

Wednesday Night  
Bible Study

The Book of Genesis

BIBLE STUDY FAITH SHARING REFLECTION  
AND PRAYER

# GENESIS

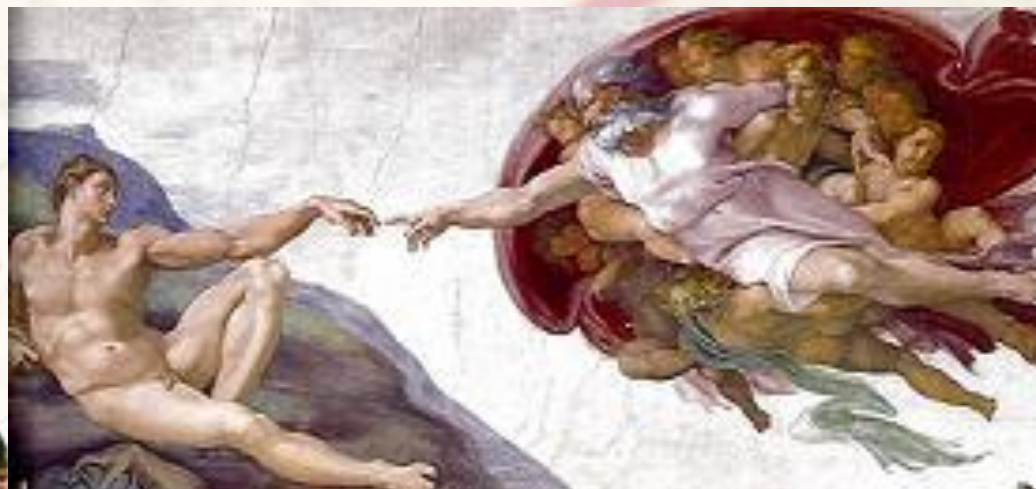
## 2:4-6:8

Hello my name is....  
and  
What part of creation do you  
find dear and precious and  
why?

# Genesis 2:4b-7

- ▣ At the time when the LORD God [Yahweh/ Elohim] made the earth and the heavens--while as yet there was no field shrub on earth and no grass of the field had sprouted, for the LORD God had sent no rain upon the earth and there was no man to till the soil, but a stream was welling up out of the earth and was watering all the surface of the ground--the LORD God formed man out of the clay of the ground and blew into his nostrils the breath of life, and so man became a living being

# When did you learn that God is in your breath?



...the LORD of hosts; and with another and  
 the voice of him who called, and the house  
 was full of his glory!<sup>2</sup>  
 I was filled with smoke. <sup>3</sup>And I said: "Woe is  
 me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean  
 lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of  
 unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King,  
 the LORD of hosts!"  
 "Then one of the seraphim flew to me, hav-  
 ing in his hand a burning coal that he had  
 taken with tongs from the altar. <sup>7</sup>And he  
 touched my mouth and said: "Behold, this has  
 atoned for your lips; your guilt is taken away,  
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# Genesis 2:8-9

Then the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and he placed there the man whom he had formed.

Out of the ground the LORD God made various trees grow that were delightful to look at and good for food, with the tree of life in the middle of the garden and the tree of the knowledge of good and bad.

# Genesis 2:10-14

A river rises in Eden to water the garden; beyond there it divides and becomes four branches.

The name of the first is the Pishon; it is the one that winds through the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold.

The gold of that land is excellent; bdellium and lapis lazuli are also there.

The name of the second river is the Gihon; it is the one that winds all through the land of Cush.

The name of the third river is the Tigris; it is the one that flows east of Asshur. The fourth river is the Euphrates.

# Genesis 2:15-17

The LORD God then took the man and settled him in the garden of Eden, to cultivate and care for it. The LORD God gave man this order: "You are free to eat from any of the trees of the garden except the tree of knowledge of good and bad. From that tree you shall not eat; the moment you eat from it you are surely doomed to die."



# Genesis 2:18-20

The LORD God said: "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a suitable partner for him."

So the LORD God formed out of the ground various wild animals and various birds of the air, and he brought them to the man to see what he would call them; whatever the man called each of them would be its name.

The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of the air, and all the wild animals; but none proved to be the suitable partner for the man.

# Genesis 2:21-24

So the LORD God cast a deep sleep on the man, and while he was asleep, he took out one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh.

The LORD God then built up into a woman the rib that he had taken from the man. When he brought her to the man, the man said:

"This one, at last, is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh;

This one shall be called 'woman,' for out of 'her man' this one has been taken."

That is why a man leaves his father and mother and clings to his wife, and the two of them become one body.

# Genesis 2:25

The man and his wife were both naked, yet they felt no shame.

# Genesis 3:1—3:7

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Now the serpent was the most cunning of all the animals that the LORD God had made. The serpent asked the woman, "Did God really tell you not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?"

The woman answered the serpent: "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; it is only about the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden that God said, 'You shall not eat it or even touch it, lest you die.'"

# Genesis 3:1—3:7 continued

But the serpent said to the woman: "You certainly will not die!

No, God knows well that the moment you eat of it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods who know what is good and what is bad."

The woman saw that the tree was good for food, pleasing to the eyes, and desirable for gaining wisdom. So she took some of its fruit and ate it; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.

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# Genesis 3:8-13

When they heard the sound of the LORD God moving about in the garden at the breezy time of the day, the man and his wife hid themselves from the LORD God among the trees of the garden.

The LORD God then called to the man and asked him, "Where are you?"

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

Then he asked, "Who told you that you were naked?"

## Genesis 3:8-13 continued

You have eaten, then, from the tree of which I had forbidden you to eat!" The man replied, "The woman whom you put here with me--she gave me fruit from the tree, so I ate it."

The LORD God then asked the woman, "Why did you do such a thing?" The woman answered, "The serpent tricked me into it, so I ate it." .



# Genesis 3:14-15

Then the LORD God said to the serpent: "Because you have done this, you shall be banned from all the animals and from all the wild creatures;

On your belly shall you crawl, and dirt shall you eat all the days of your life.

I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers;

He will strike at your head, while you strike at his heel."

# Genesis 3:16

To the woman he said: "I will intensify the pangs of your childbearing; in pain shall you bring forth children. Yet your urge shall be for your husband, and he shall be your master."

# Genesis 3:17-19

To the man he said: "Because you listened to your wife and ate from the tree of which I had forbidden you to eat, "Cursed be the ground because of you! In toil shall you eat its yield all the days of your life.

Thorns and thistles shall it bring forth to you, as you eat of the plants of the field.

By the sweat of your face shall you get bread to eat,

Until you return to the ground, from which you were taken; For you are dirt, and to dirt you shall return."

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# Genesis 3:20-24

The man called his wife Eve, because she became the mother of all the living.

For the man and his wife the LORD God made leather garments, with which he clothed them.

Then the LORD God said: "See! The man has become like one of us, knowing what is good and what is bad!

Therefore banished him from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from which he had been taken. When he expelled the man, he stationed the cherubim and the fiery revolving sword, to guard the way to the tree of life.

# Genesis 4:1-4

The man had intercourse with his wife Eve, and she conceived and gave birth to Cain, saying, “I have produced a male child with the help of the LORD.” Next she gave birth to his brother Abel. Abel became a herder of flocks, and Cain a tiller of the ground.

# Genesis 4:4-7

while Abel, for his part, brought one of the best firstlings of his flock. The LORD looked with favor on Abel and his offering, but on Cain and his offering he did not. Cain greatly resented this and was crestfallen. So the LORD said to Cain: "Why are you so resentful and crestfallen? If you do well, you can hold up your head; but if not, sin is a demon lurking at the door: his urge is toward you, yet you can be his master."

## Genesis 4:8-12

Cain said to his brother Abel, "Let us go out in the field." When they were in the field, Cain attacked his brother Abel and killed him. Then the LORD asked Cain, Where is your brother Abel? He answered, "I do not know. Am I my brother's keeper?" God then said: What have you done? Your brother's blood cries out to me from the ground! Now you are banned from the ground that opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. If you till the soil, it shall no longer give you its produce. You shall become a restless wanderer on the earth."

## Genesis 4:12-15

If you till the ground, it shall no longer give you its produce. You shall become a constant wanderer on the earth. Cain said to the LORD: “My punishment is too great to bear. Look, you have now banished me from the ground. I must avoid you and be a constant wanderer on the earth. Anyone may kill me at sight.” Not so! the LORD said to him. If anyone kills Cain, Cain shall be avenged seven times. So the LORD put a mark on Cain, so that no one would kill him at sight.



# Genesis 4:12-23

Cain then left the LORD's presence and settled in the land of Nod, east of Eden.

Cain had intercourse with his wife, and she conceived and bore Enoch. Cain also became the founder of a city, which he named after his son Enoch. To Enoch was born Irad, and Irad became the father of Mehujael; Mehujael became the father of Methusael, and Methusael became the father of Lamech. Lamech took two wives; the name of the first was Adah, and the name of the second Zillah. Adah gave birth to Jabal, who became the ancestor of those who dwell in tents and keep livestock. His brother's name was Jubal, who became the ancestor of all who play the lyre and the reed pipe. Zillah, on her part, gave birth to Tubalcain, the ancestor of all who forge instruments of bronze and iron. The sister of Tubalcain was Naamah. Lamech said to his wives:

## Genesis 4:23-25

“Adah and Zillah, hear my voice;  
wives of Lamech, listen to my utterance:  
I have killed a man for wounding me,  
a young man for bruising me.  
If Cain is avenged seven times,  
then Lamech seventy-seven times.”

Adam again had intercourse with his wife, and she gave birth to a son whom she called Seth. “God has granted me another offspring in place of Abel,” she said, “because Cain killed him.”

# Genesis 4:26

To Seth, in turn a son was born, and he named Enosh. At that time men began to invoke the LORD by name.

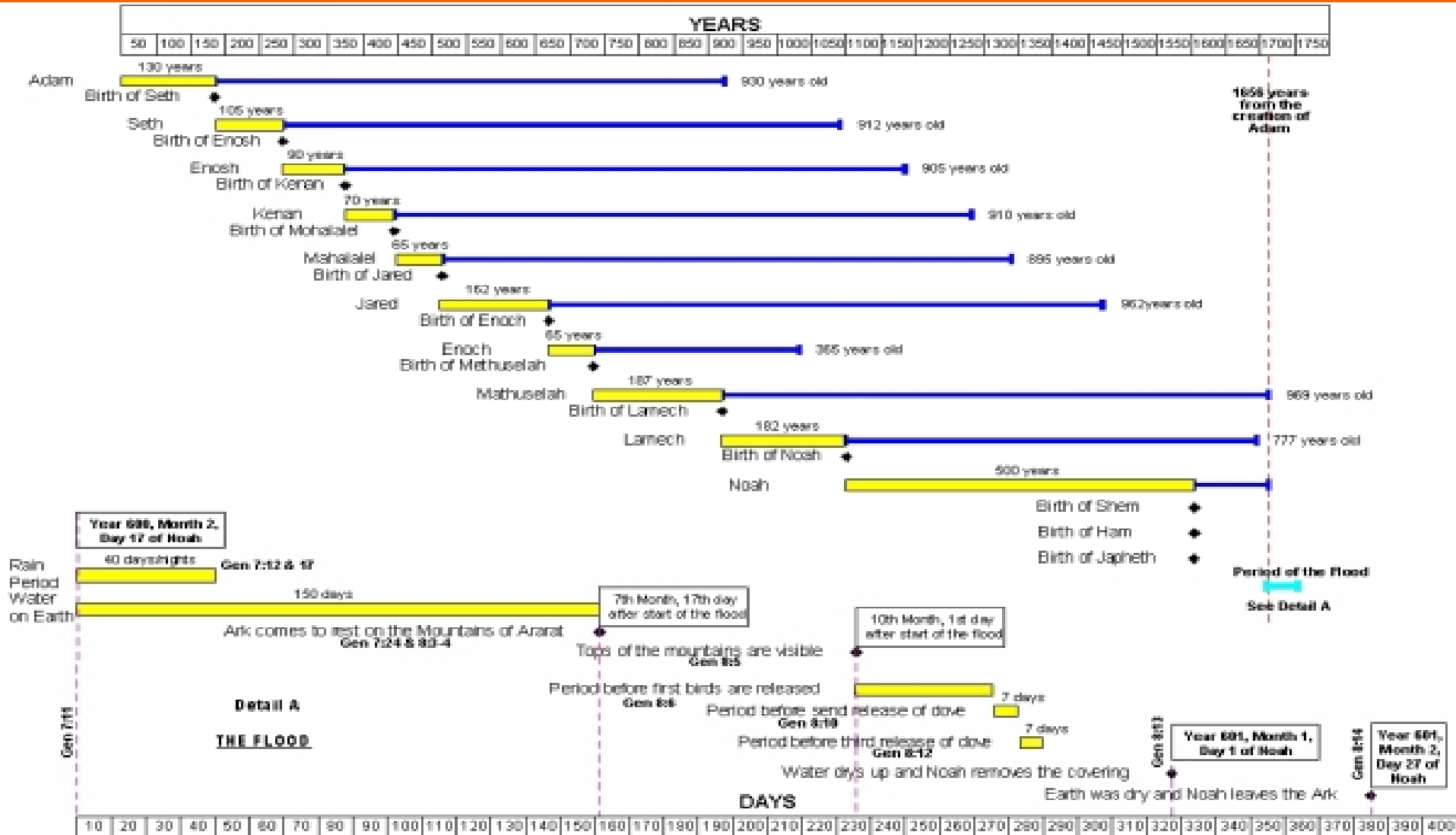
# Genesis 5: 1-4

When human beings began to grow numerous on the earth and daughters were born to them, the sons of God saw how beautiful the daughters of human beings were, and so they took for their wives whomever they pleased. Then the LORD said: *My spirit shall not remain in human beings forever, because they are only flesh. Their days shall comprise one hundred and twenty years.*

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# Genesis 5

## From Adam to Noah



# Genesis 6:1-8

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# Questions



# Homework and Journaling.



*"Your Word is a lamp for my feet, a light for my path" – Psalm 119*

## The Genesis Bible Study

### Journal for Genesis Bible Study

Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 897 7572 2560

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All sessions begin at 7:00pm

October 21, Week 1 – Preamble. The Creation of the World (1:1 – 2:3)



# Homework and Journaling

*Homework for these weeks, Oct 29 –Nov 11*

*(we will not meet on Nov 4 instead you might want to join us for “Build me a Sanctuary: Why Catholic Churches look the Way they Do)*

**November 11 Genesis 6:9-11:26**

**Week Three: The Flood and the Renewed Blessing (6:9–9:29)**

The Populating of the World and the Proudful City (10:1–11:9)

The Genealogy from Shem to Terah (11:10–26)

- 1. Noah, like Enoch, “walked with God.” What qualities would you look for in one who walks with God? Do you have some of those qualities?*



# Come Next Time

- ❑ November 4, Gather for *Build Me a Sanctuary: Why Catholic Churches Look the Way They Do*
- ❑ November 11, Week 3— Genesis 6:9—11:26
- ❑ November 18, Week 4— Genesis 11:27-25:18
- ❑ November 25, No Session Thanksgiving Prep
- ❑ December 2, Week 5— Genesis 25:19-36:43
- ❑ December 9, Week 6— Genesis 37:1-20:26
- ❑ December 16, Gather for *The Birth of Jesus in Art*

Invite a friend!

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