

Genesis: The Epic Story of Beginnings

Lesson Two • Genesis 1:1–2:3 The Creation of the Universe

Fact or Fable?

Can we take Genesis 1 literally and believe what it says about the creation of the universe?

What Do We Discover in the Genesis Creation Account?

1. We Discover the SOURCE of Creation!

The Source of Creation

By the power of His WORD God supernaturally created the universe.

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

By the word of the Lord the heavens were made, all the host of them by the breath of His mouth. Psalm 33:6

For He spoke and it was done; He commanded and it stood fast. Psalm 33:9

By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what is visible. Hebrews 11:3

2. We Discover the SCOPE of Creation!

The Scope of Creation

God created the "HEAVENS and the EARTH" (the entirety of the universe and everything in it) out of nothing—"ex nihilo".

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

He determines the number of the stars and calls them each by name. Psalm 147:4

The heavens declare the glory of God and the sky above proclaims His handiwork. Psalm 19:1 ESV

3. We Discover the SEQUENCE of Creation!

The Sequence of Creation

Initially the earth was unformed, unfashioned, and uninhabited. But in six days God FORMS the earth and then FILLS the earth, thereby bringing order and beauty out of chaos and darkness.

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. Genesis 1:1-2

Forming the Earth	Filling the Earth
Day 1: Light & Darkness (vs. 3-5)	Day 4: Sun, Moon & Stars (vs. 14-19)
Day 2: Sky & Seas (vs. 6-8)	Day 5: Birds & Fish (vs. 20-23)
Day 3: Land & Plants (vs. 9-13)	Day 6: Animals & Man (vs. 24-31)
Day 7: God's Rest (vs. 2:1-3)	

Four Observations about Creation

- It is GOD'S creation. *Genesis 1:31a*
- It was a GOOD creation. *Genesis 1:31b*
- It is now a GROANING creation. *Romans 8:18-22*
- It will again be a GLORIOUS creation. *2Peter 3:13 Revelation 21:1*

4. We Discover the SAVIOR of Creation!

The Savior of Creation

The God who created you is the Savior who DIED for you to redeem you.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. John 1:1-3

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. John 3:16

Creation Is a Gift from God

Therefore, let us ENJOY creation, but EXALT the Creator.

Command those who are rich in this present age not to be haughty, nor to trust in uncertain riches but in the living God, who gives us richly all things to enjoy. 1Timothy 6:17

"You are worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and by Your will they exist and were created." Revelation 4:11

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