

Study Series: Genesis

Questions about Genesis 1:1—11:25

1. Why do you think the first three chapters of GENESIS were written? What beliefs or perspectives are being passed on?
2. How does the Bible's description of creation fit with modern theories about how the world began? Do you see any conflicts between the two? Why or why not?
3. From the story in chapter 3, what would you say "sin" is? What effects of human sin do you see in the world today?
4. How would you answer Cain's question in 4:9?
5. The first eleven chapters of GENESIS include a number of family lists (genealogies). Why do you think these lists are included?
6. Why did God send a flood to destroy the earth and its people? (6:4-7, 11-13) Why was Noah chosen to build the boat? What promise did God make to Noah after the floodwaters went down? (8:21; 9:9-11) What do you make of the existence of a flood story in the writings of a number of ancient peoples?
7. Why did the people try to build the tower at Babel? (11:1-4) How did God respond to the tower building? Why? If God created human beings "to be like himself" (1:27), what was wrong with building a tower that got the people "closer" to God in the heavens?
8. What is your overall impression of the first eleven chapters of GENESIS? How would you describe the purpose of GENESIS so far?