

The Creation of the Heavens and the Earth

Genesis 1:1-2:3

Main Point:

Knowing how and why God created the heavens and the earth, stand in awe of your Creator and Savior.

1. God created the heavens and the earth.

2. God created the heavens and the earth out of nothing and by His Word.

3. God created the heavens and the earth in the space of six 24-hour days.

4. God created the heavens and the earth for mankind.

5. God created the heavens and the earth for His own glory.

6. God created the heavens and the earth to be the arena for your redemption in Jesus Christ.

Cross-References and Quotations

J.G. Vos “Verse 1 states the creation of the universe out of nothing; verse 2 is a description of the created earth in its original condition, unordered and confused, as it existed prior to the acts of God described in the rest of the chapter.”

Hebrews 11:3 ³ By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible. (NKJV)

Psalms 33:6 ⁶ By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, And all the host of them by the breath of His mouth. (NKJV)

J.G. Vos “Indeed, it is safe to say that except for the pressure of desire to harmonize the statements of Genesis with the theories of geology, hardly anyone would hold that long periods of time are meant.”

Allen Ross “The term [image] must therefore figuratively describe human life as a reflection of God’s spiritual nature; that is, human life has been communicated attributes that came with the inbreathing (Gen. 2:7). Consequently, humans have spiritual life, ethical and moral sensitivities, conscience, and the capacity to represent God.”

J.G. Vos “The ‘image of God’ ... not only indicates man’s resemblance to God, but also marks man off as different from all other creatures in this world.”

Psalms 8:4-5 ⁴ What is man that You are mindful of him, And the son of man that You visit him? ⁵ For You have made him a little lower than the angels, And You have crowned him with glory and honor. (NKJV)

J.G. Vos “When we read that God ‘rested’ from His work on the seventh day, we should not think of rest as relief from weariness or fatigue ... The meaning is that a great work had been accomplished, and God paused in joy and satisfaction over this.”

Psalms 33:8-9 ⁸ ... Let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him. ⁹ For He spoke, and it was *done*; He commanded, and it stood fast. (NKJV)

Others: John 1:1-3; Psa. 19:1; Isa. 43:7; 2 Cor. 4:6; Rom. 3:12; 1 Thess. 5:5; Gal. 5:22; Col. 3:10; Rev. 5:10; Matt. 11:28; Heb. 4