

PODCAST INTRO AND GENESIS OVERVIEW

I. INTRODUCTION

- A. Background
- B. What I am
 - i. Disciple of Jesus
 - ii. Student of the Bible
- C. What I am not
 - i. A scholar
 - ii. An expert in Hebrew or Greek languages

II. INTERPRETATION

- A. The Bible was written mostly by Jewish people
 - i. It is a human book inspired by God
 - ii. It is not written by God and dictated to humans
- B. There are many applications of Scripture but only one interpretation
- C. The Bible should be taken literally considering each genre unless indicated otherwise by the Bible itself
 - i. Poetry will use metaphors and imagery
 - ii. Apocalyptic literature often includes an angel who describes the symbols
- D. All Scripture points to Jesus
 - i. ***Luke 24:27 And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.***
- E. Context is essential:
 - i. Sentence
 - ii. Paragraph
 - iii. Chapter
 - iv. Book
 - v. Bible
 - vi. Culture
- F. Purpose
 - i. Tells the redemptive story of Israel and by extension the world
 - a. With Jesus at the center

- ii. The Bible is intended to be used for meditation
 - a. *Psalm 119:97-99 Oh how I love your law! It is my meditation all the day. Your commandment makes me wiser than my enemies, for it is ever with me. I have more understanding than all my teachers, for your testimonies are my meditation.*

III. MY INTENTION FOR THIS PODCAST

- A. Highlight important themes
- B. Provide a basic level of understanding for each chapter
- C. Highlight how each chapter points to Jesus
- D. Raise questions
- E. Prompt further study
- F. NOT claiming authoritative teaching

IV. WHAT TO EXPECT

- A. Chapter overview
- B. Then go in depth
- C. How it points to Jesus for OT chapters
- D. Questions for reflection
- E. Further study – study guide only
- F. Income opportunity
 - i. Posted on blog site

V. FORMAT

- A. One book at a time
 - i. Introduce each book before we get into it
- B. We will follow the order of the Tanakh
 - i. Torah, then Prophets, then Writings
- C. New Testament books interspersed at even intervals
 - i. Smaller OT books will be lumped together
 - ii. Not necessarily in order
- D. Prevents us from getting bogged down with larger books early on

VI. SOURCES

- A. David Guzik
- B. Verse by verse ministries
- C. Bible Project

- D. Mike Bickle
- E. Others

VII. INTRO TO GENESIS

- A. Author
 - i. Most likely Moses
 - ii. How?
 - a. Oral tradition handed down
 - i. At least one tradition is known to be handed down
 - a. ***Exodus 13:19 Moses took the bones of Joseph with him, for Joseph had made the sons of Israel solemnly swear, saying, “God will surely visit you, and you shall carry up my bones with you from here.”***
 - b. Egyptian coffins contained inscriptions from Book of the Dead¹
 - c. Joseph’s coffin could have contained inscriptions with family history
 - b. Directly from God
 - i. ***Exodus 33:21-23 Then the LORD said, “Behold, there is a place by Me, and you shall stand there on the rock; and it will come about, while My glory is passing by, that I will put you in the cleft of the rock and cover you with My hand until I have passed by. “Then I will take My hand away and you shall see My back, but My face shall not be seen.”***
- B. Audience
 - i. Exodus generation
- C. Purpose
 - i. Provide beginning of the nation of Israel
 - ii. Present the problem facing humanity
 - a. Creation was good
 - b. But man destroyed it through sin
 - c. But God had a plan to bring re-creation through Abraham
- D. Outline
 - i. Chapters 1-11

¹ Stewart, Don. “How Could Moses Have Written Genesis?” *Blue Letter Bible*, https://www.blueletterbible.org/faq/don_stewart/don_stewart_677.cfm.

- a. Describes the creation of the world
 - b. The fall of man and angels
 - c. Reveals our need for a Seed to set things right
 - d. Many themes throughout Scripture are found in chapters 1-3
- ii. Chapters 12-23
 - a. God calls Abraham out of Ur of the Chaldeans
 - b. Promises him a child and an inheritance in Canaan
 - c. Abraham grows in faith in God's promises
- iii. Chapters 24-27
 - a. Isaac carries the promise forward
- iv. Chapters 28-36
 - a. Jacob struggles with trusting God
 - b. Origin of the 12 tribes of Israel
- v. Chapters 37-50
 - a. Joseph is persecuted by his brothers
 - b. He delivers Israel from deadly famine and is reunited with his family