

EPISODE 7

# The Preface

# STRUCTURE

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Genesis 1–11 = *Preface*

Genesis 12–50 = *Introduction*

Exodus–Revelation = *Narrative*

# PREFACE

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Genesis 1–11

## Creation

Genesis 1

## Adam & Eve

Genesis 2–3

## Cain & Abel

Genesis 4

## Genealogy

## The Flood

Genesis 6–9a

## Noah's Curse

Genesis 9b–10

## Tower of Babel

Genesis 11a

## Genealogy

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Good | Stop | Rest

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**C**

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**D**

**Genealogy**

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# TRUST THE STORY

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*Noah* = “comfort”

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The story is good; *trust the story*.

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In Genesis 1–11, we see the brilliant design of the Scriptures.

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You are being invited to reframe your understanding of reality.

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When Lamech had lived 182 years, he had a son. He named him **Noah** and said, “**He will comfort us in the labor and painful toil of our hands** caused by the ground the LORD has cursed.”

Genesis 5:28–29 (NIV)

# RECOMMENDATIONS

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## *You stuck with us through Episode 7!*

You should have a good idea of what we're doing and if you're into it by now, and there are so many amazing stories yet to come. We have much more treasure to find.

## *Don't get stuck in Session 1 (or 3 or 4).*

A big part of our goal is to understand the full and unified narrative of the whole Bible. First, binge through to the end of **Session 5**. Then, as you're able, return to your favorite episodes and dive deeper—or explore Session 6 and beyond.

## *Take someone on the journey with you.*

Use the Groups page on our website to find people, or recruit a friend. Engage the Text. Wrestle honestly. Utilize the Study Tools from the show notes. And feel free to set aside the things you don't agree with. (That Noah stuff is a little crazy, right?)

## *Find the help you need.*

We have all kinds of resources. Explore the website. Check the show notes. If all else fails, use the Contact page to get in touch with us.

“I dance for the things I don't know today. I'm going to discover something amazing. It's not today—but I dance because someday, maybe, I will.”



# MEET YOUR HOSTS

**Josh  
Bossé**



**Josh Bossé** is our virtual BEMA Campus Minister with Impact Campus Ministries. He is passionate about digging deep into the Text and finding practical, psychological, cultural, and mystical ways of weaving ourselves into God's story. He and his wife, Sophia, have established a home in Cincinnati with their son.

**Brent  
Billings**



**Brent Billings** began his career in production in 2003, which ultimately led to a job at a church in Moscow, Idaho, in 2012. He started attending BEMA classes in 2013, and traveled to Israel and Turkey with Marty in 2016. Upon returning, they started the podcast. Brent joined the team at Impact Campus Ministries full-time in 2020. He and his wife, Maggi, have two sons, Darius and Torin.

**Marty  
Solomon**



**Marty Solomon** grew up in the Reformed tradition before getting his B.A. in Christian Ministries from Boise Bible College. In 2008 he studied in Israel with Ray Vander Laan and was challenged to grapple with his own Jewish heritage. He developed BEMA Discipleship as a way to share his experience with others. He and his wife, Becky, live in Cincinnati with their two kids, Abigail and Ezekiel.

**Reed  
Dent**



**Reed Dent** grew up in Kansas City and graduated from Truman State University, where he now serves as the director of Campus Christian Fellowship. He and his wife, LeAnn, have three boys. He enjoys listening to records and watching the Chiefs, and he reads aloud to anyone who will listen.

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