

Series "In The Beginning...God"
"In The Beginning"
Genesis 1:1
Study-1

Genesis – means "*beginning*" Greek word is "*origin*" This is foundational to the entire Bible. "***Creation of all things in just 10 words***"

The opening three chapters of Genesis lay the foundation for the entire Bible and the Christian's Worldview.

Author of Genesis – Moses authored Genesis. As Moses authored the Law which is the first five books of the Bible called "**The Pentateuch**" **Mark 12:46**
How could Moses author Genesis when he was not born until the book of **Exodus 2:2?**

Explanation: The inspired Word of God. God used three tools:

Revelation: From God to man (man hears that which God wants written).

Inspiration: From man to paper (man writes that which God wants written).

Illumination: From paper to heart (man receives the light of that which God has written).

Divine Revelation - 2 Timothy 3:16-17

Genesis is quoted over 200 times in the New Testament.

The Key Verse of Genesis - Genesis 1:1

Key Words of Genesis – Gave – 250 times, God – 227 times, Lord – 222 times, Made – 217 times.

The Theme of Genesis – "The Book Of Beginnings" **Genesis** – means "*beginning*" Greek word is "*origin*" This is foundational to the entire Bible.

Purpose – To give to us the origins of life itself.

1. *Man was divinely created by God.*
2. *Man has fallen.*
3. *Man needs redemption.*

The Outline Of The Book- Genesis 1–11 **Primeval History: 1) **Creation** (Gen. 1, 2); 2) the **Fall** (Gen. 3–5); 3) the **Flood** (Gen. 6–9); 4) the **Dispersion** (Gen. 10, 11)**

Genesis 12–50 **Patriarchal History: 1) **Abraham** (Gen. 12:1–25:8); 2) **Isaac** (Gen. 21:1–35:29); 3) **Jacob** (Gen. 25:21–50:14); 4) **Joseph** (Gen. 30:22–50:26).**

(Answers In Genesis) Presents The 7 C's In God's Eternal Plan:

- (1) Creation (God) – Genesis 1:1**
- (2) Corruption (Sin) – Genesis 3/Romans 8:32**
- (3) Catastrophe (Flood) – Genesis 6:7**
- (4) Confusion (Babel) – Genesis 11:9**
- (5) Christ (Incarnation) – Galatians 4:4**
- (6) Cross (Substitution) – 1 Peter 3:18**
- (7) Consummation (Eternity) – Revelation 20:14, 21:1**

The Thought Of Our Passage: Genesis 1:1 God's Word Versus Man's Word Or What God's Says Versus What Man Says.

We will look at 5 areas in our study:

1. When Did The Universe Begin?

Genesis 1:1 In the beginning "a point in time" God initiated and set in motion the time that God created the heavens and the earth. **Hebrews 1:10** This is the starting point of time, space and matter. Prior to His creation there was no time. My Position is "**The Young Earth View**" **John 1:1-3**

2. Who Created The Universe And All Things?

Genesis 1:1 In the beginning God It was God! He is the creator. **God** – Hebrew **Elohim** – Is a plural noun, but normally represented by a single pronoun "He" (The plural prepares us for the trinity **Verses 2-5**) (**God is one but manifested in three persons.**) **Elohim** – speaks of His majesty and power of the only true God. Seen in His creation. The name **Elohim** – is used **32 times** in **31 verses**; God is mentioned by name.

Exodus 3:14; Romans 1:18-22 All creation proves there is a God!

The Bible Reveals 8 Attributes of God:

1. The God Of Eternity: Meaning: God exists endlessly. His existence extends endlessly backward and forward (from our viewpoint of time) without any interruption or limitation caused by succession of events. "**Eternality God**" **Psalm 90:2; Colossians 1:16**

Result: God has never, nor will He ever cease to exist; therefore, His sustaining, providential control of all things and events is assured.

2. Omniscience Of God: Meaning: God knows everything, things actual and possible, effortlessly, and equally well. **Psalm 147:5; Romans 11:33; Colossians 2:3**

Result: We can't inform God, nothing takes God by surprise.

3. The Omnipotence Of God: Meaning: God is all-powerful and able to do anything consistent with His own nature. **Job 42:2; Luke 1:37**

Result: In the past, God's power was seen in Creation, God's power through the Gospel, hope of bodily resurrection, and to daily living.

4. The Omnipresence Of God: *Meaning:* God is everywhere, present with His whole being at all times. **Psalm 139:7-10; Proverbs 15:3**

Result: No person can escape the presence of God. This warns unbelievers and comforts believers; His presence is in every circumstance of life.

5. The Immutability Of God: *Meaning:* God is unchangeable and thus unchanging. **Malachi 3:6; 2 Timothy 2:13**

Result: Immutability assures us that none of God's attributes change. Comfort and assurance that God's promises will not fail. God's attitudes toward sin, change not.

6. The Sovereignty Of God: *Meaning:* principal, chief, supreme. It speaks first of position (God is the chief Being in the universe), then of power (God is supreme in power, in the universe). **Isaiah 46:9-10**

Result: Moral being – Without God there is no basis for right and wrong.

7. The Transcendent God: *Meaning:* means that God is independent of His creatures and His Creation. **Isaiah 40:13-14; Acts 17:24-25**

Result: Being free, God is not obligated to us in any way unless He chooses to initiate an obligation. He does not have to do anything for us unless He chooses to do so. We cannot put God in debt. **We are totally dependent upon God.**

8. The God Of Infinity: *Meaning:* God has no bounds or limits. He is in no way limited by the universe nor by time-space boundaries. **1 Kings 8:27**

Result: Our God Is God!

3. How Did God Create?

Genesis 1:1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. The word **created** – “**Create**” (bara) occurs only **3 times: vv. 1, 21, 27. (55 times OT)** Hebrew “*to create something that has not been created before,*” “*to create out of nothing.*” This word is never used in context to man but only God. Man can make but only God creates; He does so by His Words. “**God said, then God said**” His creative Words, spoke **Genesis 1:3 Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. 1:3,6,9,14,20,24,26**

Psalm 33:6,9; Isaiah 48:13; Mark 4:39-41 Christianity is a relationship with miracles.

4. What Did God Create?

Genesis 1:1 heavens and the earth. Summary: God created all things, **beginning** (Time) **heavens** (Space) **earth** (Matter) and everything above it. (Time, Space, Matter)

Heavens/heaven – 4th day of creation, **Genesis 1:16** He made the stars also.
Romans 1:20

5. Why Did God Create?

Genesis 1:1 In the beginning God created the **heavens and the earth**. This passage does not directly tell us. **Psalm 19:1; Isaiah 43:7**

All of creation is that God would be glorified! That is His purpose! Love Him, praise Him, serve Him. Genesis 3 - the fall and God's plan of redemption!

God Has Prepared The Plan Of Salvation: 1 Peter 1:20-21

Genesis 1:1 This one verse refutes 6 false concepts-

- 1. Atheism – Psalm 14:1**
- 2. Polytheism –**
- 3. Pantheism - Romans 1:22-23**
- 4. Humanism –**
- 5. Materialism -**
- 6. Evolutionism –**

Application:

1. If We Believe **Genesis 1:1** In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth, It should affect Our World View. Divine Ownership: God made me, the universe - He owns it all, including my life. I will submit to Him; God is the final authority. **Psalm 24:1**
2. Our Purpose Is Divine Enjoyment. Genesis 3 - Adam and Eve walked with God, fellowship with God can be restored. **2 Corinthians 11:3**