

Bible Basics Conference

Genesis 1–12

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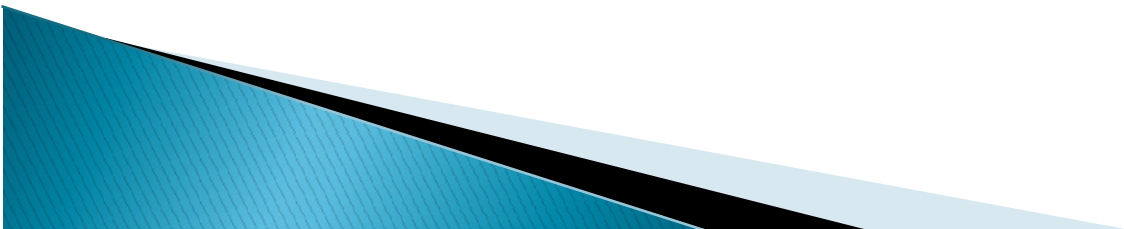
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Genesis 1:1 to 2:3

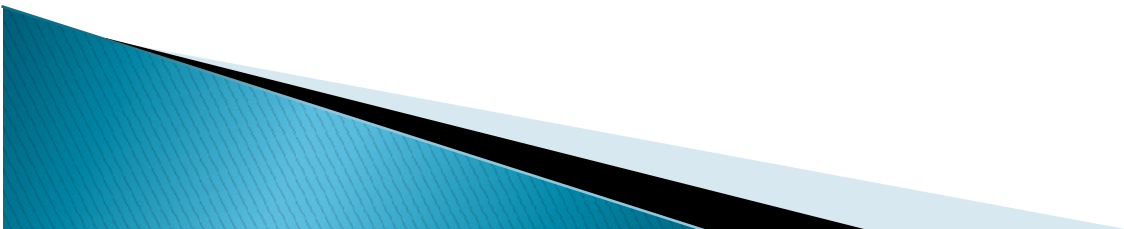
Introductory: Creation

- Session 2 will deal with the Spiritual aspect of the same verses



God's purpose in these verses

- A literal account
- To show himself as the source of all creation
- To show how the world was prepared for man to live
- and for God to work
- To establish some divine principles:
 - separation of things that differ
 - life, and fruit-bearing
 - man made in God's image
 - man to have dominion
 - rest



What these verses do not tell us

- Because the detail concerns the earth as place for man, we are not here told about heavenly beings, e.g. angels, etc
- Questions such as the origin of sin, Satan, how and when he fell, are not in this chapter.
- We find elsewhere in scripture what God has seen fit to tell us, but we are not going to theorise about these things using these verses – because they are silent

“Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God...” (Hebrews 11:3)

Verse 1

“In the beginning God.....

Elohim (plural), truth of three Persons in One

created heaven and earth”

God originated

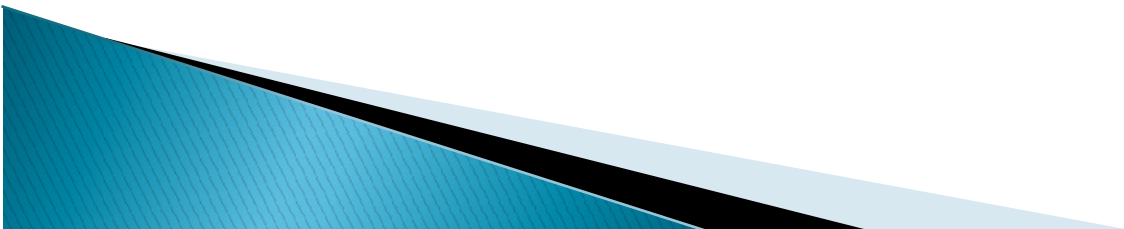
no previous “matter”

God made

fashioned

Christ seen in creation

John 1:1, Colossians 1:16, Hebrews 1:2



Verse 2

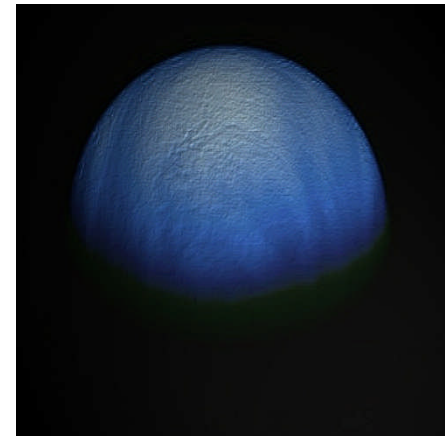
- Subject is the earth, as created in verse 1
- Not a subsequent development
- “*without form and void*” perhaps better rendered as
“*unformed and unfilled*”

and darkness was upon the face of the deep”

and the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters”

– The presence of the Spirit indicates God is about to act for man's blessing

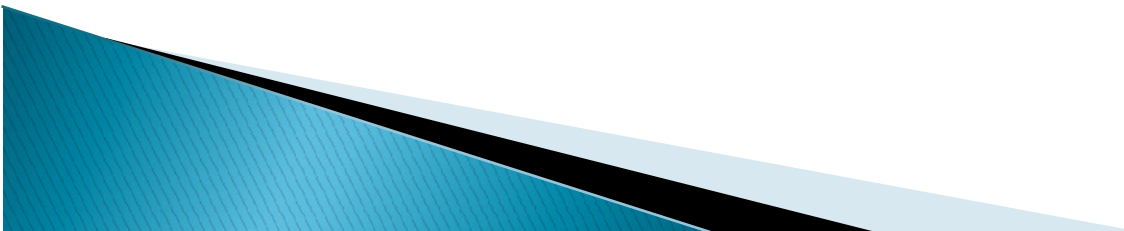
cf John 1:32–33, and Acts 2:1–4



Some of these actions are described in v3 to 2:3

See also Isaiah 45:18

*“For thus saith the Lord that created the heavens;
God himself that formed the earth and made it; he
hath established it, he created it not in vain, he
formed it to be inhabited: I am the Lord; and there
is none else”*



Genesis 1:1 to 2:3

The world is made, or furnished, as a platform for God to have dealings with man

First day

- On the first day God said 'let there be... - LIGHT'
- Light was good



First day cont.

And God saw the light that it was good; and God divided between the light and the darkness. Gen 1:4

- Division from darkness

All things received being through him, and without him not one *thing received being which has received being*. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. And the light appears in darkness, and the darkness apprehended it not. (John 1:3-5)

- Light and darkness

Romans 1:21
Ephesians 4:18
II Corinthians 4:6

- Evening and morning the first day - first mention of time



Time first mentioned when?

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– Read Exodus 20:11

“For [in] six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them [is], and rested the seventh day:.....”

(Words in [] not in original. Suggest time began with first day in v3)

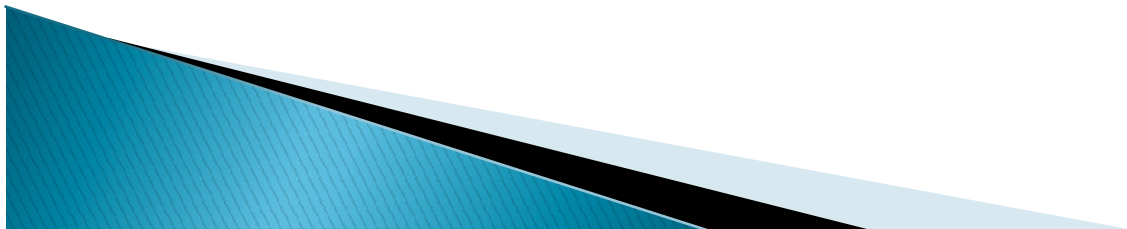
V.1 is the foundation of the world, but it makes no mention of time.
The first mention is v. 3

Second day

Heaven and earth distinguished

Isaiah 55:9

Confounded by men at their peril
Genesis 6:4



Third Day

Land and water separated

– habitable parts of his earth (Proverbs 8:31)



– grass, herbs, and fruit

– variety



Fourth Day

- Lights to rule
- the sun, supreme authority



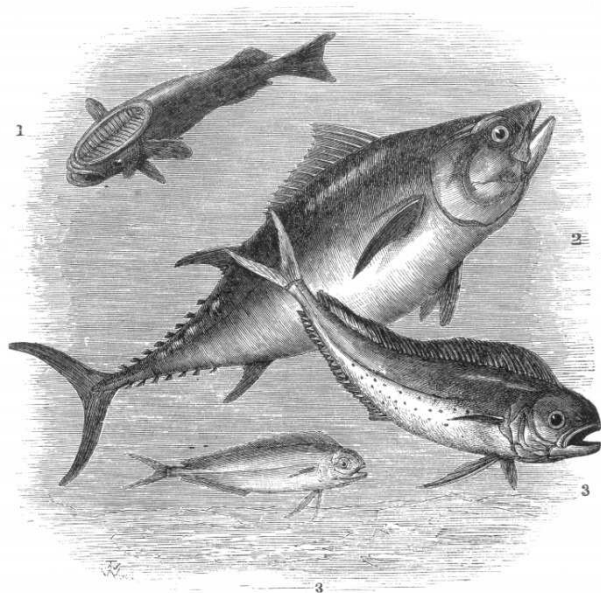
- moon, derived authority

- Stars, sub-ordinate authority



Fifth Day

– Creatures of the sea, and of the air



Sixth Day

- A double work
- land animals



- Man
- Man in the image and likeness of God
(Genesis 5:3, I Corinthians 11:7)

(No Picture Possible!)

Sixth Day cont.

male and female

the creation order

“man” includes both man and woman, but note

- man created from dust
- woman out of the man

man to have dominion see Psalm 8:3–8

Ephesians 1:22



-God saw everything that He had made, and behold, it was very good



Seventh Day

- The Sabbath Rest
- God's rest, but man to share
- John 5:17 God's rest is actually not now,
but future
- Rest will be fore-shadowed in the millennium
- The final rest of God is associated with new heavens and new earth (Revelation 21:1-7)