



I. A basic overview of Genesis

A. "Genesis" means _____ in the Greek.

B. In Genesis, Moses was writing about events that had happened 300 years earlier. Just like all the writers of the Holy Bible he wrote under _____.

C. In Moses' day the Bible was words that were spoken and _____ and passed along through oral tradition (as compared to Jesus' day when the Bible was a collection of scrolls). Paul added handwritten letters to this collection. But in every form, it has always been the Word of God.

D. The book of Genesis camps out in three distinct sequential geographical settings:

1- Genesis 1-11: Mesopotamia (present day Iraq, between the Tigris and Euphrates) from Creation to around 2100BC

2- Genesis 12-36: The Promised Land (in and around present day Israel) from 2100 BC to 1897 BC

3- Genesis 37-50: In Egypt from 1897 BC to 1804 BC

E. The book of Genesis covers a bigger time frame than the remaining books of the Bible combined.

II. We must remember that the Word of God is our _____
_____ in all spiritual matters.

A. *"...everything necessary, everything binding on our consciences, and everything God requires of us is given to us in Scripture. Scripture is therefore our perfect and only standard of spiritual truth, revealing infallibly all that we must believe in order to be saved and all that we must do in order to glorify God."* (RC Sproul)

B. *"All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work."* (2 Timothy 3:16)

C. John 17 and 18...

1- God's Word is truth. Christ didn't just talk about the truth, He is the truth.

2- He didn't just give us the Word. He is the Word.

III. 7 TRUTHS about the Scriptures

A. The Word of God is _____, infallible, and inspired.

B. The Word of God is _____.

C. The Word of God is our _____.

D. The Word of God has _____.

E. The Word of God is _____ and alive.

F. The Word of God transcends time; it is immutable and _____.

G. The Word of God is _____.

IV. Why are there so many believers that dismiss what the Word of God says about present day issues?

A. July 1925: the Scopes monkey trial

B. Question at the heart of the issue: "Are we going to listen to a book that's 2000 - 5000 years old, or are we now going to pay attention to modern science?"

V. It has been, and continues to be, a battle for the Bible.

A. "Will I submit to an ancient text, or does the ancient text submit to _____?"

B. If we are going to claim the name of Christ, we need to submit to the Word of God - no matter the _____ that comes from our abiding.