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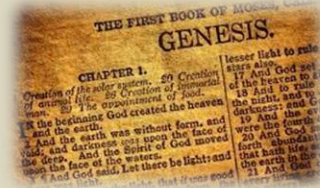
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Dear all in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. I get many requests as to what Genesis tells us in the Bible. Also, soon I shall be putting some short 5 minute conversations about small teachings. Hope this helps. I am happy to try and answer emailed questions and to correct any mistakes. Nag Ou Grote, Fluit-fluit, my storie is uit. **Br. T v d Nest, Ph.D**

Genesis 1-11



(TBJ, 2015)



The Book of Genesis contains 50 chapters and can be grouped into two sections. The first section, Genesis 1-11, focusses on God and His relationship with His creation, and Genesis 12-50, which deals with God’s relationship with Abraham and his descendants. Genesis (meaning Beginning) tells us about the God’s creation over a period of six days and how He rested on the seventh. And it was all GOOD! It tells about the creation of Adam (Hebrew meaning “humanity”) and how God created a helpmate for him out of his rib (Eve-Hebrew meaning life). They were allowed to eat from all the trees except from the tree of knowledge of good and evil. Succumbing the temptation to decide for themselves what is good and evil, they rejected God’s delineation of what is God and evil. Chapters 1-11 tells us that what the result was of this decision to eat of the tree of knowledge of good and evil. These events recounted in the Bible tells us of Cain and Abel, Noah, the Tower of Babel. The main theme is that when humans seize ability from God to decide for themselves what is good and evil, its consequences are tragedy, war and misery. Apostle Flor teaches that the first sin, is not so much the disobedience of the one commandment Adam and Eve received but rather the self-justification of their disobedience is the main concern here. Sin became the enemy of God (Flor, 2016). With the downfall of man, with it came the refusal of access to the tree of life for Adam and Eve (Flor, 2016). This tree was in the midst of the Garden of Eden. Humanity was created to live forever with God, nourished by the tree of life (Flor, 2016). Adam and Eve now had to leave the Garden of Eden for if God allowed them to stay in the Garden, they would have partaken from the tree of life and there would be eternal sin in the world. God through His love took this away from Adam and Eve, but put a plan in place as to how man would again have access to this tree of life (Flor, 2016). More on this next time...

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