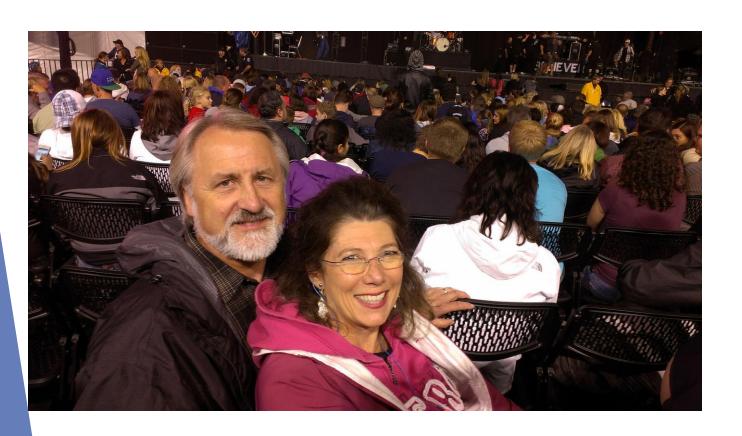
Welcome to

Genesis

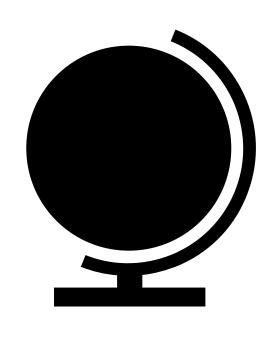


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Dr. Ilene Olsen



Let's get to know Each Other



In about 1 minute tell us:

- Name
- ► Country serving in
- ► Official title/capacity /ministry
- Name of church
- ► What part of the ministry makes up the majority of your time/energy

Class 1

Course Title:

The Exegetical Study of Genesis

Course credits: 4

Exegesis:

The critical explanation or interpretation of a text. The process of discovering the original and intended meaning of a passage

From: Seminary Grace. Edu

The entire book of Genesis, Holy Bible

Required Readings

Classic Commentaries, Genesis, by Derik Kidner

Additional reading/viewing:

To be Announced

Course Evaluation and Grading

Class Assignments = 30%

Class participation/Attendance = 30%

Final Exam = 40%

Class Approach

Usable

Practical

Unifying

Course Focus

- Scriptural knowledge that will enhance ministry
- Encourage and strengthen those we have been called to serve
- ► Subject and concept based
- Culturally relevant

- 1. Able to explain in practical terms
- What is God saying?
- What is God doing?
- How is God interacting?

- 2. How is Genesis relevant to
 - me personally
 - my local church,
 - my community

2. Able to share:

- 3. Able to Answer:
- How does a greater knowledge of Genesis
- Change my attitude
- Change my behavior
- Change my understanding of God and others?

Welcome to Genesis

Genesis is the most quoted book in the New Testament Except for Psalms and Isaiah

Genesis provides the foundational lens of Biblical thought through which we view the entire Bible

Genesis Class 1

► Hebrew: *Bereshit*: in [the] beginning

► Greek: *genesis*: birth, genealogy, or history of origin.

Background and Structure

- The accounts of Gods interactions with those He made.
- Three basic settings
- 1. Genesis 1-11 Creation to the birth of Terah
- 2. Genesis 12-36 Birth of Terah to Joseph's arrival in Egypt
- 3. Genesis 37-50 Joseph's arrival in Egypt to the death of Joseph

Outline of Genesis

- ► I Primeval History Genesis 1-11
- ► (History of beginnings)
- Creation (Genesis 1-2)
- ► Fall (Genesis 3-5)
- ► Flood (Genesis 6-9)
- Nations (Genesis 10-11)

Outline of Genesis

- ► II Patriarchal History (Genesis 12-50)
- ► (History of the Patriarchs)
- ► Abraham (Genesis 12-20)
- ► Isaac (Genesis 21-26)
- ▶ Jacob (Genesis 27-36)
- Joseph (Genesis 37-50)

- ► Genesis provides the foundational lens of biblical thought, through which we view the entire Bible.
- ▶ Biblical thought is also the foundational lens through which many cultures are (loosely) based.

- God is eternal
- ► God is the creator of all things
- ► God is the only God
- ► God is sovereign ruler with no equal

- ► God is a triune God
- ► God lives in community
- ► God is a responsive God
- ► God's ways are sinless and perfect

- ► God came down to man
- ► God initiates relationship with mankind
- ► God is a promise keeping God
- ► Human beings are created in the image of God
- ► God cares about his creation

God

- Speaks
- Creates
- **Blesses**
- Promises

God

- Visits his creation
- Intervenes personally in their lives
- ► Shows mercy and power

Mankind

- ► Has free will
- Decisions have consequences
- Sin has consequences
- Our fallen nature causes us to run from
- God, instead of to God

Genesis 1:1

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

Genesis 1:1a "In the beginning God"

- ► God is mentioned 32 times in 31 versus
- Genesis always assumes God exists
- ► Although everything else had a beginning God has always been
- From eternity past to eternity future, you are God. Psalms 90:2b CJB

What is God's Name?

The Lord God

Yahweh Elohim

The *personal* name of God: Yahweh (Greek kyrios)

- ► I AM Exodus 3:14
- Not just I exist, but rather, I am.
- ► I am actively present
- ► I am actively listening
- ► I am actively loving
- ► I am actively doing

The *personal* name of God: Yahweh (Greek kyrios)

- ➤ Yahweh refers to a personal God
- A God who is
- Not passive
- Not punitive
- Not inattentive
- The Hebrew name Joshua, and the Greek name Jesus both mean "The Lord [Yahweh] saves")

Title of God: Elohim

The *plura*l title of Elohim signifies the one who *completely possesses all the divine attributes*

Title of God: Elohim

► Elohim shows the power and plurality of God

The noun Elohim is plural but the verb is singular. (God said).

Title of God: Elohim

Elohim is used many times in the Old Testament to refer to the One True God

The Title of God, Elohim, has been called *the plural of majesty*.

Discussion:

What does the Bible say about the 'Name of God'?

Psalm 9:10 Those who *know* your name will trust in you, for you, Lord, have never forsaken those who seek you. NIV

Genesis 1:1b "In the beginning God created"

Genesis makes it very clear that God created something out of nothing

(ex nihilo)

Main Ideas

► God is the God of creation, and we still see him working personally and powerfully today.

God can create a clean heart, a new mind, a restored body, and a new life.

Main Ideas

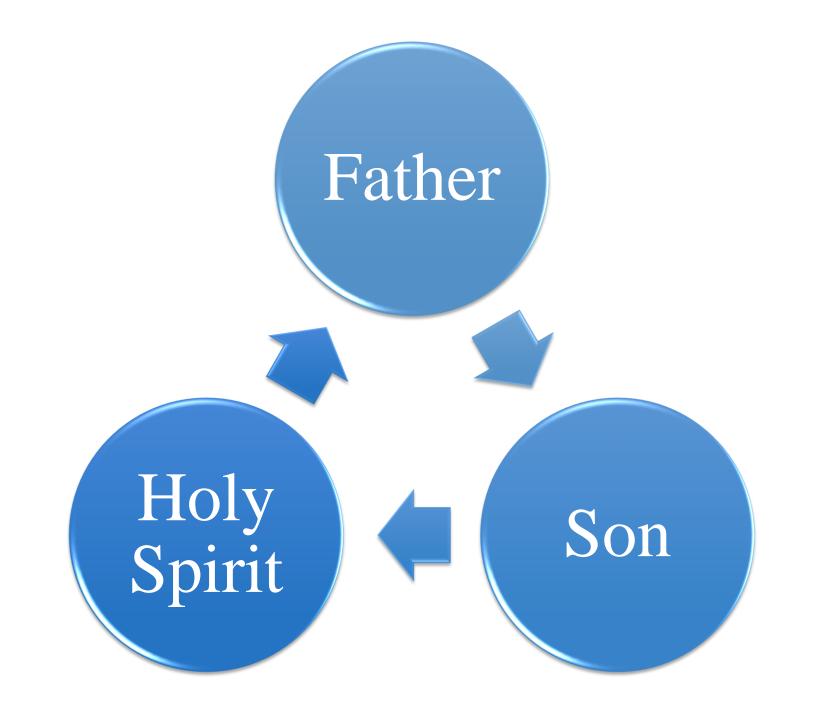
God is the same yesterday, today, and forever

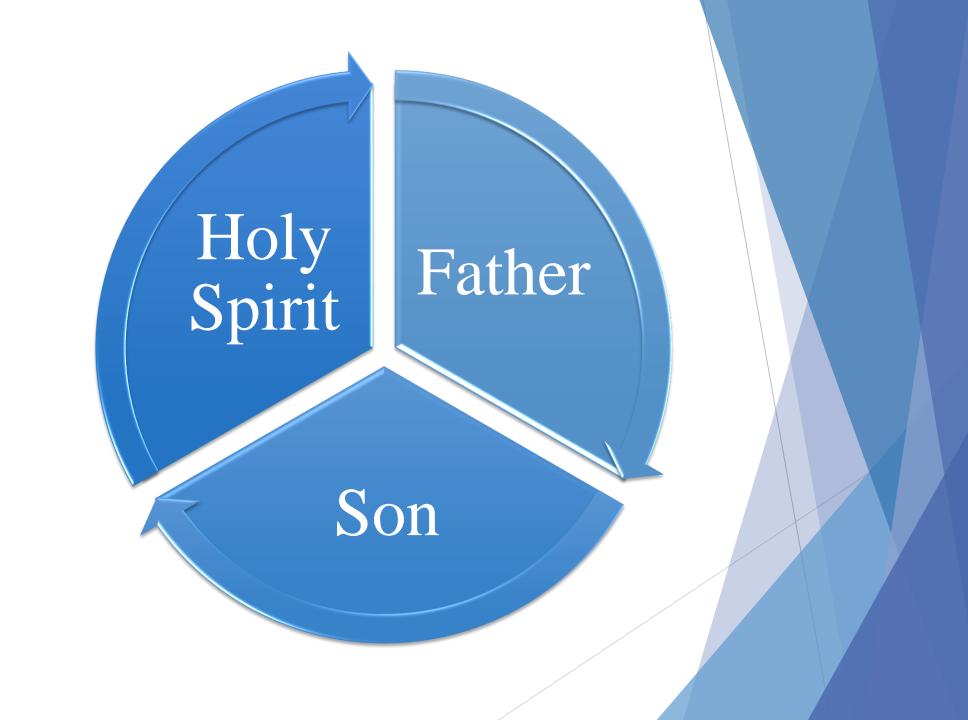
► God can, and continues, to make a way where there is no way, to make something out of nothing

Questions:

How have you seen the powerful God of creation working in your life and in those lives around you?

Have you seen Him make a way when there was no way, or make something out of nothing?





The Father

Genesis 1:1b God spoke and it was so



The Holy Spirit

Genesis1:2b and the Spirit of God was *hovering* over the waters

- As a mother bird hovering, fluttering over her brood
- > Idea of intimate contact



The Holy Spirit

Genesis1:2b and the Spirit of God was *hovering* over the waters

- An eloquent introduction in scripture to the divine personality of the Spirit
- > He brings creation out of chaos



This also describes the work of the Spirit in your life and mine today

Discussion:

> Our life without God is chaos

The Spirit of God wants to create in us the attributes of Jesus, and breathe into the formless void of our life, the life of Jesus

Discussion:

The Spirit was active in creation, and He is active today.

Living in the Spirit paraphrase George O Wood

The Son

John 1:1

"In the beginning was the word and the word was with God and the word was God. he was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made without him nothing was made that has been made."



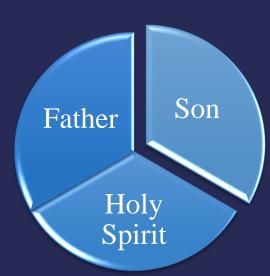
The Son

Matthew 28:19

Jesus told his disciples to baptize believers "in the name of the father and the son and of the Holy Spirit". Here Jesus forms the *trinitarian formula*.

Jesus does not say names, plural, but rather the one name of God,

'God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit'.



II Corinthians 13:14

The trinity mentioned

"May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all".

Father

Holy Spirit

In Matthew 3:16 All three persons of the Godhead are mentioned.

"As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And the voice from heaven said,

"This is my son whom I love with him I am well pleased".

Father

Son

Holy Spirit

What happens when God speaks? To declare or utter

- Genesis 1:3 and God said...and it was so
- Created light separated light from darkness day 1 Genesis 1:6 and God said...and it was so
- ➤ The Sky day 2
- Genesis 1:9 and God said...and it was so
- ➤ Land and Seas day 3
- Genesis 1:11 then God said...and it was so
- > Vegetation day 3

- Genesis 1:14 and God said...and it was so
- > 2 great lights, stars day 4
- Genesis 1:20 and God said...and God saw that it was good
- ➤ Birds, creatures in the sea day 5
- Genesis 1:24 and God said...and it was so

Genesis 1:26 then God said....and it was so

Animals – day 6

➤ Man was created in Gods own image male and female - day 6

God rested Blessed the day - day 7

Practical Application:

8 times God spoke... and it was so

- >When God speaks it will always be so.
- God is powerful and can be counted on.

> Genesis 1:26a

Then God said let us make man in our own image, in our likeness, and let them rule

- ➤ Genesis 2:27
- So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them

> He created them male and female and blessed them.

Focus

- The creation of humankind in the likeness of God
- >Father, Son and Holy Spirit

>Image, likeness:

the abstract form of, to be like, representation of.

Focus

Man and Woman were Created to Live in:

- > Community
- > Equality
- > Mutual status
- > Mutual responsibility



30 Minute Break

Genesis 3:1-7

- 1.He [the serpent] said to the woman
- ► "Did God *really* say you must not eat from any tree in the garden?
- Causes Woman to question. Is this true?
- ▶ Plants uncertainty

Genesis 3:1-7

Disturbing and flattering

It smuggles in the assumption that God's word is subject to her judgment.

Genesis 3:1-7

Continued...

- ► He appealed to her pride
 - She was not forced
 - ► She entertained the question
 - She continued to listen

- 2. The woman said to the serpent [she engaged in conversation]
- "we may eat fruit from the trees in the garden,
- 3. But God did say, you must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of a garden,
- [true] and you must not touch it, or you will die.

1) The Serpent Places Doubt

- She thought about it
- She interacted
- She adds her own command
- She begins placing her own ideas as equal to Gods
- She makes God seem more strict

2) The Serpent Directly Denies Gods Word

- ▶ 4 "You will not surely die", the serpent said to the woman.
- ▶ The serpent totally contradicts what God said
- ▶ It is the serpent's word against God's word

3) The Serpent Validates the Lie

5 "For God knows that when you eat it, your eyes will be opened, you will be like God, knowing good and evil".

► Her choice was, to believe God, or believe the serpent

3) The Serpent Validates the Lie

- ► Refers to the name of the tree connecting a truth with a lie
- ► Gives a 'reason' for his contradiction that would satisfy her

3) The Serpent Validates the Lie

- ► Suggests God has been keeping something from her knowledge
- Suggest how she herself can do better than what God has provided for her.
- Gives her an easy way to be better and know more

The Serpent's Tactic

- ► 1st discontent
- ▶ 2nd promise of betterment
- > 3rd reassurance of no consequence

- ▶ Believed the creature instead of the creator.
- What she heard now, instead of what she had known, before
- ► I can make myself better

- Wow! To be like God,
- The serpent could meet her (new) desire
- Exciting
- Impulsive
- Easy
- No Downside

When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was:

Good for food

Pleasing to the eye

Desirable for gaining wisdom

▶ She took some and ate it

She also gave some to her husband

who was with her

Adam's Response

► He was with her

► He saw what she saw

► Heard what she heard

► He took some and ate it

Man and Woman

► Their eyes were opened

▶ Both realized they were naked

Both were afraid

The Results of Sin

- Immediate
- Lifelong
- Eternal

The Dialog After Sin

- God spoke to man and woman
- ► God allowed them to speak....

"Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?"

Man

- The woman you put here with me she gave me some fruit from the tree and I ate it"
- He blamed woman
- He blamed God
- Not his fault

Woman

- "the serpent deceived me and I ate"
- My fault
- But I Have a good reason.

The Punishment of Sin

- Serpent
- Cursed, crawl
- He will crush your head and you will strike his heel.

The Punishment of Sin

Seed of woman, Jesus (no man was involved) crushed the head of the serpent, but at the cost of his life.

Woman

- Increase pains of labor in childbirth
- Desire towards your husband
- Wanting to rule him

Woman

The relationship once ruling in unity and community, now falls to struggle for rulership over each other

Man

- Cursed is the ground
- Must labor by the sweat of your brow
- > Struggle with thorns and thistles

Man

- Before sin, man worked in a beautiful and fruitful garden.
- After sin, although the land still produced food, man labored

The Common Hebrew Term Labor The same Hebrew word *labor* is used

Verse 16 – To labor in childbirth

Verse 17 – to labor and work the ground



10 Minute Break

Results of Sin

- Relationship with God lost
- Life was sacrificed
- Unity was lost
- Equality was lost

Results of Sin

- Trust was lost
- Community ceased
- Paradise was lost
- Labor began

5 Common Misinterpretations

What is a Misinterpretation?

Definition of Misinterpretation: noun "the action of interpreting something wrongly"

Misinterpretations happen both on purpose and unconsciously

An example of a Misinterpretation is a person who reads the Scriptures and infers something incorrectly

When Scripture is taken out of context

How do we Avoid Misinterpreting Scripture?

Read the context around the Scripture

- > Who wrote (or said) it
- Who is it written to?
- > What is the cultural context?

Personal Bias

- Being aware of your personal and cultural bias and not filtering the Scriptures through that
- > Be aware of what you think is "normal"

How do we Avoid Misinterpreting Scripture?

Prescriptive Scripture

- > Scripture that is Prescribing something
 - > An example: "Honor your father and mother"
- > It is actually a command

Descriptive Scripture

- Scripture that is Describing something
- Not a command or even advise
 - > An example: "Cain killed Able"

How do we Avoid Misinterpreting Scripture?

Reading text

Keeping what is written as priority and not adding or assuming from it

Inferring or implying interpretations

Identifying an assumption as reality of text using an inference, guess or implication

Because Adam named Woman, doesn't that mean he is more important than her? No

- Man was not involved in the creation of woman
- God created a corresponding helper
- Man reacted to God's creation

It's All About God and His Creation

God created a corresponding helper

God caused him to fall asleep

- God caused Adam to fall asleep
- God took a rib and closed up the flesh
- God made woman from the rib.
- God brought her to man

- Adam said "bone of my bone and flesh of my flesh" Genesis 2:23.
- Adam recognized she shared the same essence that he did. (the same DNA)
- 'bone of my bone and flesh in my flesh' identifies shared kindship or standing

- When Adam saw the woman God brought to him
- ► His response was "Wow!"
- It carries with it the excitement of seeing this amazing person God has brought to him
- For the first time

Isn't woman inferior to man because she ate the fruit first? No

- Genesis 3:6 tells us she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate it.
- Because Adam was with her, he probably heard the conversation with the serpent.

God asked both man and woman about their own sin.

Paul talks about Adam's disobedience and his responsibility equally responsible.

▶ Romans 5:17 For if, by the trespasses of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God's abundant provision of grace and the gift of righteousness reigned in life through the one man Jesus Christ!

- ► I Corinthians 15:21-22 For since death came through a man, the rection resurrection of the dead comes also through a man.
- For as an Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive.



10 Minute Break

Misinterpretation 3

Isn't man supposed be over woman in 'headship' and when she gave Adam the fruit she was trying to 'be the boss'? No

Gods authority is always at the forefront

Nowhere in the biblical text is male headship or male authority ever mentioned or implied!

Headship and male authority are not biblical terms or biblical principles

- What was the sin that separated man and woman from God?
- Man and woman's disobedience to Gods command
- Genesis 3:11 Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?

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Misinterpretation 4

Isn't man the leader because God spoke to him first and questioned him first? No

- God announces to both Man and Woman specific consequences of their sin Genesis 3:16-19
- Man and Woman's response to God
- Both were together
- Both were responsible
- Both experienced fear

- Both hid from God Genesis
- Both experienced guilt and fear
- Both had access to God
- Both spoke directly to God
- Both passed the blame when speaking to God
- Both had weakness

- Gods response to Man and Woman: God spoke directly to both of them Genesis 3:9-13,16-19
- God questioned them both of them

- God allowed both Man and Woman to answer for themselves
- God gave both Man and Woman their own punishment

- God speaks to Adam individually, directly
 - Genesis3:10-12
- God speaks to woman individually,
 directly Genesis 3:13

Desire

- ► A consequence a results of sin
- A Struggle, a desire to rule over each other, instead of ruling unity
- Your desire will be for your husband (a desire to rule over him)
- ► He will rule over you. Genesis 3:16b

Desire

- Your desire will be, to master, your husband
- Something new, not a preexisting attitude

Desire

- Genesis 4:7b Sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must master it.
- God tells Cain he must fight back, to master sin, because sin desired to master Cain.

Misinterpretation 5

God said 'he will rule over you'.
Shouldn't every believing wife follow this? NO

- Rule was something new, not preexisting, just like thorns or other results of the fall
- Rule was a consequence, a result of the fall, a punishment."
- Rule was descriptive, what will be, not prescriptive, what should be

- Nowhere does God say man should rule, but as a result of sin he would rule.
- Genesis doesn't teach as a result of sin woman should be ruled over, any more than it teaches woman should have pain during childbirth.

- Rule was not what God had intended as a model of relationship
- Equality and community was Gods perfect plan for man and woman.
- Rule in Genesis 3 has No negative connotation.
- Rule does not imply bad rule.

- Rule -
- as a consequence of sin
- implies any rule
- any hierarchy (positive or negative) instead of equality.
- Col 3:15
- I Timothy 6 15b
- Psalms 8:3-6, 103:19
- Luke 22:26

- Far from being a reign of coequals as God intended, because of sin,
- The relationship now becomes a fierce competition each trying to rule over the other.

Discussion

I. How should the relationship between man and woman change when Christ makes us a new creation?

2. We are no longer under the rule of sin and death, what does this look like?

Discussion

➤ 3. When we speak to God, He speaks to us individually and directly to us. (now and in eternity)

➤ 4. How should these truths show in our daily lives?

Homework



Both reading and written work



Helpful to process information from class



Helpful for studying for the Final

Homework

Reading:

Re-read Genes 1-11 again

Illustrated BibleSurvey pages24-25,35-38

Homework

Written:

- Format: Paragraph form 4 to 6 sentences each
- Length: 3 to 5 pages; single spaced, 12 point font
- > Must be typed
- Do not repeat the question in the paper

Homework:
DUE
Monday, 26th
before midnight,
Pacific Standard
Time

Answer the following 4 questions completely in paragraph form

Do not repeat the question in the paper.

Homework:

Question 1

Describe who is God according to Genesis?

Give 3-5 references

Homework:

Question 2

Who God is in your community

as seen in the communities'...

- Assumptions
- Speech

Homework:

Question3

Because of the differences in assumption between who the Bible says God is, and who the community assumes God is;

How can you approach the idea of God more effectively in your community?

Give 3 to 4 examples

Personal Reflections

Who is God according to me? Is what I say about God in public, and my private attitudes, actions and emotions the same, or is there a disconnect, are they different?

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Questions?

"The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace."

Numbers 6:24-27 NIV