

OTS - GENERAL HISTORY FORMATION Genesis 1-2

INTRODUCTION:

In Genesis 1-2 man is introduced to the Creator, and He is God. He recorded for us the formation of the world. It is imperative we have a good understanding and strong conviction concerning our origin (beginning). From one's beliefs on the origin of life will flow all other beliefs.

There are many things we cannot explain, but we accept them to be so. Hebrews 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.*

I. THE TRUE STORY OF CREATION

* *Genesis 1:1-2 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. [2] And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And **the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.***

- A. _____ created all things – Colossians 1:16; Psalm 148:5
 - 1. God was _____ created – Psalm 90:2
 - a. There is a battle between good and evil.
 - b. Satan is not equal with God. 1 John 4:4
 - c. This world is Satan's realm, but if God be for us, who can be against us.
 - 2. God is a _____ and all three were part of creation.
 - a. The Father in creation - Genesis 1:1
 - b. The Son in creation - John 1:1-3
 - c. The Spirit in creation - Genesis 1:2; Psalm 104:30
 - 3. God is all _____

- a. God spoke the world into existence.
 - b. Man's understanding of the universe today is greater than ever in history.
4. God is good.
 5. God is _____ in command of all His creation.
- B. God created the heavens.
1. He _____ angels with the heavens or first.
Job 38:4-7
 2. Heavens is plural in the Hebrew.
 3. There are _____ mentioned in the Bible.
 - a. First heaven is home of _____
Genesis 1:8; Daniel 4:12; Matthew 6:26
 - b. Second heaven is home to the sun, moon, and stars. Genesis 1:17, 15:5; Psalm 19:1
 - c. Third heaven is home for God, _____, and departed saints. Genesis 21:17; 2 Corinthians 12:2

GOD CREATED ALL THINGS IN SIX DAYS

- C. The first day of creation 1:3-5
1. God created _____.
 2. God separated the light from the darkness.
 - a. God called the light Day.
 - b. God called the darkness Night.
- D. The second day of creation 1:6-8
1. God created the _____ (sky).
 2. God divided (put space) between the water above the firmament and below the firmament.

E. The third day of creation 1:9-13

1. God created land and _____
2. The land was formed.
3. Plants were created fully grown and able to produce after their kind.

F. The fourth day of creation 1:14-19

1. God created the _____.
2. God made _____ great lights - sun and moon.
 - a. Made to measure _____ (day and night)
 - b. Made to mark _____ - years
3. They were made for signs.
 - a. Astrology says the stars are our signs.
 1. This is not what God meant.
Jeremiah 10:1-2
 2. God mocked those who looked to the stars in Babylon. Isaiah 47:12-13
 - b. A sign of _____ handiwork - Psalm 8:3-8
 - c. A sign of _____ arrival - Matthew 2:1-2
 - d. A sign of Christ's return - Matthew 24:29-30

G. The fifth day of creation 1:20-23

1. God created _____ and _____.
2. All marine life was created on this day.

H. The sixth day of creation 1:24-31

1. God created animals and _____.
2. All animals were created to bring forth after their kind.

3. Mankind was created in the image of God.
 - a. Plants had unconscious life.
 - b. Animals had _____ life.
 - c. _____ has self-conscious life.
 - d. Man's decency - moral nature
 - e. Man's duty to rule
 - f. Man's design as a triune being
- I. The seventh day, God _____ 2:1-3
 1. Only place in the book God rested
 - a. This is not saying He needed rest. Isaiah 40:28
 - b. This is simply stating His work was complete.
 2. The sabbath was not instituted at creation.
 - a. Genesis does not mention the sabbath.
 - b. The sabbath was a sign between God and _____.
 - c. It is not binding on New Testament believers. Colossians 2:16-17
- J. Biblical _____ directly opposes the following:
 1. Atheism - because the universe was created by God.
 2. Agnosticism - because of the Word of God we know.
 3. Pantheism - because God created all things.

II. THE FALSE SPECULATION OF EVOLUTION

- A. The _____ Theory

1. The Thesis

Many billions of years ago, there was a singularity event that exponentially expanded at many times the speed of light. This set in motion the slow but eventual formation of all we see today.

2. The Thoughts

a. There existed an infinitesimal point of infinite density and temperature that was struck with quantum fluctuations causing the bang.

b. After millions of years, the subatomic particles floating freely began to combine to form atoms. After another 700 million years, gravitational pull caused some of these atoms to join with hydrogen, helium, lithium, and deuterium to form the first stars.

c. 9 billion more years pass and suddenly a cloud of gas and dust shrank fusing together to form the sun. The rest of the gases and dust floating around the sun eventually formed planets including earth.

d. A few more million years and the burning planets cooled and formed water.

3. The Truth

a. The Big Bang Theory fails at even basic science.

b. It contradicts the first law of thermodynamics. (*Energy can neither be created nor destroyed; only changed from one form into another.*)

c. It contradicts the second law of thermodynamics. (*The universe is gradually wearing out. Left to itself, any isolated system will tend toward greater and greater entropy.*)

d. Some questions to ask

1. Where did the singularity come from?
2. How did “quantum fluctuations” start?
3. What were the fluctuations if there was nothing?
4. What caused the bang? What stopped it?
5. What is dark matter? From where did it come?

B. The _____ Theory

1. The Thesis

a. Each day of creation is 1000 years or more.

b. Therefore, it took evolution or God many thousands of years to form the earth.

2. The Thoughts

a. A day is as 1000 years - 2 Peter 3:8

b. They would take it a step further and say “as” seems to indicate an unspecified length of time - Psalm 90:4

c. Some believe that a day of creation is a literal day, but there are an indeterminate number of years in between each day.

3. The Truth

- a. This is inconsistent with a literal interpretation of Scripture.
- b. They have taken verses that speak of God not being limited by time and apply it to a 24-hour day.

C. The _____ Theory

1. The Thesis

- a. The Gap Theory postulates that there is a gap between Genesis 1:1 and 1:2. In that gap, the earth was formed.
- b. It is also called the Ruin-reconstruction View.

2. The Thoughts

- a. Gap theorists claim the word translated “was” in verse one should be translated as “became”.
- b. Gap theorists teach that when God said “replenish the earth” in Genesis 1:28, that implies the earth must have been populated before Adam.

3. The Truth

- a. Hebrew experts agree that the grammar of Genesis 1:1–3 does not allow for a gap.
- b. The Hebrew word *hâyâh* should not be translated “became” because this is not its primary meaning.
- c. In 1611, the word “replenish” did not carry any connotations of doing something again.

It means to completely fill, such as rendered in 1:22.

d.The fossil record stands against the Gap Theory.

III. THE ORIGINAL STRUCTURE FOR MAN

A. There are differences between Genesis 1 and 2

1. These are not contradictory; they are _____.
2. Chapter 1 is an _____ of all six days.
3. Chapter 2 is a detailed look at only day six.

B. Man was given the Garden of Eden in which to live.

1. This shows God’s love and concern for His creation.
2. Eden was located near the origin of the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers. Genesis 2:10-14
3. Man fellowshiped with God in Eden.

C. Man was given some _____ 2:16-17

1. Man was placed under God’s authority.
2. God was good, fair, and just in His dealing with man.
3. God designed a “test” for man to show his love.
 - a.Man was commanded not to eat vs. 16-17
 - b.Man was _____ of punishment for disobedience vs. 17

D. Man was given marriage 2:20-25

1. God established the home and _____.
2. God’s pattern is one man and one woman for life.

3. The “leave and cleave” principle was established.