God had human needs in mind when He created the earth

True or False?

How do we see this?

Genesis 1:29 (2:9)

Eden - Hebrew for *Delight*

Picture Concept

White links attached to the arms and globe

Question 4a – These Psalms must have been written by Deists. True or False?

What is a Deist?

Does the Bible agree with this idea?

What are the messages (Cargo) of the 3 Psalms?

Psalms 23

Psalms 121

Psalms 46:1-3

Picture Concept

Lettered banner flying on the earth

Where do we see this concept explained?

1 Corinthians 10:26 (1 Chron 29:10-14)

Picture Concept

Figure grasping staff

Where do we see this concept explained?

1 Corinthians 6:19

Psalms 24:1

Picture Concept

Banner furling around figure

Question 2a – Genesis 2 declares that God placed no limits upon human freedom.

True or False?

How do we see this?

Genesis 2:16-17

Picture Concept

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Creation and Its Concepts (continued)

Halo of light behind figure's head

Question 1d – Genesis 1 implies that the human species and the animals were created alike.

True or False?

How were animals created?

Genesis 1:20, 24

How were humans created?

Genesis 2:7

What is the greatest difference?

Genesis 1:26-27 (5:1-2)

Picture Concept

Figure holding crown in left hand

Question 3a – Psalm 8 makes it evident that the individual person has little worth in God's eyes.

True or False?

How do we see this?

Psalm 8:4-6

Picture Concept

Four jewels in crown

Question 1e – Genesis 1 declares that [we] were given ... responsibilities toward the earth.

True or False?

How do we see this?

Genesis 1:28

Question 2b – Genesis 2 implies that it is God's responsibility to take care of His earth.

True or False?

How do we see this?

Genesis 2:15

Picture Concepts - Man's Four Responsibilities

Jewel 1

Jewel 2

Jewel 3

Jewel 4

Summary

Review Picture Concepts

Closing Prayer

Distribute Materials

Next Week - *Divine Intentions*