

Romans 16:17-20 “Now I urge you, brethren, note those who cause divisions and offenses, contrary to the doctrine which you learned, and avoid them. ¹⁸For those who are such do not serve our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly, and by smooth words and flattering speech deceive the hearts of the simple. ¹⁹For your obedience has become known to all. Therefore I am glad on your behalf; but I want you to be wise in what is good, and simple concerning evil. ²⁰And the God of peace will crush Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with You. Amen.

Genesis contains the oldest and most profound example / definition of faith:

Genesis 15:6 “And he ^(Abraham) believed in the Lord, and He ^(God) accounted it to him for righteousness.”

Romans 5:1 “Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

When it comes to talking about faith, more than half of Hebrews chapter 11, the NT "hall of faith" refers to characters from Genesis

Many of the subjects and themes of the first three chapters of Genesis are reflected in the last three chapters of Revelation.

Navigation: knowing our starting point helps us to determine our final destination.

Those who don't know the beginning, have no clue what the end will be.

GENESIS: probationary world ^(testing)

REVELATION: eternal world

1:4	division of lt. / dk.	21:25	no night there.
1:10	division land / sea	21:1	no more sea
1:16	rule of sun and moon	21:23	no need of either
2:8-9	man in a prepared garden	21:2	man in prep. city
2:10	river flowing out of Eden	22:1	river flowing from God's throne
2:9	Tree of Life in midst of garden.	22:2	Tree of Life throughout the city.
2:12	gold in the land	21:21	gold in the city
2:12	bdellium & onyx stone	21:19	all manner of precious stones
3:8	God walking in the Garden	21:3	God dwelling with His people
	<i>Cursed World</i> <i>Eternal World</i>		
3:17	cursed ground	22:3	no more curse
3:17	daily sorrow	21:4	no more sorrow
3:18	thorns and thistles	21:4	no more pain
3:18	eating herbs of the field	22:2	12 kinds of fruit
3:19	returning to the dust	21:4	no more death
3:19	sweat on the face	21:4	no more tears
6:5	evil continually	21:27	nothing that defiles
3:21	coats of skins	19:14	fine linen, white, and clean.

3:15	Satan opposing / present	20:10	Satan banished
3:24	kept from the tree of life	22:14	access to tree of life
3:23	banished from garden	22:14	free entry into the city
3:15	Redeemer promised	5:9-10	redemption accomplished

No other book in the Bible is quoted as much as is the book of Genesis.

While there are various *methods of interpretation*, (allegorical, spiritual, or typological approach) I have choose to take a literal / historical approach of interpretation.

There are instances where the Bible is to be interpreted in a allegorical or typological manner, but only when Scripture itself gives us the basis for that allegory or type.

The literal, plain meaning is best.

Day 1:

V:1 ***“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.”***

This first verse is a general overview of the rest of the creation, a summary statement of sorts.

“Beginning” – (H-7225) . re'shiyth, ray-sheeth'; the first, in place, time, order or rank, beginning, principal thing.

Notes the beginning of time, space, and matter all at once.
None of these can exist without the other two.

God was there before these things, and He exists outside all of these things.

Colossians 1:16-17 ***“For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. ¹⁷And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist.”***

Pre-eminent not only in importance, and glory, and honor, but pre-eminent in chronology.

He lives outside of time, space, and matter – much like a different dimension or continuum.

Genesis one deals with the original creation of the material universe, but it does not deal with the absolute very beginning.

John 1:1-3 ***“¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.”***