

How to Read the Bible: Genesis 1-11

Glenwood Community Church

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The purpose of this class is to: understand and internalize the message of Genesis 1-11 and to better understand how to interpret Old Testament narrative

Review

OT Narrative Interpretation Tool: Plot Arc

1. **Literary Context:**

Larger Section:

Smaller Unit:

Immediate Context:

2. **Setting:**

3. **Problem**

4. **Solution**

What is the role of verses 19-20?

5. **Climactic Tension**

6. **Resolution**

7. **New Setting**

Implications

- For gender

- For marriage

For Next Sunday

- Read Genesis 3 and write down notes about the author's literary strategy. Examples: plot: setting, problem, tension, resolution, new setting; note the characters, narrator's comments; location changes
- Check out any cross references your Bible has to the New Testament from this chapter. Look up a few and note how the NT authors view and use this text.
- How does this text demonstrate temptation, sin, human fallenness and God's glory?
- What do we learn about God from this text? What about human nature?
- How does the Fall disrupt what has taken place in Genesis 1-2?