

# Genesis 1:1-5



“In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. And God said, ‘Let there be light,’ and there was light. And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, ...”

# Genesis 1:5-9



“the first day. And God said, ‘Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.’ And God made the expanse and separated the waters that were under the expanse from the waters that were above the expanse. And it was so. And God called the expanse Heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day. And God ...”

# Genesis 1:9-12



“said, ‘Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.’ And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. And God said, ‘Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, on the earth.’ And it was so. The earth brought forth ...”

# Genesis 1:12-15



“vegetation, plants yielding seed according to their own kinds, and trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day. And God said, ‘Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and years, and ...’”

# Genesis 1:15-18



“let them be lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth.’ And it was so. And God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. And God set them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good ...”

# Genesis 1:19-21



“And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day. And God said, ‘Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the heavens.’ So God created the great sea creatures and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it ...”

# Genesis 1:21-25



“was good. And God blessed them, saying, ‘Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.’ And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day. And God said, ‘Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds—livestock and creeping things and beasts of the earth according to their kinds.’ And it was so. And God made the beasts of the earth ...”

# Genesis 1:25-26



“according to their kinds and the livestock according to their kinds, and everything that creeps on the ground according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, ‘Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that ...’”

# Genesis 1:26-27



“‘creeps on the earth.’ So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.” (ESV)



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Genesis 1–2

# My Belief About Genesis



I believe Genesis is a literal account of literal people who experienced literal events. It is not just a collection of myths, nor is it a figurative treatment of metaphors or abstract concepts. Genesis is intended to teach God's people about God's interaction with mankind from the dawn of creation moving forward through Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph.

# My Belief About Creation



I believe the creation account is a literal six days where God himself created all we know as our universe and everything in it.



# The God of Creation

The Structure of Genesis 1:1–2:2

# A Definite Pattern to Creation *genesis*

- God formed the spaces (Days 1-3)
- God filled the spaces (Days 4-6)

# Two Different Hebrew Words *genesis*

- **Formed** (tōhū)
  - He formed the resource
- **Filled** (bōhū)
  - He provided the utilizer
- Day 1. Light (3-5)
- Day 2. Sky & Sea (6-8)
- Day 3. Dry land, vegetation (11-13)
- Day 4. Lights (14-19)
- Day 5. Birds & fish (20-23)
- Day 6. Land animals, humans (26-31)

# Repetition of Numbers: 3, 7, 10 *genesis*

- **Three**—Naming(s)
- **Three**—Created(s)—bāra
- **Seven**—Reports & evaluations
- **Seven**—Uses of “made”
- **Ten**—Statements, “according to their kind”
- **Ten**—Uses of “In their forms”

# Recap of the Structure



- It is God who created
- It is God who named
- It is God who calls everything good
- Everything is made according to “its kind”
- God made everything in its specific “form”

# Creation Builds & Escalates



- **First:** Separation of light and darkness, sky and sea.
- **Second:** Kinetic energy—the sun, moon, and stars are put in place
- **Third:** The earth is filled with animal life: birds, fish, etc.
- **Finally**—Man is created and given rule over the earth.



# The Creation Account

The Days of Genesis 1:1—2:2

# Day 1 (Genesis 1:1-5)



As God creates, he separates light from darkness, and gives names to both.

1 John 1:5; John 1:5

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“God is light, and in him is no darkness”

“He was the light of men ...” (ESV)

# Psalms 104:1-2



“O LORD my God, you are very great! You are clothed with splendor and majesty, covering yourself with light as with a garment, stretching out the heavens like a tent.” (ESV)

# Habakkuk 3:4



“His brightness was like the light; rays flashed from his hand; and there he veiled his power.” (ESV)

# Revelation 22:5



“And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.” (ESV)

# Day 2 (Genesis 1:6-8)



God creates the sky and divides the waters above (the firmament) from the waters on earth.

# Day 3-4



- God separates dry land from the seas and then creates plant life.
- God creates the stars, sun, moon, and other planets.

# Day 5-6

- God creates fish and birds.
- God creates land animals, and then finally mankind—directly by his own hands.

# Genesis 1:21-22



“And God saw that it was good. And God blessed them ...” (ESV)

\*This was the first time God spoke directly to creation. It is significant that God’s first words were those of blessing. This is a key word in Genesis.

# Genesis 1:26



“Let us make man in our image, after our likeness.” (ESV)

This is the first time God speaks to himself—using the plural “us.”

# Genesis 1:27



“So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.” (ESV)

Day 7

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God declares his work finished and rests.



# Four Life Lessons

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# Revelation 4:11



“Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.” (ESV)

# Life Lessons



- We are created by God
- We are created in God's image
- God deserves our worship and obedience
- **We must be good stewards of creation**

# Psalm 8:1, 3-4



“O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens ... When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is man that you are mindful of him.” (ESV)



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## Lessons About Life

We must accept all of creation as a gift,  
guard it as a precious treasure, and redeem  
it for the glory of God (1 Cor 10:31)

# Next Steps



- I am thankful that in Christ I can become a new creation
- I will view myself and others as made in God's image
- I will worship and obey God as my Creator
- I will care for God's creation because it is a gift