

St. Andrew Center for Christian Learning
Bible Academy

Genesis: Beginnings
Fall 2005

Monday mornings and Tuesday evenings

Class Times: Monday mornings:
9:45 - 10:00, gathering time
10:00 - 11:30, class time

Tuesday evenings:
6:45 - 7:00, gathering time
7:00 - 8:30, class time

Class Dates: Monday mornings:
9/12, 9/19, 9/26, 10/10, 10/17, 10/24, 10/31, 11/7 **NOTE - No class on Oct 3!**

Tuesday evenings:
9/13, 9/20, 9/27, 10/11, 10/18, 10/25, 11/1, 11/8 **NOTE - No class on Oct 3!**

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You can find the syllabus and other course materials at the website for the St. Andrew Center for Christian Learning, www.standrewccl.org. Simply go to the Bible Academy page and you'll find the link to the materials for this class.

IN THE EVENT OF BAD WEATHER, CHECK THE CENTER'S WEBSITE, WHERE I'LL POST ANY CANCELLATION ANNOUNCEMENTS. If we have to cancel a class, we'll simply reduce the class to seven weeks and I'll modify the lectures so we can get back on schedule. If we have to cancel two or more classes, then we'll extend the class further into November.

Course materials:

Strongly recommended

Celia Brewer Marshall, *Genesis*, (Interpretation Bible Studies). 1998. Louisville: Westminster John Knox.

Study Bible - see *Practical Bible Study Tools* if you'd like some advice

Course description:

It is impossible to overstate the importance of Genesis to the rest of the biblical story. Creation, rebellion, covenant, Israel . . . it all begins here. Indeed, if you think of the biblical story as a six-act play, Genesis takes us well into Act 3!! From the creation of the cosmos to the stories of the patriarchs, this lecture-oriented study of Genesis will take us on a journey through some of the most pressing life questions we face.

Schedule of Class Activities ~ Fall 2005

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Class Date	Topic	Chapter Assignments
Sept 12 & 13 (Wk #1)	Introduction to the class What is Genesis? An overview of Genesis Chapters 1 & 2 God creates and God calls The beginnings of covenant	Unit 1 & 2 from Brewer Marshall <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “The Creation” • “Another look at Creation; The Temptation Story”
Sept 19 & 20 (Wk #2)	Chapters 3 ~ 11 Separation and the disruption of the cosmos The flood and the new world order	Units 3 & 4 from Brewer Marshall <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Cain and Abel” • “God’s Covenant with Noah”
Sept 26 & 27 (Wk #3)	Chapters 12 ~ 17 Call, covenant, and child Abram, Sarai, Lot, and Hagar	Unit 5 from Brewer Marshall <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “The Covenant with Abram”
Oct 3 & 4	NO CLASS	
Oct 10 & 11 (Wk #4)	Chapters 18 ~ 21 A promise made is a promise to be kept Sodom and Gomorrah Abraham makes a covenant with Abimilech Isaac is born and Ishmael is sent away	Unit 6 from Brewer Marshall <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “God visits Abram and Sarah; Abraham’s intercession”
Oct 17 & 18 (Wk #5)	Chapters 22 ~ 26 The testing of Abraham – the sacrifice of Isaac Sarah’s death The marriage of Isaac and Rebekah Esau and Jacob are born Esau sells his birthright	Unit 7 from Brewer Marshall <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “The Testing of Abraham”
Oct 24 & 25 (Wk #6)	Chapters 27 ~ 31 Jacob steals Isaac’s blessing Jacob’s ladder Jacob and Rachel Jacob prospers and flees from Laban	Unit 8 from Brewer Marshall <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Jacob’s Dream at Bethel”
Oct 31 & Nov 1 (Wk #7)	Chapters 32 ~ 38 Jacob wrestles with God Jacob and Esau meet The rape of Dinah The birth of Benjamin and the death of Rachel Joseph is sold into slavery in Egypt by his brothers	Unit 9 from Brewer Marshall <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Jacob Wrestles with God”
Nov 7 & 8 (Wk #8)	Chapters 39 ~ 50 Joseph and Potiphar’s wife The dreams of two prisoners Joseph interprets Pharaoh’s dream Joseph rises to power To escape starvation, Joseph’s family goes to Egypt Joseph and his brothers reconcile	Unit 10 from Brewer Marshall <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Joseph Makes Himself Known; The Reconciliation of Jacob’s Sons”