



Genesis

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Function

- History – Recorded Fact
- Theology – Reveals God
 - His nature/power/purpose/interactions
- Anthropology – Reveals Humans
 - Our nature/limits/purpose/interactions

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Function

“since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. For since the creation of the world God’s invisible qualities – his eternal power and divine nature – have been clearly seen, . . .” *-Romans 1:19-20*

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Function

“I have revealed and saved and proclaimed – I, and not some foreign god among you.”

-Isaiah 43:12

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Function

“All scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness.”

-2 Timothy 3:16

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Function

- Supernatural God
Explaining Our World
To Everyday People

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Form - Story

- Leaves gaps
- Zooms in and out
- Focuses on people and events



Form - Story

- NOT Scientific Paper
- NOT Transcript
- NOT Detailed Analysis



Interpretation Tools

- Faith – Allow God to Instruct

“By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God’s command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.”

-Hebrews 11:3

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Interpretation Tools

- Faith – Allow God to Instruct
- Read – Allow Bible to Clarify

“ . . .they examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true.”

-Acts 17:11

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Interpretation Tools

- Faith – Allow God to Instruct
- Read – Allow Bible to Clarify
- Study – Allow Learning to Sharpen



Genesis:

Accept What God Has Made Known

Seek Knowledge, Clarity and Application

Be Content With Unknowing

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Genesis: Story So Far...

- God created the universe
- Adam & Eve: Like God for relationship
- Fall of man: Sin and rebellion
- World sinks into increasing wickedness
- Flood: Judgment

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Genesis: Story So Far...

- Noah: Salvation
- Sin survived
- Abraham: Story of redemption...

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