

Genesis is the book of beginnings. It gives the beginning of the universe, the beginning of man, the beginnings of sin, salvation and redemption. There is only one thing of which ~~it~~ doesn't give the beginning, and that is of God. It starts with God. He is eternal and was before there were any beginnings.

The first beginning given in Genesis is that of the creation of the universe; the second, that of man,

Chapter 3 is the turning point of the Bible; here we find the account of the beginning of the sin of man which is necessary to understand human life at all. Anyone can see that something is out of joint in the universe; things are not right, but we cannot understand why, nor what the reason is until we read this third chapter of Genesis.

getting out of joint, but because a promise that things will be brought back to their condition again. The promise of a redeemer, the seed of the woman which shall bruise the head of the serpent.

Chapters 1, 2, and 3 give the beginnings of the forces which run all through our life. expands and grows; the redeemer is promised, and the promise eventually comes to full fruition in the New Testament.

The third chapter is the most important in Genesis, and one of the most important in the Bible. After the third chapter we have the developments of ^{two} ~~the~~ forces alongside ^{of each other} of the rapid degeneration of the earth, and the working out of the effects of sin in the earth, and the development of the plan of God as he prepares a way for putting an end to the domination of sin and bringing the redeemer.

The history in the book of Genesis, taking the book as a whole, might be said to show a constant narrowing of interest. It starts in with the whole universe in the first chapter, ~~the second~~ ^{of} sins of man and the second and third ^{deal}

with man, his creation, and his fall.