**Survey Old Testament**

**Creation Genesis 1**

1. God created the Heavens and the earth, meaning the entire universe the seen and the unseen world. Each day for six days God spoke everything into existence. This reveals to us the power of God’s spoken word.

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1. The sixth day when God created man He said “let us make man in our image and in our likeness.  The “Let Us” and “in Our” are no doubt references to the Trinity. Man was created in the Image and likeness of his Creator. Only man bears the image of God.
2. God looked at all He had created and said it was very good.

**The Creation of Man in Detail Genesis 2**

1. God rested on the seventh day and set up a day of rest for man.
2. An all-wise, all-powerful, loving God formed all things perfect in the beginning. He made man, the crown of His creation, perfect and capable of fellowship with Himself and able to enjoy and govern Eden.
3. Man is a threefold being, body, soul and spirit. Man is soul and spirit, conferred directly from God. The body, the outward casing, is dust and to dust it will return.
4. The biblical view of man is that of a highly intelligent and responsible being. Clearly distinct from and superior to animals when God created him, Adam was given the privilege of naming the animals, ruling over them, and tilling the Garden of Eden. He was capable of fellowship with God. The distinction between man and animals is further apparent in the fact that man found no companionship until God created Eve to be his mate.
5. God created Eve for Adam. This reveals that we are created for an other.  We are not created for our self.  God’s loving care for human beings may be clearly seen in the provision of the Garden of Eden for their enjoyment and occupation.

**The Fall** **Genesis 3**

1. We are introduced to the enemy of mankind in this chapter, the Serpent.
2. We also see that man can be tempted to be disobedient to his Creator. This reveals that man is created with a free will to choose. That explains why the Lord placed the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in the garden.
3. Doubt lies at the root of sin. Altering the Word, verse 1; adding to the Word, verse 3 or taking from the Word, verse 5, are dangerous acts.  (John 10:10)
4. Eve and Adam transgress the Divine command, and fall into sin and misery. God comes looking for them just as He comes looking for us. The key question for us all is, where are you?
5. They are summoned before God, and judged. The promise of redemption by the incarnation of Christ is given, ﻿God offers the first sacrifice, Adam and Eve are clothed with skins.
6. We see the wretched state of our first parents after their fall.  They lose their relationship with God and lose the blessing of God. They found forgiveness but they still reaped what they had sown.

**Cain and Abel Genesis 4**

1. The first human is born into the world and they named him Cain.
2. This records the first recorded offerings given to the Lord. What a person offers to the Lord, reveals a lot about that person’s heart. God accepted Abel’s offering but rejected Cain’s.
3. Cain chooses to get mad and God comforts him. God tells Cain sin lies at the door wanting to control you but you can choose to rule over sin.
4. Cain does not listen to God and commits the first murder. God comforts Cain again and judges him. Cain becomes fearful and says his judgment is too great.
5. It is better to fear and not sin than to sin and then fear.
6. Cain went out from the presence of the Lord. His family is listed in this chapter and then dropped from the pages of the Bible.
7. Seth is born to Adam and Eve and the worship of the Lord is revived.

**Generations from Adam to Noah. Genesis 5**

1. Seth’s descendants are listed here and we know this to be the bloodline of the promised Messiah.
2. We are introduced to Enoch who walked in close fellowship with God. Enoch also Prophesied about the second coming of the Lord.  (Jude 14-15) Enoch is raptured from this world.
3. Noah is born and has three sons.

**A Good World Gone Wrong Genesis 6-10**

1. Man continues to sin to the point that God is sorry that He created man.
2. The sons of God married the daughters of men and they became giant sinners and caused the world to go deeper into sin.
3. Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord and God called him to build an ark.
4. Noah obeys God and does everything the Lord commands him.  Because of Noah’s Obedience his family and the creatures of the world were saved from the flood.
5. God shuts the door and the flood of God’s judgment comes.  The results of sin is clearly seen but the grace of God is clearly seen.
6. When judgment days are past, the believer will find himself safely landed in a better world.
7. Noah offers a burnt offering to the Lord after leaving the ark. God makes a covenant with Noah and gives us the sign of a rainbow.
8. Canaan, a son of Ham, was cursed because of Ham’s disrespectful treatment of Noah. Many centuries later the Canaanites were divinely judged when the Israelites, under Joshua, were commanded to destroy them.

**The Tower of Babel Genesis 11**

1. The human race remained for an indefinite period in one area.  Defying God’s command to spread abroad over the earth and proud of their own achievements, they undertook to build the Tower of Babel. But God intervened and put an end to their endeavor by confusing their language. Consequently, the race was scattered according to God’s original intention.