

# *“Study To Show Thyself Approved Unto God”*

(2 Timothy 2:15)

Daily Bible Reading Guide

Week 1: January 1-8

**O**ur reading this week begins with the book of Genesis. The name Genesis is from the transliteration of name given in the Septuagint which simply means the origin, or coming into being of something. The name was not given until a short time before the 12<sup>th</sup> century, but is fitting of course, as seen from the opening words of the first chapter. As we go through the reading this week we will only read through the 11<sup>th</sup> chapter in Genesis. This will take us from the creation week through the events of the universal flood, the scattering of the people at the tower of Babel and then to the genealogical list in chapter 11 which takes us to the time of Abram. At that point we will divert our reading to the book of Job. While the date of Job is not given in it, the events demonstrate that the events in it belong to some of the earliest of times during the patriarchal age.

## ***Some questions to consider as you are reading...***

### ***January 1 – Genesis 1-3***

- Why do you suppose the Bible begins simply with “in the beginning, God....” rather than having a detailed examination of proofs for His existence? How would such passages as Psalm 19:1; Romans 1:22; Hebrews 3:14 shed light on the answer?
- How many things can you find in chapter one that demonstrate that the days of creation were 24 hour days, just like ours?

### ***Daily Reading Schedule...***

*(Note: this week there is an extra day of reading since the year begins on Saturday)*

- Saturday - January 1***  
Genesis 1-3
- Sunday - January 2***  
Genesis 4-7
- Monday - January 3***  
Genesis 8-11
- Tuesday - January 4***  
Job 1-5
- Wednesday - January 5***  
Job 6-9
- Thursday - January 6***  
Job 10-13
- Friday - January 7***  
Job 14-16
- Saturday - January 8***  
Job 17-20

- How would the phrase “After their own kind...” and others like it in chapter one (11, 12, 21, 24, 25) relate to the foolishness of the evolutionary theory of creation?
- How many “kinds” can you find in chapter one? Where did the division of all the hundreds of species we hear of today come from?
- Over what is man to have dominion (1:28)?
- The first time God said “it is not good” is in 2:18. Why did He say it, and what did he do about it?
- Did God say that woman was to be man’s “helpmate” or “an help meet” (2:18)? What is the difference?
- What is the relationship between man and wife to be according to Genesis 2:23-34
- What three things did Eve see about the fruit in 3:6? How does this relate to the warning in 1 John 2:16 and the ways that Satan tempts us?
- Why do you suppose God asked Adam, “Where art thou” (3:9)? (Surely He knew exactly where Adam was hiding!)
- How did God respond to the excuses offered for disobeying His commands? (3:11-19)

- Since Eve's name indicates she is the "mother of all living," how many other women could have been created by God rather than brought forth by the means He set forth - born of woman?
- When are Adam and Eve said to be clothed? Why weren't they considered clothed when they had the coverings they had devised?
- What did God use to make the coats for Adam and Eve? (21) Who do you think made the first animal sacrifice?
- When God expelled man from the garden, He prevented him from partaking of the tree of life (22-24). Can you find where man will again have opportunity to partake of this tree?

### ***January 2 – Genesis 4-7***

- By what means were the children of Adam and Eve brought forth? (4:1-2) What is the singular exception to this manner of childbearing after the creation week?
- What was the distinction between the offerings of Cain and Abel? Why did God reject one and accept the other? (4:3-7; see also Hebrews 11:4) How important then is it that we worship as God commands?
- Why did Cain kill his brother? (See 1 John 3:12)
- Where did the people come from which Cain feared, and where did he get his wife? (4:14-17) (You might consider Genesis 3:20 as you ponder this question.)
- Why was Seth born to Adam and Eve? (4:24-26; you might consider Luke 3:38 as you ponder this)
- What do you think the phrase in 4:25, "then began men to call upon the name of the Lord" means?
- How long did Adam live? (5:5) How many children do you suppose he might have fathered during that time?
- Why did Noah stand out in the genealogical list (5:29)?
- Who would the "sons of God" and "daughters of men" refer to (6:2)? (Remember the distinction given in 4:25 as you think about this. You might also consider Matthew 22:30 if you hear of some claiming that this refers to angels marrying.)
- What did Noah find in God's eyes? (6:8) What did his life have to do with this? (Contrast Noah's life (6:9) with the lives of those about him. (6:5))
- How specific was God in His plans for the ark Noah was to build? (6:14-16) How meticulous do you suppose Noah was in following God's commands? (6:22)
- Supposing a cubit to be a measurement from 18-21 inches, how big was the ark? (Can you find when any other ship was built comparable or exceeding the size of the ark?)
- What did God say He was going to destroy with the flood? How widespread would the destruction be (is it described as a local event)? (6:17)
- Why were Noah and his house allowed to enter the ark? (7:1)
- What was the purpose of the "clean" animals that were to be brought on the ark? (7:2; cf. 4:4)
- Where did the water for the flood come from? (7:11-12)
- In 7:17-24, how many things can you find which demand that the flood be universal, and not just a local flood as some modernists claim?

### ***January 3 – Genesis 8-11***

- Can you establish how long was Noah and his family in the ark?
- What was the first thing Noah did upon leaving the ark? (8:20)
- What will the earth be like as long as it exists? (8:22)

- How did man's dietary rules change at they left the ark? (9:1-4)
- Why is the value of man's life of much more importance than any other creature? (9:6)
- What covenant did God make with man, and how was (is) it signified? (9:11-17)
- Where did ALL people of the earth come from? (9:19)
- What precipitated the sin of Ham? (9:21)
- Who was cursed, Ham or Canaan, and what did the curse have to say about skin color? (9:25-26) (Can you find out when the fulfilment of the curse was?)
- What enabled the people to accomplish the tasks they desired? (11:6 (might consider how 1 Corinthians 1:10 relates to this and the accomplishment of the work God gives us)

#### ***January 4 – Job 1-5***

- What is it said that Job did continually (1:5)? What example does this give us for care and concern for our children throughout our lives and theirs?
- How does God help us to understand what He considers a servant to be in 1:8?
- What do 1:10-12 and 2:4-6 tell us about the power of Satan? Is it limited? Can you think of any New Testament passages which teach us how God limits Satan in our lives?
- How did Job react when he faced the tragedy of losing his belongings and children? (1:20-22) What about in 2:9-10 when he was covered with boils?
- How does Job's wife's statement to Job (2:9) compare with what we should be doing as a spouse when trouble comes?
- Though Job's first friend to speak, Eliphaz, sorely misses the mark in his estimation of why Job was suffering, he does give some excellent observations regarding God - what are they? (5:8-26)

#### ***January 5 – Job 6-9***

- Though Job longed for the release of death (6:8-11; cf. Chapter 3), what would he NOT do to bring it about, or ask others to do for him? (And how does this relate to some of the current laws being passed in our country regarding the "right" to die?)
- In Job's response to Eliphaz' speech to him, what can we learn as to helping others in the midst of trials? (6:14-30)?
- How can Job's description of death help us to understand the brevity and finality of life? (7:6-7, 9-10)
- Like Eliphaz, Bildad has a factual and encouraging view of God, yet fails to make proper application of it to Job. What is the view Bildad expresses that should be a comfort to all who seek Him (and a fear to all who reject Him)? (8:3, 13-14, 20)
- What was the supposed dilemma Job saw in regard to the justice of God and sinful man? (9:1-2) (You might consider how God, being just, does allow sinful man to be saved)

#### ***January 6 – Job 10-13***

- Whom does Job begin to openly blame for his fate in chapter 10? (How often do we today do the same?)
- As Zophar speaks, he (like his friends) makes charges toward Job which cannot be shown to be true. He (again like his friends) misapplies some notable truths about God. What encouraging truths of God can you find in this chapter? (11:7-11)

- As Job responds to Zophar, he expresses a marvelous truth that we should all understand, lest we be intimidated by those who suppose themselves to be somewhat. What is this truth? (12:1-3; 13:1-2)
- What is sometimes a mark of true wisdom? (13:5; cf Proverbs 17:28; James 1:19)

***January 7 – Job 14-16***

- How does Job describe the frailty and brevity of life (14:1-2)
- What pertinent question is asked by Job in 14:14? How can this be used by each of us a basis of study and hope?
- How many things can you find in chapter 15 which Eliphaz uses to try to humble Job?
- What things does Job say that can help us NOT to be “miserable comforters” of the afflicted? (16:1-7)
- How does Job express his ultimate trust in God’s knowledge and justice? (16:19)

***January 8 – Job 17-20***

- As Bildad responds, what kind of speech is he condemning and what kind is he requesting? (18:2)
- How many ways was Job suffering? (19:13-20)
- What is it that helped Job to stand in spite of all the suffering he was enduring? (19:25-27)
- As Zophar responds (chapter 20), what does he say about the triumphing of the wicked?