

GENESIS

The History of Creation(Gen 2:4-9; Job 38:4-11; John 1:1-5)

So just a few things as we approach this awesome book.

Genesis means beginning.

So what a better way for us as a church to begin our New Beginning, then at the beginning.

So as the Holy Spirit inspired the writer of this book, the name was given to it “Beginning.”

Most scholars credit Moses for writing this book under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

As **2 Peter 1:21** states

.... for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.

Now this has been the tradition by both Jewish scholars and Christian scholars, Moses wrote this book, and four more books all at the beginning of our cannon of scripture.

We call these first books of the Bible the Pentateuch, the others being Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy...

We as Christians can support this claim, as Jesus quotes from these books, He says in **Luke 24:27**

27 And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself.

Also in.... **Luke 24:44-45** Then He said to them, "These are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms concerning Me." **45** And He opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the Scriptures.

So this is why we credit Genesis to Moses, because Jesus did.

Now this leaves us with questions as to how Moses received this revelation, because he lived hundreds of years from this time he is writing about.

Henry Morris gives 3 possibilities....

- 1) Moses received it all by direct revelation from God, either in form of audible words dictated by God and transcribed by Moses, or else by visions given him of great events of the past, which he then put down in his own words, as guided subconsciously by the Holy Spirit.
- 2) Moses may have received it all by oral traditions, passed down over the centuries from father to son, which he then collected and wrote down, again guided by the Holy Spirit.
- 3) Moses took actual written records of the past, collected them, and brought them together into a final form, again guided by the Holy Spirit. (This is the key part of the equation)

Now whatever one you accept as the possibility the key is to remember this was given as inspiration from the Holy Spirit.

Now as we go through this book we receive these things by faith, as given from God.

We will challenge everything that is taught in our schools and popular culture.

In the worlds system, it is only one fallen man teaching other fallen men.

This account will give us God's Words on how things were made...

Heb 11:3

3 By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible.

We receive these things by faith, as God's Word...

Weds. Night we will study in such a way, as this is the Word of God, and we will receive it as such.

If you want further study, or have questions, write them down, and email me, or send a Facebook message to me, and we can go into more detail.

Now last we have to understand that God's Word is the ultimate Authority, this is it; we need no Authority from man to validate this account.

You either believe this as the Authority, or you don't, and you will see it conflicts with every humanistic view man has come up with.

We will see the origins of the universe.

Now unique to our account, we claim to know the origins of the universe, all other beliefs cannot do this, not even science can claim they know the universe's origins.

They give theory after theory and unfortunately they teach it as fact, so most minds expect to be so.

But if you challenge this thought of origins no one else can tell you anything, except that something came from nothing... Well we know, that is impossible.

So we will see the origins of order and complexity...

As you look at the world around us, you will see order, and things happening that cannot be explained.

Even the human body is a marvel, the universe we live in is unimaginable, and so precise, to accredit random chance to that is to me ridiculous.

As it says in Romans **Rom 1:20** 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,

Creation cries out that there is indeed a Creator, the complexities of nature cannot be explained by billions of years of death, and random processes.

We will see the origins of our solar system we will see the origins of our atmosphere, and hydrosphere.

We will see the origins of Life, and man, and even the origins of marriage, even where evil came from...

We will see where languages developed from.

We will study the origins of government, culture, nations, even religion, false and true religion.

We will see the origins of God's Chosen people beginning with Abraham.

This book when taken by faith, will answer all those questions you have of how and why.

So I think we should begin....

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

Here we have one of the most essential verses in the Bible...

Now if you have trouble believing this verse, I would question the validity of your faith.

Now if on the other hand if you can believe Genesis 1:1 you should have no trouble believing the rest of the Bible.

Belief in this verse foundational to our faith in Christ.

If we cannot believe God created this earth and every system inside it, we again start approaching humanism, and God is just a means to my happiness, and a tool for a better life.

However, if we are here because the Creator put us here, we are indeed not the masters of our own destiny.

We are now responsible to find the will of this Creator, to honor this Creator, to find what was the purpose of His Creation.

This verse is foundational, because we see in it the beginning of Time, prior to this creation, there was no time, infinite eternity is all that was.

And it is amazing that some Christians will fight this thought, but in the same breath will explain that after this life they have no trouble believing in eternity.

We must understand before creation, there was no time.

Until this event of Creation happen.

And we now have a clock, ticking from this moment, In the Beginning...

It says He created the heavens and the earth, God Almighty, created from nothing, and made this earth, all the molecules, atoms, gases, liquids, rocks.

And we see it all came from His design every little particle that makes up this universe.

So time and matter begin this week of creation...

Maybe you are wondering how far back this event happened, our science books tell us what? Billions of years ago...

Well there is even debate in Christianity as to how long ago this event took place, some believe this creation week is actually billions of years of a process, and they will quote scriptures such as

2 Peter 3:8 But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.

And it seems to me this belief is a compromise to this worlds teaching, they approach scripture with their minds made up about this billions of years, because a theory is taught as fact in the schools their whole life.

Look at it this way, if you handed this book on the mission field to people who have never read the bible, and they read God created... day 1, God Created day 2... all the way to day 6, and HE rested on day 7.

Do you think they would come to the conclusion; this must mean billions of years?

Now if we take this account by faith, and believe God at His Word, we would conclude a literal week, and we don't have to add to scripture or take away.

So if you take the time to study the lineages traced back to Adam, through the pages of scripture, many scholars conclude an earth that is about 6,000-10,000 years old.

Now if you want to hear a long debate on the age of the earth, message me on Facebook or email me, I have a lot of great info both ways.

Also there is another belief that between Genesis 1:1 and 1:2 there is a gap of billions of years, this is known as the gap theory.

Again, this theory means to me we have to add something to scripture that is not even here, that seems a little dangerous to me, and again I think it is a compromise to our fallen teaching system.

But smarter men than I have taught this theory and you are free to research it yourself.

So let's move on to verse 2.... Still day 1....

2 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.

All the matter and elements were here and ready, God created them from nothing, but there was yet to be order and structure to it all, it was not energized.

You see this is the problem with the Big Bang theory, there is so much energy that keeps the whole universe in motion.

There is so much energy that keeps this rock we call earth together, so much energy that something had to start it.

Energy has to have a source, think about electricity, it does not spontaneously appear, something always produces it, sun, rivers in motion, wind, there is always a source for the energy, to produce electricity.

Or starting a car, you cannot just look at the ignition (which ignites with energy your engine) ...

You cannot look at and with your mind out of nowhere start your car, there has to be a movement, or an igniting of the starter to get the sparks to the engine for it to go.

Energy never comes from nothing.

So we have a formless universe, all the elements are present but nothing to set it in motion, and we have complete darkness, and water.

But we see the Energy source present in this verse, the Holy Spirit in motion, and in the next verse Coupled with the Word of God, Energy comes into existence...

You see in verse 1 that word God is Elohim which is a plural word for a singular God, and this is the first time we see the Trinity at Work.

We see One God made up of Three personalities working in unity at the creation.

John 1:1-5 states.... In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. 4 In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. 5 And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.

So we have the Son, and Father Designing and Creating, by the Power of the Holy Spirit.

One God, three personalities, all working together...

Now the Power is seen in God's Spoken Word, as you can see in Revelation, this same Word that destroys the armies of this world, spoke creation into existence...

3 Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. 4 And God saw the light, that it was good; and God divided the light from the darkness. 5 God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. So the evening and the morning were the first day.

So the Holy Spirit is the energizing force, and God's Word is the Light, 2 Cor. 4:6 For it is God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

God commands light to shine forth, He does not totally dispel the darkness; it will serve Him a purpose. It will measure days....

It seems as though light shining on one side of the earth, and darkness on the other side, as things

are set in motion and notice there is no sun created yet.

Notice this is the first time God speaks, and at His Word Light comes forth, you say how can that be...

Well again I appeal to Revelation where speaking of the New Jerusalem, it reads in **Rev 21:22-23**

22 But I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. 23 The city had no need of the sun or of the moon to shine in it, for the glory of God illuminated it. The Lamb is its light.

So as what we have here on day one, no sun, nor the need for the sun, God produced the light He needed to set this earth in to rotation, setting into motion the gravitational pull, electromagnetic energy, and nuclear forces.

And we have now, as things are in motion a measurement for a day. Light and Darkness.

Well if the sun was not here how do we know it was a literal 24-hour day? if there was no sun, how could time be measured?

Well the word in Hebrew is YOM... which literally means a 24 hour day and without exception never means "period" (Morris Page 55).

The writer it seems wanted no confusion as to how long this day is...

It is really hard for me to except the possibility of billions of years in this process.

Now onto the next 24-hour day....

6 Then God said, "Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters." 7 Thus 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. 8 And God called the firmament Heaven. So the evening and the morning were the second day.

Now we have the pre-flood atmosphere created, waters above, and I have heard it described as a foggy day, like when you go to the beach.... No sun just atmospheric water and dense clouds.

And we see a separation of heaven and earth.

Scripture talks about three heavens in (Jer. 4:25,

Is. 13:10, Hebrews 9:24), the first heaven is referred to as our atmosphere.

The second heaven is the universe or space, and the third heaven is where the Apostle Paul says he was caught up into, and he said it would be a sin to describe what he even heard.

So we see the separations spoke into existence here.

And important to note, this is pre-flood or also known as Antediluvian.

So when we get to the flood of Noah's day, there will be drastic changes on the earth from this first creation.

We will see life spans shortened as this protective layer made in the second day is released onto the earth, and the waters of the deep are let loose, and the whole world floods.

So the firmaments divided with a space to provide for the breath of life....

9 Then God said, "Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear"; and it was so. 10 And God called the dry land Earth, and the gathering

together of the waters He called Seas. And God saw that it was good.

So God now speaks form onto this water filled planet...

Earth appears as He separates by the power of His Word water and land.

Notice He looked at it and saw that it was good.

You see the Billions of years' theory means that evolution took place....

And when you look at evolution we see it needs billions of years of death, and decay, and the horrible reality of survival of the fittest.

This to me and according to scripture is not "good."

You see scripture does not show us death until the fall of man, and according to scripture death came through man's disobedience.

Turn to....**Rom. 8:19-23** 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.

So we see all of creation was effected by the sin of Adam... And it all waits for its redemption...

So this kind of puts holes in Gap theory, and Billions of years built into creation.

So here on the 3rd day we have no death or corruption, all is “good.”

Back to Genesis....

11 Then God said, "Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb that yields seed, and the fruit tree that yields fruit according to its kind, whose seed is in itself, on the earth"; and it was so. 12 And the earth brought forth grass, the herb that yields seed according to its kind, and the tree that yields fruit, whose seed is in itself according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. 13 So the evening and the morning were the third day.

So the 3rd day we have vegetation all in preparation for God's Masterpiece, man.

Notice how everything is made of its own kind...

He created the fruit trees to bear fruit of its own kind.

So we have another problem here... Can a tree grow in one day?

Can grass grow in one day?

Did there have to be a period of many years for this stuff to grow?

Well when we get to man, you will see Elohim creates man from dust, from the elements He has already created. He did not create a man's seed or a woman's egg first, and let it develop into a man.

He starts with a full grown man and woman.

So I have no trouble believing that the same was for the tree and the grass.

So moving on...

14 Then God said, "Let there be lights in the firmament of the heavens to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs and seasons, and for days and years; 15 and let them be for lights in the firmament of the heavens to give light on the earth"; and it was so. 16 Then 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. 17 God set them in the firmament of the heavens to give light on the earth, 18 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. 19 So the evening and the morning were the fourth day.

So in one day the sun and moon and stars and planets were created...

And we have a center for our solar system as we rotate around this great light called the sun.

Now photosynthesis can begin for our plants, and oxygen can be produced through the life cycle of all the vegetation, as it takes in carbon monoxide and releases good clean oxygen.

And the lesser light, the moon, works to control the tides of the oceans, to hold them back and bring them in.

But God has created control and order to this earth.

It blows my mind that in one day, these stars, some 100 times bigger than our earth, millions of

light years away, and in one day they were spoken into existence.

Ps 19:1-2 The heavens declare the glory of God;

And the firmament shows His handiwork.

2 Day unto day utters speech,

And night unto night reveals knowledge.

All this groundwork is for His masterpiece, all this to show His glory, to something not yet created

But something God that will love more than any other creation...

Realize so far all this is preparation is for the life of man...

Everything held in tender balance, not too close to this blazing ball of fire, for if we were just a little bit closer to this magnificent star we would burn up in tormenting heat.

If we were just a little further away, we would be a solid ball of ice.

But Majestically, Supernaturally, Lovingly, He has placed us in just the right spot for us to live, and look out at this expanse that declares the glory of God.

We get so used to looking at it, we forget, it is there, to remind us of this great Creator, this Mighty Maker, who fearfully and wonderfully made us to live in this perfect place in the universe.

It is almost too much to think that random chance just put us, and holds us in this expanse of space.

There has to be something Greater than a spontaneous combustion... Don't you agree?

20 Then God said, "Let the waters abound with an abundance of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the face of the firmament of the heavens." 21 So God created great sea creatures and every living thing that moves, with which the waters abounded, according to their kind, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. 22 And God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." 23 So the evening and the morning were the fifth day.

So He fills the waters with the great sea creatures, Job describes one of these fierce creations in Job 41... known as the Leviathan...

So God fills the ocean with living creatures, some huge, some microscopic.

And the birds of the air are next, notice how it is not the eggs of the nest... which might take more than one day as some suggest...

But I think it is clear we have one day with full grown birds...

And they are told by their Creator to reproduce and fill the earth and sea.

Again we see something specific here about our account of creation... Animals were created from their specific kind.

Never do we see permitted in the scriptural account that man evolved from the same primordial ooze as a banana.

And this is why it is unfortunate they teach evolution as a fact, there has never ever been a fossil record of kinds changing from other kinds, never.

They always refer to these finches on the Galapagos Islands.

This is where the evolutionist takes their stand. But it is still a bird changing into a different shape of bird.

And they try so hard to fight against the Word of God, and the Authority of Scripture, they will simply believe nonsense.

The evidence points to the validity of the Genesis account. Everything created to its own kind.

1 Cor. 1:25 Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

Prov. 19:3 The foolishness of a man twists his way, And his heart frets against the Lord.

So moving on....

24 Then God said, "Let the earth bring forth the living creature according to its kind: cattle and creeping thing and beast of the earth, each according to its kind"; and it was so. 25 And God made the beast of the earth according to its kind, cattle according to its kind, and everything that

creeps on the earth according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

So we have a separation between the spirit of the wild animal and the domesticated animal.

Some would have a calmer demeanor to assist man in his work of the garden.

Some were designed to roam wild as a beast of the field.

Now everything leading up to this last day of creation, leading up to Elohim's masterpiece, all of creation made to sustain His most cherished creation...

26 Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness;

Now man is unlike any of God's creation, He speaks to Himself here, He no longer says let there be...

But says let Us make man in Our own image...

What does He mean here, how do we explain this verse? Is He talking to the angels here?

No... this Us is the Word for God which is Elohim.

Plural, but One God.

Three in One.

Man is not going to be made in the image of angels, but God.

Satan as we will see when we get to the Nephilim has tried to corrupt this image, and make man in his own image, but we are made in the image of God Himself.

We are one person made up of three.

We have our Body, this fleshly tent, we have our soul, or personality or special personhood that makes us unique, and at the moment of creation man had spirit, which was how he communed with God.

Now when Adam sinned man's spirit died, and we lost fellowship with God.

That is what the discourse Jesus had with Nicodemus in John Chapter 3 was all about. Having to be born again.

John 3:3-8 Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

4 Nicodemus said to Him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?"

5 Jesus answered, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. 6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. 7 Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' 8 The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit."

So when we are saved our spirit is born again, and we bear the image of God. 3 persons in one.

So let's get back to Genesis... Let's continue on as God gives the title deed to the earth to man, His special creation...

let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." 27 So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. 28 Then

God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

29 And God said, "See, I have given you every herb that yields seed which is on the face of all the earth, and every tree whose fruit yields seed; to you it shall be for food. 30 Also, to every beast of the earth, to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, in which there is life, I have given every green herb for food"; and it was so. 31 Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good. So the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

So God hands over the earth for man to rule over, He says it was very good.

This is what God intended creation to be, very good.

And His special creation man, HE created to love, and be in communion with.

His desire is for us, He created all the universe to center on life, and bringing Him Glory.

What a great beginning...

But unfortunately man will meet an enemy of God soon, and what God has determined and created to be good, will soon be the corruption we see today.

Who will save us from this flesh... this rebellious body?

Jesus! And soon we will see the first promise of Jesus, all the way back here in Genesis.

God will promise a Savior, for man to look forward to, and for us to look to, He came already, died as the prophets predicted, on a tree, for you and me.

If you don't know this God-Man, tonight is the night to surrender your life to Him.

We will be in Romans on Sunday, which says in

Rom. 1:20 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...

All of creation has a constant testimony of this All-Powerful Creator.

And in all His finite wisdom, he knew you would be here tonight.

He is calling, to Himself, maybe you are through trying to rationalize this testimony of God, through science and evolution, it all just does not add up.

Surrender to Him tonight, let down your guard, surrender to Jesus!

We are here for you if you need prayer tonight.

Don't leave with the burdens you are carrying, let's lift them up to Jesus.