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OLD TESTAMENT SURVEY

THE PROMISE-KEEPER CREATES HIS CHURCH

GENESIS

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KEY PHRASE

IN THE BEGINNING GOD CREATED THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH.

I. The LORD and 4 of His activities Ch 1:1-11:26

II. The Promise-Keeper picks His 3 patriarchs Ch 11:27-50:26

The Promise-Keeper will be wounded yet win! Learn the first Gospel promise by heart. God gives His First Promise in Genesis 3:15 and keeps it throughout His Word.

I. Four Phenomenal Acts! Ch 1:1-11:26

- A. The Promise-Keeper blesses His creaturesCh 1:1-2:3
- B. The Promise-Keeper proclaims grace!Ch 2:4-6:8
 - 1. Fatal FallCh 2:4-4:26
 - 2. Continued ConsequencesCh 5:1-6:8
- C. The Promise-Keeper and His remarkable rescueCh 6:9-9:29
- D. The Promise is fastened to one familyCh 10:1-11:26
 - 1. Rebellion and BabelCh 10:1-11:9
 - 2. The Promise: From Planet-wide to PatriarchalCh 11:10-11:26

II Three Promise-Picked-Patriarchs Ch 11:27-50:26

- A. The Promise given to Abraham Ch 11:27-25:18
 - 1. Abraham's tests and trust Ch 11:27-25:12
 - 2. The Living one keeps His Word Ch 25:12-25:18
- B. The Promise given to Isaac Ch 25:19-37:1
 - 1. Isaac's tests and trust Ch 25:19-35:29
 - 2. The Living One watches over "ol' Restless Red." Ch 36:1-37:1
- C. The Promise given to Jacob Ch 37:2-40:26
 - 1. Joseph's dreams and dilemmas Ch 37:2-41:57
 - 2. The Living One delivers and delights Ch 42:1-50:26

The LORD gave His thoughts and the words to Moses who wrote them down. This book, although clear, is largely unread by the millions of people God created to be blessed by His words and promises.



In 50 chapters the LORD reveals beginnings: of people, relationships, marriage, stewardship, science, music & art, conflict, languages, inventions. Through it all we see the LORD'S eternal love and mercy and people's sad, continual self-harm and rebellion against God's kindnesses.

God's Word was written to teach us so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures, we might have sure hope in our promised Savior, Jesus Christ. Here's a few questions for us as we learn, and take to heart, what God says in His first book, written by Moses: Genesis.

Read Genesis 1:11, 24 and 2:19-25 What did the LORD command to produce vegetation? What did God command to produce living creatures, wild and domestic? List at least 4 ways that Adam and Eve's creation is different from everything else. What does that reveal about God? What does that reveal about people?

Read Genesis 12:1-5 How many blessings did Abram ask for in prayer? How many blessings does the LORD give to Abram? What does this reveal about the LORD?

Read Genesis 32:9-12 Who is praying? What does this person think about himself? Why does this person start off reminding God that it was God's idea to go back home? Why might this be tempted to be worried and afraid (Genesis 27:41)? Why does the LORD want us to share with Him even our ungodly, weak, feelings and fears? You may want to make an outline of Jacob's prayer pattern and use it for yourself this week.

Read Genesis 45:3-20 In verse 4, how does Joseph describe himself? In verse 5, who gets the credit for bringing Joseph to Egypt and setting him up in kudos, control, and coinage? What do many people do when they reach positions of "success" or "safety" or "fame" in the world today? How can I remember to give the proper credit back to Jesus?

How did this news (Genesis 45) affect the Pharaoh of Egypt? Why? What does this reveal about the godly lives and legacy that Christians leave to those nearest and dearest to their hearts? What can I start today to leave such a legacy for those the LORD JESUS has brought into my heart, in my sphere of influence?

What if today, we were just grateful for everything?



NEXT WEEK: EXODUS

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