

GENESIS

TITLE Hebrew: In the beginning
Greek (LXX): Geneseis = birth; lineage; (origins), genao = to be born, give birth
Latin Vulgate: Genesis

Genesis is the first of the 5 books of the Pentateuch, the first 5 books of the Hebrew Bible, attributed to Moses. Pentateuch originates from the late Greek “penta” = 5 + “teuchos” = tool, vessel, book.

I. STRUCTURE

1:1 - 2:3 Introduction
2:4 "these are the generations (genesis) of the heavens and the earth"
5:1 "these are the generations of Adam"
6:9 "these are the generations of Noah"
10:1 "these are the generations of the sons of Noah"
11:10 "these are the generations of Shem"
11:27 "these are the generations of Terah"
25:12 "these are the generations of Ishmael"
25:19 "these are the generations of Isaac"
36:1 "these are the generations of Esau"
37:2 "these are the generations of Jacob"

II. Author & Date

A. The book of Genesis does not name its author, though the Pentateuch itself shows Moses involved in the authoring of the first 5 books of the Old Testament.

Exodus 24:3-7 Then Moses came and recounted to the people all the words of the LORD and all the ordinances; and all the people answered with one voice and said, "All the words which the LORD has spoken we will do!"⁴ **Moses wrote down all the words of the LORD.** Then he arose early in the morning, and built an altar at the foot of the mountain with twelve pillars for the twelve tribes of Israel.⁵ He sent young men of the sons of Israel, and they offered burnt offerings and sacrificed young bulls as peace offerings to the LORD.⁶ Moses took half of the blood and put *it* in basins, and the *other* half of the blood he sprinkled on the altar.⁷ **Then he took the book of the covenant and read it in the hearing of the people;** and they said, "All that the LORD has spoken we will do, and we will be obedient!"

Deuteronomy 31:24 It came about, **when Moses finished writing the words of this law in a book until they were complete,**²⁵ that Moses commanded the Levites who carried the ark of the covenant of the LORD, saying,²⁶ "Take this book of the law and place it beside the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God, that it may remain there as a witness against you.

B. The New Testament indicates that the author of the Pentateuch, including Genesis, was Moses, with “the book of Moses” referring to the entire Pentateuch.

Mark 12:26 "But regarding the fact that the dead rise again, have you not read in **the book of Moses,** in the *passage* about *the burning* bush, how God spoke to him, saying, 'I AM THE GOD OF ABRAHAM, AND THE GOD OF ISAAC, and the God of Jacob '?

Luke 20:28 and they questioned Him, saying, "Teacher, **Moses wrote for us** that IF A MAN'S BROTHER DIES, having a wife, AND HE IS CHILDLESS, HIS BROTHER SHOULD MARRY THE WIFE AND RAISE UP CHILDREN TO HIS BROTHER (Deut 25:5).

Luke 24:27 NAU) Then **beginning with Moses** and with all the prophets, He explained to them the things concerning Himself in all the Scriptures ... 44 Now He said to them, "These are My words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things which are **written about Me in the Law of Moses** and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled."

John 1:45 Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found Him of whom **Moses in the Law** and *also* the Prophets **wrote**-- Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph."

John 5:46 "For if you believed **Moses**, you would believe Me, for **he wrote about Me**.

Romans 10:5 For **Moses writes** that the man who practices the righteousness which is based on law shall live by that righteousness (Lev 18:5).

2 Corinthians 3:15 But to this day **whenever Moses is read**, a veil lies over their heart;

- C. Critical scholars such as Julius Wellhausen and his disciples have denied Mosaic authorship, suggesting multiple later authors (JEDP), and as late as 1893 espousing the view that writing was not employed until around the time of David, so that Moses couldn't have written the Pentateuch, even if he had wanted to.
1. I say this to encourage us to be patient in the face of claims that deny what the Scriptures obviously state, not shaken in your faith in the Word of God and the God of the Word. In 1901 an archaeological expedition found a 7.4 foot stele with the law code of the Babylonian king, Hammurabi inscribed on it, dating back to 1754 BC, over 200 years before the birth of Moses. (show slide) Conservative scholars date Israel's exodus from Egypt around 1446 BC when Moses was 80 years old (he lived to 120, Deut. 34:7).
 2. Believers a hundred years before the code of Hammurabi was discovered still needed to accept by faith the Word of God's witness to Mosaic authorship, even without objective proof that writing was employed during his life. Today we no doubt must also believe without having objective proof to answer all denials of what God's Word is saying. Perhaps some objective answers will be discovered later to silence the critics, but in the meantime we must patiently wait for the Lord, not argue with supposed objective evidence that is fabricated, baseless, sloppily deduced.

Hebrews 11:3 **By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God**, so that what is seen was not made out of things which are visible.

- D. Mosaic authorship does not preclude/rule out editing work done by Moses or his successors (E.g., Joshua).
1. The material of Genesis all takes place before the birth of Moses. He might have been led by God's Spirit to include information from genealogies and records handed down from earlier authors and compilers - perhaps Noah, Abraham, Joseph, etc. The Spirit moves on the biblical authors to both reveal truth and to select/edit truth.

Joshua 10:13 So the sun stood still, and the moon stopped, until the nation avenged themselves of their enemies. **Is it not written in the book of Jashar?** And the sun stopped in the middle of the sky and did not hasten to go *down* for about a whole day.

1 Kings 11:41 Now the rest of the acts of Solomon and whatever he did, and his wisdom, are they not written in the **book of the acts of Solomon?**

2 Chronicles 9:29 Now the rest of the acts of Solomon, from first to last, are they not written in **the records of Nathan the prophet, and in the prophecy of Ahijah the Shilonite, and in the visions of Iddo the seer** concerning Jeroboam the son of Nebat?

Proverbs 25:1 These also are **proverbs of Solomon which the men of Hezekiah, king of Judah, transcribed**.

2. There is evidence of some editing of Moses's work (by Joshua?) within the Pentateuch.
 - a. E.g., Deuteronomy 34 which describes the death and burial of Moses.

Deuteronomy 34:1 Now Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho. And the LORD showed him all the land ... ⁸ **So the sons of Israel wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the days of weeping and mourning for Moses came to an end.** ⁹ Now Joshua the son of Nun was filled with the spirit of wisdom, for Moses had laid his hands on him; and the sons of Israel listened to him and did as the LORD had commanded Moses. ¹⁰ **Since that time no prophet has risen in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face,**

- b. E.g., Genesis 14:14, where Abram pursued “as far as Dan” four invading kings who took Lot hostage. Since the tribe of Dan did not receive its inheritance of land by lot until after the death of Moses (Joshua 19:40-48), this would be unintelligible to Moses’s readers, even if Moses received by revelation advanced information of Dan’s inheritance while writing Genesis (which is nowhere suggested - he was shown Dan’s inheritance just before his death on Mt. Nebo, Deut. 34:1).

Genesis 14:14 When **Abram** heard that his relative had been taken captive, he led out his trained men, born in his house, three hundred and eighteen, and **went in pursuit as far as Dan**.

Joshua 19:40 **The seventh lot fell to the tribe of the sons of Dan** according to their families. ... The territory of the sons of Dan proceeded beyond them; **for the sons of Dan went up and fought with Leshem and captured it**. Then they struck it with the edge of the sword **and possessed it and settled in it; and they called Leshem Dan** after the name of Dan their father.

III. Recipients of Genesis

Depending on when during the 40 years in the wilderness Moses wrote Genesis, it could have been beneficial for the wilderness generation as Exodus and Leviticus certainly were, but would with the rest of the Pentateuch have been delivered in its final form to their children and children’s children.

IV. Purpose of Genesis

- A. With the children and grandchildren of the wilderness generation taking possession of the land of promise, it would have been tempting to forget the Lord and to adopt the gods and practices of the surrounding nations, or of Egypt from which they had departed. Genesis encourages God’s people to worship, fear, trust in Him alone as the only true God, Who is the source of every blessing and all that is truly good. I.e., don’t turn to Baal to bless your crops and herds with fertility - rather call upon the Lord.

Acts 7:39 "Our fathers were unwilling to be obedient to him, but repudiated him and **in their hearts turned back to Egypt**,⁴⁰ **SAYING TO AARON, 'MAKE FOR US GODS WHO WILL GO BEFORE US; FOR THIS MOSES WHO LED US OUT OF THE LAND OF EGYPT-- WE DO NOT KNOW WHAT HAPPENED TO HIM.'**⁴¹ **At that time they made a calf and brought a sacrifice to the idol**, and were rejoicing in the works of their hands.

Deuteronomy 8:10 "When you have eaten and are satisfied, you shall bless the LORD your God for the good land which He has given you."¹¹ **Beware that you do not forget the LORD your God** by not keeping His commandments and His ordinances and His statutes which I am commanding you today;

1. Notice the points of contact between the creation account of Genesis 1 & 2 and Moses’ words to the children of the wilderness generation as they were about to take possession of their inheritance across the Jordan. They were to understand that they were being given in measure an imperfect yet good “redo” of what Adam and Eve faced in the garden, the temptation coming from the surrounding nations under the power of the old serpent, the devil.

Genesis 1:28 God blessed them; and God said to them, **"Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and rule over** the fish of the sea and the birds of the sky and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

Deuteronomy 8:1 "All the commandments that I am commanding you today you shall be careful to do, **that you may live and multiply, and go in and possess the land** which the LORD swore to give to your forefathers.

Genesis 1:12 The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed after their kind, and trees bearing fruit with seed in them, after their kind; and **God saw that it was good**. 29 Then God said, "Behold, **I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the surface of all the earth, and every tree which has fruit yielding seed; it shall be food for you;**

Deuteronomy 8:7 "For the LORD your God is bringing you into **a good land**, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and springs, flowing forth in valleys and hills;⁸ **a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive oil and honey;**⁹ **a land where you will eat food without scarcity**

Genesis 2:17 but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat from it **you will surely die.**"

Deuteronomy 8:19 "It shall come about if you ever forget the LORD your God and go after other gods and serve them and worship them, I testify against you today that **you will surely perish.**

2. The creation account in Genesis 1 & 2 is intended to instill faith in God alone. Notice it does not specify everything God created - E.g., the angels. So why did God include the particular elements in this significant yet select list of what He did create? Fallen humanity, whether the Egyptians or Canaanites, worshiped the visible creation. God is reminding His people that He created all the things the peoples vainly worship, so that Israel will worship Yahweh alone. The plagues by which God brought Egypt to its knees and brought out the Israelites to be His chosen people were attacks on gods of the Egyptians, who worship the Nile, cattle, frogs, sun, Pharaoh and his first born descendants, etc. The Canaanites worship Prince Yam, the sea god, and Baal, the god of the storm and fertility.

- a. 7:6-13 Preliminary posturing with power (or "saber rattling")
- b. 7:14-24 First plague - Nile River to blood
- c. 7:25 - 8:15 Second plague - frogs
- d. 8:16-19 Third plague - gnats (8:19, magicians could not replicate)
- e. 8:20-32 Fourth plague - flies
- f. 9:1-7 Fifth plague - livestock
- g. 9:8-12 Sixth plague - boils
- h. 9:13-35 Seventh plague - hail
- i. 10:1-20 Eighth plague - locusts
- j. 10:21-29 Ninth plague - darkness
- k. 11:1-10 Tenth plague - death of the firstborn

Romans 1:22 Professing to be wise, they became fools,²³ and exchanged the glory of the incorruptible God for an image in the form of corruptible man and of birds and four-footed animals and crawling creatures.²⁴ Therefore God gave them over in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, so that their bodies would be dishonored among them.²⁵ For they exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.

B. Prominent themes in Genesis that further this purpose include ...

1. Blessing. A prominent theme in Genesis is "blessing" (Hebrew: barak), along with the antithetical/contrasting theme of "curse."

Genesis 5:2 He created them male and female, and **He blessed them** and named them man in the day when they were created.

Genesis 9:1 And **God blessed Noah and his sons** and said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth.

Genesis 12:1 Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go forth from your country, and from your relatives and from your father's house, to the land which I will show you;² And I will make you a great nation, and **I will bless you**, and make your name great; and so **you shall be a blessing**;³ And **I will bless those who bless you**, and the one who curses you I will curse. And **in you all the families of the earth will be blessed.**"

Genesis 22:18 "**In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed**, because you have obeyed My voice."

Genesis 26:3 Sojourn in this land and I will be with you and bless you, for to you and to your descendants I will give all these lands, and I will establish the oath which I swore to your father Abraham.⁴ "I will multiply your descendants as the stars of heaven, and will give your descendants all these lands; and **by your descendants all the nations of the earth shall be blessed**;

Genesis 28:13 And behold, the LORD stood above it and said, "I am the LORD, the God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie, I will give it to you and to your descendants.¹⁴ "Your descendants will also be like the dust of the earth, and you will spread out to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and **in you and in your descendants shall all the families of the earth be blessed.**

Genesis 49:28 All these are the twelve tribes of Israel, and this is what their father said to them when **he blessed them. He blessed them, every one with the blessing appropriate to him.**

Galatians 3:13 Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law, having become a curse for us-- for it is written, "CURSED IS EVERYONE WHO HANGS ON A TREE "-- ¹⁴ **in order that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles**, so that we would receive the promise of the Spirit through faith. ... ¹⁶ Now the promises were spoken to Abraham and to his seed. He does not say, "And to seeds," as *referring* to many, but *rather* to one, "**And to your seed," that is, Christ.**

Galatians 3:29 And **if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed** (sperma), heirs according to promise.

a. We see in the creation account that God is the source of all blessing, that His desire is to be a blessing and bring blessing to His creation, demonstrated in that He created it "good." Related to blessing are the themes of good and evil. What is good is a blessing, what is evil is not, but results in curse.

Genesis 1:22 **God blessed them**, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth."

Genesis 1:28 **God blessed them**; and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

Genesis 1:31 **God saw all that He had made, and behold, it was very good.** And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

b. God is a blessing, because He is good. The creation account reveals not only God's wisdom and power, but also His divine nature as being "good," and therefore, a blessing for all who call upon Him. When we by faith in Him conform to what He created us to be and what is good, we enjoy His blessing.

Psalms 119:68 You are good and do good; Teach me Your statutes.

Psalms 86:5 For You, Lord, are good, and ready to forgive, and abundant in lovingkindness to all who call upon You.

Psalms 145:9 The LORD is good to all, and His mercies are over all His works.

2. A dominant theme of Genesis and throughout the Pentateuch is: "**I will be with you,**" encouraging us to put our faith in the Lord. If God is with us, He will bless us (Gen. 26:3).

Genesis 21:22 Now it came about at that time that Abimelech and Phicol, the commander of his army, spoke to Abraham, saying, "**God is with you** in all that you do;

Genesis 26:3 "Sojourn in this land and **I will be with you and bless you**, for to you and to your descendants I will give all these lands, and I will establish the oath which I swore to your father Abraham.

Genesis 24:40 "He said to me, '**The LORD**, before whom I have walked, **will send His angel with you** to make your journey successful, and you will take a wife for my son from my relatives and from my father's house;

Genesis 31:3 Then the LORD said to Jacob, "Return to the land of your fathers and to your relatives, and **I will be with you.**"

Genesis 48:21 Then Israel said to Joseph, "Behold, I am about to die, but **God will be with you**, and bring you back to the land of your fathers.

Genesis 50:24 Joseph said to his brothers, "I am about to die, but **God will surely take care of you** and bring you up from this land to the land which He promised on oath to Abraham, to Isaac and to Jacob."

Matthew 28:20 teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, **I am with you always**, even to the end of the age."

3. Covenant. God is a faithful, covenant keeping God who establishes His covenant in order to bring about blessing upon His creation. God's covenant with Abraham in Genesis provides the basis for the exodus from Egypt and for Exodus as a book of the covenant.

Genesis 6:18 "But **I will establish My covenant with you**; and you shall enter the ark-- you and your sons and your wife, and your sons' wives with you.

Genesis 9:9 "Now behold, **I Myself do establish My covenant with you, and with your descendants after you; and with every living creature that is with you**, the birds, the cattle, and every beast of the earth with you; of all that comes out of the ark, even every beast of the earth. ¹¹ "**I establish My covenant with you**; and all flesh shall never again be cut off by the water of the flood, neither shall there again be a flood to destroy the earth."

Genesis 15:18 On that day **the LORD made a covenant with Abram**, saying, "To your descendants I have given this land, from the river of Egypt as far as the great river, the river Euphrates:

Genesis 17:4 "As for Me, behold, **My covenant is with you**, and you will be the father of a multitude of nations. ... ⁷ "**I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your descendants after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant**, to be God to you and to your descendants after you.

Exodus 2:24 So God heard their groaning; and **God remembered His covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob**. ²⁵ God saw the sons of Israel, and God took notice of them.

Exodus 24:7 Then he took **the book of the covenant** and read it in the hearing of the people; and they said, "All that the LORD has spoken we will do, and we will be obedient!"

4. Justification by faith in the Lord. Faith which finds saving favor with God is explicitly stated in several ways (E.g., believe/faith, call on the name of the Lord, walking with God) or implicitly demonstrated by obedience. Wisdom begins to emerge by faith in the Lord, a wisdom that Adam & Eve mistakenly sought through disobedience. Wisdom cannot be developed by doing evil, for evil undermines and destroys God's good creation and its intended blessing. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

a. Explicitly

Genesis 4:26 To Seth, to him also a son was born; and he called his name Enosh. **Then men began to call upon the name of the LORD**.

Romans 10:13 for "WHOEVER WILL CALL ON THE NAME OF THE LORD WILL BE SAVED."

1 Corinthians 1:2 To the church of God which is at Corinth, to those who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus, saints by calling, **with all who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, their Lord and ours**:

Genesis 5:21 Enoch lived sixty-five years, and became the father of Methuselah. ²² Then **Enoch walked with God** three hundred years after he became the father of Methuselah, and he had *other* sons and daughters. ²³ So all the days of Enoch were three hundred and sixty-five years. ²⁴ **Enoch walked with God**; and he was not, for God took him.

Hebrews 11:5 **By faith Enoch was taken up so that he would not see death**; AND HE WAS NOT FOUND BECAUSE GOD TOOK HIM UP; for he obtained the witness that before his being taken up **he was pleasing to God**.

Genesis 15:6 **Then he believed in the LORD**; and He reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Romans 4:9 Is this blessing then on the circumcised, or on the uncircumcised also? For we say, "**FAITH WAS CREDITED TO ABRAHAM AS RIGHTEOUSNESS**." ¹⁰ How then was it credited? While he was circumcised, or uncircumcised? Not while circumcised, but while uncircumcised; ¹¹ and he received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness of the faith which he had while uncircumcised, **so that he might be the father of all who believe without being circumcised, that righteousness might be credited to them**, ¹² and the father of circumcision to those who not only are of the circumcision, **but who also follow in the steps of the faith of our father Abraham** which he had while uncircumcised.

b. Implicitly

Genesis 6:13 Then God said to Noah, "The end of all flesh has come before Me; for the earth is filled with violence because of them; and behold, I am about to destroy them with the earth. ¹⁴ "Make for yourself an ark of gopher wood; you shall make the ark with rooms, and shall cover it inside and out with pitch. ... ²² **Thus Noah did; according to all that God had commanded him, so he did.**

Hebrews 11:7 **By faith Noah**, being warned *by God* about things not yet seen, **in reverence prepared an ark** for the salvation of his household, **by which he condemned the world, and became an heir of the righteousness which is according to faith.**

Genesis 12:1 Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go forth from your country, and from your relatives and from your father's house, to the land which I will show you; ... ⁴ **So Abram went forth as the LORD had spoken to him;** and Lot went with him. Now Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

Hebrews 11:8 **By faith Abraham**, when he was called, **obeyed** by going out to a place which he was to receive for an inheritance; and he went out, not knowing where he was going.

Genesis 22:16 and said, "By Myself I have sworn, declares the LORD, **because you have done this thing and have not withheld your son, your only son,** ¹⁷ **indeed I will greatly bless you**, and I will greatly multiply your seed as the stars of the heavens and as the sand which is on the seashore; and your seed shall possess the gate of their enemies. ¹⁸ "In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, **because you have obeyed My voice.**"

Hebrews 11:17 **By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac**, and he who had received the promises was offering up his only begotten *son*;

Hebrews 11:13 **All these died in faith**, without receiving the promises, but having seen them and having welcomed them from a distance, and having confessed that they were strangers and exiles on the earth.

C. These themes portray how and why God set about to establish his plan of blessing through the seed of Abraham.

1. At each stage of redemptive history, as evil threatened to jeopardize the blessing, the Lord either prevented it (Gen 20:6) or overcame it with good (Gen 50:20), because His purpose to bring blessing and good to His people and His creation will not be thwarted, but will depend on His righteousness, wisdom, and power.
2. Genesis 1-11 explains the reason for setting apart a special people to worship God. Two opposite progressions take place in these chapters. First, there is the orderly creation of God, climaxing in the blessing of humanity. Second, there is the disintegrating work of sin, bringing the curses of pain, death, judgment (flood), and dispersion/division. The first progression demonstrates God's intent to bring about a perfect order of blessing. The second progression demonstrates the great need of God's intervention in the human race to provide a solution to human corruption, ruination, destruction. As the human race multiplied and advanced, it became corrupted beyond repair and was destroyed by God through a flood. After this judgment, however, the new humanity exhibited the old nature. The narrative that proceeds the emergence of Abraham leaves the reader looking for a solution, which comes through the election and plan/promise of blessing through Abraham and his seed, whose development and blessing is the subject of chapters 12 - 50, which end in a way that provides a basis for the Exodus, and reminds us of what we see at the beginning, that God's intention is to bring blessing to His creation, even taking what we intend for evil, and making it into something good.

Genesis 50:20 "As for you, you meant evil against me, *but* **God meant it for good** in order to bring about this present result, to preserve many people alive. (Romans 8:28 And we know that **God causes all things to work together for good** to those who love God, to those who are called according to *His* purpose.)

Genesis 50:24 Joseph said to his brothers, "I am about to die, but **God will surely take care of you and bring you up from this land to the land which He promised on oath to Abraham, to Isaac and to Jacob.**" ²⁵ Then Joseph made the sons of Israel swear, saying, "God will surely take care of you, and you shall carry my bones up from here." ²⁶ So Joseph died at the age of one hundred and ten years; and he was embalmed and placed in a coffin in Egypt.

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Neh 9:6 "You alone are the LORD. You have made the heavens, The heaven of heavens with all their host, The earth and all that is on it, The seas and all that is in them. You give life to all of them And the heavenly host bows down before You.

Isa 42:5 Thus says God the LORD, Who created the heavens and stretched them out, Who spread out the earth and its offspring, Who gives breath to the people on it And spirit to those who walk in it,

Joh 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

Act 17:24 "The God who made the world and all things in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands;

Heb 11:3 By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things which are visible.

Job 38:4 "Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell Me, if you have understanding,

Psa 102:25 "Of old You founded the earth, And the heavens are the work of Your hands.

Isa 45:18 For thus says the LORD, who created the heavens(He is the God who formed the earth and made it, He established it and did not create it a waste place, but formed it to be inhabited), "I am the LORD, and there is none else.

Jer 32:17 Ah Lord GOD! Behold, You have made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and by Your outstretched arm! Nothing is too difficult for You,

Act 14:15 and saying, "Men, why are you doing these things? We are also men of the same nature as you, and preach the gospel to you that you should turn from these vain things to a living God, WHO MADE THE HEAVEN AND THE EARTH AND THE SEA AND ALL THAT IS IN THEM.

Rev 4:11 "Worthy are You, our Lord and our God, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and because of Your will they existed, and were created."

Exo 20:11 "For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and made it holy.

1Ch 16:26 For all the gods of the peoples are idols, But the LORD made the heavens.

Psa 33:6 By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, And by the breath of His mouth all their host.

Psa 115:15 May you be blessed of the LORD, Maker of heaven and earth.

Psa 136:5 To Him who made the heavens with skill, For His lovingkindness is everlasting;

Isa 37:16 "O LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, who is enthroned above the cherubim, You are the God, You alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth. You have made heaven and earth.

Isa 40:28 Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth Does not become weary or tired. His understanding is inscrutable.

Jer 10:12 It is He who made the earth by His power, Who established the world by His wisdom; And by His understanding He has stretched out the heavens.

Act 4:24 And when they heard this, they lifted their voices to God with one accord and said, "O Lord, it is You who MADE THE HEAVEN AND THE EARTH AND THE SEA, AND ALL THAT IS IN THEM,

Col 1:16 For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities all things have been created through Him and for Him.

Heb 1:10 And, "YOU, LORD, IN THE BEGINNING LAID THE FOUNDATION OF THE EARTH, AND THE HEAVENS ARE THE WORKS OF YOUR HANDS;

Rev 10:6 and swore by Him who lives forever and ever, WHO CREATED HEAVEN AND THE THINGS IN IT, AND THE EARTH AND THE THINGS IN IT, AND THE SEA AND THE THINGS IN IT, that there will be delay no longer,

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2Ki 19:15 Hezekiah prayed before the LORD and said, "O LORD, the God of Israel, who are enthroned above the cherubim, You are the God, You alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth. You have made heaven and earth.

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

Psa 89:11 The heavens are Yours, the earth also is Yours; The world and all it contains, You have founded them.

Psa 90:2 Before the mountains were born Or You gave birth to the earth and the world, Even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God.

Psa 96:5 For all the gods of the peoples are idols, But the LORD made the heavens.

Psa 121:2 My help comes from the LORD, Who made heaven and earth.

Psa 146:6 Who made heaven and earth, The sea and all that is in them; Who keeps faith forever;

Psa 148:5 Let them praise the name of the LORD, For He commanded and they were created.

Pro 3:19 The LORD by wisdom founded the earth, By understanding He established the heavens.

Isa 40:22 It is He who sits above the circle of the earth, And its inhabitants are like grasshoppers, Who stretches out the heavens like a curtain And spreads them out like a tent to dwell in.

Isa 44:24 Thus says the LORD, your Redeemer, and the one who formed you from the womb, "I, the LORD, am the maker of all

things, Stretching out the heavens by Myself And spreading out the earth all alone,

Isa 45:12 "It is I who made the earth, and created man upon it. I stretched out the heavens with My hands And I ordained all their host.

Isa 51:13 That you have forgotten the LORD your Maker, Who stretched out the heavens And laid the foundations of the earth, That you fear continually all day long because of the fury of the oppressor, As he makes ready to destroy? But where is the fury of the oppressor?

Jer 51:15 It is He who made the earth by His power, Who established the world by His wisdom, And by His understanding He stretched out the heavens.

Rom 1:20 For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse.

Eph 3:9 and to bring to light what is the administration of the mystery which for ages has been hidden in God who created all things;

Heb 3:4 For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God.

Gen 14:19 He blessed him and said, "Blessed be Abram of God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth;

2Ch 2:12 Then Hiram continued, "Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, who has made heaven and earth, who has given King David a wise son, endowed with discretion and understanding, who will build a house for the LORD and a royal palace for himself.

Job 9:8 Who alone stretches out the heavens And tramples down the waves of the sea;

Job 26:7 "He stretches out the north over empty space And hangs the earth on nothing.

Job 26:13 "By His breath the heavens are cleared; His hand has pierced the fleeing serpent.

Job 37:18 "Can you, with Him, spread out the skies, Strong as a molten mirror?

Psa 24:1 A Psalm of David. The earth is the LORD'S, and all it contains, The world, and those who dwell in it.

Psa 24:2 For He has founded it upon the seas And established it upon the rivers.

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

Psa 89:12 The north and the south, You have created them; Tabor and Hermon shout for joy at Your name.

Psa 95:5 The sea is His, for it was He who made it, And His hands formed the dry land.

Psa 104:2 Covering Yourself with light as with a cloak, Stretching out heaven like a tent curtain.

Psa 104:5 He established the earth upon its foundations, So that it will not totter forever and ever.

Psa 104:24 O LORD, how many are Your works! In wisdom You have made them all; The earth is full of Your possessions.

Psa 104:30 You send forth Your Spirit, they are created; And You renew the face of the ground.

Psa 124:8 Our help is in the name of the LORD, Who made heaven and earth.

Psa 148:4 Praise Him, highest heavens, And the waters that are above the heavens!

Pro 8:22 "The LORD possessed me at the beginning of His way, Before His works of old.

Pro 8:27 "When He established the heavens, I was there, When He inscribed a circle on the face of the deep,

Pro 16:4 The LORD has made everything for its own purpose, Even the wicked for the day of evil.

Pro 26:10 Like an archer who wounds everyone, So is he who hires a fool or who hires those who pass by.

Isa 40:21 Do you not know? Have you not heard? Has it not been declared to you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?

Isa 40:26 Lift up your eyes on high And see who has created these stars, The One who leads forth their host by number, He calls them all by name; Because of the greatness of His might and the strength of His power, Not one of them is missing.

Isa 48:13 "Surely My hand founded the earth, And My right hand spread out the heavens; When I call to them, they stand together.

Isa 51:16 "I have put My words in your mouth and have covered you with the shadow of My hand, to establish the heavens, to found the earth, and to say to Zion, You are My people. "

Jer 27:5 "I have made the earth, the men and the beasts which are on the face of the earth by My great power and by My outstretched arm, and I will give it to the one who is pleasing in My sight.

Zec 12:1 The burden of the word of the LORD concerning Israel. Thus declares the LORD who stretches out the heavens, lays the foundation of the earth, and forms the spirit of man within him,

Mar 13:19 "For those days will be a time of tribulation such as has not occurred since the beginning of the creation which God created until now, and never will.

Joh 1:2 He was in the beginning with God.

Act 7:50 WAS IT NOT MY HAND WHICH MADE ALL THESE THINGS?

Rom 11:36 For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be the glory forever. Amen.

1Co 8:6 yet for us there is but one God, the Father, from whom are all things and we exist for Him; and one Lord, Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we exist through Him.

Col 1:17 He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.

Heb 1:2 in these last days has spoken to us in His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the world.

2Pe 3:5 For when they maintain this, it escapes their notice that by the word of God the heavens existed long ago and the earth was formed out of water and by water,

Rev 14:7 and he said with a loud voice, "Fear God, and give Him glory, because the hour of His judgment has come; worship Him who made the heaven and the earth and sea and springs of waters."

