



LESSON 1

FROM THE BEGINNING TO THE NEW BEGINNING



Matthew 7:1

21 "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.

22 Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles?'

23 Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!'



GALATIANS 1:3-5

3 Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ,

4 who gave himself for our sins to rescue us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father,

5 to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.



2 PETER 3:10-11

10 But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything done in it will be laid bare.

11 Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives.



2 PETER 3:11-12

12 As you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming. That day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire, and the elements will melt in the heat.



2 PETER 3:13

13 But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, where righteousness dwells.

POINTS FROM THIS LESSON

- God, in the beginning, created the heavens and the earth.
- He put man in the Garden of Eden to steward the earth and rule over God's creation.
- There was the Tree of Life, offering eternal life.



THEN THE FALL HAPPENED:

- The snake, the man, the woman, and the ground were cursed.
- The man and the woman were cast out of the Garden, away from the Tree of Life.
- Death came to all. (The present evil age we are living in)



BUT GOD HAS A PLAN OF REDEMPTION:

- A last Adam.
- Through Him (Christ), He will create a new man.
- And later put the new man on the new heaven and earth He will create.
- A place where righteousness dwells
- There will be a new Garden of Eden
- Again take from the Tree of Life and live forever and ever.





REVELATION 22:12-16

12 "Look, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to each person according to what they have done.

13 I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.

14 "Blessed are those who wash their robes, that they may have the right to the tree of life and may go through the gates into the city.

15 Outside are the dogs, those who practice magic arts, the sexually immoral, the murderers, the idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices falsehood.

16 "I, Jesus, have sent my angel to give you this testimony for the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, and the bright Morning Star."

THE NEW HEAVEN AND NEW EARTH





REVELATION 21:1-3

- 1** Then I saw “a new heaven and a new earth,” for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea.
- 2** I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband.
- 3** And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God."



REVELATION 21:4-5

4 He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."

5 He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.



REVELATION 21:6-7

6 He said to me: "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty, I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life.

7 Those who are victorious will inherit all this, and I will be their God and they will be my children.

BORN AGAIN TO A **LIVING HOPE**





1 PETER 1:3-5

3 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy, he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

4 and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you,

5 who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.

THE BEGINNING





GENESIS 1:26-28

26 Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground."

27 So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

28 God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground."



GENESIS 2:8-9

8 Now the LORD God had planted a garden in the east, in Eden; and there he put the man he had formed.

9 The LORD God made all kinds of trees grow out of the ground—trees that were pleasing to the eye and good for food. In the middle of the garden were the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.



GENESIS 2:15-17

15 The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.

16 And the LORD God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden;

17 but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die."

THE FALL





GENESIS 3:1-11

- 1 Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden'?"
- 2 The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden,
- 3 but God did say, 'You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.'"
- 4 "You will not certainly die," the serpent said to the woman.



GENESIS 3:1-11

6 When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.

7 Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.

8 Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees



GENESIS 3:1-11

9 But the LORD God called to the man, "Where are you?"

10 He answered, "I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid."

11 And he said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?"



GENESIS 3:14-15

14 So the LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, "Cursed are you above all livestock and all wild animals! You will crawl on your belly and you will eat dust all the days of your life.

15 And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel."



JOHN 15:18

"If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first.



GENESIS 3:21

The LORD God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife and clothed them.



GALATIANS 3:26-27

26 So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith,
27 for all of you who were baptized into Christ have **clothed
yourselves with Christ.**

THE FALL

- They saw that they were naked, which brought shame.
- They hid themselves from God.
- They were cast out of the Garden, and could no longer walk with God as before.
- They could not see Him face to face.



BUT CHRIST

- Christ covers our sin, giving us boldness in front of God.
- One day, we will see Him face to face again.





GENESIS 3:23-24

23 So the LORD God banished him from the Garden of Eden to work the ground from which he had been taken.

24 After he drove the man out, he placed on the east side of the Garden of Eden cherubim and a flaming sword flashing back and forth to guard the way to the tree of life.



REVELATION 22:1-4

- 1 Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb
- 2 down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.
- 3 No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him.
- 4 They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads.

The Bible is ONE Story



In The Garden Before The Fall

There was **no curse**, sin, or death.

Man walked with God and saw Him **face to face**.

Man could **eat from the Tree of Life** and live forever.



Then The Fall Happened, And Everything Changed

Man, woman, and the ground were **cursed**.

Man hid from God because of their shame (**sin**).

They were thrown out of the garden so that they could **not eat from the Tree of Life** and live forever.



But One Day, God Will Restore Everything

God sent the last Adam (Jesus), and through Him, God will make a new mankind and put them on a new earth in a new garden.

There will be **no more curse**, no more death, as we **will eat from the Tree of Life** and live forever.

And finally, man will again walk with God and **see Him face to face**.



Time for a break!



ADAM'S DESCENDANTS TO NOAH





GENESIS 5:1-13

- 1** This is the written account of Adam's family line. When God created mankind, he made them in the likeness of God.
- 2** He created them male and female and blessed them. And he named them "Mankind" when they were created.
- 3** When Adam had lived 130 years, he had a son in his own likeness, in his own image; and he named him Seth.
- 4** After Seth was born, Adam lived 800 years and had other sons and daughters.
- 5** Altogether, Adam lived a total of 930 years, and then he died.



GENESIS 5:1-13

6 When Seth had lived 105 years, he became the father of Enosh.

7 After he became the father of Enosh, Seth lived 807 years and had other sons and daughters.

8 Altogether, Seth lived a total of 912 years, and then he died.

9 When Enosh had lived 90 years, he became the father of Kenan.

10 After he became the father of Kenan, Enosh lived 815 years and had other sons and daughters.



GENESIS 5:1-13

11 Altogether, Enosh lived a total of 905 years, and then he died.

12 When Kenan had lived 70 years, he became the father of Mahalalel.

13 After he became the father of Mahalalel, Kenan lived 840 years and had other sons and daughters.

Hebrew		English
אָדָם	[Adam]	Adam
שֵׁת	[Sheth]	Seth
אֵנוֹשׁ	[Enosh]	Enosh
קַיִן	[Kenan]	Cainan
מַהֲלָלֵל	[Mahalalel]	Mahalalel
יָרֵד	[Jared]	Jared
חֲנוֹךְ	[Chanoch]	Enoch
מֶתוֹשֶׁלַח	[Metushelach]	Methuselah
לֶמֶךְ	[Lemech]	Lamech
נֹחַ	[Noach]	Noah



Hebrew		English	Meaning
אָדָם	[Adam]	Adam	man
שֵׁת	[Sheth]	Seth	placed, appointed
אֵנוֹשׁ	[Enosh]	Enosh	mortal
קֵינָן	[Kenan]	Cainan	sorrow
מַהֲלָלֵל	[Mahalalel]	Mahalalel	blessed God
יָרֵד	[Jared]	Jared	shall come down
חֲנוֹךְ	[Chanoch]	Enoch	teaching, anointed
מֶתוֹשֶׁלַח	[Metushelach]	Methuselah	his death will bring
לֶמֶךְ	[Lemech]	Lamech	despairing, taste
נֹחַ	[Noach]	Noah	rest, comfort



- Man, Appointed mortal sorrow.
- The blessed God shall come down, teaching.
- His death shall bring, the despairing rest, or comfort....



INCREASING WICKEDNESS ON EARTH





GENESIS 6:1-8

1 When human beings began to increase in number on the earth and daughters were born to them,

2 the sons of God saw that the daughters of humans were beautiful, and they married any of them they chose.

3 Then the LORD said, "My Spirit will not contend with humans forever, for they are mortal; their days will be a hundred and twenty years."

4 The Nephilim were on the earth in those days—and also afterward—when the sons of God went to the daughters of humans and had children by them. They were the heroes of old, men of renown.



GENESIS 6:1-8

5 The LORD saw how great the wickedness of the human race had become on the earth, and that every inclination of the thoughts of the human heart was only evil all the time.

6 The LORD regretted that he had made human beings on the earth, and his heart was deeply troubled.

7 So the LORD said, "I will wipe from the face of the earth the human race I have created—and with them the animals, the birds and the creatures that move along the ground—for I regret that I have made them."

8 But Noah found favor in the eyes of the LORD.

1 CORINTHIANS 15:26

The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

REVELATION 20:14

Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death.



REVELATION 20:2

He seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil, or Satan, and bound him for a thousand years.

REVELATION 20:4

I saw thrones on which were seated those who had been given authority to judge.





ISAIAH 65:19-22

19 I will rejoice over Jerusalem and take delight in my people; the sound of weeping and of crying will be heard in it no more.

20 "Never again will there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old man who does not live out his years; the one who dies at a hundred will be thought a mere child; the one who fails to reach a hundred will be considered accursed.

21 They will build houses and dwell in them; they will plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

22 No longer will they build houses and others live in them, or plant and others eat. For as the days of a tree, so will be the days of my people; my chosen ones will long enjoy the work of their hands.

- "Old" Garden of Eden (No death)
- After the Fall: Lifespans were longer, almost 1,000 years
- After Noah and the Flood: This present age has a maximum lifespan of 120 years
- The Day of the Lord: The Millennium will see longer lifespans
- New Garden, New Heaven, and New Earth (No death)





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GOD'S COVENANT WITH NOAH





GENESIS 8:20-22

20 Then Noah built an altar to the LORD and, taking some of all the clean animals and clean birds, he sacrificed burnt offerings on it.

21 The LORD smelled the pleasing aroma and said in his heart: "Never again will I curse the ground because of humans, even though every inclination of the human heart is evil from childhood. And never again will I destroy all living creatures, as I have done.

22 "As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease."



GENESIS 9:9-16

9 "I now establish my covenant with you and with your descendants after you

10 and with every living creature that was with you—the birds, the livestock and all the wild animals, all those that came out of the ark with you—every living creature on earth.

11 I establish my covenant with you: Never again will all life be destroyed by the waters of a flood; never again will there be a flood to destroy the earth."



GENESIS 9:9-16

12 And God said, "This is the sign of the covenant I am making between me and you and every living creature with you, a covenant for all generations to come:

13 I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth.

14 Whenever I bring clouds over the earth and the **rainbow appears** in the clouds



GENESIS 9:9-16

15 I will remember my covenant between me and you and all living creatures of every kind. Never again will the waters become a flood to destroy all life.

16 Whenever the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and all living creatures of every kind on the earth."



1 PETER 3:17-22

17 For it is better, if it is God's will, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil.

18 For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit.

19 After being made alive, he went and made proclamation to the imprisoned spirits—

20 to those who were disobedient long ago when God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In it only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water,



1 PETER 3:17-22

21 and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also—not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a clear conscience toward God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ,
22 who has gone into heaven and is at God's right hand—with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him.

SAVED FROM WHAT?





ACTS 2:38-41

38 Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

39 The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call."



ACTS 2:38-41

40 With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation."

41 Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.



2 PETER 3:3-13

3in the last days scoffers will come, scoffing and following their own evil desires.

4 They will say, "Where is this 'coming' he promised? Ever since our ancestors died, everything goes on as it has since the beginning of creation."

5 But they deliberately forget that long ago by God's word the heavens came into being and the earth was formed out of water and by water.



2 PETER 3:3-13

6 By these waters also the world of that time was deluged and destroyed.

7 By the same word the present heavens and earth are reserved for fire, being kept for the day of judgment and destruction of the ungodly.

8 But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day.

9 The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.



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THE BEGINNING

Man was created to rule over God's creation and subdue the earth. There was initially no death, no curse, and man walked with God face to face.

THE FALL HAPPENED

The serpent (Satan), the woman, man, and the earth all received curses. -Man was expelled from the Garden so they could not take from the Tree of Life and live forever.



BUT THE STORY DOESN'T
STOP HERE



- Man, Appointed mortal sorrow.
- The blessed God shall come down, teaching.
- His death shall bring, the despairing rest, or comfort....



BECOME MORE AND MORE WICKED

- Shortly after, humanity increased in numbers and became more and more wicked.
- The sons of God took the daughters of men, and afterward, God regretted that He had created humans because their hearts were only evil all the time.



NOAH AND THE ARK

- But God found Noah, who built the ark, and through him, eight souls were saved while God destroyed the rest by the flood.
- We received the covenant with Noah that God would not again destroy everyone by the waters. The sign was the rainbow.



CHRIST IS OUR ARK

- We have Abraham and David (more about that later).
- Then Jesus comes as the Son of David, the Son of Abraham — our ARK, in whom we are saved from the destruction of this evil world.
- When we are baptized into Christ, we pass through the waters, dying to this corrupt and wicked generation, so we will not be destroyed like in the days of Noah.
- "When Jesus returns, Satan will be bound for 1,000 years and God will set up his Kingdom here on earth.



THOSE WHO ARE VICTORIOUS WILL INHERIT THIS

- "We who are born again will receive our reward. We will reign with Christ for 1,000 years, a time of rest from our enemies.
- Satan will be loosed for a short time and will finally be destroyed along with the rest by fire, just like in the days of Noah. The last enemy to be destroyed will be death and Hades."



GOD WILL DWELL AMONG US

- "God will then create a new heaven and a new earth, where righteousness dwells. God will again make His dwelling among the people, and we will walk with Him like Adam and Eve did before the fall—no more curse, no more death, and we will walk with God face to face. We can again take from the Tree of Life and live forever."



