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*34 Absolutes found
in The Book of
Genesis*

THE AUTHORITY OF THE WORD OF GOD

Genesis is known as the “seed plot of the Bible”. Almost any doctrine that is developed in the Bible has its beginning in Genesis. The Bible claims to be the Word of God and purer than gold that has been refined 7 times.

Ps 12:6 And the words of the LORD are flawless, like silver purified in a crucible, like **gold** refined seven times.

Ps 119:72 The law from your mouth is more precious to me than thousands of pieces of silver and **gold**.

Ps 119:127 Because I love your commands more than gold, more than pure **gold**,

Jesus believed **Moses** wrote the Word of God.

Jn 5:46 If you believed **Moses**, you would believe me, for he wrote about me.

Lk 24:27 And beginning with **Moses** and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

Mt 17:3 Just then there appeared before them **Moses** and Elijah, talking with Jesus.

Mt 5:18 For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the **Law** until everything is accomplished.

Jesus also believed in all of the following stories and spoke of them as actual, historical and true. It is interesting that most of these stories are called into question by those who doubt the Word of God.

I am going to side with Jesus. If he believed in them, that is good enough for me. I too will believe in their authority.

Jesus also spoke of these Old Testament stories as fact, not fable.

The story of Adam and Eve – Matt10:4-5

The story of Cain and Abel – Luke 11:51

The flood of Noah’s Day – Matt. 24:37-39

Jonah and the “Whale”- Matt 12:39-41

Daniel – Matt. 24:15

I am going to believe in the authority of Genesis.

Puny man can shake his fist in God’s face and reject his living word and, “Man may have his day, but God has his way.”

Here are some of the absolutes found in Genesis:

1.Mankind was created in the image of God and has value

Ge 1:27 So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

2.God created man and woman – our parents

Ge 1:27 So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

3.Eve is the mother of all the living

Ge 3:20 Adam named his wife Eve, because she would become the mother of all the living.

4.Life comes from God

Ge 2:7 Then the LORD God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.

5.We are dust and will return to dust

Ge 3:19 By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food until you return to the ground, since from it you were taken; for dust you are and to dust you will return.”

6. Death came on all men as part of the curse

Ge 2:17 but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die.”

Ge 3:17 To Adam he said, “Because you listened to your wife and ate fruit from the tree about which I commanded you, ‘You must not eat from it,’ “Cursed is the ground because of you; through painful toil you will eat food from it all the days of your life.

7. God himself blessed the first marriage

Ge 2:21 So the LORD God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man’s ribs and then closed up the place with flesh.

Ge 2:22 Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man.

Ge 2:23 The man said, “This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called ‘woman,’ for she was taken out of man.”

8. God intended monogamy in the marriage relationship

Ge 2:24 That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh.

9. God intended chastity in marriage

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10. God intended permanency in marriage

Ge 2:24 That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh.

11. Sin came into the world though Adam's disobedience

Ge 3:6 When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.

12. Nature is antagonistic to man because of the fall

Ge 3:18 It will produce thorns and thistles for you, and you will eat the plants of the field.

Ge 3:19 By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food until you return to the ground, since from it you were taken; for dust you are and to dust you will return."

13. Mankind is at war with Satan

Ge 3:15 And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel."

14. Man is to be a good steward of the earth

Ge 2:15 The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.

15. Mankind has been given animals to serve him and provide food for him, not to be worshipped.

Ge 9:3 Everything that lives and moves about will be food for you. Just as I gave you the green plants, I now give you everything.

16. Children came from Adam having sex with his wife

Ge 4:1 Adam made love to his wife Eve, and she became pregnant and gave birth to Cain. She said, “With the help of the LORD I have brought forth a man.”

Ge 4:17 Cain made love to his wife, and she became pregnant and gave birth to Enoch. Cain was then building a city, and he named it after his son Enoch.

Ge 4:25 Adam made love to his wife again, and she gave birth to a son and named him Seth, saying, “God has granted me another child in place of Abel, since Cain killed him.”

17.Lying is wrong

Ge 4:9 Then the LORD said to Cain, “Where is your brother Abel?” “I don’t know,” he replied. “Am I my brother’s keeper?”

18.Drunkenness is wrong and destroys families

Ge 9:20 Noah, a man of the soil, proceeded to plant a vineyard.

Ge 9:21 When he drank some of its wine, he became drunk and lay uncovered inside his tent.

Ge 19:32 Let’s get our father to drink wine and then sleep with him and preserve our family line through our father.”

Ge 19:33 That night they got their father to drink wine, and the older daughter went in and slept with him. He was not aware of it when she lay down or when she got up.

19.Incest is wrong

Ge 19:35 So they got their father to drink wine that night also, and the younger daughter went in and slept with him. Again he was not aware of it when she lay down or when she got up.

Ge 19:36 So both of Lot’s daughters became pregnant by their father.

20.The Arab-Israeli conflict began with Isaac and Ishmael

Ge 16:12 He will be a wild donkey of a man; his hand will be against everyone and everyone's hand against him, and he will live in hostility toward all his brothers."

Ge 21:9 But Sarah saw that the son whom Hagar the Egyptian had borne to Abraham was mocking,

21. Man is to earn his living by hard work

Ge 3:19 By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food until you return to the ground, since from it you were taken; for dust you are and to dust you will return."

22. The nations occurred after the flood

Ge 10:5 (From these the maritime peoples spread out into their territories by their clans within their nations, each with its own language.)

23. There was a worldwide catastrophic flood from which came the nations.

Ge 10:32 These are the clans of Noah's sons, according to their lines of descent, within their nations. From these the nations spread out over the earth after the flood.

24. God has a plan for the Children of Abraham (Jews)

Ge 12:2 "I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing.

25. God made an unconditional covenant with the Jew to bless them

Ge 12:2 "I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing.

Ge 12:3 I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."

26. God gave the Jew a specific land

Ge 15:18 On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram and said, “To your descendants I give this land, from the Wadi of Egypt to the great river, the Euphrates—

27. Immorality is wrong and will destroy society

Ge 4:19 Lamech married two women, one named Adah and the other Zillah.

Ge 30:1 When Rachel saw that she was not bearing Jacob any children, she became jealous of her sister. So she said to Jacob, “Give me children, or I’ll die!”

28. Children are a gift from God

Ge 11:30 Now Sarai was childless because she was not able to conceive.

Ge 25:21 Isaac prayed to the LORD on behalf of his wife, because she was childless. The LORD answered his prayer, and his wife Rebekah became pregnant.

Ge 9:7 As for you, be fruitful and increase in number; multiply on the earth and increase upon it.”

29. Murder is wrong

Ge 4:10 The LORD said, “What have you done? Listen! Your brother’s blood cries out to me from the ground.

30. Capital punishment is approved by God and given to human government

Ge 9:6 “Whoever sheds human blood, by humans shall their blood be shed; for in the image of God has God made mankind.

31. Homosexuality is wrong

Ge 13:13 Now the people of Sodom were wicked and were sinning greatly against the LORD.

Ge 19:4 Before they had gone to bed, all the men from every part of the city of Sodom—both young and old—surrounded the house.

Ge 19:5 They called to Lot, “Where are the men who came to you tonight? Bring them out to us so that we can have sex with them.”

Ge 19:24 Then the LORD rained down burning sulfur on Sodom and Gomorrah—from the LORD out of the heavens.

32. Sexual sin is wrong – sex outside of marriage destroys its meaning

Ge 39:7 and after a while his master’s wife took notice of Joseph and said, “Come to bed with me!”

Ge 39:8 But he refused. “With me in charge,” he told her, “my master does not concern himself with anything in the house; everything he owns he has entrusted to my care.

Ge 39:9 No one is greater in this house than I am. My master has withheld nothing from me except you, because you are his wife. How then could I do such a wicked thing and sin against God?”

33. Abortion is wrong

Ge 25:23 The LORD said to her, “Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples from within you will be separated; one people will be stronger than the other, and the older will serve the younger.”

Ge 25:24 When the time came for her to give birth, there were twin boys in her womb.

Ge 49:25 because of your father’s God, who helps you, because of the Almighty, who blesses you with blessings of the skies above, blessings of the deep springs below, blessings of the breast and womb.

34. God is sovereign in the affairs of men and nations

Ge 35:11 And God said to him, “I am God Almighty; be fruitful and increase in number. A nation and a community of nations will come from you, and kings will be among your descendants.

Remember, all the points that were made above are just from Genesis! More is said in the rest of the Scripture.

Summary: Personal testimony

I believe in the Word of God. It is my foundation and gives me all I need to determine right and wrong, good and bad. I don't get my philosophy of life from the news, pop psychology, political leaders, religious leaders or powerful personalities who rise up on the scenes. I am not cowed by the enemies of God and his Word. “Hammer away ye hostile hands, your hammers break God's anvil stands”

When I find someone who is a friend of God and His Word and in any area agrees with the Word of God I will applaud him and encourage him.

For me personally, I vote the moral issues. I am not an expert on the economy or finances but I can recognize when moral issues are at stake.

Sometimes the political leader comes in a strange package – look at the Judges of Israel – none were perfect and yet they were used of God to deliver the people of Israel from their enemies.

I am a citizen of two countries. I am a citizen of heaven and I am an American citizen and enjoy the wonderful benefits and freedoms I have. I have traveled in other countries where there are not these freedoms and the contrast is incredible. I have brothers and sisters in other places who are persecuted and do not have what I

enjoy. Therefore, I will try to help them from the platform that God has given me here.

There will be no lasting peace until the Prince of Peace comes back and establishes his Kingdom.