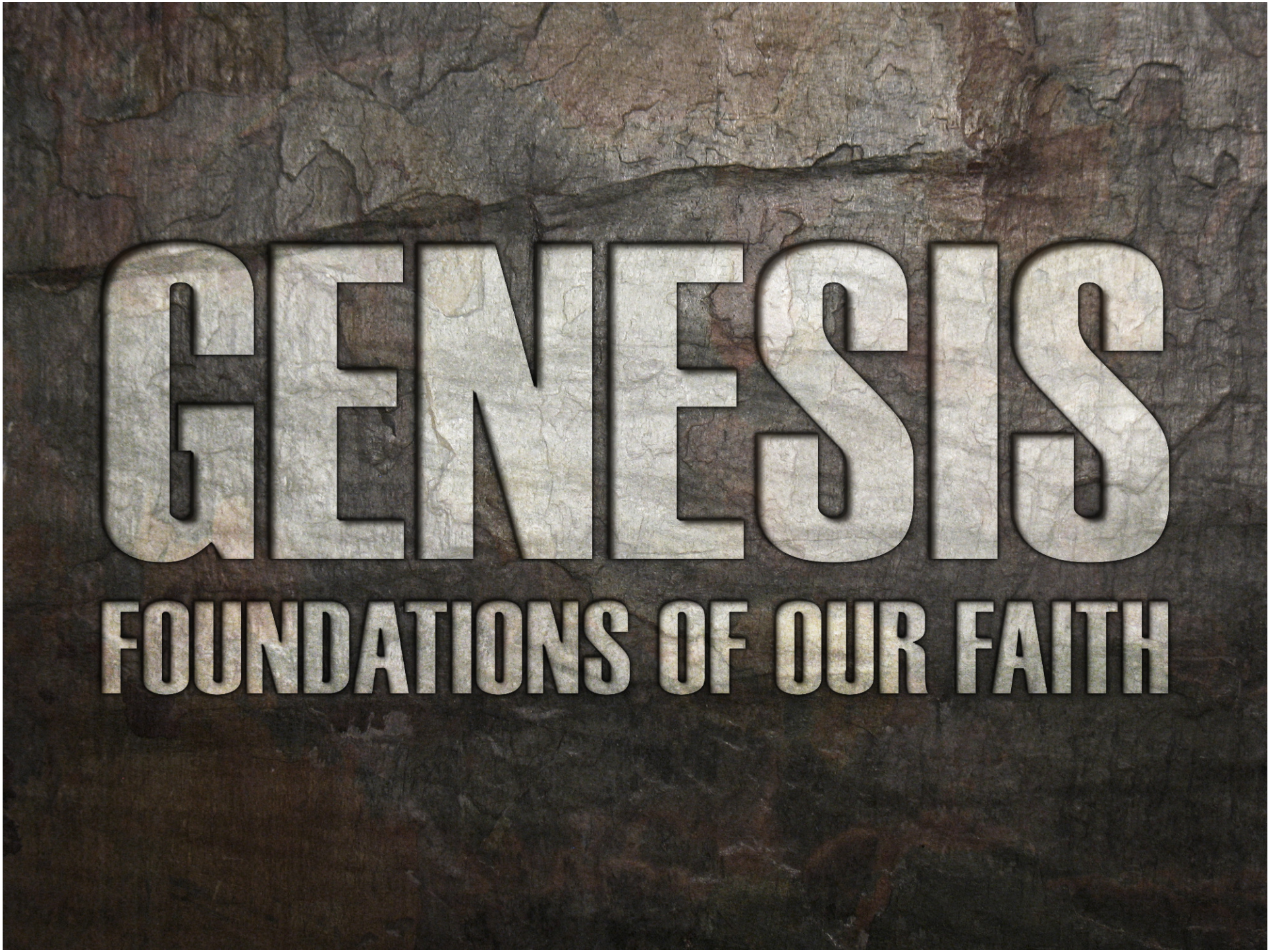
GENESIS
FOUNDATIONS OF OUR FAITH

Foundation:

"The basis or groundwork of anything; that on which something is founded; the base on which something stands; the natural or prepared ground or base on which some structure rests.

The foundation of…

Man
Cities
Woman
Trade
Marriage
Agriculture
The Home
Worship
Sin
Languages
Sacrifices
Races and Nations
Religion
Government

Theological foundations

God the Father
God the Son
God the Holy Spirit
The image of God
Male/female roles
Sin and death

Covenant
Promise
Satan and Angels
Kingdom
Revelation
Judgment and Blessing

Foundation of everything

“In the beginning…”



In the beginning…



In the beginning…

Hebrews 11:3:

“ By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things which are visible.”

In the beginning…

John 1:1-3:

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being."

Worldviews in Conflict

Creation	Evolution
- Instantaneous	• Gradual
- Initially perfect	• Initially chaotic
- Getting worse	• Getting better
- We are like God	• We are like animals
- Supernatural	• Normal
- God-centered	• Man-centered

Worldviews in Conflict

"Worthy art Thou, our Lord and our God, to receive glory and honor and power; for Thou didst create all things, and because of Thy will they existed, and were created."

Revelation 4:11

Worldviews in Conflict

Natural Selection

In evolution, the process by which environmental effects lead to varying degrees of reproductive success among individuals of a population of organisms with different hereditary characteristics, or traits.

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Alternatives at stake

Creation	Evolution
- Divine creation	- Spontaneous generation
- Purposeful design	- Random accident
- Intricate order	- Chaotic mistakes
- Infinite God	- Infinite odds
- Life from life	- Life from non-life
- Entropy	- Evolution
- Catastrophe	- Gradualism
- God's purpose	- No purpose
- Absolutes exist	- Everything is relative
- A future hope	- Hopelessness

Genesis

Author: Moses

Date: 1444-1405 BC

Themes: Blessing and cursing

Geographical setting:

1. Mesopotamia (ch. 1-11)
2. The Promised Land (ch. 12-36)
3. Egypt (ch. 37-50)

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Genesis

Title: Hebrew = "toledoth"

1. (line) of descendants (genealogical list of family, ancestors)

2. (one's) generation, contemporaries

3. story of development of generations

history , origin , order of birth

"These are the generations of…"

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Genesis 4:26

"To Seth, to him also a son was born; and he called his name Enosh. Then *men began to call upon the name of the LORD.*"

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Genesis 6:8

“But Noah found favor in the eyes of the LORD.”

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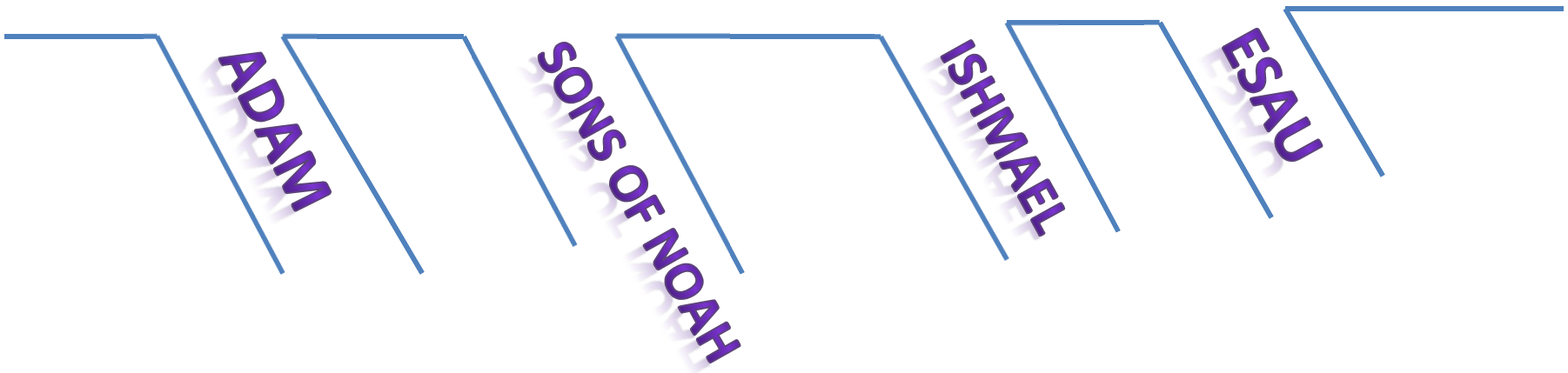
Flow of Genesis

Creation…Development of civilization….History goes on →

Noah → Terah → Isaac → Jacob → Joseph

(Flood) (Abraham)



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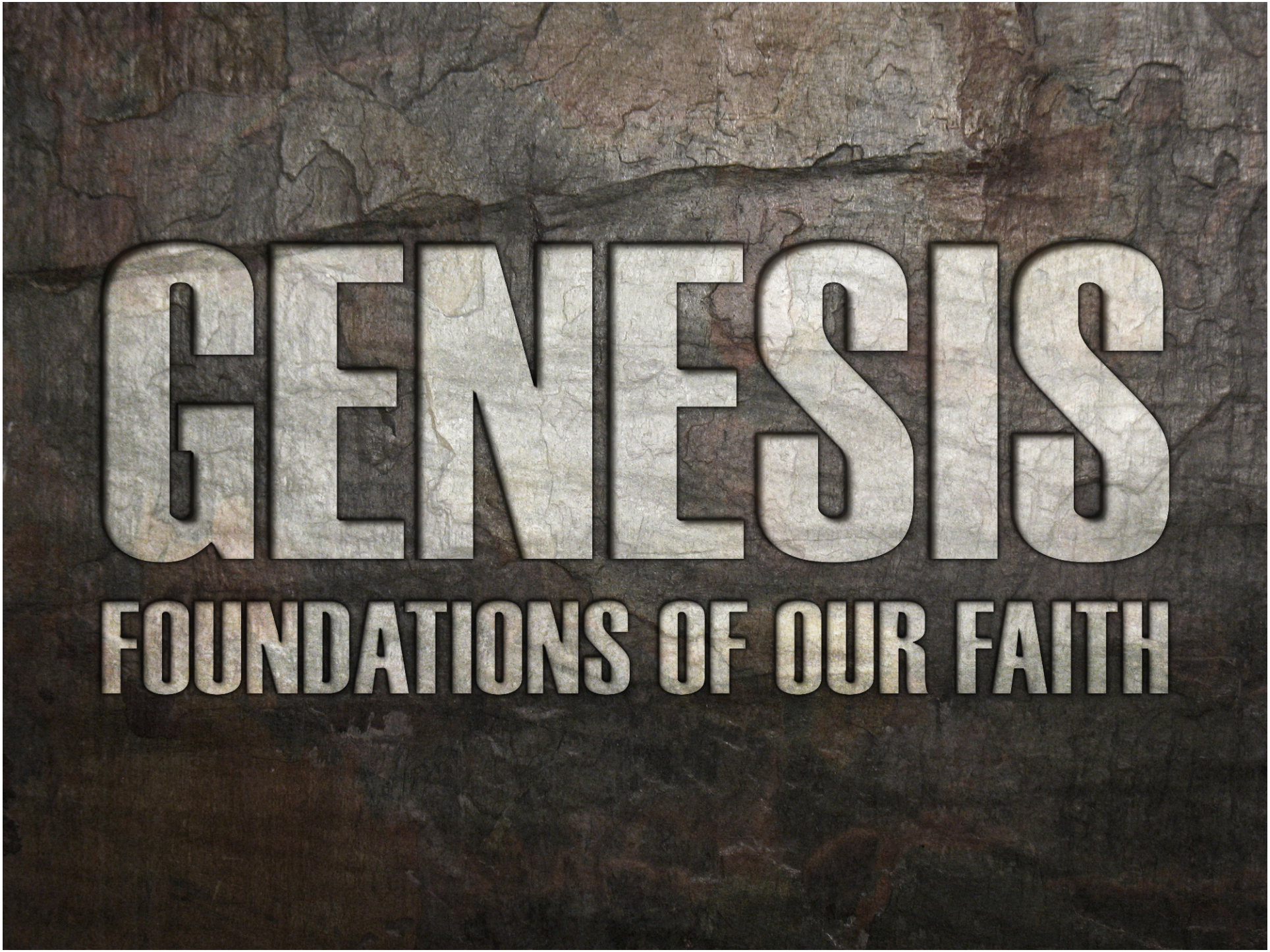
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