

The Book of Genesis

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| | Lectures | Reading Assignments | Written Assignments | Discussion Questions |
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| 1 | Lecture 1. Genesis 1:1. Being of God | | | Have you ever discussed the existence of God with an atheist? Share your experience. If you've never talked about God with an atheist, which atheistic arguments are the most challenging for you? |
| 2 | Lecture 2. Genesis 1:1-31. The Deeds of God Lecture 3. Genesis 2. Creation of a Man and a Woman | Matthew Henry Concise Bible Commentary Genesis Chapter 1 - Chapter 2 p. 2-7 | | What is the theological significance of the statement that humankind is created in the image and likeness of God? What does being made in God's image imply for the way you approach your life? How could your life better reflect His image? |
| 3 | Lecture 4. Genesis 3. Fall and Its Consequences | Matthew Henry Concise Bible Commentary Genesis Chapter 3 p. 7-11 | | God promised that Adam would die if he ate from the forbidden tree. Why was death the necessary result of disobeying God? |
| 4 | Lecture 5. Genesis 4-5. Adam's Genealogy Lecture 6. Genesis 6-9. The Flood and the Redemption of Noah Lecture 7. Genesis 11. The Tower of Babel | Matthew Henry Concise Bible Commentary Genesis Chapter 4 - Chapter 11 p. 11-27 | | What was wrong with the unity at Babel? How could man's united success hinder God's plan to redeem the mankind from sin? In what ways are modern people like the ones who built the tower of Babel? |
| 5 | Lecture 8. Genesis 12. Calling with a Promise Lecture 9. Genesis 13. Abram and Lot Separate; God Gives More Information about His Promise Lecture 10. Genesis 14. Spiritual Implications of Abram's Victory; Melchizedek is the Perfect Picture of Christ | Matthew Henry Concise Bible Commentary Genesis Chapter 12- Chapter 14 p. 27-32 | Essay # 1 Lying offends God's morality. Study Genesis 12:10-13. Did Abram really lie? What's the difference between deception and withholding information? Have you ever been like Abram in ? How can we avoid this error? | |
| 6 | Lecture 11. Genesis 15. Old Testament Lesson about Salvation Lecture 12. Genesis 16. Abram Attempts to Help God but Fails Lecture 13. Genesis 17-18:15. New Names and the Covenant of Circumcision Lecture 14. Genesis 18:16 - 19:28. Abraham Rescues Lot by Prayer | Matthew Henry Concise Bible Commentary Genesis Chapter 15 - Chapter 19 p. 33-39 | | In Genesis 15:7, God identifies Himself in terms of His relationship to Abram. What might He say in your case: "I am the Lord, who ..."? Why? |

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| 7 | Lecture 15. Genesis 20-21. The Fulfillment of God's Promise Lecture 16. Genesis 22. The Mount Everest of the Old Testament | Matthew Henry Concise Bible Commentary Genesis Chapter 20 - Chapter 22 p. 40-44 | | In what ways can the reading of Genesis 12 and 22 enhance our faith as Christians? In what way is Abram the paradigm for Christian faith? |
| 8 | Lecture 17. Genesis 23-27. The Family of Isaac and Rebekah Lecture 18. Genesis 28-29. Jacob's Life after His Escape | Matthew Henry Concise Bible Commentary Genesis Chapter 23 - Chapter 29 p. 45-57 | | Some people think Jacob's response to God in Genesis 28:18-22 shows great faith and commitment, while others think it reflects a distorted view of God. What do you think, and why? |
| 9 | Lecture 19. Genesis 29. Jacob Learns the Principle of Sowing and Reaping Lecture 20. Genesis 30. Rachel is Jealous of Her sister. Two Superstitions Lecture 21. Genesis 31. Jacob Returns Home after 20 Years of Exile | Matthew Henry Concise Bible Commentary Genesis Chapter 30 - Chapter 31 p. 57-59 | Essay # 2 How am I like Jacob and how am I different? You can structure your essay based on the points of similarity and the points of differences. Or you can structure your essay on subpoints: first write about Jacob, then write about yourself. Your essay should be informal. | Jacob and Rachel tried to use magic to obtain fertility (Genesis 30). What do you think about modern Christian couples who use science to solve the problem of barrenness? |
| 10 | Lecture 22. Genesis 32-33. Reconciliation of Jacob and Esau Lecture 23. Genesis 34. Dinah and Shechem. Jacob's Sons Revenge for Their Sister Lecture 24. Genesis 35-36. Covenant with Jacob is Renewed at Bethel | Matthew Henry Concise Bible Commentary Genesis Chapter 32-36 p. 60-65 | | In what ways do you wrestle against God or about God? What kinds of wrestling are good, what kinds are bad, and why? |
| 11 | Lecture 25. Genesis 37. Joseph is Jacob's Favourite Son Lecture 26. Genesis 38. Two Sons of Judah Commit Sins and Die Lecture 28. Genesis 40. Joseph's Ministry in Prison Lecture 29. Genesis 41. Joseph Interprets Pharaoh's Dreams | Matthew Henry Concise Bible Commentary Genesis Chapter 37-Chapter 41 p. 65-71 | | What does the narrative about Joseph teach us about the nature of faith? |
| 12 | Lecture 30. Genesis 42. Joseph's Brothers Bow Down to Him in Egypt Lecture 31. Genesis 43. Jacob's Sons Go Back to Egypt Lecture 32. Genesis 44-45. Joseph Tests His Brothers Lecture 33. Genesis 46-50. Moving to Egypt | Matthew Henry Concise Bible Commentary Genesis Chapter 42 - Chapter 50 p. 71-85 | | What are the dangers of using Joseph's deception as a model for dealing with people who wrong us? Might we be justified in doing this? |