

GENESIS

An Overview

Only Two World Views:

1. Everything is a result of a cosmic accident
2. We are the result of a deliberate design by a Designer

Note: Every world view that you might hold derives from one of these two suppositions. (The Big Bang Theory or the Creator)

From these world views come four (4) basic questions:

- Who am I?
- Where did I come from?
- Why am I here?
- Where are we going when we die?

Two Critical Discourses

1. We have in our possession an integrated message system:
 - a. 66 separate books
 - b. Penned by 40 different individuals
 - c. over thousands of years
2. An integrated system which probably has its origin from outside our time domain.

One Integrated Design:

	The New Testament	
	is in the Old Testament concealed	
(Augustine)	The Old Testament	
	is in the New Testament revealed	

The Central Theme

- The Old Testament is an account of a nation.
- The New Testament is an account of a man.
- The Creator became a man. His appearance is the central event of all history and His death (the Cross) is the fulcrum of the universe.
- He died to purchase us and is alive now.
- The most exalted privilege is to know Him (the Father) and the Son whom He sent. That is what the Bible is all about.
- The Torah (Pentateuch) the Law or “Instruction” (The Five Books of Moses)

GENESIS

- Genesis The Book of Beginnings
- Exodus The Birth of the Nation
- Leviticus The Law of the Nation
- Numbers The Wilderness Wanderings
- Deuteronomy The Laws Reviewed

New Testament References to Genesis

- The Creator and the Creation
 - Matt. 13:35; Mark 13:19; John 1:3; Acts 4:24, 14:15; Rom. 1:20; 2 Cor. 4; Col. 1:16; Heb 1:10, 11:3
- Allusions to the Creation
 - Rom. 1:25, 16:25; Eph. 3:9; 1 Tim, 4:4; Heb. 2:10, 4:10, 9:26; James 3:9; Rev. 3:14, 4:11, 10:6, 14:7
- Creation of Man and Woman
 - Matt. 19:4-6,8; Mark 10:6; Acts 17:26; 1 Cor. 6:16, 11:8,9; Eph 5:31, 1 Tim 2:13,14; Rev. 2:7, 22:2, 14
- The Fall
 - Rom. 5:11,14,17,19, 8:19-20; 1Cor. 15:21,22; 2 Cor. 11:3; Rev. 20:2
- The Flood
 - Matt. 24:37; Luke 17:26; 1 Pet 3:20; 2 Pet 2:5, 3:5-8
- The Patriarchs
 - Matt. 23:35; Luke 3:34-38, 11:52, Heb. 11:4-7, 23; Heb. 12:24; 1 John 3:12; Jude 11,14

“Search the Scriptures; for in them you have eternal life: and they are they which testify of Me.”

(John 5:39)

Matthew and Luke have genealogies. Mark is the only one that does not have a genealogy (Mark the ‘servant’ does not possess one). Matthew has the Jewish genealogy and Luke, in a sense, has the Gentile genealogy or the bloodline.

John has a genealogy...the first three (3) words...

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by Him, and without Him was not anything made that was made.”

(John 1:1-3)

GENESIS

Paul states:

“For in Him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by Him, and for Him: And He is before all things, and by Him all things consist.” (are held together)

(Colossians 1:16, 17)

Why Study the Book of Genesis?

(The Book of Beginnings)

Creation	Sacrifice	Divine Omnipotence
Man	Grace	Paradise
Woman	Trade	Family
Sabbath	Agriculture	Atonement
Marriage	City Life	Angels
Home	Races (Ethnicities)	Prayer
Childhood	Languages	Covenant
Sin	Chosen People	Death
Murder	Government	Burial

The Law of First-mention:

The law of first-mention says that, to understand a particular word or doctrine, we must find the first place in Scripture that word (or doctrine) is revealed and study that passage. The reasoning is that the Bible’s first mention of a concept is the simplest and clearest presentation; doctrines are then more fully developed on that foundation. So, to fully understand an important and complex theological concept, Bible students are advised to start with its “first-mention.”

Example of first-mention: Love – Gen. 22:1, Glory – Gen. 31:1

Genesis Anticipates All False Philosophies

- | <u>Falacy</u> | <u>Truth</u> |
|----------------------|---|
| • Atheism _____ | Created by God |
| • Pantheism _____ | God is transcendent and distinguishable from His creation |
| • Polytheism _____ | One God |
| • Materialism _____ | Matter had a beginning |
| • Humanism _____ | God, not man, is the ultimate reality |
| • Evolutionism _____ | God created in the beginning |
| • Uniformism _____ | God intervenes |

GENESIS

All Major Doctrines

- Sovereign Election
- Salvation
- Justification by Faith
- Believer's security
- Separation
- Disciplinary chastisement
- Divine Incarnation
- Baptisms (plural)
- Rapture of the Church
- Death & Resurrection
- Priesthoods
 - Aaronic
 - Melchizedek
- Antichrist
- Palestinian "Canaan" (Land) Covenant

"Creation Week"

Day One	"Let Light Be"
Day Two	Stretching of Space
Day Three	Land & Vegetation
Day Four	Sun, Moon, & Stars
Day Five	Sea Animals & Birds
Day Six	Land Animals & Man

A Few Assets

- The Word of God is inexhaustible
- Truth is in the details
 - Every detail is connected to every other
 - It is an integrated message

What to do with "difficult passages"?

- Put Christ right in the middle and see what happens! It is a ***Remez!***
- When you find something that you don't understand or something that seems to be a contradiction, rejoice because hidden behind that apparent problem lies a discovery.
- "It is the glory of God to conceal a matter, but the glory of kings to search out a matter."

(Proverbs 25:2)

GENESIS

Genesis vs. Revelation (One Integrated Design)

	<u>Gen</u>	<u>Rev</u>
• Earth created	1:1	
○ Earth passed away		21:1
• Sun to govern Day	1:16	
○ No need of sun		21:23
• Darkness called night	1:5	
○ No night there		22:5
• Waters He called seas	1:10	
○ No more sea		21:1
• A river for earth's blessing	2:10-14	
○ A river for New Earth		22:1,2
• Earth's government (re: Israel)	37	
○ Earth's judgment (re: Israel)		16:8
• Man in God's image	1:26	
○ Man headed by Satan's image		13
• Entrance of sin	3:6	
○ End of sin		21:27
• Curse pronounced	3:14-17	
○ No more curse		22:3
• Death entered	3:19	
○ No more death		21:4
• Man driven out of Eden	3:24	
○ Man restored		22
• Tree of Life guarded	3:24	
○ Right to Tree of Life		22:14
• Sorrow & suffering enter	3:17	
○ No more sorrow		22:4
• Nimrod founds Babylon	10:8-10	
○ Babylon falls		17:18
• God's flood to destroy evil generation	6 – 9	
○ Satan's flood to destroy elect generation		12
• A rainbow, God's promise	9:13	
○ A bow for remembrance		4:3, 10:1
• Sodom & Egypt corruption, judgment	13:19	
○ "Sodom & Egypt" (Jerusalem)		11:8
• A confederation vs Abraham's people	14	
○ A confederation vs Abraham's seed		12
• A bride for Abraham's son	24	
○ A bride for Abraham's Seed		21

GENESIS

	<u>Gen</u>	<u>Rev</u>
• Marriage of 1 st Adam	2:18-23	
○ Marriage of Last Adam		19
• Man's dominion ceased, Satan's begun	3:24	
○ Satan's domain ended, man's restored		22

Koinonia House - Chuck Missler - <https://youtu.be/lyiRYlg92ys>

Genesis Introduction

Part One

Genesis 1,2	Creation
Genesis 3	Fall of Man
Genesis 4	Cain & Abel
Genesis 5	Genealogy of Noah
Genesis 6-9	Flood of Noah
Genesis 10-11	Tower of Babel

Part Two

Genesis 12-20	Abraham
Genesis 21-26	Isaac
Genesis 27-36	Jacob (Israel)
Genesis 37-50	Joseph

As exciting as it is, creation is the second most important issue. The creation is not as important as another topic: **Redemption**. Throughout the Bible there are but a few chapters dedicated to it (creation), but redemption is what the book of Genesis is really about. (Actually, Exodus and every other book in the Bible points to the same.)

The other way to measure the value of creation vs redemption is to determine what it cost Him: creation cost God six (6) days of work, while redemption cost Him His Son. What determines what something costs, is what you are willing to pay for it.

GENESIS

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. And the earth was without form and void, and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the water. And God said, "Let there be light;" and there was light. And God saw the light, that it was good; and God divided the light from the darkness and God called the light day, and the darkness He called night. And the evening and the morning were the first day. (Day one) (Genesis 1:1-5)

The **Gap Theory**, which was a concept proposed by Thomas Chalmers – 1814, based on the reinterpretation of the Hebrew language in Gen. 1:2, is the idea that between verses 1 & 2 is where the action took place concerning the recreation or “face lift” of the earth.

Many assume that when God created the heavens and the earth in Gen. 1:1, He simply created a ball of unformed and empty mass and confusion, then proceeded to give it form and order on days one through six.

The Gap Theory suggests that the angels and heavenly hosts were created in “Beginnings” rather than during or after the creation week. Satan and his deceived angelic hosts fell prior to Genesis 1:2 (See Job 38:1-7)

“And the earth was without form and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep.”

“Was” – **Hayah** – (Pluperfect form)

“The Pluperfect Tense” – (the Perfect System)

Completed Present	Perfect – I have loved	Plus quam Perfectus ↓ “More than completed” (Past)
Completed Past	Pluperfect – I had loved	
Completed Future	Future Perfect – I will have loved	

And the earth was without form, and void;

Vav... Erets.....hayah.....Tohu.....bohu

GENESIS

The word for “was” – **hayah** – is the same word used in Genesis 19:26 where Lot’s wife “was” (*hayah*) turned into a pillar of salt. The implication is that the word *hayah* is not simply descriptive, but is active. Furthermore, the word “**vav**” (which is for “and”) can also be read as “but” depending on the context. In the Septuagint it has actually been translated this way. Thus Genesis 1:2 could (or should) read:

“But the earth became (or “had become”) without form, and void.”

“Without form and void” – **Tohu vav bohu**

Tohu can also mean “confused” and **Bohu** can mean empty.

“Confused” and “without form” share in common a lack of order, in a place where there should be order.

“For thus says the Lord, who created the heavens, who is God, who formed the earth and made it, who has established it, who did not create it in vain, who formed it to be inhabited; I am the Lord, and there is no other.”

(Isaiah 45:18) (See Jeremiah 4:23-26)

“**Hayah**” – had become (Pluperfect form)

Tohu, without form, confused

Isaiah 34:11

Bohu, void, empty, waste

Isaiah 45:18

Jeremiah 4:23-26

“**Vav**” – Conjunction LXX (Adversative) But

Choshek — unnatural darkness — Exodus 10:21

Tehowm — LXX, abyssos, abyss, home of demons and evil spirits

GENESIS

The “Big Bang” Models

(“First there was nothing; then it exploded”)

- Steady State Model
 - Einstein’s Biggest Mistake
- Hesitation Model
 - Refuted in the 1960’s
- Oscillation Model
 - Refuted by entropy laws, lack of mass
- Inflation Model
 - Required antigravity forces never observed

The First Direct Quote of God

“And God said, ‘Let there be light and there was light.’”

(Genesis 1:3)

“And God divided the light from the darkness.”

- Most people believe that darkness is only the absence of light, but now it has been discovered that darkness has a property of its own, such as black holes that carry a gravitational effect.

“The evening and the morning was the first day.” (Day one)

(Genesis 1:5)

Evening – **Erev**

Morning – **Boker**

Erev

- Obscuration, mixture (increasing entropy); when encroaching darkness began to deny the ability to discern forms, shapes, and identities; hence, twilight, the time of approaching darkness, ambiguity, confusion (Prov. 7:9; Jer. 6:4)
- Sunset; marking the duration of impurity; when a ceremonially unclean person became clean again (Lev. 15)
- The beginning of the Hebrew Day – (The time of encroaching darkness)

Boker

- Becoming discernible, distinguishable, visible; perception of order; relief of obscurity (decreasing entropy); attendant ability to begin to discern forms, shapes, and distinct identities; breaking forth of light; revealing: hence dawn; morning (Gen. 19:27; 2 Kgs 10:9)

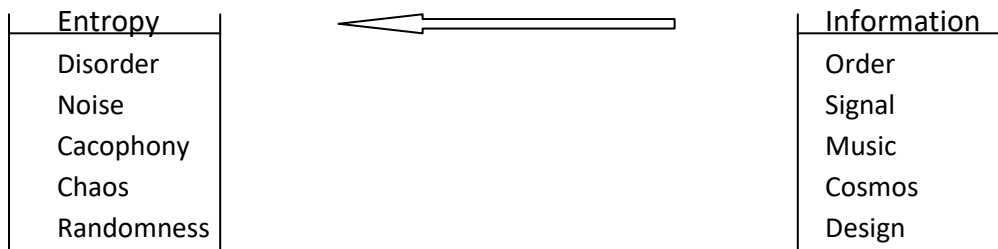
GENESIS

“The Night & Day Paradigm”

Question: Which comes first, the day or the night?

- If the day comes first, or if the day leads to night, then everything goes from light to darkness! (life to death)
- All appointed times (Moedim, Feasts) start at night or twilight
- From day to night is the way of the world, not the way of God
- “And the evening and the morning were the first day.”
- The day begins at night! In God it’s the night (darkness) that comes first.
- The children of this world live, move from light to dark, but the children of God move from darkness (death) to light (life)
- When we are born again, we are born from death to life (dark -> light).
- We are to go from weakness & despair to strength & hope, from tears to joy!
“Weeping may endure for a night, but joy.” (Psalm 30:5)
- Every night in your life will lead to the dawn!
- Live your life in accord to God’s sacred order.

Information Measures (Info Sciences)



“And 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.”

“And God called the firmament Heaven. And the evening and the morning were the second day.”

Firmament – Heb. - Raqia (raqiya): extended surface (solid), expanse
Gr. – Stereoma: firmness
Latin – Firmamentum: 3-dimensional solidity, firm expanse

GENESIS

“Space Is Not an Empty Vacuum”

- “Torn”-----Isaiah 64:1
- “Worn out” like a garment-----Psalm 102:25
- “Shaken”-----Heb 12:26, Hag 2:6, Isa 13:13
- “Burnt up”-----2 Peter 3:12
- “Split apart” like a scroll-----Revelation 6:14
- “Rolled up” like a mantle-----Hebrews 1:12
or scroll-----Isaiah 34:4

“Monkey Men” Frauds

Heidelberg Man

- Built from a single jawbone

Nebraska Man, 1922

- Hen Osborn: From just one tooth
- Later: Discovered to be an extinct pig

Pittdown Man, 1912

- Charles Dawson: from a jawbone of a modern ape
- Deliberate Fraud: filed, treated with iron salts to look old

Peking Man, 1921

- Evidence disappeared; outright fraud

Neanderthal man

- Found in a cave in the Neander Valley near Dusseldorf
- International Congress of Zoology, 1958: that of an old man suffering from arthritis

Java Man, 1922

- 1891 skull cap; soft femur (thigh) bone (nowhere near the discovery)
- Concealed evidence; teeth were of an orangutan

All deliberate fraud! In 120 years of searching; there have been no intermediate stages found to justify evolution.