

## Story #1 - Creation

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth (Genesis 1:1). Everything God does is perfect. But the second verse of Genesis 1, plants a thought seed. For some unknown reason, the world God created doesn't seem perfect. It was a formless void, covered in deep darkness. Where did the darkness come from, what had caused it?

The darkness covering the world preceded the dawn of time. Then in verse three, God spoke into that darkness. Time began with the words, "Let there be light."

Over the first six days of HIStory, God demonstrated that he is orderly. During the first three days, God created spaces that He filled over the next three days. Individually, each of the first five days was "good." The sixth day's work completed what was previously accomplished. All of it together was declared "very good."

Background Passages: Ezekiel 28:11-19, Isaiah 14:12, and Revelation 12:4

## **Main Talking Points**

1. Quote Genesis 1:1- "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth."

2. God created angels to glorify Himself through their worship of Him in heaven. One of the angels, a spiritual being known today as Satan, rebelled against God. One third of all the angels God had created joined Satan's rebellion.

God cast them out of heaven (see Ezekiel 28:11-19 and Revelation 12:4). The place where God sent Satan and those who followed him was a place of chaos and darkness.
God Spoke into the darkness, "let there be light!" The light dispelled the darkness. God saw that it was good. There was evening and there was morning. This was the first day.

5. Over the next four days, God created many things: the expanse (space or sky), the seas and dry lands,

vegetation, the sun, moon and stars, and the fish and birds. All of this was good, too. 6. The first thing God did on the sixth day was create the land animals.

7. Quote Genesis 26a, 27- "then God said, 'Let Us make man in Our image'... God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them."

8. Mankind alone bears the very image of God.

- 9. Emphasize mankind's gender. He created them male and female.
- 10. God proclaimed all His work together as "very good!"
- 11. God blessed the seventh day, and He rested.

## **Things To Think About**

1. The time-clock of history started when God said, "Let there be light."

2. Moses is credited with writing most of Genesis. He understood a day to begin and end at sundown. Moses understood the length of a day to be twenty-four hours, the same as we do today.

3. Having children is the reason God made mankind both male and female. Children are essential to God's plan for mankind to subdue the earth and proclaim His glory everywhere.

4. Understanding the word "subdue" is very important to fulfilling your role in God's plan for all Creation.

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