

Genesis 1:1-31

God created Order from Chaos
for creation to Thrive

Scripture is God's one cohesive Story

- Genesis means origins
 - 6 Days of creation is 6 literal 24hr days

Genesis 1:1-5 - Day 1

- Form and void = tohu bohu = Lacking order
 - God declaring something as 'good' means it is desirable, beautiful and right = in right relationship to him

Genesis 1:6-8 - Day 2

- The expanse = space - the place for things to exist and be distinct
 - a separation - **Job 38:4-7**

Genesis 1:9-13 - Day 3

- The first act of God filling creation to fulfill its purpose
 - To contain, sustain, and produce LIFE

Genesis 1:14-19 - Day 4

- Parallels Day 1 - separation of light and darkness
 - Separation of rulers of the light - Sun and Moon
 - Rule to establish dominion (ex: sun dominion of the day)

Genesis 1:20-23 - Day 5

- God begins to bless creation with the ability and potential to reproduce
 - God made creation to be fertile

Genesis 1:24-31 - Day 6

- Animals - receive the blessing of procreation
- Mankind - distinct and separate
 - Created in the image of God = Mankind are His representatives in creation
 - Made male and female - distinct creation but no separation of humanity or as image bearers
 - Receive the blessing of procreation

The Book of Genesis Wk1

- Given a commission as God's representatives to follow his example
 - Fill it
 - God's example
 - Created a world to contain, sustain and produce life
 - Systems for life to exist – environment, cultivation and command [Contain]
 - Systems for life to thrive – food, pleasure and safety [Sustain]
 - Systems for life to grow – companionship, reproduction and instruction [Produce]
 - Human Responsibility
 - Continue the work of God to contain, sustain and produce life
 - Systems for life to exist – cultivate the environment to contain life [CONTAIN]
 - Systems for life to thrive – steward production of nourishment, safety and pleasure [SUSTAIN]
 - Systems for life to grow – Maintain relational dynamic to produce children and grow in wisdom [PRODUCE]
 - Subdue it
 - God's example
 - From Nothing – God bent everything to accomplish His will and desires
 - Chaos to Order – with distinction and purpose
 - Human Responsibility
 - Maintain God's order of creation
 - Hold it to live in its distinction and fulfill its purpose
 - Rule over it
 - God's Example
 - Bears the ultimate authority over it all to accomplish His will
 - Human Responsibility
 - As representatives– govern to achieve God's will
 - Sun as ruler of the day
 - We establish God's dominion by our presence in it

All of creation is a testimony of the Love of God - All for His glory