

## Lesson One: The Creation and Corruption of all things

### 1. Creation: chapters 1-2

- a. Genesis 1:1 this is a summary statement telling us **what God Did** – It presents the **floodlight view** of creation or takes one sweeping look at the heaven and the earth and identifies God as the maker.
- b. Genesis 1:2-25 is a detailed list telling us how God created all things – presents the **spotlight view** of creation highlighting each of the days and the particular categories of creation.
- c. Ge 1:1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth is a **summary** statement
- d. Ge 1:1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth is a **refutation** statement
  - i. It refutes Atheism - It says there is a God
  - ii. It refutes Polytheism – There is but one God
  - iii. It refutes Evolution – He created all things
  - iv. It refutes pantheism – He is apart from his creation
  - v. It refutes materialism – There was a beginning to creation
  - vi. It refutes fatalism – There was a purpose to creation
- e. God is a **plural** word: Elohim indicating plurality of existence. Note
  - i. God created: The Father (verse 1)
  - ii. The Spirit moved: The Spirit (verse 2)
  - iii. God spoke: The Son – The spoken word (verse 3)
  - iv. What about the “Gap Theory”? The gap theory (is a theory like evolution) suggests that there was a creation in verse one, an indeterminate amount of time including the fall of Lucifer and his followers the marring of the perfect universe and the resulting void in verse 2. In verse two begins the detailed remake of the previously judged earth.
- f. Heaven is a **plural** word
  - i. 1<sup>st</sup> Heaven - where the birds fly and the clouds form. (Dan 4:12; Mt 6:26)
  - ii. 2<sup>nd</sup> Heaven – Home to the sun moon and stars. (Ps 19:1)
  - iii. 3<sup>rd</sup> Heaven – Home to angels and departed saints. (2 Cor 12:2)
- g. The days of Creation

- i. Day one: Light. (1:2-5) the Spirit of God moved (vibrated) and the movement created three force fields that are now in effect.
  1. Gravitational pull – the force between two objects. All planets and stars have it.
  2. Electro-magnetic – the force between the electron and the nucleus of an atom.
  3. Nuclear - the force between proton and neutron in the Atom.
- ii. Day two: Water and the two main separations (1:6-8)
  1. Land based oceans, lakes and rivers and fountains of the deep.
  2. Atmospheric vapor – this may have accounted for the longevity of life before the flood.
- iii. Day three: gathering of waters dry land and Plant life (1:9-13)
  1. Plants began on dry ground. This is important because theistic evolution says that all life began in the primordial slime in the oceans.
  2. Moses said plant life began on dry ground.
  3. Man had food to eat from day one... no planting. How hysterical to think that evolution could happen over eons. Did the food evolve at the same rate? Ridiculous!
- iv. Day four: Creation of sun moon stars and planets (1:14-19)
  1. Why would the earth be made before the sun and stars?
    - a. Priority
    - b. Prevention (Jam 1:17)
- v. Day Five: Fish and fowl (1:20-23)
- vi. Day Six: Land animals and man. (1:24-31)
  1. Man is the highlight of all of God's creation. He is made in the image of God. (1:26)
    - a. Plants have unconscious life
    - b. Animals have conscious life
    - c. Man has self – conscious life.
  2. He is to subdue the earth and fill it (reproduce) (1:28)
  3. He is encouraged to enjoy the Tree of Life and all other except one. (2:9,16-17)
  4. He was to name all the animals. (2:19)
  5. He was given a wife. (2:18-25)

- vii. Day Seven: God rested. Later he will appoint a day of rest as part of the normal life cycle for man in the law.
- viii. Were they 24 hours days? Yes.
  - 1. The numerical adjective **yom** modifying day indicates this
  - 2. **Moses** believed it (Ex 20:11; 31:17)
  - 3. **David** believed it ( Ps 33:6-9)
  - 4. **Common sense** demands it. Evening and morning made one day. God rested on the seventh day and told man to do the same. Would he tell man to rest for an entire age?
- 2. Corruption: chapters 3-5 – The fall of Adam constitutes the first major defining moment.
  - a. Enter Satan (3:1) – He by-passed Adam and spoke to Eve.
    - i. He spoke through a **serpent**.
      - 1. The serpent was beautiful at first. (3:14)
      - 2. The serpent became the symbol of treachery (Ps 58:4; Mt 23:33; Rev 12:9; Rev 20:2)
    - ii. He spoke words of **treason**
      - 1. He planted the **doubt** of God's word (3:1)
      - 2. He outright **denied** God's word (3:4)
      - 3. He completely **deluded** Eve: (see 1 John 2:15-17)
      - 4. He promised her the status of **deity**. – Ge 3:4
    - iii. Enter Adam: (3:6) When Adam sinned the race fell. Even though Eve was first to sin she was not responsible for the race. (Rom 5:12; 2 Cor 11:3; 1 Tim 2:14)
      - 1. First he tried to hide his nakedness (3:7) (Mt 17:2)
      - 2. Finally he tried to hide from God. (3:8) (Ps 69:5; Ps 139:7; Mt 10:26; Rev 6:15-17)
      - 3. The blame game began. (3:12-13)
  - b. Reading of the sentence for sin: (3:14-19)
    - i. Upon man: **wearisome toil**
    - ii. Upon woman: **Suffering** in childbirth – unkind rule of man over woman
    - iii. Upon nature: **thorns and thistles** - perpetual groaning. (Rom 8:19-22)
    - iv. The second law of thermodynamics kicked in.(He 1:10-12)
    - v. Upon the serpent: to **crawl** upon its belly.

- vi. Upon the seed of Woman: to suffer a **bruised heel**.
- vii. Upon Satan: To suffer a fatal head wound. Verse 15
- c. God of Grace: (3:22-24)
  - i. He **sought** Adam out. (3:9) (Isa 1:18; Isa 55:1-3; Jn 7:37,38; Rev 22:17; Luke 19:10)
  - ii. He **promised** a Savior. (3:15)
  - iii. He **clothed** them. (3:21) (Isa 64:6; Rev 19:7-8)
  - iv. He **removed them** from the Garden (3:24) The Tree of Life disappears from the Bible and from earth until we get to Revelation 22:1-2
- d. Chapter 4 evidence of the curse
  - i. 1<sup>st</sup> **murder**
  - ii. 1<sup>st</sup> **Polygamy**
- e. Chapter 5 evidence of godliness
  - i. Enoch was the first to walk with God
  - ii. Noah was the second to find grace in his sight.

1 Co 15:47 *The first man was of the earth, made of dust; the second Man is the Lord from heaven.*

Adam:	Christ
Gen 2:17 He introduced death	Heb 2:9 He dealt with death
Gen 3:17 He introduced nakedness	Jn 19:23 He dealt with nakedness
Gen 3:14 He introduced a curse	Gal 3:13 He dealt with the curse
Gen 3:17 He introduced sorrow	Isa 53:3 He dealt with sorrow
Gen 3:18 He introduced thorns	Jn 19:5 He dealt with thorns
Gen 3:19 He introduced sweat	Luke 22:44 He dealt with sweat
Gen 3:24 He introduced the sword	Jn 19:34 He dealt with the sword.

Summary: the first defining moment was when Adam and Eve sinned and with them the whole creation. Yet God had a plan!

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Is 45:18 For thus says the LORD, Who created the heavens, Who is God, Who formed the earth and made it, Who has established it, Who did not create it in vain, Who formed it to be inhabited: “I am the LORD, and there is no other.”

Je 4:23 I beheld the earth, and indeed it was without form, and void; And the heavens, they had no light. Job 26:7 He stretches out the north over empty space; He hangs the earth on nothing.

Dt 32:10 “He found him in a desert land And in the wasteland, a howling wilderness; He encircled him, He instructed him, He kept him as the apple of His eye.

Jon 3:3 So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, a three-day journey in extent.

Ps 104:20 You make darkness, and it is night, In which all the beasts of the forest creep about.

Ex 40:34 Then the cloud covered the tabernacle of meeting, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle.

1 Ki 18:33 And he put the wood in order, cut the bull in pieces, and laid it on the wood, and said, “Fill four water pots with water, and pour it on the burnt sacrifice and on the wood.”

Ps 107:9 For He satisfies the longing soul, And fills the hungry soul with goodness.

Da 4:12 Its leaves were lovely, Its fruit abundant, And in it was food for all. The beasts of the field found shade under it, The birds of the heavens dwelt in its branches, And all flesh was fed from it.

Mt 6:26 Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?

Ps 19:1 The heavens declare the glory of God; And the firmament shows His handiwork.

2 Co 12:2 I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago—whether in the body I do not know, or whether out of the body I do not know, God knows—such a one was caught up to the third heaven.

NKJV | Col 1:17 And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist.

NLT | Col 1:17 °He °existed before °anything else, and °he holds all °creation together.

Ps 8:3 When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, The moon and the stars, which You have ordained,

Ro 1:19 because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them. 20 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,

Jas 1:17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.

Ge 2:9 And out of the ground the LORD God made every tree grow that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

Ge 2:16 And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, “Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; 17 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.”

Ge 2:19 Out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to Adam to see what he would call them. And whatever Adam called each living creature, that was its name.

Ps 58:4 Their poison is like the poison of a serpent; They are like the deaf cobra that stops its ear,

Mt 23:33 Serpents, brood of vipers! How can you escape the condemnation of hell?

Re 12:9 So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

Re 20:2 He laid hold of the dragon, that serpent of old, who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years;

1 Jn 2:15 Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 16 For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world. 17 And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.

Ge 3:4 Then the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. 5 For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

Ro 5:12 Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned—

2 Co 11:3 But I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, so your minds may be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.

1 Ti 2:14 And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived, fell into transgression.

Mt 17:2 and He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light.

Ps 69:5 O God, You know my foolishness; And my sins are not hidden from You.

Ps 139:7 Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence?

Mt 10:26 Therefore do not fear them. For there is nothing covered that will not be revealed, and hidden that will not be known.

Re 6:15 And the kings of the earth, the great men, the rich men, the commanders, the mighty men, every slave and every free man, hid themselves in the caves and in the rocks of the mountains, 16 and said to the mountains and rocks, “Fall on us and hide us from the face of Him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb! 17 For the great day of His wrath has come, and who is able to stand?”

Ro 8:19 For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God. 20 For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it in hope; 21 because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. 22 For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now.

Heb 1:10 And: “You, LORD, in the beginning laid the foundation of the earth, And the heavens are the work of Your hands. 11 They will perish, but You remain; And they will all grow old like a garment; 12 Like a cloak You will fold them up, And they will be changed. But You are the same, And Your years will not fail.”

Is 1:18 “Come now, and let us reason together,” Says the LORD, “Though your sins are like scarlet, They shall be as white as snow; Though they are red like crimson, They shall be as wool.

Is 55:1 “Ho! Everyone who thirsts, Come to the waters; And you who have no money, Come, buy and eat. Yes, come, buy wine and milk Without money and without price. 2 Why do you spend money for what is not bread, And your wages for what does not satisfy? Listen carefully to Me, and eat what is good, And let your soul delight itself in abundance. 3

Incline your ear, and come to Me. Hear, and your soul shall live; And I will make an everlasting covenant with you— The sure mercies of David.

Jn 7:37 On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. 38 He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.”

Re 22:17 And the Spirit and the bride say, “Come!” And let him who hears say, “Come!” And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely.

Lk 19:10 for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.”

Is 64:6 But we are all like an unclean thing, And all our righteousnesses are like filthy rags; We all fade as a leaf, And our iniquities, like the wind, Have taken us away.

Re 19:7 Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready.” 8 And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.

Re 22:1 And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God and of the Lamb. 2 In the middle of its street, and on either side of the river, was the tree of life, which bore twelve fruits, each tree yielding its fruit every month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.