

The Bible - From Beginning to End Using the Twenty C's

Introduction

1. Many Christians do not realize that the books of the Bible are not listed in chronological order.
2. The books of the Bible are arranged according to topical content.
 - In the Old Testament, the groupings are:
 - Law (Genesis – Deuteronomy).
 - History (Joshua – Esther).
 - Wisdom (Job – Song of Solomon).
 - Prophecy (Isaiah – Malachi).
 - In the New Testament, the groupings are:
 - Earthly ministry of Christ (Matthew – John).
 - History (Acts).
 - Epistles.
 - Paul's epistles to the church, the body of Christ (Romans - Philemon)
 - Hebrew - Jewish epistles (Hebrews – Jude)
 - Prophecy (Revelation).
3. Think of the Bible as a library full of books that are grouped according to their content. **Illustration:** our library
4. Over the next few weeks, we will provide a chronological overview of the entire Bible using a method called the “Twenty C’s.”
 - Each major section of the Bible will begin with the letter “C.”
 - This will assist the Bible student in placing Bible books and events in their proper time period.
 - It will make it easy to understand and remember.

Creation

Scriptures:	Genesis 1-2
Focal Point:	Creation of All Things
Principal Characters:	God, Adam, Eve
Primary Events:	Six Days of Creation Institution of the Free Will of Man Institution of Marriage and the Family

1. First day: the creation of light. 1:2-5
 - The Holy Spirit moved upon the earth. From this omnipotent energy source began to flow our energy waves - waves of heat and sound magnetism.

- Thus, the created universe was energized. The earth rotating on its axis also began at this time. Both energy and matter were now present in the space/mass/time framework.
2. Second day: the separating of the waters. 1:6-8
 - This water was in two forms:
 - Regular land-based water in shallow ocean, river, and lake beds.
 - Atmospheric water in the form of invisible translucent vapor.
 3. Third day: the creation of plant life. 1:9-13
 - Lush, green vegetation and exotic flowers now graced the newly emerged dry ground.
 - These verses alone totally refute the harmful doctrine of theistic evolution, which says life began eons ago from a glob of scum floating on some remote ocean surface.
 - To the contrary, Moses tells us life was supernaturally created on the third day of creation and began on dry ground.
 4. Fourth day: the creation of the sun, moon, and stars. 1:14-19
 - On the first day, God created physical light. On the fourth day He created special light sources.
 - These heavenly bodies are to function in a three-fold manner:
 - As signs – they teach and remind men of God’s creative work. **Psalm 8:3; Romans 1:19-20**
 - As seasons – they function as a calendar, dividing seasons, days, and years, enabling men to accurately plan their work.
 - As lights - to light the created earth.
 5. Fifth day: the creation of fish and fowl. 1:20-23
 - Imagine – He created tiny hummingbirds and massive whales, some of which can weigh 150 tons and are 110 feet long (heavier than a modern day Boeing 737).
 6. Sixth day: the creation of land creatures and man. 1:24-31
 - Notice 1:26. This is the first strong evidence of the Trinity (God is three distinct persons in one).
 - Notice a few things about the creation of man:
 - He was made in the image of God and possessed the highest kind of life.
 - He was to subdue the earth and fill it. 1:28
 - He was encouraged to enjoy the Tree of Life and all other trees of creation, except one. 2:9, 16
 - He was forbidden to partake of the “*tree of the knowledge of good and evil.*” Yet he was given the free will to decide and choose. 2:17
 - He was to name all the animals. He had free will to choose every animal's name. God did not interfere or supersede Adam's decisions. 2:19
 - He was given a wife (2:18-25). Here were the first of four great institutions given by God to man: free will of man, marriage and family, human government, and the church.

7. Seventh day: God rests. 2:1-3
 - God didn't collapse in weariness. It means He took up residence with mankind and tabernacled (dwelt) with man.
 - This is the only time God is seen resting until Revelation 21. Why? Because of the sin of mankind – it broke God's rest with mankind.

In Conclusion

1. Here we have in 56 simple but sublime verses, the concise but complete account of creation. Although these verses are scientifically accurate, it was not written in a detailed scientific manner. It was written primarily for our understanding and faith.
2. In 1:1 we are told what God did.
3. The remaining 55 verses tell us **how** He went about doing all that He said He did.
4. Did all of this take place in literal 24-hour days? You'd better believe it!
Exodus 20:11, 31:17; Psalm 33:6-9
5. Whether we believe the Bible's record of creation is a faith issue. **Hebrews 11:3** – none of us were there, so by faith we accept God's Word, or by faith we accept the man-made theory of evolution.