

Reading Through God's Word in 2011 (Week 1)

The Beginning of God's Blessings

(The Book of Genesis)

Sunday Evening, January 2nd

1. God's Blessings on Mankind (Genesis 1-11)

A. God's Blessing on Man (Genesis 1-2)

1. Creation of the Universe (Gen 1:1-2:3) (God is mentioned 31 times in 31 verses)
2. Creation of Man (Gen 2:4-25)

B. God's Blessing on Man In Spite of Sin

1. Fall of Adam (Gen 3-5)
 - a. The first sin (Gen 3)
 - b. The ungodly line of Cain (Gen 4) and the first murder
 - c. The godly line of Seth (Gen 5). A vertical genealogy or family tree with one line of descent.
2. Flood of Noah (Gen 6-9)
 - a. The cause of the flood (Gen 6)
 - b. The judgment of the flood (Gen 7-8)
 - c. The result of the flood (Gen 9) Human government and capital punishment
3. Sin of the Nations (Gen 10-11). A horizontal genealogy or family tree with three lines of descent: Shem, Ham, and Japheth. From Shem comes Abraham from whom God will create a nation through whom He save the other wicked nations.

2. God's Blessings on Israel (Genesis 12-50)

A. God's Blessing on Abraham (Gen 12-24)

1. The Test of Salvation (12:1-9) was passed.
2. The Test of Direction (12:10-20) was failed.
3. The Test of Separation (13) was passed.
4. The Test of Patience (16) was failed.

5. The Test of Intercession (18) was passed.
6. The Test of Discretion (20) was failed.
7. The Test of Devotion (22) was passed.
 - a. The test was the severest of all tests.
 - b. The test was after Abraham walked with God for 35 years.
 - c. The test was passed because of
 - 1) Obedience and not opposition (22:1-3)
 - 2) Faith and not feelings (22:4-5)
 - 3) Courage and not cowardice (22:6-14)

B. God's Blessing on Isaac (Gen 25-26)

C. God's Blessing on Jacob (Gen 27-36)

D. God's Blessings on Joseph (Gen 37-50)