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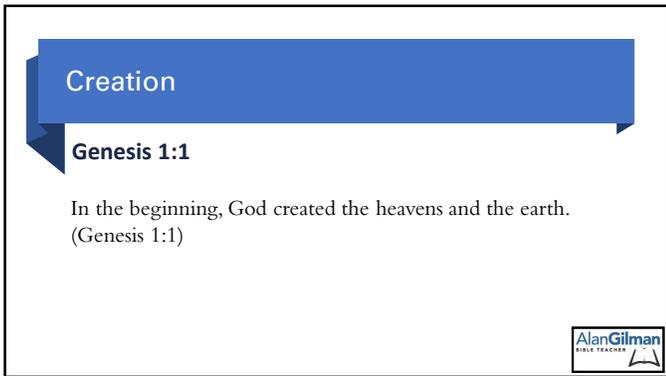
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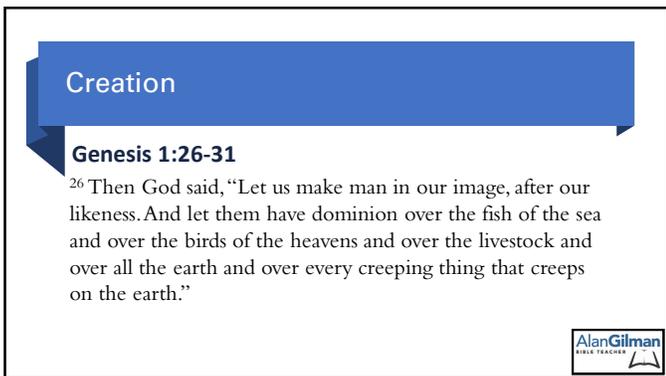
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Creation

²⁷ So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.



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Creation

²⁸ And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth." ²⁹ And God said, "Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food.



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Creation

³⁰ And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. ³¹ And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.



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Creation Reflections

- ❖ God is assumed
- ❖ Creation is distinct from God
- ❖ God created by the power of his word
- ❖ God is active within every stage of creation
- ❖ Creation is good



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Creation Reflections

- ❖ Human beings are special creation
- ❖ Humans are stewards/rulers over earth: Work is good
- ❖ God's plan is played out within creation
- ❖ Marriage and family are God-ordained institutions
- ❖ Children are part of God's plan
- ❖ Sexuality is good



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Creation

Genesis 2:18-25

¹⁸ Then the Lord God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him."
¹⁹ Now out of the ground the Lord God had formed every beast of the field and every bird of the heavens and brought them to the man to see what he would call them. And whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name.



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Creation

²⁰The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper fit for him. ²¹So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. ²²And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man.



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Creation

²³Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man." ²⁴Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. ²⁵And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.



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Creation Reflections

- ❖ Gender/Sex roles are designed by God
- ❖ Obeying God was necessary before sin
- ❖ Innocence ≠ maturity



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The Rebellion

Genesis 3:1-7

¹ Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden?'" ² And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, ³ but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.'"

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The Rebellion

⁴ But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. ⁵ For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." ⁶ So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate.

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The Rebellion

⁷ Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.



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The Curse

Genesis 3:14-15

¹⁴ The Lord God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. ¹⁵ I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel."



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The Curse

Genesis 3:16

¹⁶ To the woman he said, "I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children. Your desire shall be contrary to your husband, but he shall rule over you."



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The Curse

Genesis 3:17-19

¹⁷ And to Adam he said, "Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, 'You shall not eat of it,' cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; ¹⁸ thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. ¹⁹ By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return."



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The Rebellion & the Curse (Reflections)

- ❖ Origins of evil not explained
- ❖ Evil is an invader
- ❖ Human evil is based on a rejection of God's Word
- ❖ The curse affects everything



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Noah and the Flood (Genesis 6-9)

- ❖ Judgment
- ❖ The importance of God's plan
- ❖ The racial myth
- ❖ The global effects



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Babel (Genesis 11)

Genesis 11:6-9

And the LORD said, "Behold, they are one people, and they have all one language, and this is only the beginning of what they will do. And nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. Come, let us go down and there confuse their language, so that they may not understand one another's speech."...



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Babel (Genesis 11)

Genesis 11:6-9

So the LORD dispersed them from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. Therefore its name was called Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of all the earth. And from there the LORD dispersed them over the face of all the earth.



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Results of the Rebellion & the Curse

- ❖ Self-awareness
- ❖ Shame
- ❖ Difficulty in work
- ❖ Pain in childbirth
- ❖ Banishment/alienation
- ❖ Death
- ❖ Breakdown in human relationships



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Results of the Rebellion & the Curse

- ❖ Murder
- ❖ Polygamy
- ❖ Struggle in communication
- ❖ Creation mandate still in force
- ❖ Image of God marred, not obliterated
- ❖ Good world gone bad



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The First Promise

I will put enmity between you and the woman,
and between your offspring and her offspring;
he shall bruise your head,
and you shall bruise his heel (Genesis 3:15)



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