

Genesis Exam Study Questions

All exams are based on class notes. Most, but not all, of this exam will be based on these study questions. This exam will involve short answer questions, true/false questions, and open Bible essays.

1. Describe the covenantal message growing out of the creation of man in the Garden. How can we say that God’s covenantal dealings are a primary message of the Pentateuch? Describe the eschatological nature of this covenantal message of the Pentateuch.
2. Why did Moses originally write the book of Genesis for his people?
3. The literary structure of the book of Genesis appears to be organized around two sets of five ____?
4. What is the thematic connection between the primeval history of Genesis and the book’s patriarchal narratives?
5. Why do rationalist critics charge that Genesis 1 and 2 are two separate creation accounts from two separate sources? What is the biblical answer (teaching of Jesus in the NT) that shows Moses is the one source for both chapters of Genesis? (Know the NT reference.) Why do we believe God gave both creation accounts for us?
6. What is creation *ex nihilo*? How is it implied in Genesis 1&2? Where is it taught in the NT?
7. List the arguments for six literal days of creation.
8. Suggest a reason why some Christians hold to “Day-Age” or “Gap” theories of creation instead of taking the Bible at face value. How do young earth theologians explain the apparent antiquity of the earth?
9. Describe two interpretations of creation besides the literal six day creation approach.
10. Be familiar with the contents of each day of creation. An easy way to do this is to make a chart with parallel rows of three columns (sometimes it helps to put graphics in the boxes instead of words).

The first three days	Light	Atmosphere, oceans	Land, vegetation
parallel the second three days	Sun, moon, stars	Birds, sea animals	Land creatures, man

11. What is the “Enuma Elish?”
12. What is the modern understanding of the word Eden?
13. What does the image of God in man imply for mankind, especially in contrast to the animal world?
14. What passage is taken as the basis of the cultural mandate? Can you define the cultural mandate? What bearing does the entry of sin into the world have upon this original mandate? (see Gen. 9:7)
15. What does Eve’s name mean? (= “life”)
16. What are Satan’s three stock appeals in temptation?
17. What is the essence of the “protevangeliu” and what does the word mean?
18. What does “nephilim” mean in Hebrew?

19. Defend one interpretation of the identity of “the sons of God” in ch. 6.
20. What are the dimensions of Noah’s ark?
21. List the arguments for a universal flood.
22. What is the Gilgamesh Epic and what is its theological weakness?
23. What came out of the Noahic covenant in Genesis 9?
24. What world cultures descended from Ham, Shem, and Japheth? How is Eber related to the Hebrews?
25. What were the “Apiru”/“Habiru?”
26. Briefly explain the value of Ebla for biblical studies.
27. What image or language is found in common between the tower of Babel (chpt. 11) and Jacob’s ladder (chpt. 28)?
28. What does the language of Gen. 12:2,3 have to do with the tower of Babel in chapter 11?
29. What were the two main elements that God promised to Abraham?
30. List the five chapters in Genesis that detail the Abrahamic Covenant.
31. How was the sacrament of circumcision a symbol of covenant blessing and cursing?
32. What is the value of the Nuzi tablets for understanding biblical patriarchal history?
33. Explain and illustrate the uses of ancient birthrights and blessings.
34. Why really did Rachel abscond with her father’s household idols?
35. What does Levirate mean and what does it involve?
36. Name Joseph’s wife and sons.
37. What is the identity and etymology (word meaning) of “Shiloh” in 49:10?
38. Identify “The Tale of Two Brothers” and the Egyptian Dream Stela.