

Genesis Catechism

Q1: What is Genesis about?

A: The outline of Genesis is as follows:

- **Genesis 1-3: Creation and Fall**
- **Genesis 4-11: Violence, the Flood, and the Nations**
- **Genesis 12-25: Abraham**
- **Genesis 26-36: Isaac and Jacob**
- **Genesis 37-50: Joseph**

Q2: What do we learn from the story of the Creation?

A: We learn that God is the Sovereign Creator of all things, creation is good, and human beings were created in God's image with glory and honor and then blessed by God to help bring creation to Sabbath rest. God is the King and we are His royal priests!

Q3: What is the promise of the Fall?

A: The promise of the Fall is that sin and rebellion leads to exile and death, but the Seed of the Woman will bring salvation in victory over the Serpent. God and His people will make things right!

Q4: What are some of the effects of the fall?

A: Blaming others, not taking responsibility for our sin, envy and pride leading to anger and harming others, foolish rejection of authority, and cities built on rebellion. Help us Lord to see, confess, and hate all of this!

Q5: Why was there a flood?

A: Genesis 6:5: "The Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually." God hates sin that ruins His world!

Q6: Who was Noah?

A: Noah was God's promised rest. He trusted and obeyed God by building the ark, and God brought him safely through the flood into a renewed world. God judged sin, but He remained faithful to His creation and to His covenant promises.

Q7: Who was Abraham?

A: God promised Abraham a land, a seed, and a blessing to all nations.

Q8: Who was Isaac?

A: Isaac was Abraham's promised son. His name means "laughter" reminding us that God fulfilled His impossible promise to Abraham and Sarah. Isaac inherited God's covenant, dug wells, and blessed Jacob instead of Esau.

Q9: Who was Jacob?

A: Jacob was the deceiver who saw heaven and earth connected, who wrestled with God, and learned that the blessing comes from God alone.

Q10: What is the story of Joseph about?

A: Joseph was the faithful son of Jacob who lost his colorful coat, suffered much in Egypt, refused to be a victim, and saved Pharaoh and his brothers. God help us to be faithful and forgiving like Joseph!

Q11: Does Genesis give us hope for God's creation?

A: Yes, God declares His creation good, and Genesis gives us great hope and confidence for the renewal of creation through God's covenant promises and His blessing in and through His people.

Q12: How does Genesis lead us to new life in Jesus?

A: Jesus is the promised Seed of Abraham and King from the line of Judah through whom the enemies of God are defeated, the good world is brought to Sabbath rest, heaven comes to earth, and a righteous city is built. He brings us to rest and happy obedience as we live in His victory. Bless us, O Lord, so that we might live in the victory of Jesus!