

# Creation

Genesis 1:1-24

Peter predicted that people would eventually **willfully** forget or deny the Biblical account of Creation, and the flood. Paul had to give corrective teaching on the creation of people.

How we view the book of Genesis is telling as to how we view God and the Bible.

What we think about the first few chapters of the Bible reveals whether we truly trust God, whether we are more conformed to things of the world, and whether we believe in the supernatural.

- How we read our Bibles is very important. Do we allow God to speak to us as we read, or do we read it through a filter of knowledge the world tries to force on us?

**Genesis 1:1** In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

- This is a foundational verse. Perhaps one of the most important verses in the Bible.
- This verse reveals God as a Creator. And He continues to create throughout the entire Bible all the way to Revelation where we see Him creating a new heaven and a new earth.
  - And we see Him creating in us.

## In the Beginning God...

Creation happened at the beginning.

- This means that the earth is approximately 7000 years old. We base this on the genealogies. (see young earth sermon)
- Vs. 1 Assumes God's existence. There is no trying to convince you of God. It is just assumed He is.
  - God has no beginning. Everything else has a beginning.

- In all theories of the origins of the universe there is no explanation given for an actual origin. They all start with something. No explanation can say how it actually began.
- Only Genesis 1:1 has a reasonable explanation as only God could have no origin.

### **People continually try to eliminate God from creation.**

- **Romans 1:18-23** For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness,<sup>19</sup> because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown *it* to them.<sup>20</sup> For since the creation of the world His invisible *attributes* are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, *even* His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse,<sup>21</sup> because, although they knew God, they did not glorify *Him* as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened.<sup>22</sup> Professing to be wise, they became fools,<sup>23</sup> and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man—and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things.
- Romans 1 – although they knew God (there is an awareness of something greater) they did not retain Him in their thinking.
- Why? Because if there is an Almighty God, then we must be accountable to Him. We must serve Him. He is to be Lord and King. We give up control.

### **Creation is compatible with science.**

- But possibly not many scientists.
- God created science.
- Science does not oppose God, scientists oppose God.
- Herbert spencer, who coined the phrase “Survival of the fittest,” said all things knowable are categorized as time, force, action, space, matter. This has been widely accepted as true amongst scientists. Genesis 1:1 contains all 5 of these.

- In the Beginning (time) God (force) created (action) the heavens (space) and the earth (matter).

### **God created without using any existing matter.**

- **Hebrews 11:3** By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were *not* made of things which are visible.
- Evolution is not a settled science. The fossil record and archeology does not support evolution. It is a theory. Discoveries have not supported this theory.
- Our creation demands a designer. Why do we as a society believe in evolution? Because it is spoken the loudest and most people want to fit in.

**Genesis 1:2** The earth was without form, and void; and darkness *was* on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

- Creation involved the whole Trinity.
- Elohim (plural)
- **John 1:1-3** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.<sup>2</sup> He was in the beginning with God.<sup>3</sup> All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.
- **Colossians 1:16-17** For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him.<sup>17</sup> And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist.

### **The earth was without form and void.**

- In other words, when God created everything, at first there was nothing, then there was space and the earth, but at this point they were meaningless. There was chaos and disorder. From here, God would bring order.

- Order does not happen by chance.
- The Second Law of Thermodynamics states that the state of entropy of the entire universe, as an isolated system, will always increase over time. The second law also states that the changes in the entropy in the universe can never be negative. (Entropy = randomness)

## The First Day of Creation

**Genesis 1:3-5** Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. <sup>4</sup>And God saw the light, that *it was* good; and God divided the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup>God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. So the evening and the morning were the first day.

- Then God said – Creation was accomplished by the command of God. This is *real* power.
  - We see creative miracles also with people, but God is the One that creates from nothing.
  - **Acts 3:6-7** Then Peter said, “Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk.” <sup>7</sup>And he took him by the right hand and lifted *him* up, and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength.
- Jesus is the word. God speaks and through Him, His words things come into existence.
- In Vs 4-5 – Time is created. Yowm = day. A 24 hour period. Time is created because we define time according to the creation of light and dark by God. These are literal 24 hour days. “So the evening and morning were the first day.”
- We should interpret the Bible literally!!!
- If we do not interpret it literally it may be that we don’t believe God is powerful enough.
- Or that we have too much of the thinking of the world in us.
- Yowm is always accompanied by a number. God actually numbered the days giving even more credence to a literal translation.
- There is light, but no sun yet. Where is the light? God is the light.

## The Second Day of Creation

**Genesis 1:6-8** Then God said, “Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters.”<sup>7</sup> Thus God made the firmament, and divided the waters which *were* under the firmament from the waters which *were* above the firmament; and it was so.<sup>8</sup> And God called the firmament Heaven. So the evening and the morning were the second day.

- Vs 6 – God creates the firmament. A canopy. A vapor canopy that protected the earth. This would have given a consistent moderate temperature across the earth and given plenty of water so there would be no deserts or ice caps.
- The firmament is destroyed in the flood. The flood account talks of the windows of heaven holding the water.
- Vs. 8 – defines heaven. There are 3 heavens. This is in reference to the first heaven, the atmosphere.

## The Third Day of Creation

**Genesis 1:9-10** Then God said, “Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry *land* appear”; and it was so.<sup>10</sup> And God called the dry *land* Earth, and the gathering together of the waters He called Seas. And God saw that *it was good*.

- Earth = land. Seas = all waters.

**Genesis 1:11-13** Then God said, “Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb *that* yields seed, *and* the fruit tree *that* yields fruit according to its kind, whose seed *is* in itself, on the earth”; and it was so.<sup>12</sup> And the earth brought forth grass, the herb *that* yields seed according to its kind, and the tree *that* yields fruit, whose seed *is* in itself according to its kind. And God saw that *it was good*.<sup>13</sup> So the evening and the morning were the third day.

- Vs 11 – All vegetation created.
- Creation provided for reproduction and sustenance. God knew everything that would be needed and made that ready.

- Trees and others had seeds. They are created as full grown. God created with age built in.

### **The Fourth Day of Creation**

**Genesis 1:14-19** Then God said, “Let there be lights in the firmament of the heavens to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs and seasons, and for days and years;<sup>15</sup> and let them be for lights in the firmament of the heavens to give light on the earth”; and it was so.<sup>16</sup> Then God made two great lights: the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night. *He made* the stars also.<sup>17</sup> God set them in the firmament of the heavens to give light on the earth,<sup>18</sup> and to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness. And God saw that *it was good*.<sup>19</sup> So the evening and the morning were the fourth day.

- Vs. 14 – God made the seasons, the stars, constellations, the sun and moon.
- This is for the earth. All of creation is for the earth. It was created with us in mind.
- It is all created for our blessing, enjoyment, provision.
- All of creation places the earth in the exact place where life can exist. Life is sustained by where we are and how it was created. This is intentional.
- Closer to sun, we burn. Further, we freeze. Spin faster, burn, slower, freeze. Tilt of the earth gives seasons. Mixture of atmospheric gases is perfect for life. Jupiter keeps us from being hit by asteroids. And so much more...
- And the stars. – The universe is infinite to give us something to show us the infinite glory of God.

### **The Fifth and (part of) Sixth Days of Creation**

**Genesis 1:24-25** Then God said, “Let the earth bring forth the living creature according to its kind: cattle and creeping thing and beast of the earth, *each* according to its kind”; and it was so.<sup>25</sup> And God made the beast of the earth according to its kind, cattle according to its kind, and everything that creeps on the earth according to its kind. And God saw that *it was good*.

- Vs. 20 – Birds and fish created according to their kind.
- Vs. 24 – All animals created according to their kind.
- There was an established order among all created things.
- Animals may change within their kind, but not outside their kind. Speciation exists, but not evolution.

**And God saw that *it was good*.– God’s creation is perfect.**