

In the Beginning

Genesis 1:1-19

- The book of Genesis is the beginning of everything > Creation, family, culture, nations, industry, sin, and redemption, everything except God, because God has no beginning. It's here that the earth, universe, man, all life forms, sin and death began, and its why people who want to eliminate God and disapprove what scripture says, attack first, for if they can discredit say the creation account then everything else is also debatable and therefore not to be used as fact.

V1-19

- The word "**Genesis**" means the beginning, and **V1** says "**in the beginning God**" you can date man but not God > **Ps 90:2, Jn 1:1-2**, God was always there and everything that exists for Him > **Col 1:16**. Afterward it says "God created the heavens and the earth, this is where many stop reading, because if they can trust this then their hearts and minds may be open to believe what God says about man. Also of note is when man **creates** the word means "**to assemble out of existing material**" but here when God **creates** it means to create out of nothing wow!
- **V2** the earth is void and without form, its desolate, wasted, He is going to create out of nothing, here God fills that which is empty, with purpose and with beauty > **Is 45:18**. Just think about this for a moment a typical galaxy contains billions of stars, our galaxy alone (the milky way) has **200** billion stars, that is only our galaxy, there are many other galaxies with the average distance being **20** million trillion miles. For every patch of sky the size of the moon you would see a million galaxies, that's how vast the universe is, and we are still discovering more of it.
- God did all that in one day all by Himself, this didn't happen by chance, by some cosmic explosion that just somehow happened, He is an intelligent designer. How stupid is the big bang theory if in the beginning there was nothing then how could an explosion create everything? God created this but with a plan as we are in His heart while He is creating, **V3-5** the first step from chaos to order is to bring light, as this is the way God also works in our lives > **2 Cor 4:3-6**.
- Notice God did not have to fashion light with His hands, He simply spoke the words and there was light, **Lk 7:2-10**- the centurion's servant was sick and he asked Jesus to simply speak the word and his servant would be healed, and that's exactly what happened. People wrongly think because God can speak things into existence then so can we, if that was the case many of us would live forever and there would be no such thing as cancer wards or children's hospitals.
- He concluded the first day of creation week by dividing the light from the darkness creating evening and morning, notice God everything God saw after He created it He said was good, no mistakes, all intentional, this shows that we don't and can't determine good, only God.

- **V6-8 the second day:** God divides the waters and land from the clouds and skies, and universes, He makes an atmospheric division, here is why we can't survive outside our own galaxy. This blanket is called a firmament, and He names it heaven, a separation has already occurred even before the fall as God knows what is going to happen before it takes place and He's prepared.
- **V9-13 the third day:** the land is divided from the sea, and plants and vegetation are created, and God again says "**it is good**" notice a theme as God forms and then He fills, it's the same thing in our lives. God creates a need for us and then He fills that need in the manner He sees fit, the problem we have is we become dissatisfied in His solution for our need and we seek to fill it ourselves, and that's when all the trouble begins, and the congregation says Amen!
- Instead of life slowly evolving over millions of years, we see it being created in days, as we see grass, trees, herbs, seeds, fruits, and notice everything produces of its own kind that's very important because it shows that whatever God created it to do it didn't vary from it, man will be the only part of creation we see that rebels from doing what we were created to do.
- **V14-19 the fourth day:** the sun, the moon help bring about the weather and different seasons which show God intended for variety and to help us tell the time of the day. The stars are set to be the lights in the heavens as signs that there is a God Who created all of this. What's interesting is Astrology uses the stars to try and disprove that there is a God, to read them to predict their future, but instead it was meant to remind us that God is real and he has created all this to be a blessing for us, sadly we misuse it and take it for granted just as we do Him.