

Gleanings in Genesis

Introduction

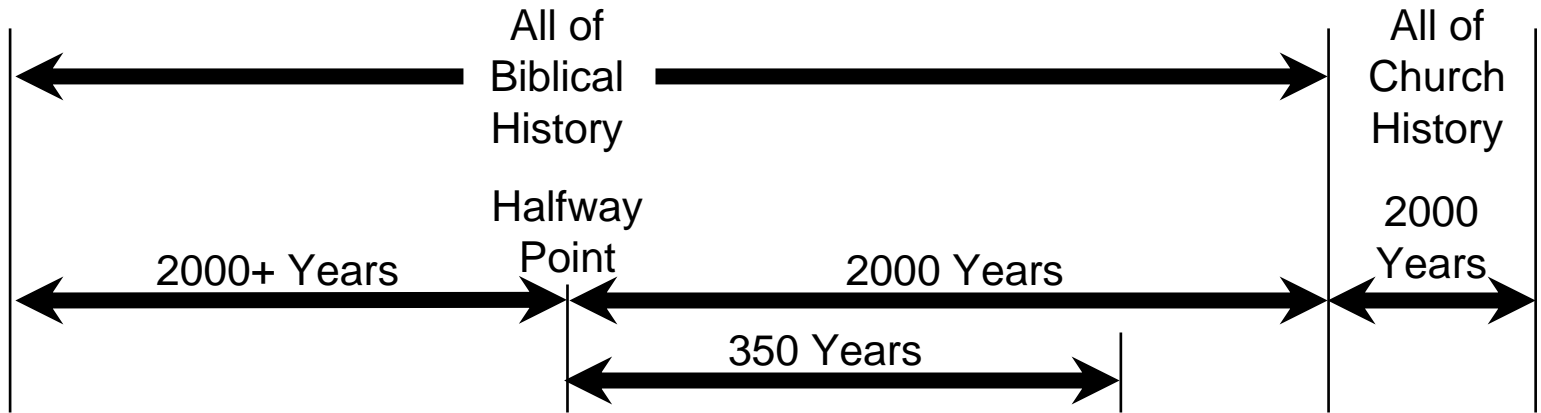
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A Topical Overview of the Entire Book of Genesis

- Four Key Events
 - Creation
 - The Fall
 - The Flood
 - Tower of Babel
- Four Key Personalities
 - Abraham
 - Isaac
 - Jacob
 - Joseph

We'll spend one or two weeks on each topic

A “Telescopic” View of Genesis



Major Division	Genesis 1 - Genesis 11	Genesis 12 - Genesis 50	Gospels	
Span of Events	Creation to Abraham	Abraham to Joseph	to Christ	to Today
Focus On	Events: Creation, Flood, Fall, Tower of Babel	Personalities: Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph		

Genesis Deals With Foundational Truths--Fundamentally, Not Finally

- Theology
- Cosmology
- Anthropology
- Sociology
- Hamartiology
- Ethnology
- Soteriology

Genesis Shows That...

- God and man are intimately related
 - God created man in His own image
 - God governs man for man's own good
 - God loves man
- Man's life is by faith in God
 - Faith is the simple law of life
 - Failure in faith is failure in life
 - Faith differs in expression
 - Abraham: Obedient
 - Isaac: Passive
 - Jacob: Restless

The Creation

- There Are Two Ways of Accounting for the Existence of the Universe
 - Speculation
 - Revelation
- All Creation Accounts Accepted by Faith
 - Hebrews 11:3
 - Evolution is accepted by faith
 - The Bible is not a science book (2Timothy 3:16-17)

In The Beginning

- The Beginning of Time
- Not the Beginning of the Incarnation
(1 John 1:1)
- Not Eternity Past (John 1:1)

God Created

- *Create* renders the Hebrew *bara* meaning to create out of nothing
- *Bara* is used only three times in Gen 1
 - The creation of something from nothing (v.1)
 - The creation of life (v.21)
 - The creation of man (v.27)
- God created matter, time and space (Rom 8:38-39)

Why Did God Create?

- For Christ (Col 1:16)
- For His own glory (Isa 43:7; cf. Ps 19:1)
- For fellowship with Him, now and in eternity (Jn 17:24)