

How to Read the Bible: Genesis 1-11

Glenwood Community Church

Class 9– April 3rd, 2022

The purpose of this class is to: understand and internalize the message of Genesis 1-11 and to better understand how to interpret Old Testament narrative

Review

Structure of 6:9-9:29

- Flood - 6:9-8:22
- Covenant – 9:1-17
- Sin Persists – 9:18-29 (*next week*)

Flood (6:9-8:22)

Introduction: 6:9-10

Structure of Flood Narrative (Allen Ross)

A1 – God resolves to destroy the corrupt human race (6:11-13)

B1 – Noah builds an ark according to God’s instructions (6:14-22)

C1 – The Lord commands the remnant to enter the ark (7:1-10)

D1 – The flood begins (7:11-16)

E1 – Flood prevails and the mountains are covered (7:17-24)

F – God remembers Noah (8:1a)

E2 – Flood recedes and the mountains are visible (8:1b-5)

D2 – The earth dries (8:6-14)

C2 – God commands the remnant to leave the ark (8:15-19)

B2 – Noah builds an altar (8:20)

A2 – The Lord resolves not to destroy humankind (8:21-22)

Summary:

Q: Briefly: Do we really believe that this happened? Was it local or a universal event?

Covenant (9:1-17)

9:1-7 – God's First Word: Familiar Blessing and the Value of Life

9:8-17 – God's Second Word: Covenant of Security

Q: Why is the Noahic covenant significant?

Implications

For Next Sunday

- Read Gen. 9:18-11:9 – what connections can you find with what's come before in Genesis?
- What do 9:18-29 and 11:1-8 show about the condition of mankind?
- How does the Tower of Babel remind the reader of the Fall in the Garden?
- How has Genesis 1-11 affected you as a whole? What foundational truths/realities has God revealed during these 11 chapters?