

**GENESIS 1-11**  
**Creation and Fall**  
The week of 07/22/20

The first portion of our Walk Through The Bible starts at the very beginning in Genesis 1-11.

**Here's what you need to know:**

The word "genesis" means 'beginning.'

In Genesis we are introduced to the uncreated God who spun up the created world.

Genesis answers great questions like,

'Where did I come from?'

'Why am I here?'

and

'Why is the world so good and, yet so goofed up?'

**Here are some details:**

**In chapters 1-2,** we discover that the world is good and infused with life-sustaining and life-enriching complexity, order and beauty. We also find an explanation for why human beings are the dominant and most impactful creatures on earth.

**In chapter 3,** we are given an explanation for why our world is so messed up. It explains how an evil force entered God's good world, causing disruption, decay, disease and death.

**In chapters 4-11,** we see the vortex of death, rebellion and moral corruption expand and strengthen.

## **Key takeaways –**

**The key takeaway** from Genesis 1-11 is that there really is a Good God who made everything, including us!

**Another important point** is something that we already knew - the world is a mixed-up place.

Our world is a strange mixture of Goodness goofed up by Evil, Life limited by Death, Beauty paired with Horror.

The sweet scent that God intended is marred and effaced, but not erased by the stink.

**Yet, in 3:15, we find a hint of hope** by the earliest suggestion that someone would eventually be born from a woman who would undo the stink created by the snake. (We will learn more about that next week.)

## **Get going!**

**In the meantime, begin your personal Walk Through The Bible by reading, or listening to, Genesis 1-11.**

### *Hint:*

- *A great way to listen to the Bible is to download the YouVersion Bible App on your smartphone.*
- *Then, simply select a Bible version that has a speaker icon.*
- *Use the magnifying glass icon on the bottom of the screen to search for your passage.*
- *When your selected passage appears simply tap the speaker icon on the top right of the screen.*
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