

Genesis 1-11 Is Historical & Literal

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Many people have tried to explain away Genesis 1-11 as mythology. In other words they say that it didn't really happen and is nothing more than a fairy tale. But let's see what the Bible says. In Matthew 19:4-6 Jesus quoted from Genesis 1 & 2 as being true. In John 8:44 Jesus called Satan the "father of lies" in referring back to Genesis 3:4. In Matthew 23:35 Jesus spoke of Abel in Genesis 4:2-10 as a real historical character. In Matthew 24:37-38 Jesus spoke of the Flood of Noah in Genesis 6-9 as a real historical event. If Genesis 1-11 is a myth then Jesus was mistaken in all of these cases.

In 1 Corinthians 11:8, 12 Paul states that man was first created, then woman just as Genesis 2:18-23 says. In 1 Timothy 2:13 Paul called Adam & Eve by name and in Romans 5:14 he says "death reigned from Adam to Moses." In 1 Corinthians 15:45 Paul says, "The first man Adam became a living being." But if Adam was only a mythological character then all of what Paul says is false. In 2 Corinthians 11:3 Paul says "But I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, so your minds may be corrupted." If Eve is a real character, and she is, I also fear today minds have been corrupted in believing that Genesis 1-11 is nothing but a fairy tale.

In Exodus 20:11 God told Moses, "For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them." Did God really only take 6 days for the creation as He refers to Genesis 1, or was He telling a lie? As Romans 3:4 says, "Let God be true, and every man a liar." Anything that differs from what God says is a lie. There are more than 100 references in the New Testament that refer back to the first eleven chapters of Genesis. If Satan can get people to believe that the first eleven chapters are a lie then how could we trust the rest of the Bible as it refers back to Genesis 1-11?