



## CREATION

To understand the scale of Creation and the first chapters of Genesis is an endeavor that you can spend your whole life trying to comprehend and still have questions. The same can be said for "ANY" well of belief, system, or doctrine. **Any well you drink from requires FAITH.** Thankfully as a Christian, we serve THE God who doesn't ask us to trust blindly, He is actively involved in the lives of His children.

It is fun to get lost in the sauce ...

- Young earth theory. (The age of the earth - carbon dating millions of years old vs. thousands of years old)
- Angels.
- Evolution (Micro vs Macro).
- Literal or figurative 7 days of creation.
- Location of the garden of Eden (Southern Iraq). Don't think garden, think expanse.

From a literary and polemical perspective, Theologians contend the Genesis creation account is written not just as a general scientific explanation of the universe's origins but also as a **response to competing worldviews of the time.** It was written for then and there before it was written for us and now.

Why is the opening chapters of the Biblical account so hard to comprehend?

### THE AMOUNT OF YEARS IT COVERS:

130 (Seth) + 105 (Enosh) + 90 (Kenan) + 70 (Mahalalel) + 162 (Jared) + 65 (Enoch) + 187 (Methuselah) + 182 (Lamech) + 600 (Noah's age at flood) = 1,656 years.

Therefore, approximately 1,656 years passed from the creation of the world (Genesis 1:1) to the flood (Genesis 7:6).

Explanation of The Genesis Calendar: [www.icr.org/article/calendar-antiquity-genesis](http://www.icr.org/article/calendar-antiquity-genesis)

The Purpose of the early chapters of Genesis was not to give a detailed perspective of the first 1600 plus years of human history but rather to give the declaration that **God's purpose was to create a people who He could have a relationship with not based upon rule.**

We must be careful we don't try to make the creation account something that it is not. We are not going to have all the answers, but the exciting part is that we can get some.

<https://answersingenesis.org/evidence-for-creation/>

## **THE AMOUNT OF CONTENT IT COVERS**

- Creation - intelligent design (vs. Evolution and Chance)
- Humans are created in the image of God with purpose for a purpose
- Free will and Consequences (Example Adam's consequence is not actually just a punishment, but the punishment created a purpose to follow)
- Sabbath and Rest (Busy is a choice)
- Garden of Eden (Southern Iraq, don't think of a garden but an expanse of land)
- Angels
- The Start of Relational Conflict (Adam + Eve, Cain + Abel, Noah vs The World)

## **THE AMOUNT OF CONTENT IT DOESN'T COVER**

What it doesn't say bothers me more than what it does say. If I knew everything about God, I would be God and in need of no God. **Faith is not blind but there is a mystery woven through it.**

Some observations of the Biblical account of Creation.

## **GOD IS SOVEREIGN**

### ***PSALM 103:19 (AMP)***

*The Lord has established His throne in the heavens, And His sovereignty rules over all [the universe]. He is above all, so can rule all. He established Himself above so He could help below. Before the foundations were formed, He made a plan to rescue the perishing.*

## Look at how he acts in His Sovereignty

- **Separates** (גדל, *gdI*, Gen 1:4)

### **GENESIS 1:4**

*God saw that the light was good (pleasing, useful) and He affirmed and sustained it; and God separated the light [distinguishing it] from the darkness.*

- **Makes** (השע, 'sh, Gen 1:7)

### **GENESIS 1:7**

*And God made the expanse [of sky] and separated the waters which were under the expanse from the waters which were above the expanse; and it was so [just as He commanded].*

- **Creates** (ארב, *br'*, Gen 1:1; 6:7; Exod 34:10; Num 16:30; Deut 4:32)

### **GENESIS 1:1**

*In the beginning God (Elohim) created [by forming from nothing] the heavens and the earth.*

## He is still doing this. Look at what He is still doing.

- **Separates**

### **2 CORINTHIANS 6:17**

*Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you.*

- **Makes**

### **EPHESIANS 2:10**

*For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.*

- **Creates**

### **2 CORINTHIANS 5:17**

*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.*

Creation teaches us that God is not bound by our rules.

We have the opportunity to live, possess, and grow in a world created by God for us.

## **GOD DESIRES RELATIONSHIP**

We are created in the likeness of God.

We are to be image-bearers and stewards of His creation.

This requires relationship.

### **GENESIS 2:15-17**

*<sup>15</sup> So the Lord God took the man [He had made] and settled him in the Garden of Eden to cultivate and keep it. <sup>16</sup> And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, "You may freely (unconditionally) eat [the fruit] from every tree of the garden; <sup>17</sup> but [only] from the tree of the knowledge (recognition) of good and evil you shall not eat, otherwise on the day that you eat from it, you shall most certainly die [because of your disobedience]."*

### **GENESIS 3:8**

*And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool [afternoon breeze] of the day,*

## **GOD HAS A ROLE FOR YOU.**

I love what the Lord said to the people of Jeremiah's day that echoes through them to all of God's children.

### **JEREMIAH 29:11-14**

*<sup>11</sup> For I know the plans and thoughts that I have for you,' says the Lord, 'plans for peace and well-being and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.*

*<sup>12</sup> Then you will call on Me and you will come and pray to Me, and I will hear [your voice] and I will listen to you. <sup>13</sup> Then [with a deep longing] you will seek Me and require Me [as a vital necessity] and [you will] find Me when you search for Me with all your heart. <sup>14</sup> I will be found by you,' says the Lord, 'and I will restore your fortunes and I will [free you and] gather you from all the nations and from all the places where I have driven you,' says the Lord, 'and I will bring you back to the place from where I sent you into exile.'*