

# **IN SEARCH OF... JESUS**

## **Class Two**

### **Genesis 1 – 3**

### **The Creation**



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Genesis Chapter One:

“1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

2 And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

3 And God said, ‘Let there be light:’ and there was light.

4 And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness.

5 And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.

6 And God said, ‘Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters.’

7 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.

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

9 And God said, ‘Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry land appear:’ and it was so.

10 And God called the dry land Earth; and the gathering together of the waters called he Seas: and God saw that it was good.

11 And God said, ‘Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth:’ and it was so.

12 And the earth brought forth grass, and herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed was in itself, after his kind: and God saw that it was good.

13 And the evening and the morning were the third day.

14 And God said, ‘Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years:

15 And let them be for lights in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth: and it was so.

16 And God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: he made the stars also.

17 And God set them in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth,

18 And to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness: and God saw that it was good.

19 And the evening and the morning were the fourth day.

20 And God said, 'Let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving creature that has life, and fowl that may fly above the earth in the open firmament of heaven.'

21 And God created great whales, and every living creature that moves, which the waters brought forth abundantly, after their kind, and every winged fowl after his kind: and God saw that it was good.

22 And God blessed them, saying, 'Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let fowl multiply in the earth.'

23 And the evening and the morning were the fifth day.

24 And God said, 'Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth after his kind:' and it was so.

25 And God made the beast of the earth after his kind, and cattle after their kind, and every thing that creeps upon the earth after his kind: and God saw that it was good.

26 And God said, 'Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.'

27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

28 And God blessed them, and God said unto them, 'Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.'

29 And God said, 'Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat.

30 And to every beast of the earth, and to every fowl of the air, and to every thing that creeps upon the earth, wherein there is life, I have given every green herb for meat:’ and it was so.

31 And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

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1. God is establishing His legal jurisdiction over His Creation by making the legal claim to be the Creator.

2. If this verse were written in Paleo-Hebrew [an older form of Hebrew which uses pictograph for letters] the opening word of the Bible would be “b’resheet” and the pictograph letters would represent the message, “God’s Son dying hands nailed to a cross.”

3. The Hebrew word for “God” in this verse is Elohim. This is Hebrew for at least three Gods, but it is used with a singular verb. This teaches the Trinity: three-in-one.

4. When God’s name YHWH is used, if it were written in Paleo-Hebrew pictographs, it would provide the message: Behold the Hands, Behold the nails.

5. There is an “untranslateable” word in the Hebrew. Between “God” and “created” is אָן [Aleph and Tav in the Hebrew.] This is the Hebrew version of Alpha and Omega. Jesus declared that He was the Alpha and Omega. In the Hebrew Jesus would be saying He is the Aleph and Tav. This ‘untranslateable’ word can be considered the name of Jesus since He identified with the first and last letters of the alphabet. This suggests that we could read Genesis 1:1: In the beginning God [Jesus] created the heavens and the earth.

6. The word “created” in verse one is “bara” in the Hebrew. It literally means to call forth out of nothing. In other words God made everything out of nothing. His ownership over His Creation is exclusive.

7. There are several Creations. Each day saw the beginning and the ending of a new creation.

8. God works in an orderly fashion. He moves from chaos to order. He established an environment that can support the next level of Creation each day.

9. God does not declare the firmament “good.” This may be because the firmament is where Satan and his forces dwell. Firmament is the air/atmosphere. There is water above it and below it.

10. Notice, this chapter mentions God created the sun, moon and stars and they are revealed on the fourth day. God discusses their purpose, but does not give details

concerning how He created them. It is possible they were created earlier but not revealed until this part of Creation. Remember, Genesis 1:1 notes that God created the heavens and the earth as the opening statement. The heavens would include the sun, moon and stars. One theory is that Moses could tell night and day, but due to the cloud covering, he could not see the sun, moon and stars until the fourth day. With the creation of the plants on Day Three the oxygen carbon dioxide cycle started and this would cause the cloud covering to burn off on Day Four.

11. There are not two Creations concerning man. There is God's initial declaration that He would make humans in Chapter One. In Chapter Two God gives the details of how He did it. Now that God has created the world and everything in it, He moves His focus to how He created mankind. He created man out of what He has already created. He creates woman out of what He created in creating man. This maintains God's jurisdiction over His Creation.

Genesis Chapter Two:

1 Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them.

2 And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made.

3 And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made.

4 These are the generations of the heavens and of the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens,

5 And every plant of the field before it was in the earth, and every herb of the field before it grew: for the LORD God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was not a man to till the ground.

6 But there went up a mist from the earth, and watered the whole face of the ground.

7 And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

8 And the LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there he put the man whom he had formed.

9 And out of the ground made the LORD God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil.

10 And a river went out of Eden to water the garden; and from thence it was parted, and became into four heads.

11 The name of the first is Pison: that is it which compassed the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold;

12 And the gold of that land is good: there is bdellium and the onyx stone.

13 And the name of the second river is Gihon: the same is it that compassed the whole land of Ethiopia.

14 And the name of the third river is Hiddekel: that is it which goes toward the east of Assyria. And the fourth river is Euphrates.

15 And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the Garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it.

16 And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, ‘Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat:

17 But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, you shall not eat of it: for in the day that you eat thereof you shall surely die.

18 And the LORD God said, ‘It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a help meet for him.’

19 And out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought them unto Adam to see what he would call them: and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that was the name thereof.

20 And Adam gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field; but for Adam there was not found a help meet for him.

21 And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof;

22 And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man.

23 And Adam said, ‘This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called “Woman,” because she was taken out of Man.

24 Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cling unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.’

25 And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.”

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Chapter Two completes God's testimony of how He created the earth and how He created man and woman. With this testimony, God has established Himself as the Creator and we are the Creation. He owns us. He has jurisdiction over us.

1. This is the creation of the human race.
2. God made man out of the dust of the ground. God created the dust of the ground. This protected God's jurisdiction over man.
3. Man was created for fellowship
4. It is not good for man to be alone
5. Nothing in Creation was capable to meeting this need for fellowship in man even though God presented all of creation to him.
6. God created woman as a separate creation.
7. How God created woman is a picture of Jesus and His Church. God opened the side of Adam to create woman. Jesus had His side opened on the cross to give birth to the Church.
8. God used man, whom He had created and made woman out of man's substance. Since God had also created man, this preserved God's jurisdiction over all of His Creation.
9. God created the family and blessed it long before He created the Church
10. Marriage came first. The family becomes our first ministry.
11. Since God created marriage and the family, only God can define what constitutes a family. Law makers can pass laws defining social contracts; but only God can define marriage as this is His creation.
12. Each marriage is designed to create a new family, not just an extension of the prior family. The parties to the marriage must leave and cleave. They leave their parents. They cling to each other and grown into one flesh.
13. The family is the basis for the rest of society. Where the family is strong, the society is strong. Where the family is weak, the society becomes weak.



### GENESIS 3:

1 Now the serpent was more subtle than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, 'Yea, has God said, "You shall not eat of every tree of the garden?"'

2 And the woman said unto the serpent, 'We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden:

3 But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, "You shall not eat of it, neither shall you touch it, lest you die."

4 And the serpent said unto the woman, 'You shall not surely die:

5 For God knows that in the day you eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and you shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.'

6 And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.

7 And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.

8 And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden.

9 And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, 'Where are you?'

10 And he said, 'I heard your voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.'

11 And he said, 'Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded you that you should not eat?'

12 And the man said, 'The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat.'

13 And the LORD God said unto the woman, 'What is this that you have done?' And the woman said, 'The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat.'

14 And the LORD God said unto the serpent, 'Because you have done this, you are cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon your belly shall you go, and dust shall you eat all the days of your life:

15 And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed; it shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.’

16 Unto the woman he said, ‘I will greatly multiply your sorrow and your conception; in sorrow you shall bring forth children; and your desire shall be to your husband, and he shall rule over you.’

17 And unto Adam he said, ‘Because you have listened unto the voice of your wife, and have eaten of the tree, of which I commanded you, saying, You shall not eat of it: cursed is the ground for your sake; in sorrow shall you eat of it all the days of your life;

18 Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to you; and you shall eat the herb of the field;

19 In the sweat of your face shall you eat bread, till you return unto the ground; for out of it were you taken: for dust you are, and unto dust shall you return.’

20 And Adam called his wife's name Eve; because she was the mother of all living.

21 Unto Adam also and to his wife did the LORD God make coats of skins, and clothed them.

22 And the LORD God said, ‘Behold, the man has become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever:’

23 Therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the Garden of Eden, to till the ground from which he was taken.

24 So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.”

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This is the Fall.

1. Satan worked through the serpent, but he was the force behind it. Also note that Adam was “with her” [Eve] while this temptation was taking place. His silence speaks volumes concerning him and his failure to protect his wife and family from this attack of Satan.

2. With eating the forbidden fruit Adam and Eve came to understand right from wrong. With the knowledge of right and wrong, they now had the burden to always do what was right and to never do what was wrong.

3. This is how sin and death came into our world. The wages of sin is death. This is a package deal. Sin and death are the seed of the serpent [Satan]

4. God makes the promise of a Virgin Birth to save us [the Seed of the Woman].
5. Adam was not cursed.
6. God cursed the ground with the curse that Adam should have been given. The sign of that curse was thorns.
7. Jesus wore a crown of thorns when He was crucified because He was assuming the curse Adam deserved.
8. Notice that Eve's pain in childbirth shall be increased. This suggests she may have already gone through child birth prior to the Fall.
9. Also, woman becomes subjected by her husband as part of the new social order God is establishing. Prior to the Fall this was not necessary.
10. Notice Adam and Eve were intelligent enough to sew aprons for themselves
11. God removed Adam and Eve from the Garden for their own good – lest they live forever
12. God set angels with flaming swords to guard the Garden of Eden.