

The World of the Old Testament
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Week 2

What is reality?

Part 1: Function and Functionaries

Who is creating?

When?

What?

How?

Day 1:

Day 4:

Day 2:

Day 5:

Day 3:

Day 6:

Day 7:

Part 2: The Cosmos is God's Temple

What is the reality that the Bible is revealing to us?

Summary

- 1) Everything had its beginning with God. He is the reason for everything.
- 2) God brought order/structure to that which was disordered and inhabitants to that which was uninhabited. By his command (And God said...)
- 3) The original intent was God himself inhabiting a space with his creation, his temple, especially his imagers, in peace and stasis. This was shattered by the choice of the imagers to do things their own way, defining good and evil for themselves (creating their own reality) rather than abiding by God's revelation (reality).

Questions and Homework:

Read Genesis 6-9

- 1) What is the original *function* of human beings?
- 2) How are you living out that function today?
- 3) If God's temple is the world and he is in his throne, how does his reign affect your life and the way you live it?