

A doctrinal overview of
WHAT WE TEACH
ABOUT GENESIS 1-7
Job 38:4-7

Tonight we'll seek to review two specific elements within Genesis 1-7 that are important to our church and help define what makes us unique.

These two elements are our understanding of:

1. Creation and conservative positions from Genesis 1 & 2
2. The Flood and the universal destruction of the earth - Gen. 7

NOTE: Technically tonight's message is not a part of "Being Baptist" or a Baptist distinctive for some Baptists do not believe what I will present

I. CREATION - Genesis 1 & 2
- Conservative positions

A. GOD THE CREATOR (1:1)

1. Supernatural
2. Assumed and not proven
3. The unbeliever's objections will be ignored.
- They are rebels (Rom. 1:18-25) and fools (Psalm 14:1)

B. THE SPAN OF CREATION

- "Young earth" distinctives

1. Support for a six literal, 24 hour days of creation activity
 - a. From the normal understanding of the word "day"
 - b. Because of the "evening and morning" terminology in 1:5, 8, 13, 19, 23, 31
2. Rejection of all alternate propositions
 - a. The Big-Bang Theory and progressive creationism - Deistic
 - b. The Gap Theory applied between Genesis 1:1 and 1:2
- Using texts like Is. 24:11, Jer. 4:23-26 and II Peter 3:5-6 to "support" their views
 - c. The Day-Age Theory
- Holding that the term "day" could mean "a period of time" or "age"

C. THE CREATION OF MAN

1. God's special work
 - a. In God's image (1:26-27) > No cavemen!
 - b. By God's design (2:7)
 - c. With a special spouse (2:18-25)
2. With God-given responsibilities
 - a. Fill and subdue the earth (1:28)
 - b. Cultivate and keep the Garden of Eden (2:15) > cf. 2:5
 - c. Eat freely of all trees but one (2:16-17) > a test

II. **THE FLOOD** - Genesis 7

- A global event and its affects

A. THE REALITY OF A GLOBAL FLOOD - Gen. 7:4, 11-12, 17-24

1. Not a localized event (7:17)
2. The height of the waters indicate a global event (7:19-20)

B. THE RESULTS OF A GLOBAL FLOOD

1. Atmospheric changes (7:11-12)
 - The crust of the earth cracked open and the canopy over the earth collapsed
2. Geological features - No ice age
 - Continental drift, mountain ranges and valleys, Tectonic plates along with oil and gas reserves.

CONCLUSION:

All do not believe and hold to these biblical truths from Genesis 1-7

- Our position must be "... Let God be found true, though every man be found a liar" - Rom. 3:4

Let us marvel in our God's amazing creation and glorify Him for His grace

- See Psalm 8:3-4

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