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Welcome to the Bible teaching ministry of Dr. Ron Jones. Our prayer is that God will use his word to change your life and fill your heart with hope. And now here's rod

1 (16s):

On Christmas Eve, December 24th, 1968 market on your calendar astronauts, bill Anders, Jim Lovell, and Frank Borman did something that I will say is hard to imagine scientists doing today as they were orbiting the moon for the first time in human history. You know what they did, they read from the book of Genesis. We are now approaching lunar sunrise Anders said, and for all the people back on earth, the crew of Apollo eight has a message that we would like to send to you in the beginning.

1 (59s):

God created the heavens and the earth. Can you imagine what they saw and how that sounded from way out into outer space? Anders read Genesis one verses one to four level followed by reading verses five through eight in Borman read verses nine through 10, their message was included in the mission flight, the flight plan that is printed and printed on fireproof paper. And today you can go to the Alder planetarium in Chicago, Illinois, and you can see a copy of that flight plan and what they read. And it's on display for the public to read better yet you can pick up a copy of the holy scriptures and read the entire book of Genesis for yourself.

1 (1m 48s):

Welcome to the ultimate road trip through the Bible, and welcome to our first stop, which is the book of Genesis. Now it's the first book of the Bible and it tells us really the beginning of all things. If you want to go back to the beginning and start from there you go to the book of Genesis. Now, early on in the book of Genesis, we run into four words that I think are significant. Let there be light. It's part of the creation story. And according to the book of Genesis, those four words set in motion, the loving, thoughtful, and purposeful intent of a creator.

1 (2m 29s):

God who made us in his image, male and female, as the crowning achievement of his work, what a story it is in Genesis chapter one. Now the English word Genesis comes from the Greek title of the book, which is derived from a Latin word, meaning origin. If you're a linguistic type person, you'll be interested to know that in the Hebrew language, in which the old Testament was originally written, the first word of the first book of the Bible is translated in the beginning. Thus Genesis for all those linguistic reasons is a good name for this book. It begins in the beginning, and then it goes on to say, God created the heavens and the earth.

1 (3m 12s):

Now the Bible not only assumes the existence of God, but it also assumes his preexistence in eternity before time began. That's inherent in that phrase in the beginning before time began and at the beginning of where time began, God was already there. And he was there as far as our mind can imagine in eternity, past the

has said it this way in Psalm 90 in verse two, from everlasting to everlasting, you are God, the Bible again, never tries to prove the existence of God, but by the time you get to the book of Psalms, it's saying something like this, the fool says in his heart, there is no, God of course, Genesis is not without controversy or debate.

1 (3m 57s):

Now the first 10 words of the Bible set the framework for a particular worldview that is not embraced by everybody. We know that instead, some people place their faith. Yes, their faith in Charles Darwin's theory of evolution, which suggests that humans and everything else in the material world evolved randomly over eons of time from a simple form of protoplasm MC material into complex organisms and natural systems. It takes a lot of faith to believe we're all here by accident. Thus many believed that the Bible's creation story and science are at odds.

1 (4m 37s):

Others tried to blend the two beliefs into something called theistic evolution of the idea that God used evolutionary processes over millions of years to create the universe and us. It's a very interesting and thought provoking idea. However, such attempts at what I call bipartisan belief, always elevate the fallible theories of man above the infallible word, God and we don't ever want to do that. Compromises the plain spoken sense of Genesis regarding a six day creation. So some people believe that the Bible from the very get-go and science are at odds, but actually they're really not.

1 (5m 19s):

Actually I can, I can harmonize the Bible and science in the first 10 words that we just read. Scientists, tell us that to understand how anything in the world forms, we must consider the following. And you probably learn this in your fifth grade science class. So as I often like to ask you, are you smarter than a fifth grader? All right. Those five things that scientists tell us must be inaction and present for anything to form our time force action, space and matter.

2 (5m 53s):

Okay. Now

1 (5m 54s):

Go back and let's read the first 10 words of the Bible, insert these ideas in the beginning. There's time, God there's force created there's action. The heavens there's space and the earth there's matter. So I don't like to say that science and the Bible are at odds. What I like to say is that sometimes, sometimes it takes science and I love our scientists, but it takes them a little bit of time to catch up to what God already knows. So let's leave room for that. Now Genesis does more than just shed light on the origin of the universe and human life. Genesis is also critical to our understanding of many fundamental Christian doctrines, including the nature of God, the nature of man, plus the nature and consequences of sin.

1 (6m 44s):

Any one of those doctrines and theological ideas are worth our study and worth putting our mind to understanding, but they have roots in the book of Genesis. In Genesis, we discovered the origin and meaning of marriage of all practical matters. That marriage between one man and one woman for one lifetime is not a cultural idea. It's a creation idea. God created marriage. Don't mess with marriage. As we say, in Texas, don't mess with Texas don't mess with marriage. It's God's idea. It's a creation concept that has a ripple effect all the way through the pages of scripture.

1 (7m 27s):

Work also matters to God in the early chapters of Genesis. We learned that work, the work that you do, the work that I do, it has intrinsic value. God created the heavens and the earth in six days, and then he rested on the seventh. All of that, our relationship to the environment is important as well. A weekly day of rest establishes the rhythm of life that is both healthy and also becomes a picture of the Sabbath. The rest that Jesus gives us in salvation, that's understood a little bit further as we get into the new Testament. Furthermore, the book of Genesis explains how death disease suffering and bloodshed came into the world.

1 (8m 14s):

It sheds light on our dark side. It unmasked the origin of evil. Sometimes times when you look outside of your own window and maybe through the lens of some newscasts and you see, wow, this, this world is just crazy. How do you, how do you process all of that? Well, Genesis tells us we live in a fallen world and we are fallen human beings. As a story of God unfolds throughout scripture, Genesis contains the many tributaries that expand into larger theological rivers. The story of God continues if I were to illustrate it another, the robust theological Oak trees that are foundational to the Christian life, they began as acorns of belief in Genesis.

2 (9m 6s):

Oh, it is without

1 (9m 7s):

Exaggeration to say that if we somehow stumble in our understanding of Genesis, we will veer off road and up in a theological ditch. Genesis is just that important. It's why it's at the beginning. It's not only the beginning of all things, serial universe and the beginning of all things. It explains our origin and all of that, but it is, is it, it is the beginning of all things, as it relates to even the orthodoxy of our faith, you can trace every major doctrine of the faith back even to the early chapters of Genesis Genesis, one to 11 explains why the book of Genesis is one of the most attacked books in all the Bible attacked by the devil, attacked by liberal theologians, attacked by people who mock the Christian faith.

1 (9m 57s):

They love attack the book of Genesis and throw it off in a ditch somewhere now, broadly speaking. And let's

go up to that higher elevation and try to get a handle on this book. That is 50 chapters long. That's a big one to read, but I encourage you begin, begin reading it. And you'll be surprised at just how fast you can read through those 50 chapters. But in chapters, one to 11 Genesis focuses on four main events that are pivotal for all the reasons that I just explained creation the fall of humans into sin, a worldwide flood that God used to judge the evil inhabitants of the earth.

1 (10m 43s):

And then you finish out Genesis one to 11 with the story of the tower of Babel. What is that all about? Well, it's the first time in human history than humans try to, to, to create a one-world government, the centralization of government on this earth, there was a king named Nimrod. Don't ever name your kid Nimrod, all right, but a king at that time named Nimrod decided to pull everybody together to centralize government and build this big tower. And God looked down from heaven. He knew something that we didn't, and that is that when power centralizes, evil compounds.

1 (11m 23s):

And so he scattered them with a differing of languages. There's a lesson to learn there. The United States of America is not a perfect country. We're not a perfect government, but our founding fathers decentralized power into three branches of government and put checks and balances in place. Why? Because they understood human nature. As it's explained from the book of Genesis centralized power as is the case in socialism and calm power evil. And you want to stay away from that as best as you can. Oh, further in the book of Genesis broadly from chapters 12 to 50.

1 (12m 7s):

And what'd you find at the beginning of verse or chapter 12 is the narrative narrows. We have these broad sweeping major events in chapters, one to 11, and then everything narrows down to a single person, his wife and his descendants. I'm talking about Abraham, Sarah and their descendants, Isaac, Jacob and Joseph. And those are the four main characters they're known as the Patriots of the old Testament. Timeline of Genesis spans the earliest culture in Mesopotamia dating back to 6,500 BC. And it goes all the way through the Egyptian middle kingdom of 1804 BC, the best of most conservative scholarship.

1 (12m 49s):

And this is where I am identifies Moses as the author, the human author that God used to pen these stories in this narrative, Moses was guided by divine inspiration and given holy revelation, most people believe somewhere between 1450 to 14, 10 BC, not only in the writing of the book of Genesis, but the entire book or the entire books of the law, Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, numbers, and Deuteronomy. We attribute mosaic authorship to that. If you're in interest interested in geography, the book flows through places like Eden and Heron, Canaan, and Egypt.

1 (13m 33s):

Two cities emerge in the book of Genesis that you can trace all the way through to the end of the Bible, even to revelation. In many ways, the Bible is a tale of two cities before Charles Dickens wrote about London and Paris. The Bible about Jerusalem and Babylon, of course, Babel Babylon coming out of the tower of Babel, a picture of, of, of man, his attempt to control his own destiny. And then Salem emerges in Genesis chapter 15. When after a time of war, Abraham goes out and fights and defeats the Kings in his region.

1 (14m 13s):

He then meets up with a kind of a mysterious figure named Mel Kizza deck that we learn later is an old Testament type of Christ. We learned this from Hebrews chapter seven. Now kids, the deck was the king of Salem. Abraham gave tides to milk Kizza deck. He, he gave two more kids, a deck and a Salem eventually becomes Jerusalem. The holy city of God. And you can trace these two cities, Jerusalem, and Babel Babylon all the way to the end of the age. And it starts here in the book of Genesis, truly Genesis sets forth.

1 (14m 56s):

The beginning of all things, even God's chosen people. The nation of Israel, the Hebrew people started in the book of Genesis starts in Genesis chapter 12 when God made a covenant with a man named Abraham, and that covenant included a land grant today, the conflict over this beautiful piece of real estate nestled against the Mediterranean sea there in the middle east is largely explained or largely explains whether the rift between Israel and the Palestinians today, it goes back to the land grant. I remember years ago, we were in Israel and I forget exactly where we were in our visited the holy land, but we stepped into kind of a visitor center type place.

1 (15m 45s):

And there was a map and our Jewish guide was, was showing this map of the middle east. And there were some names that dated back to the time of Genesis. Didn't exactly line up to the maps of today, but she explained all of this and took us to Genesis chapter 15, where God restates the covenant with Abraham and talks about the scope of the land grant. And it was a reminder that the nation of Israel and the Hebrew people, the chosen people of God through whom Messiah comes, have never fully occupied the land that God had given to them. And today there are many land for peace negotiations that keeps shrinking and shrinking and shrinking the land that God had given.

1 (16m 32s):

Now it's just a little sliver of a piece of land nestled up against the Mediterranean sea. The land mass is about the size of New Jersey,

2 (16m 42s):

But there's coming a day

1 (16m 44s):

When Jesus Christ returns. And now I'm fast forwarding to the end of the book, the end of, of the Bible itself when Jesus Christ returns and establishes his millennial kingdom on this earth. And that's when all of the promises of God to his chosen people, which are yes, and amen will be fulfilled. That's the time I believe Israel will occupy the entirety of the land grant given to them, but between now and then conflict, debate negotiations, peace treaties, broken peace treaties, it's ongoing. And it started in the book of Genesis, even as early as Genesis chapter 12, that's a lot to consider isn't it a lot happening in the book of Genesis, but here's what I want to do in our time remaining.

1 (17m 32s):

I want to focus on some big ideas. I call them big ideas from the beginning. Again, we're in that elevated spot. We're getting that bird's eye view of the first book of the Bible. What are a couple of takeaways that we can think about in our time together? The first is this Genesis answers. The big question of life. People call them the existential questions. I'm talking about questions that relate to identity, origin, purpose, and destiny.

1 (18m 12s):

Who am I? Where did I come from? Where am I going?

2 (18m 18s):

And why am I even here? You

1 (18m 21s):

Ever in the quietness of your own moment, think about questions like that. You're saying pastor, no, I'm just trying to figure out how to get lunch on the table for the family this afternoon. I understand we get so bogged down in the minutia of living our lives, but I guarantee you there there's something inside the soul and the spirit of every one of us that needs resolution to these kinds of things. Questions,

2 (18m 49s):

Who am I, where did I come from? Why am I even here? And where am I going? Is there a life here after

1 (19m 1s):

Fundamental questions of like Genesis answers these questions? Now I think where we find answers to these questions is just as important as the questions themselves. So let's explore some other places. People go to, to answer questions like this, for example, how would science answer these questions? A great respect for scientists and biologists and, and people who have a mind and understanding and a curiosity in those kinds of areas. But here's what the scientists will tell you regarding your origin, where you came from, you're an accident of the cosmos

2 (19m 42s):

You're, you're

1 (19m 42s):

A product of chance plus time. That's what Charles Darwin said. You're, you're, you're, you're just an accident. How does any purpose or meaning existentially flow out of an origin like that? You're not the product of a thoughtful, loving, intentional God who created you for a purpose in this life. Now you're just an accident. And by the way, as to where you're going, you're just going into the ground with everybody else, ashes, to ashes, dust, to dust,

2 (20m 15s):

Whereas any purpose

1 (20m 17s):

Or any meaning in that. And no wonder if that's where we answer questions related to origin, purpose and destiny, no wonder people are confused about their identity today. Who am I? I mean, I've never seen a generation of people, more confused about their identity than this generation. So science alone doesn't have the answers. Again. Science sometimes has to take some time to catch up to what God already, but science has known the Genesis story for years. The problem is too many and not all scientists, but too many have rejected the revelation of God and holy scripture and have gone alone down the road of science and the answers to these questions.

1 (21m 4s):

Don't fill our hearts with them. Hope

2 (21m 6s):

But despair. What about

1 (21m 9s):

Philosophy? Do the philosophers have any answers for us? Can philosophy. Even what's known as the philosophy of science answered the big questions of life in an article titled eight great philosophical questions that we'll never solve. George divorce ski, a senior staff reporter for Gizmodo writes this. He says, philosophy goes where hard science can't or won't philosophers have a license to speculate about everything from metaphysics to morality. And this means they can shed light on some of the basic questions of our existence, the bad news he asks.

1 (21m 50s):

These are questions that may always lay just beyond the limits of our comprehension, man,

2 (21m 58s):

Are you kidding me?

1 (22m 1s):

Not even the philosophy. They can raise the questions.

2 (22m 4s):

And many of them did orbiting

1 (22m 6s):

The Milky way. Thinking about these deep questions about, you know, who am I and where did I come from? Why am I here? Where am I going? But the great philosophers though, they waxed eloquently about the big questions of life. Most often they left themselves and us in despair. Just take a philosophy course in college. You'll figure out. Most of them were messed up

2 (22m 30s):

And they could not resolve

1 (22m 33s):

The big questions of life. What about government? Can government answer the big questions of life? Don't get me started on that. No, we answered these questions

2 (22m 43s):

From the Bible, from the book of Genesis for,

1 (22m 48s):

But what does Genesis tell us about our origins? Where did we come from? We were created in the image of God. Just read Genesis chapter one. Why does the devil attack this book more than any other because of he can upset your understanding of your origin. I mean, he's going to mess you up in 10,000 different ways. What does the Bible tell us about our identity? Well, let's go back to Genesis chapter one. Hopefully your Bible is open there. Verse 27. Okay. Tells us. So God created man in his own image, in the image of God, he created him, male and female.

1 (23m 38s):

He created them. It's a powerful versus scripture image we might say is everything. I mean, it answers so many questions to be created in the image of God. This is what separates you and I humankind from every other aspect of creation. You're different than the animals because you're stamped with God's logo, fluffy and Fido. I'm sorry to say, or not the rest of, you know, the material world. It's not stamped with the image of God.

1 (24m 18s):

God said everything he created was good. When he created you and I in his image, he says, it's very

2 (24m 24s):

Good.

1 (24m 26s):

And later in the flow of God's story, the Psalms David in Psalm 139, he says, I praise you. He says, because I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Marvelous are thy works. And my soul is confused about my identity. No, he said my soul knows it very well. The people who, who are most assured of their identity, who they are, are those who start with the assumption I am created in the image of God. Genesis goes on to explain this a little bit. It says, so God created man in his own image, in the image of God, he created him, male and female.

1 (25m 7s):

He created them. Wow. I had never thought in my 30 years of ministry, I'd have to emphasize this. But here we are friends in a culture that has drifted so far away from the book of Genesis to explain anything about our origin purpose or destiny. We've, we've drifted so far away. We're over here and had a ditch somewhere. No wonder people are confused about their identity. I received a piece of mail from the department of motor vehicles, just a little bit before Christmas. And they told me it was time to, to update my driver's license.

1 (25m 51s):

It was about to expire. And so they wanted me to fill out this form name, address, social security number, all that kind of information. And then there was a line that asked male, female, or non-binary first time I seen that on them government form nonbinary. I heard somebody the other day say there are a hundred different genders, choose one at the risk of being canceled by somebody or having my Twitter account, which I don't have. You know, eliminated, I'll go on record is to say from the beginning of time, God was binary.

1 (26m 36s):

He created us male and female and male, and have something to do with the image of God. Now follow me on this. The devil will do anything to assault the image of God. It started in this generation with abortion on demand. Murder is an assault upon the image of God. That's why the consequences in scripture are so high marriage has been redefined. Boy, are we messing with marriage? But you read on in Genesis chapter two and the first marriage and it's male and female. And the ripple of that as a picture of the gospel and our relationship with God through Jesus Christ.

1 (27m 19s):

Marriage was God's idea. It's not the culture's idea, but what an assault upon the image of God now, gender, are you kidding me? Strike one, strike two, strike three. The devil is attacking the image of God at just about every turn. And we need some sensibility about us as followers of Jesus Christ who say no, we're going to

go to the book of Genesis to answer the big questions of life. God has revealed himself to us. God has given us the answers about identity, origin, purpose, and destiny. If I could summarize it, we are created in the image of God, male and female, to glorify him and enjoy him forever.

1 (27m 60s):

Furthermore, God is preparing an eternal home for those whom he has redeemed by his grace and through faith in his son, Jesus, who is the Christ. And like Abraham, let's bring Abraham into the picture here, like Abraham by faith. Here's our destiny. We are looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. I get all of that from the book of Genesis and a little bit from Hebrews. So Genesis answers the big questions of life. A second big idea from the beginning is this Genesis established, establishes the unifying theme of the Bible, which is our need for a savior.

1 (28m 47s):

Remember it's one story, one story from Genesis, all the way to revelation 66 books of the Bible. One continuous story. It's all about God's desire to have a relationship with us. That relationship got disrupted violently. We might say in Genesis chapter three, when Adam and Eve who were created, not in perfection, but in innocence and with a free will chose to disobey God. They sinned against God

2 (29m 23s):

And the consequences.

1 (29m 24s):

God warned them about

2 (29m 27s):

We're enacted. You will surely die. That's how death entered the world

1 (29m 34s):

Was because sin entered the world, read Romans chapter five and see how Paul connects all of that to the Genesis. And from that point on from Genesis chapter three on is it's all about God repairing and reconciling the brokenness in our lives and in our world. How was he going to do that? Well, let me, let me just tell a little bit of that story in the unifying three theme and in three different little vignettes found in the book of Genesis first in Genesis, chapter three, related to the fall of humankind that I just mentioned. Humpty Dumpty sat on a wall.

1 (30m 14s):

Humpty Dumpty had a great fall. All the Kings horses and all the Kings men could not put Humpty Dumpty back together. Again, that little nursery rhyme is a, is a great summary of Genesis chapter three, Humpty Dumpty can't fix himself, no amount of a self-help, you know, therapy is going to fix you or fix me only God

can fix us. And he took the initiative to do so in Genesis chapter three. And what we find in Genesis three, I just want to take you to a couple of what what's some pictures, some foreshadowings of the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ that we find all the way back in the book of Genesis, for example, Genesis chapter one and verse 21.

1 (31m 4s):

And the Lord God made for Adam and for his wife, Eve garments of skin and clothed them. Remember as soon as Adam and Eve sinned against God, they discovered, oh, we're naked. And they were ashamed. And what an Adam and Eve do, they ran for the bushes and they blamed one another boy, how telling of humanity is that? And then they sewed for themselves. Fig fig leaves to cover their nakedness. God comes into the garden that day and says, Adam, where are you? Where are you, Adam? And omniscient. God knew exactly where he was, but he was trying to call him out of the bushes and take responsibility for what he did. And a little bit later on into the story.

1 (31m 45s):

It turns out that the fig leaves that they sowed for themselves were not sufficient. And the made some clothing for them. I see a Hugo boss suit for, for Adam and ladies. You choose your designer,

2 (32m 0s):

But the Lord

1 (32m 2s):

God made for Adam and his wife. He garments of skins and clothed them. Just meditate upon that a little bit. What happened here? Two animals were sacrificed. A blood sacrifice was necessary. Theologians refer to this as the <inaudible> Yvonne, Gelien the first gospel. The first picture we see that in the larger arc of God's plan to redeem us a blood sacrifice was necessary. And we go through the history of the old Testament and the, the sacrifice and blood of bulls and goats and the perfect spotless lamb and all of that leading up to the time of Christ.

1 (32m 45s):

When John the Baptist said, hah, the lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world, pointing to Jesus Christ. And we learned that his once for all blood sacrifice on the cross is what ultimately fixes what is wrong in us and brings us back into a really right relationship with God. But we have a foreshadowing of it, a glimpse of it in the book of Genesis, even earlier in Genesis chapter three and verse 15, the Lord says to the serpent, to the devil and to Eve, I will put enmity between you and the woman and between your offspring and her offspring.

1 (33m 27s):

He, that is the seed of the woman, the offspring of the woman, a reference to the coming of Messiah. He

shall bruise your head serpent and you shall bruise his heel, a picture here of the cross of Christ and how Christ through his death and his payment for our sins on the cross, stepped on the serpent's head, bruised his heel and, and bruised the head of the serpent as well. So Genesis is amazing in this way, these, this picture of the gospel, I go on a little bit further into the flood narrative. Remember Noah and the flood Genesis six, seven, and eight.

1 (34m 12s):

God had very specific architectural plans for Noah and he built this

2 (34m 17s):

Massive boat, okay.

1 (34m 20s):

Larger than I dunno, three or four football fields. It took him a hundred years by faith, not a drop of water anywhere around Noah and not to get too deep into the story. But one of the things that's significant and that points to Jesus Christ, who is our Ark of safety from which we are rescued from the judgment to come. That's the, but there was one door in this massive sea vessel. One, the, what did Jesus say? I am the door of the sheep, different analogy from the shepherding world, but I'm, I'm the door he said, he said, I'm the way the truth and the life.

1 (35m 2s):

And no man comes to the father. But by me, the world wants to tell us philosophy, religion, maybe even science, that there are many different ways to go. No, there was one door in the arc, only one. There's one mediator between God and man, it's the man Christ Jesus. Paul says in the new Testament and we get a picture of this in the Genesis story, by the way, a story that is more maligned than you could possibly imagine because the day devil wants to destroy the book of Genesis because it sets up so many things later in the book. The third one I'll just touch on is the story of Joseph chapters.

1 (35m 43s):

37 through 50 Joseph is one of the four patriarchs, the main characters of chapters, 1,250 Abraham Isaac, the promised child, Jacob, and then there's Joseph. And many people see a picture of Jesus in the life of Joseph, because first he was the special object of his father's love. Do you remember the coat of many colors that Joseph got from his father? And he pranced around a little too prideful as a 17 year old boy and his brothers threw him into a pit. They were jealous of him later, sold him into slavery while Joseph was a special object of his father's love. He was despised and rejected by his brothers.

1 (36m 25s):

He was later punished for a crime. He did not commit. Remember he gets sold into slavery in Egypt and he begins serving in Potiphar's house. And Potiphar's wife had an eye for this young, handsome Joseph

2 (36m 38s):

And tried to seduce him. And he

1 (36m 42s):

Runs away. He says, how can I disobey God and Potter for your husband? She frames a different narrative. And next thing you know, Joseph's in jail. Are you kidding me? Punished for a crime. He did not commit ultimately raised from humiliation to rule over others by the hand of God. And only by the sovereign hand of God was Joseph taken from the prison. And next he becomes prime minister. And the book of Genesis ends with Jacob and 70 members of his family, migrating to Egypt, back to Egypt, to escape the famine where they reunite with Joseph,

2 (37m 27s):

Who forgives them, what man

1 (37m 30s):

Meant for evil. God meant for good. We go way to go Joseph, but does any of the sound vaguely familiar? Does it, does it, does it look kind of like Jesus, you got to read through the Bible, understanding some of the story behind the story

2 (37m 46s):

Is a setup for the larger arc of God's story. Why the Bible is so amazing written

1 (37m 56s):

Over 1600 years by 40 different human authors, three different continents, three different languages,

2 (38m 7s):

But one

1 (38m 7s):

God who is superintending the orchestration of this

2 (38m 14s):

To where the continuity of scripture,

1 (38m 17s):

Perhaps in and of itself argues for divine inspiration. Listen, I don't know where you are in your journey of life. You may be at a place where your heart is full of

2 (38m 31s):

Despair and you don't know where to go for answers.

1 (38m 36s):

I'm glad you're here at the beginning of this ultimate road trip through the Bible, but I want to encourage you to pick up this book. You may pick it up with some doubt in your heart. That's okay. God's been dealing with doubt for a lot of years, but if you come with an open heart and an open mind and begin reading God's story,

2 (39m 2s):

Maybe even what the

1 (39m 4s):

Question, God, if you're real and I don't know if you are just to reveal yourself to me, but you, you, you just read the Bible, not what somebody else says about the Bible. Even what I say about it, read it for yourself and see if before very long, God begins to reveal himself to you in a very personal and special way. Understand it's one story along the way, we'll make the Christ connection in every book of the Bible, because he's there. Wait till we get to Exodus.

1 (39m 43s):

Oh my, the picture of our salvation, because at the end of book of Genesis, about 400 years later, the Hebrews end up in slavery

2 (39m 56s):

In Egypt.

1 (39m 58s):

Do you know what sin does in our lives very quickly. It puts us in bondage, but the God of the Bible wants to set us free. Jesus said, if you know the truth, the truth will set you free and you'll be free indeed. And all along the way on the ultimate road trip through the Bible, whether we're in Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, numbers, Deuteronomy, or Habakkuk, for that matter, I'm going to point you to Christ because that's ultimately where God's story is going. It's all about the Christ connection. I call it in the old Testament and the new Testament get roll with me in the imagery,

0 (40m 37s):

The Jesus juncture. All right, it's all about him.

1 (40m 41s):

We know him by title in the old Testament, the Messiah who is to come. A name is given to him

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