

Creating A Place For Humans Genesis 1:1-25

I. Planet Earth - 1:1-23

1. Eternal God is Creator of all things – 1:1-2
God created the heavens and the earth - 1
Record focuses on earth a place for humans - 2
2. God created all things from nothing – 1:2
“Earth was without form and void”
No shape or substance – Hebrews 11:3
“Universe was created by the word of God”
“What is seen was not made out of things that are visible”
“Darkness was over the face of the deep”
No shape or form, darkness – no substance
Spirit of God begins to move – energizing creative power

II. When God Speaks

1. Witness the power of God’s voice
Omnipotent God speaks & things happen
8 times He calls things into being during 6 days
Verse 3, 6, 9, 11, 14, 20, 24, 28 - Psalm 19
2. Witness the order in creation – 3-19
 - A. God introduced light into darkness – 3-5
God is light and He dispels darkness
Presence of light is necessary to have life
Not sun, moon & stars created on 4th day – 1:14-19
Light & darkness separated day & night – 4-5
In doing so God established day one
 - B. God created atmospheric heavens – 6-8
Created an expanse to divide waters - 6-8
Great mass of water above atmospheric heavens
May have been much larger than present now
Consider extent of Gen. 7:11-12
Great mass of water under the heavens
Separating expanse called heaven
This marked Day 2
 - C. Created dry land with its vegetation – 9-13
Waters under heaven gathered together in one place
May hint at some later change– consider Gen. 10:25
Consider also separation of ethnic groups
After the Tower of Babel
“Let the dry land appear” – “God called it earth”
Trees, vegetation began to grow on earth
God commanded the earth (land) to spout
Bring forth vegetation, plants and trees
Isn’t it glorious to see Mountains & fields filled with growth no one planted (God caused earth to bring it forth)
All vegetation had ability to reproduce itself
With God’s order there is vegetation before life
God evaluated the result “calling it good”
This constituted His work of Day 3

- D. Created lights to shine on earth – 14-19
Sun, moon, stars gave light for day & night
Lights would also help humans to keep time
for signs & for seasons, for days and years
God called it good as it marked Day 4

III. Creating Living Beings

- A. Created fish for seas, birds for sky – 20-23
“let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures”
This does not suggest God created a few fish
1:21 goes on to say “So God created great sea creatures and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm”
God also said “Let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the heavens” – 1:20
They had ability to reproduce their kind – 1:21
God blessed them in reproduction, multiplying – 22
This marked the fifth day - 23
- B. God created land animals – 24-25
Again God spoke in His creative power – 24
“Let the earth bring forth living creatures”
According to their kinds – great variety
Three broad categories given – 24-25
Livestock, creeping things and beasts of the earth
Again God spoke declaring it good – 25
When man is created he is given dominion over the animal kingdom – 26
Completion of the 6th day

Six Days of Creation – 2:1-4

1. Each day described as evening & morning
This is the Jewish way of describing a day
Note 1:4, 8, 13, 19, 23, 31
2. When finished God rested on 7th day – 2:1-2
He blessed that day and made it holy – 3
Holy because He rested from His work of creation
3. This points to God's Law in Exodus 20:8-11
Command written by God's finger in stone – Ex.31:18
Sabbath – special sign for Israel explained – 31:12-18
Did God base His law on something not true?
4. Jesus fulfilled God's law for us – Matt. 5:17-19
We are no longer bound to this law – Col. 2:14-17
5. What is that reality in Christ – Heb. 4
Our Sabbath is to rest in finished work of Christ
Hebrews 4:9-11
As Israel's Sabbath was to celebrate God's work of creation (natural creation) our Sabbath is to rest in the finished redemptive work of Christ (new creation)
6. God in creation was doing something that sets the foundation
for both Old and New Covenant