

"On the Way" 365 Bible Reading Plan

Genesis 1

Genesis one is the introduction to the Story of God, and the Book of origins of everything. The introduction is from Genesis 1:1-2:3 in the English Bible. Beginning in Genesis 2:4, you see the first of ten sections (chapters) which begin with the phrase "This is the History of..." This phrase occurs ten times throughout the Book of Genesis and forms the primary divisions of the book for memory to be passed down from generation to generation, to the people of the true and living God.

Moses wrote various sections down to form the Book of Genesis as we now have it in our Bibles. God supernaturally superintended Moses, so that what He wrote down were indeed the very people and events as they happened from the beginning of creation. Genesis one is also the introduction of all the Bible in a sense, as it is the beginning of a larger narrative that introduces the greater story or Drama of the Ages.

Genesis chapter one begins with the assumption of God. There is no explanation offered as to the existence of

God, because only "the fool has said in his heart, 'There is no God.'" The six days of creation are summarized as to what was created and the days are numbered, except for the seventh day which is given a name, Shabbat. God set that day apart from all the other days to make it special, for everyone who lived on the earth would stop working on that day and remember that God is the creator and sustainer of all of life.

Prayer and Action Steps: *Pause at this moment and thank God that He is the creator and sustainer of all of life. Thank Him for giving you life and the ability to know your creator. If you have never really acknowledged God and you are not in a personal relationship with Him, you can be (see how to "How to Know God in a Personal Way"). If you are already a follower of Jesus, the Messiah, then ask God to help you on this journey, reading through the key chapters of the Bible, to show you His will for your life, and to give you the grace to follow Him.*

Date _____ Scripture _____

- Read the chapter. If you have time, read it again.
- Highlight, underline or circle the Key Verse or Verses of the chapter.
- Ask yourself these questions as you read through the chapter.

Is this historical narrative, analogy, metaphor, allegory, or some other element of speech or communicating truth?

What is the Context? Old Testament? New Testament? What is the writer speaking or writing about? To whom is he writing?

Is this a clear passage of Scripture (can only be interpreted one way)? Or could the passage be interpreted legitimately, in two or more ways, according to grammar and context?

Does the passage teach a Biblical Precept; that is, tells you something to be, do or act? _____

Are there principles in this chapter that if followed, would require me to change my attitudes or actions? _____

Does the passage give a Biblical Pattern that is followed here and other places in the Bible? _____
