

**How old is the earth?**

**Was Noah's flood worldwide or local?**

**Does the Tower of Babel appear in archaeology?**

**How could the God Who destroyed Sodom be the same who died on the cross?**

In recent years, the Book of Genesis has produced more name-calling than any other part of the Bible. With widely varied interpretations, the first two chapters polarize churches, communities, and schools. Organizations, museums, and theme parks have been built around the debate, often making the political sphere look civil and tame by comparison. But Genesis is more than its first two chapters, and even those first chapters offer more than just a look at the early days of the earth. This study aims to discuss this 3400-year-old document and its implications for history, the present, and the future. We will discuss the historicity, reliability, and varied interpretations of a book more controversial than its other bookend, Revelation. The discussion will take place on multiple levels and locations. We will meet live to discuss it in person on Sunday evenings at 7 PM at Shepherd of the Ridge Lutheran Church in North Ridgeville. The conversation will be streamed live, so anyone unable to be present can watch online and join in the discussion via chat, Twitter, or Facebook. Those unable to watch live can either watch the recorded class online or listen via podcast or just read the questions online and discuss the questions in the comments section.

We will also have forums to discuss tangential topics like the age of the earth, archaeology, and more.

Anyone interested is welcome to attend or participate in any way, regardless of beliefs, background, or location.

Guest speaker, Rev. Dr. Joel Heck of Concordia University, Austin, TX, will kick off the discussion with a presentation at Shepherd of the Ridge on October 10 at 2 P.M. (Eastern), also streamed live.



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