Genesis

Facts

Part of the Pentateuch (Greek first 5 books, or Jewish Torah)

Author: Moses

What: The beginnings

Where: Egypt and Canaan

When: Written estimated 1446BC-1406BC

Why: Historical and to demonstrate that God is sovereign and love of His creation

Brief out line:

Creation, fall and flood chpts 1-11

Abraham chpts 12-25

Isaac and Jacob chpts 26-36

Joseph chpts 37-50

Key verse I will establish my covenant as an everlasting covenant between me and you and your descendants after you for the generations to come, to be you God and the God of you descendants after you Genesis 17:7

Points to emphasis

Where does God come from? God cannot exist in our way of thinking. As in time, space and matter. A great video explains this, I’m gonna paraphrase. God has to exist outside of time, space and matter. Otherwise he’s not omniscient. You can’t have time and space with no matter, because what would be there, cant have space and matter without time because when would it be there and you can’t have time and matter with no space because where would you put it. They all three have to exist at once. Look at Genesis 1:1 in the beginning (Time) God created the heavens and the earth (space) and the earth (Matter).

God spoke the world into existence, if you look into string theory, it amazingly lines up. According to string theory, absolutely everything in the universe-all of the particles that make up matter and forces- is comprised of tiny vibrating fundamental strings. Like sound. Interesting that God spoke and light happened, let there be a vault, let there be water, dry ground on and on.

Creation versus evolution versus big bang, Which makes more sense? That we’re a collection of random chemicals over millions of years and our entire solar system is just luckily hanging in the balance or that We were designed? Think of the balance of your body, placement of you nose, it doesn’t make sense for it to be anywhere other than it is.

1st Heavens and the earth

2nd Light- day and night 1st day

3rd sky, separated the waters 2nd day

4th water into oceans, dry land, vegetation, all the various kinds 3rd day

5th Sun and moon 4th day

6th aquatic and birds, 5th day

7th live stock and man kind in our image 6th day

Finally rested from his work, 7th day blessed it and made it holy

Key events

Creation of all things

Institution of marriage

Fall of man and promise of a redeemer

Cain and Abel

Great flood

Tower of Babel

Sodom and Gomorrah

Transfer of birthright to Jacob

Jacob’s shenanigans

Joseph