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Creation

Six Days and a Day of Rest · Genesis 1:1–2:3

6 Days
Then a day of rest

10 Times
"And God said"

7 Times
It was good

In His Image
Made on day 6

GENESIS 1:1–2:3

The Week at a Glance

Genesis tells creation as one week of seven days.

1
Light
Light divided from darkness: Day and Night.
GENESIS 1:3–5

2
Sky and Waters
The firmament divides the waters.
GENESIS 1:6–8

3
Land and Plants
Dry land, seas, grass, herbs and trees.
GENESIS 1:9–13

4
Sun, Moon and Stars
Lights for signs, seasons, days and years.
GENESIS 1:14–19

5
Sea Creatures and Birds
The waters and the sky filled with life.
GENESIS 1:20–23

6
Animals and People
Beasts, then man and woman in God's image.
GENESIS 1:24–31

7
God Rests
The seventh day blessed and made holy.
GENESIS 2:1–3

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Very Good
God saw every thing He had made.
GENESIS 1:31

KEY VERSE

"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth."

Genesis 1:1 (KJV)

Forming and Filling

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The Seven Days of Creation

Forming the world, then filling it

Genesis 1:1–2:3 · King James Version

Forming: Days 1–3

God makes the spaces

1 Light
Day and Night divided
GENESIS 1:3–5

2 Sky and Waters
The firmament called Heaven
GENESIS 1:6–8

3 Land and Plants
Earth, Seas, grass and trees
GENESIS 1:9–13

Filling: Days 4–6

God fills each space

4 Sun, Moon, Stars
Lights to rule day and night
GENESIS 1:14–19

5 Fish and Birds
The waters and sky filled
GENESIS 1:20–23

6 Animals and People
Man and woman in His image
GENESIS 1:24–31

Day 7

The work finished

7 God Rests
God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it
GENESIS 2:1–3

KEY VERSE

“For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day”

EXODUS 20:11 (KJV)

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Made in the Image of God

DAY 6 UP CLOSE

Made in the Image of God

People are described differently from everything else in creation. Genesis 2 zooms in on the sixth day.

GENESIS 1:27

In His Image

Every person reflects God in a special way, the root of human dignity.

“So God created man in His own image”

GENESIS 1:27

GENESIS 2:7

Formed from the Dust

God shaped Adam and breathed life into him.

“and man became a living soul.”

GENESIS 2:7

GENESIS 2:22

Eve Made

God made the woman from Adam’s side, and the first marriage began.

GENESIS 2:21–24

GENESIS 1:28

A Purpose

God blessed them and gave them dominion over the earth.

“Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth”

GENESIS 1:28

GENESIS 2:15

Good Work

God put the man in the garden to dress it and to keep it.

GENESIS 2:15

PSALM 139:14

Wonderfully Made

“I will praise Thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made”

PSALM 139:14

THE REST OF THE STORY

Creation and Jesus Christ

The New Testament shows that the Son of God was there in the beginning, and that He will make all things new.

The Word

“All things were made by Him; and without Him was not any thing made that was made.”

JOHN 1:3

The Light

“In Him was life; and the life was the light of men.”

JOHN 1:4

All Things for Him

“all things were created by Him, and for Him”

COLOSSIANS 1:16

Upholding All Things

“upholding all things by the word of His power”

HEBREWS 1:3

A New Creation

“if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature”

2 CORINTHIANS 5:17

All Things New

“Behold, I make all things new.”

REVELATION 21:5

CREATION AT A GLANCE · PART 4 OF 4

Lessons for Today

FOR TODAY

Five Things to Remember

Read Genesis 1 and 2 on your own, and write down what stands out to you on each day.

1

God Is the Creator

Everything that exists was made by God.

GENESIS 1:1

2

God Creates by His Word

“God said,” and it happened.

HEBREWS 11:3

3

Creation Is Good

Seven times it was good, and the last time very good.

GENESIS 1:31

4

People Are Special

Men and women are made in God’s image and given care of the earth.

GENESIS 1:27–28

5

Rest Is Holy

God set apart the seventh day.

EXODUS 20:8–11

6

Praise the Creator

“The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth His handywork.”

PSALM 19:1

THINK ABOUT IT

Questions for Reflection

Creation begins with a simple command, and it happens: what does that tell you about God? How might it change the way you see the night sky to know those lights were made, not worshipped? If every person is made in God’s image, how should that shape the way you treat others? What would it look like to build regular rest into your own week?

KEY THEMES

Six Themes of Creation

These six truths run through Genesis 1 and the rest of the Bible.

1

God Is the Creator

Everything that exists was made by God; nothing came before Him.

GENESIS 1:1

2

God Creates by His Word

“And God said” opens each act of creation.

“By the word of the LORD were the heavens made”

PSALM 33:6

3

Creation Is Good

Seven times it was good, and the last time very good.

GENESIS 1:31

4

People Bear God’s Image

Every person reflects God and has dignity.

GENESIS 1:27

5

Rest Is Holy

God blessed the seventh day and set it apart.

GENESIS 2:3

6

Christ the Creator

The Son made all things and holds them together.

“by Him all things consist.”

COLOSSIANS 1:17