

The World in Week

Creation Account 1 (Gen 1:1 - 2:3)

- I. Wonderings
 - A. The Genera of Genesis
 - 1. Scientific?
 - 2. Poetry?
 - 3. What does Genesis teach?
 - a. Creation is of God, intentionally.
 - b. It came about in an orderly manner
 - c.
 - B. Evolution vs. Creation Account
 - 1. Design
 - 2. The fossil record
- II. When - 1:1 *In the beginning*
- III. Who - **God**
 - A. 'elohiym bara'
 - 1. It is interesting that this word is plural "Gods"
 - B. The New Testament gives additional information on God's creative activity which basically tells us that God created all things through the Son.
 - 1. Col 1:15 [Jesus Christ] *is the image of the invisible God, the first-born of all creation; for in him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or authorities -- all things were created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.*
 - 2. John 1:1 *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 was not anything made that was made.*
 - 3. Rom 11:36 *For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory for ever. Amen.*
- IV. What - *created the heavens and the earth.*

V. Week -

A. DAY ONE - *2 The earth was without form and void, and darkness was upon the face of the deep; and the Spirit of God was moving over the face of the waters. 3 And God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. 4 And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. 5 God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, one day.*

1. It seems here that there is some pre-existing matter with which God works. But isn't creation *ex nihilo* (from nothing)?

a. Heb 11:3 *Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.*

2. What does it mean to have light without the sun moon and stars?

B. DAY TWO - *6 And God said, "Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." 7 And God made the firmament and separated 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. And there was evening and there was morning, a second day.*

1. *raqiya'*, an expanse, i.e. the firmament or visible arch of the sky:--firmament.

C. DAY THREE - *9 And 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 God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. 11 And God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, upon the earth." And it was so. 12 The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed according to their own kinds, and trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. 13 And there was evening and there was morning, a third day.*

1. Notice that God creates the vegetation indirectly rather than directly. He calls them into being through the earth

D. DAY FOUR - *14 And God said, "Let there be lights in the firmament of the heavens to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, 15 and let them be lights in the firmament of the heavens to give light upon the earth." And it was so. 16 And God made the two great lights, the greater light to rule the day, and*

the lesser light to rule the night; he made the stars also. 17 And God set them in the firmament of the heavens to give light upon the earth, 18 to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. 19 And there was evening and there was morning, a fourth day.

1. Now we have light as we understand it, as produced of the sun, stars and moon.
2. This was a very important assertion in the ancient world since non-Jews understood the Sun, Moon and Stars to be gods. This text asserts that they are creatures

E. *DAY FIVE - 20 And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the firmament of the heavens." 21 So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, 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 And there was evening and there was morning, a fifth day.*

F. *DAY SIX - 24 And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds: cattle and creeping things and beasts of the earth according to their kinds." And it was so. 25 And God made the beasts of the earth according to their kinds and the cattle according to their kinds, and everything that creeps upon the ground according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. 26 Then 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 birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon 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 And God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." 29 And God said, "Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. 30 And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. 31 And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, a sixth day.*

1. Here too notice how the living creatures are indirectly created through the earth. Let earth bring them forth.

2. But in this first account, Man is created directly by God.¹
3. Notice the image of God in Man
 - a. Notice how God speaks in the plural - “us”, “our”
 - b. Male and female together image God - Marriage
4. Notice the dominion the human person is given
5. Notice the command to be fruitful, multiply, fill the earth and subdue it
 - a. kabash, a prim. root; to tread down; hence neg. to disregard; pos. to conquer, subjugate, violate:--bring into bondage, force, keep under, subdue, bring into subjection.
6. Yet notice too the diet is vegetarian. Only later in the covenant with Noah² is man told to eat the meat of animals.

G. **DAY SEVEN - 2:1** *Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. 2 And on the seventh day God finished his work which he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had done. 3 So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all his work which he had done in creation.*

1. Sabbath rest
2. Why rest?
3. Blessed and holy day.

¹In the second account God scoops clay from the earth and breathes forth life into man.

²Prior to this however God killed an animal and clothed them in its skins after the Fall.