

What is the Gospel According to You?



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FIGURES OF FAITH



Abraham & Sarah



Creation Defiled



Genesis 3
We rebelled and chose our own way



Genesis 1&2
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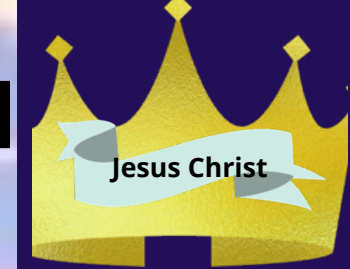
Jesus dies for us 1Tim2:5

sin Isa 59:2

God begins a new way:
A new people Gen 12-50
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Creation Redeemed



1Pt 3:18-22
Jesus rose
Jesus is Lord
Jesus gives life

gospels + 1Pet 2:21-24
Jesus lived perfectly
Jesus loved, taught, helped, & healed
Jesus was convicted as a criminal
Jesus was rejected & killed
Jesus died and was buried



2Thessalonians 1:8-10

1John 5:11-13

Our Choice

Deut 30:1-20

ETERNAL LIFE share the tree of life and the holy city Rev 22:19

ETERNAL DESTRUCTION : KEYS TO HADES REV 1:18

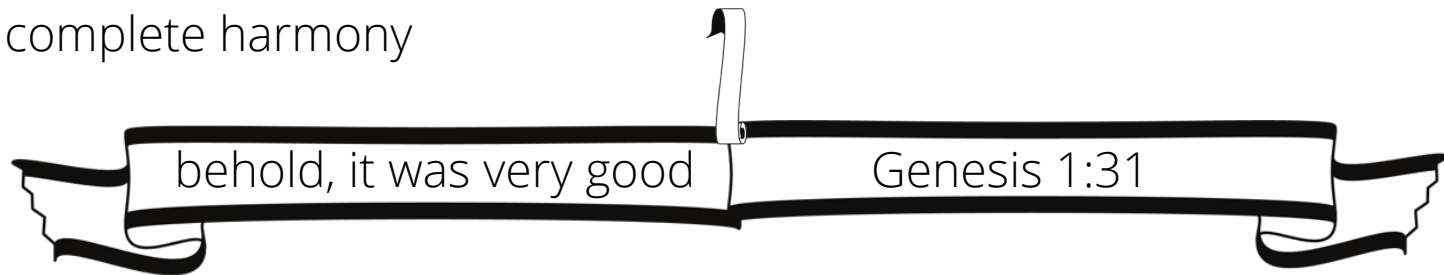
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Genesis 9

8 Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, **9** “Behold, I establish my covenant with you and your offspring after you, **10** and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the livestock, and every beast of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark; it is for every beast of the earth. **11** I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.”

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12 And God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: **13** I have set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. **14** When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, **15** I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh.

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And the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. **16** When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” **17** God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

“COVENANT” in Genesis 9

- 9-11 confirm the covenant
 - 12a sign of the covenant
 - 12b covenant for farthest generations
 - 13-16 ‘my bow’ in the heavens
 - 16 eternal covenant
 - 17 sign of the covenant
- 17 confirm the covenant

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- 7:4 - **7 days** of waiting
 - 7:10 - **7 days** of waiting
 - 7:17a - **40 days** of flood
 - 7:24 - **150 days** of water triumphing
 - 8:3 - **150 days** of water waning
 - 8:6 - **40 days** of waiting
 - 8:10 - **7 days** of waiting
- 8:12 - **7 days** of waiting

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“whole heaven” and “all flesh” – Genesis 7: 19, 21- the waters prevailed so mightily on the earth that all the high mountains under the whole heaven were covered...and all flesh...and all mankind...died.

Genesis 41:57 – all the earth came to Egypt to Joseph to buy grain, because the famine was severe over all the earth

Colossians 1:23 – the gospel ... has been proclaimed in all creation (lit: ‘to every creature’)

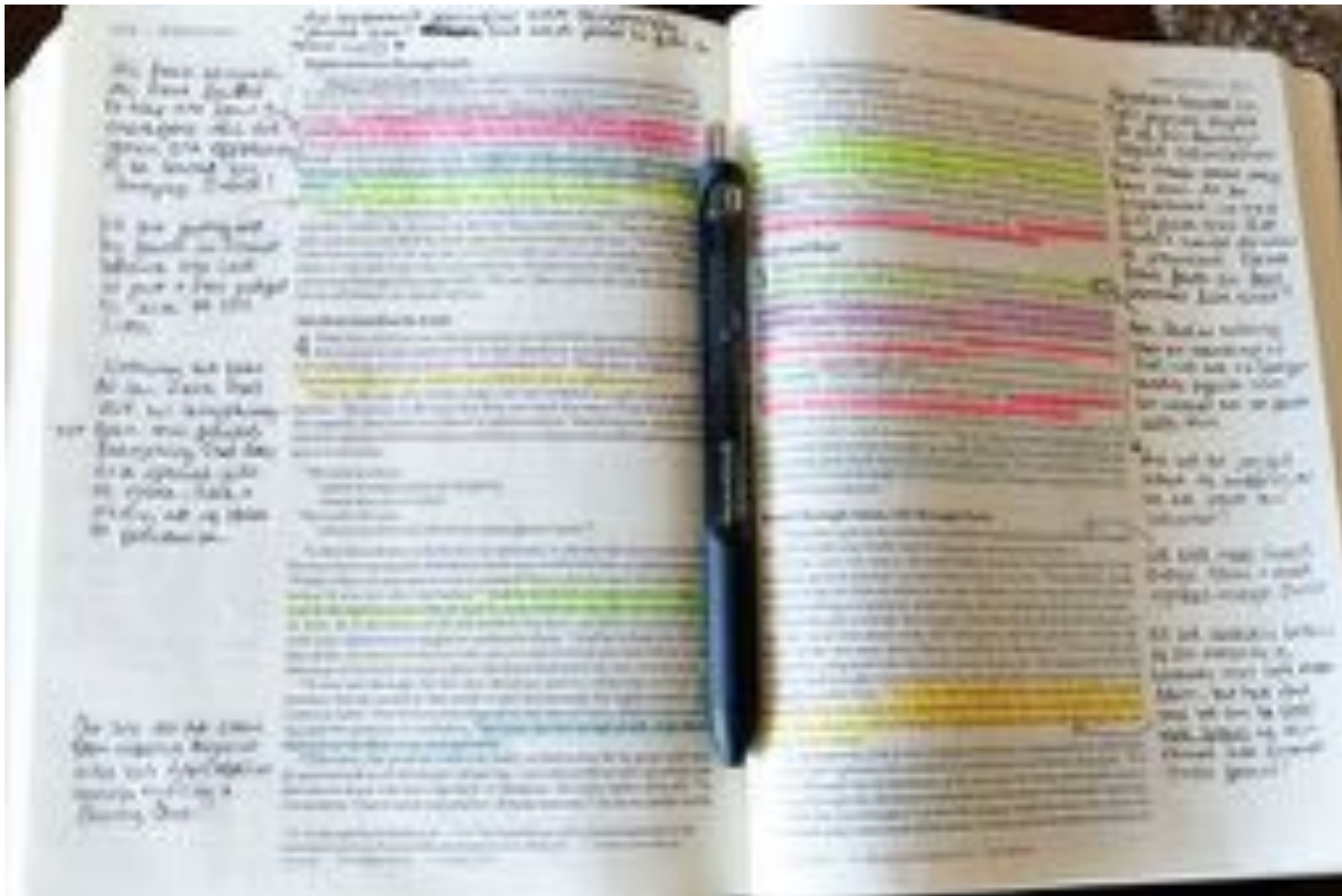
Acts 2:5 – in Jerusalem ... devout men from every nation under heaven

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Francis Schaeffer; 'degrees of freedom' in biblical interpretation

- The Bible, both the OT and the NT, is complicated.
- There is a huge amount of misunderstanding about the Bible.
- The amount of misunderstanding and ignorance of the Bible in America is increasing dramatically every day and this matters because understanding the Bible is vital to The Christian Faith.
- Healthy spiritual growth depends upon understanding the Bible: that means if you want to remain healthy, especially as you age, you need to go deeper into the Bible. Right now we are merely scratching the surface.

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- Genesis 7-11: Flood + Noah → Babel → Abram

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- **barren/can't have kids** although they've tried: Sarai Gn 11:30; Rebecca Gn 25:21
- **sibling rivalry**: Abram and Lot (Gn 13); Isaac and Ishmael (21:8ff); Isaac's sons - Jacob and Esau (Gn 25:22 etc)
- **compromise over wife's beauty** (fear): Abram in Egypt Gn 12, and w Abimelech Gn 20; Isaac Gn 26
- **covenant w Abimelech**: Abraham Gn 21:27; Isaac - Gn 26:28

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- Choosing a life of FAITH in the midst of human vanity.
- Gn 11:28, 31, departure from Ur = faith leaving a society that is becoming increasingly godless.

³¹They went up from Ur of the Chaldeans to go into the land of Canaan, but when they came to Haran they settled there ...

^{12:1}Now the LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you...


⁴ So Abram went ... Abram was seventy five years old when he departed from Haran.

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- **Neh 9:7** You are the LORD, the God who chose Abram and brought him up from Ur of the Chaldeans and gave him the name Abraham
- **Act 7:2-4** The God of glory appeared to our father Abraham when he was in Mesopotamia, before he lived in Haran, and said to him, “Go out from your land and from your kindred and go into the land that I will show you.” Then he went out from the land of the Chaldeans and lived in Haran...
- **Haran** **Gen 12:4-5** - temporary residence in the bigger picture.


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- Fear of Pharoah - Gn 12:10-20
- Departure of Lot – Gn 13:1-18
- Rescue of Lot – Gn 14:1-16
- Melchizedek – Gn 14
- ‘Abram’ → ‘Abraham’ – Gn 17

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- Genesis 49:9-10 'Judah...crouched as a lion...the scepter shall not depart from Judah...until tribute comes to him lit: until one comes to whom it belongs
- Revelation 5:5 'the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and the seven seals'



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