

## BEGINNING THE BEGINNING!

*Genesis 1:1–2:3*

- I. GOD’S WORD BRINGS FORTH LIFE! (1:1)
  - A. It develops Israel’s understanding of the true God
    - 1. He is triune
      - God the Father
      - God the Son/Word (John 1:1)
      - God the Spirit (hovering)
    - 2. He is eternal
      - Psalm 90:1-2
    - 3. He creates
      - Everything that is came from Him;
      - everything else is rearrangement
  - B. It dismisses Egypt’s false Gods
    - Each day counters a “god”/idol of Egypt—
    - Sun, moon, stars, fertile land, sea/Nile, creatures
  - C. It dismantles other creation accounts
    - Not only ancient ones, but modern:
    - e.g. naturalism; *“nothing before or behind or after*
- II. GOD’S WAY BRINGS FORTH ORDER! (1:2-31)
  - A. Days 1-3: Forming the earth (cf. “formless”)
  - B. Days 4-6: Filling the earth (cf. “void”)
- III. GOD’S WORK BRINGS FORTH REST! (2:1-3)
  - The rhythm of the Sabbath; the rest of grace/faith; Jesus (Mt. 11:28-30)