

WEEK 1: INTRODUCTION TO GENESIS AND GENESIS 1

1. Why is the Jewishness of the Torah important?
2. What are the names of the three different parts of Hebrew Scripture, and what books are contained in each?
3. How did the Greeks translate the word Torah in their Bibles? Why?
4. What does "Tanakh" stand for?
5. Why should the OT be called "the Scriptures"?
6. What is the fifth dimension, and how does it allow us to know God?
7. What is the difference between ovr and maorot? Why is that significant?
8. Can a literal reading of the Bible allow for idioms and expressions of speech that are not meant to be interpreted word-for-word? Explain.
9. What does the suffix "-im" in Hebrew generally indicate?
10. Explain how we can know with certainty that all gods (Buddha, Krishna, etc.) are not just different cultures' perspectives of Yehoveh.
11. Give an example of one way we can reconcile the scientific perspective that the earth is millions of years old with biblical creationism.

WEEK 2: GENESIS 2-3

1. Explain the two fundamentals we learn in Genesis 2.
2. How many days of the week had names in the Hebrew language and culture?
3. Was the Sabbath a holy day set aside specifically for Israelites to observe? What does Sabbath observance foreshadow?
4. Explain the difference between the Garden of Eden and the land of Eden.
5. Explain the different perspectives (Jewish and Christian) of the Fall.
6. What is the typical Christian explanation of the physical attributes of God mentioned in the Bible?
7. What three things did Havah/Eve say caused her to have an irresistible urge to eat from the tree?
8. Explain the concept of ruach and how it distinguished humans from other living beings.
9. How does the Bible describe the serpent in Genesis 3?
10. How does Genesis 3 teach us that man cannot create his own covering for sin?
11. What is the Jewish perspective on where sin came from?

Journaling Topics

1. What is the Reality of Duality, and what are some examples of it in Scripture and in the world as you see it?
2. What is your understanding of a "literal" reading of the Bible? How has this lesson challenged it?
3. What should you do to honor the Sabbath?
4. What is the significance of the direction of east in Scripture? Give examples.