



Course: A Survey of the Bible: Genesis to Revelation

Lesson: 2

Title: God Introduces Himself as Creator

Passage: Genesis 1 & 2

Recommended Sermons

- Sermons dated 16, 30 May 2021, 6, 13, and 20 June 2021.
- These sermons expound Genesis 1:1 focusing on who God is.

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- Genesis - Exodus - Leviticus - Numbers - Deuteronomy
- 1 Moses - 5 Moses
- God wants His people to know Him and where they came from.

Genesis: The Story of Redemption Begins

- GOD - see the above sermons.
- BEFORE GENESIS: Redemption Planned
 - ★ Election - Ephesians 1:4; 2 Thessalonians 2:13-14
 - ★ Cross - 1 Peter 1:20; Ephesians 3:9-11; Colossians 1:26; 2 Timothy 1:9-10; Titus 1:2-3
- GENESIS: Redemption Promised
 - ★ The first promise - Genesis 3:15
 - ★ Promise to Abraham: Genesis 12:; Galatians
- AFTER GENESIS: Redemption

In the Beginning . . . THE BEGINNING

- Genesis is a book of beginnings . . .
 - It speaks of the beginning of God's revelation of Himself - who He is and His ways.
 - It speaks of the beginning of the *universe* (space, matter, energy,

and time).

- It speaks of the beginning of *order* and *complexity*.
- It speaks of the beginning of the *solar system*.
- It speaks of the beginning of the *atmosphere and hydrosphere*.
- It speaks of the beginning of *life*.
- It speaks of the beginning of *man*.
- It speaks of the beginning of *marriage*.
- It speaks of the beginning of *evil*.
- It speaks of the beginning of *language*.
- It speaks of the beginning of *government*.
- It speaks of the beginning of *nations*.
- It speaks of the beginning of *religion*.
- It speaks of the beginning of *culture*.
- It speaks of the beginning of *the chosen people*.

A Historical Book

- Key Word: הַדְּלוֹת - towledah {to-led-aw'} - translated in Genesis 2:4 "generations" in KJV; "history" NKJV - "records" in CSB; "account" in ESV, NIV, NLT.
 - Literal meaning is "origins"; "generations"; "history".
- Genesis can be divided into nine main subdivisions:
 - ① "The generations of the heavens and the earth" (Genesis 1:1-2:4)
 - ② "The generations of Adam" (Genesis 2:4b-5:1)
 - ③ "The generations of Noah" (Genesis 5:1b-6:9)
 - ④ "The generations of the sons of Noah" (Genesis 6:9-10:1)
 - ⑤ "The generations of Shem" (Genesis 10:1b-11:10)
 - ⑥ "The generations of Terah" (Genesis 11:10b-11:27)
 - ⑦ "The generations of Isaac" (Genesis 11:27b-25:19)
 - ⑧ "The generations of Jacob" (Genesis 25:19b-37:2)
 - ⑨ "The generations of the sons of Jacob" (Genesis 37:2b-Exodus 1:1)
- Genre: Narrative
- Genesis 1 to Genesis 50 is HISTORY.
 - ☆ In the New Testament, the genealogies of Jesus (Matthew 1:1-17; Luke 3:23-38) considers Genesis as historical.
 - ☆ In many of His teachings, Jesus referred to the Genesis and other Old Testament accounts as historical. (Matthew 19:3-6; Mark 10:3-9; Luke 11:50-51; Matthew 24:38-39; Luke 17:28-32; Matthew 10:15; John 3:14; John 6:32-33; 6:49; Luke 4:25-27;

Matthew 12:40-41) ★ **Matthew 19:4; Mark 10:6.**

- ☆ Paul refers back to Genesis in many of his letters. (Romans 5:12-19; 1 Corinthians 15:21-22, 45-47; 2 Corinthians 11:3; 1 Timothy 2:13-14)
- ☆ Peter did so similarly. (1 Peter 3:20; 2 Peter 2:4-9; 3:3-7)

Genesis 1 & 2: Creation

- “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.”
 - The heavens to declare His glory - Psalm 19:1-6
 - The earth to be inhabited. (Isaiah 45:18)
- The Triune God created the heavens and the earth and all that is in them:
 - God, the Father (Genesis 1:1; Psalm 33:6, 9)
 - God, the Son (John 1:1-3; Colossians 1:15-17)
 - God, the Spirit (Genesis 1:3)
- *Elohiym* - אֱלֹהִים over 2,000 times in OT - a plural noun used with a singular verb. Signifies *majesty and excellence*.
 - ★ A Being not like anyone/anything else.
 - ★ A hint from the very beginning of the Trinity.
- God created the heavens and the earth in six days. (Exodus 20:9-11)
 - ① (vv. 3-5) “Let there be light” - and that is energy.
 - ★ GOD SPOKE (Hebrews 1:1-2; Psalm 33:6-9)
 - ★ Day and Night
 - ★ “the evening and the morning were the first day”
 - ☆ MEDITATE
 - ② (vv. 6-8) “Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters . . .”
 - ★ Heaven
 - ③ (vv. 9-13) “Let the waters under the firmament be gathered together in one place and let the dry land appear.”
 - ★ Earth
 - ★ “Let the Earth bring forth grass, the herb that yields seed according to its kind and trees . . .”
 - ④ (vv. 14-19) “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.”
 - ★ Greater light to rule the day and a lesser light to rule the night.
 - ★ *He made the stars also!!!!*
 - ⑤ (vv. 20-23) Sea and sky creatures.

⑥ (vv. 24-31) Land creatures and MAN.

- ★ “Let **US** make man in **OUR** image.”
- ★ God created MALE and FEMALE.
- ★ (v. 28) First command: “Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth, and subdue it. Rule the earth.”
- ★ (2:7) The LORD God formed אָדָם yatsar {yaw-tsar} man of the “dust of the ground” and God breathed into his nostrils and man became a living being.

Genesis 2: A Garden and Helpmate

- (2:8-17) The LORD God planted a garden.
 - ★ God made every tree “pleasant to sight and good for food.”
 - ★ Two Trees:
 - ① The Tree of Life
 - ② The Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil
 - ★ (2:15) The LORD God took man and put him in the garden to **work**.
 - ★ (2:16-17) Second command: “Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, *for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.*”
 - ★ (2:18-25) The LORD God said, “It is not good that man should be alone. I will make him a helper comparable to him.”
 - (vv. 19-20) God has Adam name the animals.
 - (vv. 21-25) God *builds* Eve from a rib of Adam.
 - (v. 22) God brings Eve to Adam.
 - (v. 23) Adam: “This is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken from out of Man.”
 - (v. 24) The first marriage: “They shall become one flesh.”

Controversies

- Fictional
- The Gap Theory
- Day-Age Theory
- Evolution

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Genesis 1 & 2 and Us

- GOD CREATED - heavens - they declare His glory - then let us declare His glory as we observe His creation all around us. (Psalm 19:1-7; **Psalm 8**; Psalm 145:4, 10; **78:3-7**)
- GOD CREATED - the earth - for us to live on - meditate on ALL that He did so that we could live here. (Isaiah 48:18)
- The universe belongs to God. (Psalm 24:1; Deuteronomy 10:14; 1 Chronicles 29:11; Job 41:11; Psalm 50:12; 89:11)
- We are complete dependent on Him! (Job 12:10; Acts 17:25, 28)
- I am who I am by the grace of God. (1 Corinthians 15:9-10; Psalm 139:13-16)

Suggested Reading:

- *The Battle for the Beginning* - John MacArthur
- *The Genesis Record: A Scientific & Devotional Commentary on the Book of Beginnings* - Henry M. Morris
- *In Six Days: Why Fifty Scientists Choose to Believe in Creation*, Edited by John F. Ashton, PhD.
- *On the Seventh Day: Forty Scientists and Academics Explain Why They Believe in God*, edited by John F. Ashton, PhD.
- *Starlight and Time: Solving the Puzzle of Distant Starlight in a Young Universe*, D. Russell Humphreys, PhD.
- Listen to Scientists
The Heavens Declare Series 12 Episodes - Available on YouTube
Is Genesis History? - Available on YouTube