

God's Story of Creation & Salvation in 15 Minutes - Story of Faith, Hope and Love

Genesis 1:1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. These are the 1st words ever written down and said to Adam and Eve. This is the first time God spoke.

Creation Week - Genesis 1: 2-31 Day 1 – God made space, time and matter. Heaven, beginning, and earth. (Others attribute it to Big Bang, evolution, but God created it all.) He also created Light, Day and Night. And it was Good! And the evening and morning were the first day.

Day 2- God created firmament – heaven – atmosphere. And the evening and morning were the 2nd day. **Day 3** – God created the land, sea, grass, herb with seed, fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself. And God saw that it was Good, and the evening and morning were the 3rd day. **Day 4** – God created moon, sun, lights for day and night, God said let there be lights in the firmament of heaven to divide the day from night and let them be for signs, season, days and years, he made the stars also. And God saw it was Good and the evening and morning was the 4th day. **Day 5** – God created fish and life in the waters, said to fill and multiply, He made fowl, birds and all flying creatures, whales, all after his kind, and God blessed them and told them to fill the waters of the sea and fowl multiply the earth, and said it was Good and the evening and morning was the 5th day. **Day 6** – God created the creatures, cattle, creeping things, beasts, everything. God also created Man, He said “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, fowl of the air, cattle and over all the earth”. Male and female He created them and He blessed them and told them to be fruitful, multiply and replenish the earth and subdue it. God said “Behold I have given you every herb bearing seed which is on the face of the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be food.” And God saw all he made and it was Very Good, and the evening and morning were the 6th day. And on **Day 7** He rested (Genesis 2:2-3). It is important to rest, worship and give thanks one day of the week, God said so. (Ever wonder why there is a 7 day week?)

Genesis 2 So in the beginning in the Garden of Eden it was perfect. No sin, death, sickness, had food, and lived with God. There was a mist that watered the earth, no rain. God provided everything. All the plants and fruit for food. Trees there that were pleasant to sight, including two trees, one tree of life, and one tree of the knowledge of good and evil. River to water the garden. God also created man a helper, woman, Eve, a companion. Adam even named all the animals. God gave man one rule. You can eat from every tree, but do not eat of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, or you will surely die.

Genesis 3: 1-5 Temptation – Now along comes the serpent or snake, and the devil/Satan tempted them. The tricky, clever Satan, asked Eve “Yea, hath God said, ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?” First sin in mankind was caused by doubting God’s word. This has been the pattern for temptation ever since. Satan asked a question, caused Eve and Adam to doubt God’s word, His truth and goodness.

Genesis 3: 6-7 The Fall - So Eve listened to Satan and saw the tree was good for food, pleasant to the eye, and it would make one wise, so she ate the fruit and gave it to her husband. Then their eyes were open and they saw they were naked and sewed fig leaves together for aprons.

Genesis 3: 8-24 Judgment on Mankind - They heard God’s voice from Him walking in the garden and they hid. God asked Adam “Where are you? Did you eat from the tree?” Adam said he was scared and was hiding and yes he did eat, he said the woman helper you gave me, she gave me the fruit to eat.” God asked the woman and she said “yes the serpent tricked me.” (Both of them blamed someone else, and did not take responsibility, just as we tend to blame others today.) Then it turned bad, God cursed the serpent and made it crawl on its belly forever and eat dust. God also said to the serpent/Satan (Gen 3:15) “I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between

your offspring and hers (Jesus); he will crush your head and you will strike his heel (Cross for Jesus but Satan will eventually be crushed by Jesus in the end. This was the first gospel pointing toward Jesus.) God also told the woman she will now have pain with childbirth. God told Adam now the ground would be cursed and he will work it and eat of it all his life. God said thorns and thistles will come from the ground and you will eat the plants of the field. God said you will sweat and eventually die and since you came from dust you shall return to dust. God then skinned some animals and made clothes for them to cover them. God then banished them from the Garden to work the ground and drove them out. Wow!

After that everything changed, went from a perfect very good world to a world with pain, sickness, death, sin, sweat, work, thorns, thistles, painful childbirth, and everything running down.

Romans 8:22 even says "We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time." So all the earth and creation was even changed. We live in a fallen world today!

So due to Adam's sin, it all changed, it was perfect, but man messed it up. Romans 5:12 "Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all men, because all sinned, for before the law was given, sin was in the world."

Acts 17: 26 "From one man he made every nation of men that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he determined the times set for them and the exact places where they should live." You are here today for a reason!

However, before God created the all this, He knew what would happen. - Knowing all this, He still made us, knowing we would be sinners. God could have given up on us then, but he didn't, God loves us!

John 1:1-5 In the beginning was the Word (Jesus), and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through Him all things were made, without Him nothing was made that has been made."

He still sent Jesus, His son, to save us. (Col 1: 15-23) Col 2:13-14 says "When you were dead in your sins, and in the uncircumcision of your sinful nature, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, having canceled the written code with its regulations, that was against us, and that stood opposed to us; he took it away, nailing it to the cross."

Jesus knew what He would have to do for us. Jesus never gave up on us. That is love. That should give us hope. Faith in Jesus can save you and me. It saved me and it can save you and give you hope.

John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him."

(2 Thessalonians 2: 13-17 "But we are bound to give thanks to God always for you, brethren, beloved by the Lord, because God from the beginning chose you for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth, to which He called you by our gospel, for the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, brethren, stand fast and hold the traditions which you were taught, whether by word or our epistle. Now may our Lord Jesus Christ Himself and our God and Father, who has loved us and given us everlasting consolation and good hope by grace, comfort your hearts and establish you in every good word and work. (You are loved by God and chosen before the creation of the world and this becomes evident in life when one believes in the Jesus.))