



Note

Genesis 1 – Part 1 & 2

Era	Characters	Chapters
In the beginning	God create world	Gen 1 
Before 4000 BC	Adam Eve	Gen 1~3 

Summary

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The process of how God created the universe in an orderly, systematic fashion over six days; like a drama unfolding in two parts.

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God's method of increase, multiplying according to kind. We are made in God's image, with creative minds, although limited by sin.

Transcript

Genesis 1 - Part 1 of 2

Let's now see how God created the universe. Almost all Christians can tell you: "I know, God created the universe in six days and rested on the 7th." Now, it's important for us, to realize, God didn't do it in some haphazard way. In fact, many Christians struggle to remember what happened first. As if, it's like, you have to memorize. You don't have to memorize because, God is very orderly and organized.

So, we will see this six-day Creation process, in this orderly way. It is divided into two 3-days sections. The first three days, God prepares the place for this drama to take place - the redemption drama. Then, on the next three days, God puts the cast onto this place. The first three days is preparation of the place; and these first three days, you will notice, are three days where there is contrast or division.

First day, God said: "Let there be light." And He divided light from darkness. So, I want you to know, this light didn't come from the sun. The sun was made on the fourth day. This light came from God. Later, Jesus claims to be God, when He says: "I am the Light of the world." So, that's a claim of what God did in Genesis. Now, the moment there was light, it divided light from darkness. Darkness is nothing more than absence of light. All of a sudden, it's like, in a drama, the lights come on. You want to see any drama, there must be lights, otherwise you see nothing.

Then, on Day 2, God divided the waters below from the waters above. Up to this point of Creation, the world was one mushy mess. And then, God divided the waters that were to be left on the ground on the Earth and from the waters that were above. They became an expanse. They became a space between these two masses of water: water on the ground and water hanging up there. In the King James Version the word is called firmament. It sounds very firm, but actually the word is 'an expanse', a space between water here (*below) and water up (*above). Today, we see clouds. Most of our water comes from up there. But, in this early time, it was not like sporadic clouds. The water down here became one huge canopy of water up there. Until the Flood of Noah's time, the water was always a huge canopy of moisture or water up there. The Earth had never experienced rain before Noah's time. The Earth was moisture. It was like a beautiful growing place for plants. The weather was perfect. There were no extremes of flooding and then drought which we experience all the time now. Rain is a problem, like, there's too much here and too little there. At that time, there was enough moisture all around; it's uniformed. It is almost like a beautiful hot house where plants grow perfectly. Until that time, there was this water here and this canopy of water up there. It's almost like, the lights have come on and then now you look up at the auditorium and see how the roof is so high. When you go to most of these plays, they're usually held in very nice auditoriums, big dome roofs and chandeliers. So grand!

On Day 3, another division takes place. The mushy ground now is separated into a place called: sea - all the water is pushed there - and then to land. So now, the stage where most of the action is going to take place, the proper stage, is called 'land' and the rest is called 'sea'. It is very easy to remember the Creation story: three days preparing the stage. And then after that, the actors start coming on.

Day 4, God puts the sun, the moon and the stars up there, like spotlights for your play.

Day 5, the minor actors start coming on - the background actors - the birds in the air are produced and the fish in the sea.

On Day 6, supporting cast comes in: the animals come on the land, and finally, the star comes on: man.

It is quite easy to remember the Creation story. From now on, if I ask you, tell me the Creation story, you can teach this to a child. You will probably see how systematic and organized God is. It is easy to remember. God does not work in an ad-hoc way. God is very organized.

Genesis 1 - Part 2 of 2

Let's now see how God intends to fill his world.

Three times you will see the word 'multiply'. And 10 times you will see the word 'after its kind'; after its type'. Immediately you will understand God's method of growth is multiplication.

Secondly you realize God's method of growth is multiplying after your kind. Typical kinds of certain bird produces birds like itself but more than itself. That's say 1 bird produces 10 baby birds. The ten baby birds each produces 10. So after one generation you got 10, next generation you got hundred. And that way you will fill the Earth very fast.

Now, this is a seed truth that that's how God grows things. But I think a lot of Christians and definitely a lot of churches have never figured out God's method. For many churches, this is how they grow their Church. What they do is, they have a rally that use their great event, may be a great preacher, a great drama, a great opportunity, like Christmas. And they invite friends in and some people get saved. And then we've added to the church 10 more this year. And that's why church growth is so slow. God doesn't want us to do addition. You almost think that pastors don't know the difference between addition and multiplication. Multiplication is God's method. So it's not like one pastor add a few people in.

But as each believer in the New Testament we have to go and make disciples. Disciple-making of all people. In other words, I'm

a pastor, how do I multiply myself? I'm a pastor so I must clone, I must produce pastors. So my role is when I die I hope I have produced 10 pastors like me, preferably, better than me. And then teach these 10 pastors, each one to make 10 pastors themselves. And so you see by the first generation PC has multiplied himself 10 times. And then by the next generation his spiritual grandchildren will be 100 of them. Now can't you see how fast that is. So if you are a Sunday school teacher and you multiply yourself, one good Sunday school teacher becomes five good Sunday school teachers. Each one of them taught what you taught them and they learn how to teach others and make disciples of others. So 1, 5, 25... See how fast it can grow. If you're a cell group leader, multiply 1, 5, 25... How fast? By the 4th, 5th generation - grandchildren, great-grandchildren, it's a lot. So if you're just a friendly Christian, you know how to share the gospel in office, you multiply your friendliness and others can do it. So basically that's God's method. Very simple but I think we confuse the plus and the multiplication process.

What else do we learn? We learn that man is made in God's image. So, in many ways we are like God. But we must also remember in many ways we are not like God. We cannot create, for example. But we have a creative mind like God, unlike animals which don't have creative minds. A bird's nest from the time of Adam till now looks the same. Human houses, oh my goodness, from Adam's time to now, so much more additions and more beautiful. So we have a lot of ability in the image of God. But on the other hand, we're also limited. So we are made in his image but not exactly.

Second, we've got sin which deface a lot of the image of God in each of us. So there are other truths that we can see, for example. Originally, man was supposed to eat the herb of the ground, vegetables. Today, we all, after all the nutrition studies you realize

what's really good for us, vegetables. You know what, the best organic vegetables are straight from the ground. That's the best. A lot of nutrition study went into all these to realize that's the original food designed for us. Obviously that was the best formula, God's given formula for sustaining our life.

So have you seen in Genesis chapter 1, you see God, how awesome He is! Wow, just speaks, it is done. Power of God is amazing. We see how orderly He is! Puts things very organized, very orderly. We see God is very creative - all kinds of animals, and everything looks so beautiful, the stars in the sky, the fish, God is so creative. And God is so personal, God speaks, God talks. It's not a force like an unknown force.

What do we learn in Genesis chapter 1? A little peep at God. We learned His methods - His method is amazing, geometric progression. Wow, if you study math, one thing that amazed me is how fast one becomes two, two become four. Before you know it, it is totally a huge number. So I hope today when you see Genesis 1, you remember exactly what was done. And most of all, you have a little peep of this awesome God, His introduction to men, to men like us.