

OLD TESTAMENT 1

UNIT TWO

REBELLION AND JUDGEMENT

THE REBELLION OF HUMANKIND

GENESIS 3

➤ THE FALL

- Doubting God leads to disobedience.
- Eating from “the tree of the knowledge of good and evil” is grasping at equality with God.
- Fall into sin: usurping God’s right to make the rules.

➤ THE CONSEQUENCES

- Punishment from God.
- Relationships are changed and destroyed.
- God’s plan of salvation reverses this and redeems humankind.

➤ GRACE

- Human problems to be overcome from within the human race.
- This is achieved by Jesus, who did not grasp at equality with God.

THE SPREAD OF SIN

GENESIS 4-11

➤ THE NARRATIVES

- Four major narratives
 - Cain and Abel
 - Sons of God and Daughters of Men
 - The Flood
 - The Tower of Babel
- Similar pattern
 - Sin
 - God's judgement
 - Grace (not in the Babel narrative)

➤ THE GENEALOGIES

- Two lines of humanity being developed
- Sinful Line – from Cain to Lamech
- Godly Line – from Seth to Enoch to Noah, continuing through Shem to Abram

➤ THE FLOOD

- A reversal of creation
- Judgement on the whole of creation

➤ GOD'S 'COVENANT'

- One family and a group of animals saved
- God does this to maintain his covenant
- Covenant brought into being by creation
- God's commitment to his creation

THE GENEALOGIES



Adam

Cain 

Enoch 

Irada 

Mehujael 

Methushael 

Lamech 

 Seth

 Enosh

 Kenan

 Mahalalel

 Jared

 Enoch

 Methuselah

 Lamech

 Noah

SINFUL LINE

GODLY LINE

THE TOWER OF BABEL

GENESIS 11

➤ THE QUESTION RAISED

- Other narratives end with an act of divine grace
- This is missing in the Babel narrative
- Question: will the human race continue?

➤ THE SIN OF THE TOWER BUILDERS

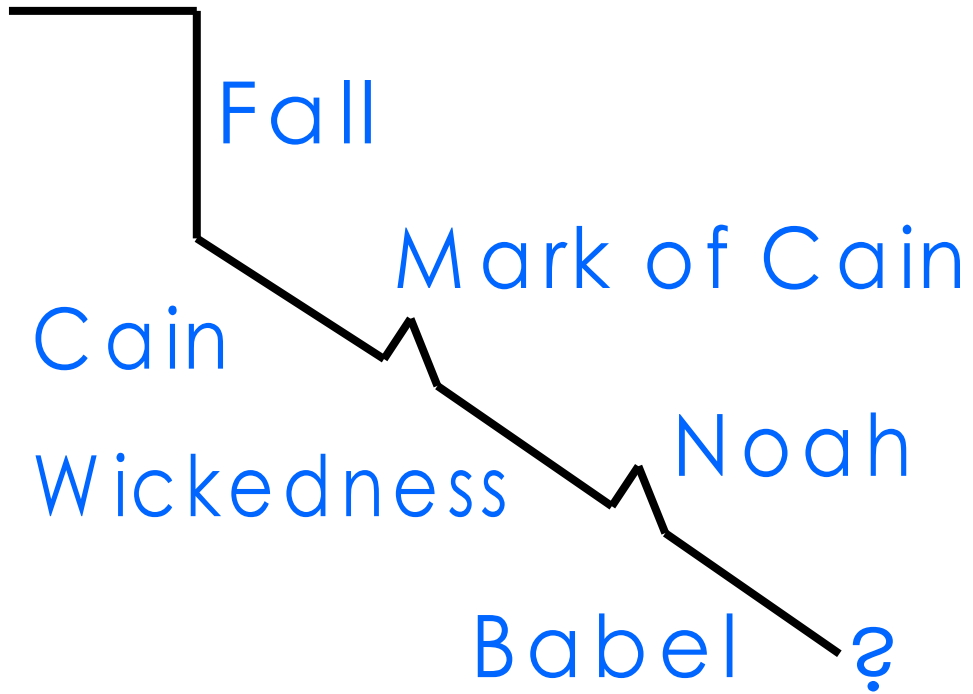
- A belief that humans can build a way to heaven removes God from the equation
- Arrogant self-assertion is condemned
- Genesis 3 shows the fall of humankind, Genesis 11 shows the fall of society

➤ GOD'S ACT OF GRACE

- No immediate act of grace
- The genealogy of Shem leads to Abram, and a new beginning
- The unity desired by the people at Babel comes from God through Abram

CONCLUSION
REVIEWING GENESIS 1-11

Creation



GENESIS 1-11