

In the beginning

Genesis 1

Why preach on Creation?

- Foundational to understanding God
- **Romans 1:25** *Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever.*
- Issue is with **Scientists** – not with **Science**

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noun

- the intellectual and practical activity encompassing the systematic study of the structure and behavior of the physical and natural world through **observation and experiment.**

Example: Pastors viewing our new and old buildings

In the beginning – God was!

*In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth – **Genesis 1:1***

A. God is not defined by time, space, size, etc.

B. There is time, space, size BECAUSE of God!

C. Example: Dad's Christmas Train Layout

I. In the beginning – God Created!

a. Earth and the Heavens

*In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. And God said, Let there be light: and there was light. And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness. And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day. And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters. And 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. And God called the firmament Heaven. And the evening and the morning were the second day. **Genesis 1:1-2***

b. No form and void

c. Darkness

d. Water upon the face of the Earth

e. God's spirit was present

II. **Day One - God creates Light** – separates it from darkness

a. God names Day and Night.

b. God declared them Good!

III. **Day Two – God creates atmosphere**, firmament – waters divided

IV. **Day Three -God creates Dry Land, Plants, Seeds**

And God said, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry land appear: and it was so. And God called the dry land Earth; and the gathering together of the waters called he Seas: and God saw that it was good. And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth: and it was so. And

the earth brought forth grass, and herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed was in itself, after his kind: and God saw that it was good. And the evening and the morning were the third day. – Genesis 1:9-13

V. **Day Four – Seasons, Sun Moon and Stars**

*And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years: And let them be for lights in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth: and it was so. And 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. And God set them in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth, 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. And the evening and the morning were the fourth day. **Genesis 1:14-19***

VI. **Day Five – God creates Fish and Birds**

And God said, Let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving creature that hath life, and fowl that may fly above the earth in the open firmament of heaven. And God created great whales, and every living creature that moveth, which the waters brought forth abundantly, after their kind, and every winged fowl after his kind: and God saw that it was good. And God blessed them, saying, Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let fowl multiply in the earth. And the evening and the morning were the fifth day. Genesis 1:20-23

VII. **Day Six – Land Animals and Man**

- a. Note animals: cattle, beast, everything that creepeth.
- b. Mankind – after God's image
- c. Let US make man in OUR image
- d. God creates Male and Female
- e. God gives dominion

And God said, Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth after his kind: and it was so. And God made the beast of the earth after his kind, and cattle after their kind, and every thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind: and God saw that it was good.

And 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 fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth. Verses 24-28

VIII. God pronounces “Very good”

- a. God declares reproduction of the plants
- b. God declares the plants for food because they reproduce

*And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat. And to every beast of the earth, and to every fowl of the air, and to every thing that creepeth upon the earth, wherein there is life, I have given every green herb for meat: and it was so. And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day. **Verses 29-31***

In the beginning — part 2

Creationism is foundational to understanding God

I. God's answer to Job (Job 38:1-13)

*Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind, and said,
Who is this that darkeneth counsel
by words without knowledge?*

*Gird up now thy loins like a man;
for I will demand of thee, and answer thou me.*

*Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth?
declare, if thou hast understanding.*

*Who hath laid the measures thereof, if thou knowest?
or who hath stretched the line upon it?*

*Whereupon are the foundations thereof fastened?
or who laid the corner stone thereof;*

*When the morning stars sang together,
and all the sons of God shouted for joy?*

*Or who shut up the sea with doors,
when it brake forth, as if it had issued out of the womb?*

*When I made the cloud the garment thereof,
and thick darkness a swaddlingband for it,
And brake up for it my decreed place,*

*and set bars and doors,
And said, Hitherto shalt thou come, but no further:
and here shall thy proud waves be stayed?
Hast thou commanded the morning since thy days;
and caused the dayspring to know his place;
That it might take hold of the ends of the earth,
that the wicked might be shaken out of it?*

II. In creation we see attributes of God

- a. Omniscience – all knowing
- b. Omnipotence – all powerful
- c. Omnipresent – everywhere
- d. Unity - Trinity
- e. Infinite
- f. Eternal
- g. Sovereign
- h. Holy
- i. Righteousness
- j. Justice
- k. Love
- l. Grace

m. Mercy

n. Truth

o. Transcendent, Incomparable

III. Creation shows importance of Salvation

Romans 8:22

For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now.

IV. Creation shows God's Love - God reveals Himself to man

V. Creation shows man's finiteness – Job 40:3-5

*Then Job answered the Lord, and said,
Behold, I am vile; what shall I answer thee?
I will lay mine hand upon my mouth.
Once have I spoken; but I will not answer:
yea, twice; but I will proceed no further.*

In defense of a Young Earth

Genesis 1:1-19

- I. The book of Genesis is History
 - a. Not poetic, prophecy or parable.
 - b. Jesus regarded it as history (Mark 10:6)

- II. The Hebrew word *Yom* – literal 24 hour day
 - Used in this way throughout the OT

III. God spoke things into complete existence

* Nothing had to “evolve” – man was born an adult, Sun was shining, water was flowing, etc.

- Psalm 33:6-9

IV. Biblical account vastly different from Evolution

- Differs in at least 30 ways from Evolution

- a. Earth before the sun or stars
 - b. Birds before dinosaurs
 - c. Earth covered with water
- V. No death before the fall – contrary to Evolutionary fossil record
- a. Fossil record created by the Flood
 - b. Dinosaurs did not live after the Flood
- VI. The Genealogies from Adam to Abraham – date an early creation (accepted at 2000 years)
- This sets creation at 4000 BC
- VII. Universally accepted for over 18 centuries

The Great Flood

Genesis 6 & 7

- I. Flood was due to Sin (6:5, 11-13)
 - a. Why so extensive?
 - i. Notice limited number of righteous (6:8-9)
 - ii. Notice length of God's patience (6:3)
 - b. Show's God view of Sin and His Judgement
- II. Environmental change
 - a. Rain (7:11)
 - b. Greenhouse effect
 - c. Dinosaurs
- III. Geographic impact
 - a. Fossil layer
 - b. Vast amounts of land moved – Psalm 104
 - c. Shifting plates (Genesis 10:25)

IV. Views of the flood

- a. Myth – to the unbelieving
- b. Chronological difficulties
- c. The Rainbow (9:13)