# Chapter 2 – In the Beginning

## SS-HoJ-Chapter2.1

Welcome. This Bible study series intended to cover the information from the beginning of time to the point where the last trumpet sounds. The focus of this study to learn and know who Jesus is, by looking at the history we have in our hand…the Bible.

Please remember our disclaimers.

And our rules.

This study title is In The Beginning. Before we begin…

A recap of our last study…We discussed the fact of how the Bible came into being.

We talked about the writers of the Bible and how the Bible is structured.

There is always going to be a challenge to what you believe. At some point you will hear something that will make you doubt there is a God? Is the Bible real? Did it really happen or am I just following a crowd going nowhere?

There will always be a need for Faith in your life. Sometimes you will have to stand on faith only.

Romans 10:17 So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing **by the word of God**.

Hebrews 11:6 But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

Hebrews 4:1-2 Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it. 2 For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it.

1. God rewards those who put their \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in His Word. Faith
2. Why didn’t the word preached profit them? It as not mixed with faith

God will confirm His word when we have faith. Reading the Bible is more than just an intellectual exercise.

The **world** says, “Prove it to me and I will believe you!” God says, “Believe me and I will prove it to you!”

However, let me clarify as I said before the Bible **interprets** the Bible. There is nothing in the Bible that cannot be understood. If someone starts to tell you…I don't have any scriptures for that …. you're just going to have to have faith that what I say is true…

Run away fast. Anything God expects from us, He gave us scriptures to explain it. It does require faith to believe that the book you hold in your hand is the word of God. Because the **world** and its system is going to do everything they can to convince you that it is not true and try to discredit the word of God. Only your faith in God will keep you firmly grounded in His word.

For example, people will try to use the first book of Genesis to prove by science that the Bible isn't true. One thing you need to keep in mind is that the Bible was written in the context of who was writing and who was reading it. It was written to tell us who God is not to give us a Scientific history book on what God did and why.

When Moses sat down the write he was not thinking of you and I he was considering the people he was talking to everyday and how much understanding they needed to get the points he was trying to make.

If Genesis is supposed to be proving science, then who’s science? The science of his time or ours? The science of 100 years ago or the science of 100 years from now? What we know about science changes every 2 to 10 years. New things are being discovered an old things are being wiped away.

Remember: 250 years ago, they thought the cure for everything was leaching. If you are 40 or older some of the stuff they taught you in school is no longer taught, because it has been proven wrong.

Science is constantly changing and evolving. I don’t need scientific proof to believe there is a God. I have faith to believe God and that His word is true.

Proverbs 3:5-6 Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.

6 In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

1. According to John 3:16 what is required to have everlasting life? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ believing
2. Is believing enough? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ No. Faith without works is dead

James 2:14 What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? can faith save him?

The Bible is given to us to know and experience God. The purpose of the Word of God is to help us build a relationship with God.

John 5:38-39 And ye have not his word abiding in you: for whom he hath sent, him ye believe not.

39 Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.

Here, Jesus is talking to the religious leaders of His day. They that spent years searching the scriptures but never took the time to know the author. If they had known the author, they would have known that HE WAS the messiah.

# Lesson 2

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The Word is not just a book full of pages. The Word of God is about the nature of God. It is about the living word. The person the word. If all you are seeking is knowledge, then you are missing the point.

So what is the correct response to the study of God’s word?

Revelation 1:3 Blessed is he that **readeth**, and they that **hear** the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand.

Read it.

2 Timothy 2:15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

Study it.

Proverbs 2:1-5 ​My son, if thou wilt receive my words, and hide my commandments with thee;

2 So that thou incline thine ear unto wisdom, and apply thine heart to understanding;

3 Yea, if thou criest after knowledge, and liftest up thy voice for understanding;

4 If thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as for hid treasures;

5 Then shalt thou understand the fear of the Lord, and find the knowledge of God.

Understand it. If you don’t ask God to explain what you don’t understand.

God wants us to understand His word.

1 Peter 2:1-3 Wherefore laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings, 2 As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby: 3 If so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious.

Desire Truth.

2 Peter 1:20-21 Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. 21 For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.



Learn His voice.

We have to show a desire to know Him.

Deuteronomy 4:2 Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish ought from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the Lord your God which I command you.

Proverbs 30:5-6 Every word of God is pure: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him.

6 Add thou not unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar.

Revelation 22:18-19 For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: 19 And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.

You must accept all of the word as God has delivered it to you. You can’t add to it or take from it.

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# Lesson 3

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The Bible begins in Genesis with the words “In the Beginning” and tells the story of humans. The book of **John** begins the **story of Jesus** with the words “In the Beginning”.

GENESIS 1:1 **In the beginning** God created the heaven and the earth.

JOHN 1:1-2 **In the beginning** was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

1. What was before the beginning? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ God
2. Who/What was with God in the beginning? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Logos or Word

God always has been and always will be. Before there was a beginning there is the I AM God.

Exodus 3:14 And God said unto Moses, I Am that I Am: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I Am hath sent me unto you.

God is infinite, which means limitless or endless in space, extent, or size; impossible to measure or calculate. Any type of description of God limits Him.

Isaiah 40:12 Who hath measured the waters in the hollow of his hand,  
and meted out heaven with the span, and comprehended the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in scales, and the hills in a balance?

Make a hollow with your hand. How much water would that hold? God holds the Atlantic, Pacific the Indian and Arctic Ocean along with the Nile and even the Mississippi and TN river in the hollow of His hand.

and meted out heaven with the span… The span of a hand is about 9”. This is a representation of our solar system. If you could measure God, He would be bigger. But our solar system is only a tiny part of the universe. This is man’s only way to comprehend how big the universe is. This is taken with the Hubble Space Telescope.

When God wants to measure heaven he says…well there it is.. its about that big! From earth to the sun is 93 million miles fits between his fingers 1000x of times over. If the hand is that size how big is the body.

God is not in time and space…. time, the earth and space are inside of God. All things (that ever existed) are inside of God. BUT God had a problem…. He was alone.

God is Love.

Alone… God had no way to express Himself as Love. God’s plan was to develop a people who would have the ability to choose to love Him.

# Lesson 4

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God is a Spirit. A Spirit has no way to directly communicate with the physical.

God needed a way to express His plan and to communicate.

Therefore, the first thing God created was Logos. Logos is defined as something said, Divine Expression or speech.

JOHN 1:1-2 In the beginning was the **Word**, and the **Word** was with God, and **the Word was God**. 2 The same was in the beginning with God.

1. What is the Greek meaning of “Word”? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Logos is the means God used to express Himself. “And God said”, appears 9 times in the first chapter of Genesis. Just as we talk, scream, whisper, yell or speak. Logos is Gods form of expression. Using Logos God spoke this world and all that is in it into existence.

Now we can read this scripture as “In the beginning was Logos and the Logos was with God and the Logos was God”. The Logos or the Word is not separate from God.

REVELATION 1:8 I am Alpha and Omega, **the beginning and the ending**, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.

ISAIAH 40:28 Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the Lord, **the Creator** **of the ends of the earth**, fainteth not, neither is weary? there is no searching of his understanding.

1 KINGS 8:27 But will God indeed dwell on the earth? behold, the heaven and heaven of **heavens cannot contain thee**; how much less this house that I have builded?

Isaiah 66:1-2a Thus saith the Lord, The **heaven is my throne**, and **the earth is my footstool**: where is the house that ye build unto me? and where is the place of my rest? 2 **For all those things hath mine hand made**, and all those things have been, saith the Lord:

1. What is the meaning of Alpha and Omega? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. What/where is the throne? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

# Lesson 5

*Proverbs 6:6 Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise:*

Consider the ant. You can look down on the ant and see where he is coming from, where he is going and what he is doing. You can see any obstacles that might be in the way ahead. You can almost predict what will happen in his small life.

God looks down on us the same way. He sees the overall picture of where we are going but God sees more than a small scope of what will happen 1 hour from now…God knows us by name. He knows the hair on our head. He saw us THROUGH time…God knows everything about us. God see us before we were born, where we are today, and the day we will die…. all at one time.

Jeremiah 1:5 Before I **formed thee in the belly** I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations.

Ecclesiastes tells us there is a time for every purpose under heaven. Within God’s plan there is a time for every one of His purposes. God does things in His time not ours. But the only time we have is what we are allotted on this earth. Every second counts.

As the body of Christ we have not always been aware of the season changes.

*1 Chronicles 12:32 And of the children of Issachar, which were men that had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do; the heads of them were two hundred; and all their brethren were at their commandment.*

The sons of Issachar were noted for one thing…they understood the times. The times in the world or within God. We need to be able to discern the times.

To know the times of God we much hear the voice of God. To hear the voice of God we much spend time in the Word of God. To know if God is speaking to you, you have to learn the voice of God and the nature of God.

If you can’t figure out if God is speaking to you then you haven’t put enough Word in your heart. God will always speak to you according to and matching His word. If it doesn’t match or if it glories anyone or anything other than God…it’s not God.

God wants to speak to us. If you can’t hear God it’s because you have chosen NOT to hear Him.

The scripture says Satan appears as an angel of light and his ministers as righteousness.

2 Corinthians 11:14-15 And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. 15 Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.

God will speak to you as a thought. You will have a thought to read the Bible or spend a bit of time in prayer. You can be sure that is not the devil and most cases it’s not your flesh talking. When the thought is “lets see what’s on Facebook today…” that is not God.

The voice of God will always lead you close to him. Draw you to spend time or help one of His children to draw closer.

# Lesson 6

Job 1:6-7 Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan came also among them. 7 And the Lord said unto Satan, Whence comest thou? Then Satan answered the Lord, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it.

There is nothing in the Bible that tells us Satan doesn’t have access to talk to God today. We know he talks to us and accuses us of stuff HE TALKED us into doing. Pay attention to who is talking to you. Know the word so Satan can’t twist it to suit his plans.

God’s plan is for man to exist within a set time frame. With a defined beginning and ending. Time only exists in our dimension. God exists outside of time and space. Meaning God is present at all times and in all times. God is just as present today as He is 2000 years ago and 20 years in the future. God is limited by time.

Isaiah 46:10-11 10 Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done,  
saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure:   
11 Calling a ravenous bird from the east, the man that executeth my counsel from a far country:  
yea, I have spoken it, I will also bring it to pass; I have purposed it, I will also do it.

God is not limited by anything man can see or judge Him to be. Only man is limited.

GENESIS 6:3 And the Lord said, My spirit **shall not always strive** with man, for that he also is flesh: yet **his days** shall be an **hundred and twenty** years.

1. How many years is man allotted? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
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Notice on the time chart there are 10 generations between Adam and Noah. There is also a span of a 1000 years.

From 4000 BC to 3000 BC

There is a 1000 years between Noah and Abraham. 3000 BC to 2000 BC.

1000 years between Abraham and David.

1000 years between David and Jesus.

Then about 2020 years between Jesus’ birth and today.

PSALMS 90:1-4 **A Prayer of Moses the man of God.**

​1 Lord, thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations.

2 Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world,

even from **everlasting to everlasting**, thou art God.

3 Thou turnest man to destruction; and sayest, Return, ye children of men.

4 For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past, and as a watch in the night.

2 PETER 3:7-9 But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.

8 But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a **thousand years**, and a thousand years as one day. 9 The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

1. God is from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
2. One day is to the Lord as a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
3. Name the 1000-year breaks in the time of man:
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c. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ d.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

e. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. What did God create first? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
2. God is not limited by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

God didn’t design hell for humans. Don’t go there.

# Answers:

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| **Chapter 2. in the Beginning**   1. Faith 2. It was not mixed with faith 3. Believing 4. No. Faith without works is dead 5. God 6. Logos or Word 7. Logos 8. the beginning and the ending 9. The heaven 10. 120 11. everlasting to everlasting 12. thousand years     1. Adam and Noah     2. Noah and Abraham     3. Abraham and David.     4. David and Jesus.     5. Then about 2018 years between Jesus’ birth and today 13. Logos or Word. 14. Time, space, anything   \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |  |