

Eternal, Creator God

Genesis 1:1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

1. God spoke the world into existence! Hebrews 11:3 Through faith we understand that **the worlds were framed by the word of God**, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.
 - a. God spoke and it happened
 - b. It did not need billions of years to take place
 - c. The question is did things happen uniformly over a long period of time or were things form by catastrophic events
- II Peter 3:3 Knowing this first, that **there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts,** 4 And **saying,** Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, **all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation.** 5 For this **they willingly are ignorant of,** that **by the word of God** the heavens were of old, and the earth **standing out of the water and in the water:** 6

Whereby the world that then was, **being overflowed with water, perished:**

- d. If things happened without something catastrophic how did fossils form instead of turning to dust [Job 34:15](#) **All flesh shall perish together, And man shall turn again unto dust.**
- e. At least two great catastrophic events have happened, the creation and the flood [Genesis 7:11](#) **In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month, the same day were all the **fountains of the great deep broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened.****

2. God created the earth with the appearance of age

- a. Trees with mature fruit [Genesis 1:11](#) **And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and **the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind,** whose seed *is* in itself, upon the earth: and it was so.**
- b. Adam was full grown and ready to reproduce [Genesis 1:26](#) **And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and**

over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. 27 So God created man in his *own* image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. 28

And God blessed them, and God said unto them, **Be fruitful, and multiply,** and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

c. Adam was intelligent enough to name all the animals

1:18 And the Lord God said, *It is* not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him. 19 And out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and **brought them unto Adam to see what he would call them:** and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that *was* the name thereof. 20 And **Adam gave names** to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field; but for Adam there was not found an help meet for him.

d. Adam was strong enough to tend the garden

- e. Adam may was a full grown, strong, intelligent man less than an hour after creation
- f. God can skip all the time needed to make something when He steps in [John 2:10](#) And saith unto him, Every man at the beginning doth set forth good wine; and when men have well drunk, then that which is worse: *but* thou hast kept the good wine until now.

3. We can learn lots from general revelation or the creation

- a. The creation and what we can see shows us that there is a God [Psalm 19:1-4](#) The **heavens declare the glory of God**; And the firmament sheweth his handywork. [2](#) Day unto day uttereth speech, And night unto night sheweth knowledge. [3](#) *There is* no speech nor language, *Where* their voice is not heard. [4](#) Their line is gone out through all the earth, And their words to the end of the world. In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun, [Romans 1:19-20](#) For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are **clearly seen**, being understood by the things that are made, *even* his eternal power and Godhead; so that **they are without excuse**: [21](#) Because that, when they knew God, they glorified *him* not as God,

neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.

- i. Without a doubt God's creation teaches us a lot of things and we should study it
 - ii. All men can see that there is something special that took place to get us to where we are
 - iii. It is right to study nature and the creation but it can never take the place of the Word of God
- b. The Word of God is greater and should be studied and believed before what we can see with our eyes
- Matthew 24:35 Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away. Mark 13:31 Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away.
- i. Creation fails, disintegrates, falls apart
 - ii. The Word of God does not change and will not fail
 - iii. It is through the Word of God that you can understand much of what you actually see and experience in this world, the creation
- c. Natural revelation is sufficient to condemn sinners but not to save them
- d. Though we can see and learn a lot from creation it is the Word of God that is perfect. The heavens declare the

glory of God but not nearly as clear as the Scriptures
Psalm 19:7 The law of the Lord *is* **perfect**, converting the soul: The testimony of the Lord *is* **sure**, making wise the simple. **8** The statutes of the Lord *are* **right**, rejoicing the heart: The commandment of the Lord *is* **pure**, enlightening the eyes. **9** The fear of the Lord *is* **clean**, enduring for ever: The judgments of the Lord *are* **true and righteous altogether**.

4. Other Bible writers believed the creation story

a. The creation story was the basis of family truth

Matthew 19:4 And he answered and said unto them, **Have ye not read**, that he which **made them at the beginning made them male and female**, **5** And said, **For this cause** shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh? **6** Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.

b. Paul believed that God had called the light out to shine in the darkness **II Corinthians 4:6** For God, who commanded

the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to *give* the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

- c. People on purpose want to forget according to Peter that God created everything by His word [II Peter 3:5](#) For this they **willingly are ignorant of**, that **by the word of God** the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water: [6](#) Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished:

5. The biggest truth we must learn is that God was here before [Genesis 1:1](#) In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

- a. God is eternal and has always been [Psalm 90:2](#) **Before the mountains** were brought forth, Or **ever thou hadst formed** the earth and the world, Even **from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God.**
- b. God is the eternal God [Genesis 21:33](#) *And Abraham* planted a grove in Beer-sheba, and called there on the name of the Lord, the everlasting God.

Deuteronomy 33:27 The **eternal God** *is thy* refuge, And underneath *are* the **everlasting arms**: And he shall thrust out the enemy from before thee; And shall say, Destroy *them*. Romans 16:26 But now is made manifest, and by the scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the **everlasting God**, made known to all nations for the obedience of faith: I Timothy 1:17 Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, *be* honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

- c. The one true God exists in three persons, God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit Matthew 3:16–17 And **Jesus**, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the **Spirit of God** descending like a dove, and lighting upon him: 17 And lo **a voice from heaven**, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Matthew 28:18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. 19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the **Father**,

and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, *even* unto the end of the world. Amen. [John 3:34](#) For he whom **God** hath sent speaketh the words of God: for **God** giveth not the **Spirit** by measure *unto him*. 35 The **Father** loveth the **Son**, and hath given all things into his hand. [John 14:15](#) If ye love me, keep my commandments. 16 And **I** will pray the **Father**, and he shall give you another **Comforter**, that he may abide with you for ever; 17 *Even* the **Spirit** of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. [Acts 2:32](#) This **Jesus** hath **God** raised up, whereof we all are witnesses. 33 Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the **Holy Ghost**, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear. [Acts 10:36](#) The word which **God** sent unto the children of Israel,

preaching peace by **Jesus Christ**: (he is Lord of all:)

37 That word, *I say*, ye know, which was published throughout all Judaea, and began from Galilee, after the baptism which John preached; **38** How **God** anointed **Jesus** of Nazareth with the **Holy Ghost** and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.

- i. God exists in three persons that are equal in their attributes, yet individual and distinct in their offices and ministries
- ii. The Persons of the Godhead work together **Genesis 1:26** And **God said, Let us** make man in **our image**, after **our likeness**: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. **Genesis 3:22** And the Lord God said, Behold, the man is become as **one of us**, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever: **Genesis 11:7** Go to, let

us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech. [Isaiah 6:8](#) Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall **I** send, and **who will go for us**? Then said I, Here *am* I; send me.

6. Before the world was ever created God planned salvation [Ephesians 1:4](#) According as **he hath chosen us in him** before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: [Revelation 17:8](#) The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition: and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, whose names were not **written in the book of life from the foundation of the world**, when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is.
- a. The death of the Lord Jesus wasn't an accident but an appointment [Acts 2:23](#) Him, being delivered by the **determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God**, ye have taken, and by

wicked hands have crucified and slain: 4:27 For of a truth against thy holy child Jesus, whom thou hast **anointed**, both Herod, and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles, and the people of Israel, were gathered together, 28 For to do whatsoever thy hand and **thy counsel determined** before to be done.

- b. In the mind and heart of God it had already happened Revelation 13:8 And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose **names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.**
- c. The Godhead was involved in salvation
 - i. Chosen by the Father Ephesians 1:3 Blessed *be* the **God and Father** of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly *places* in Christ: 4 According as **he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world**, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: 5 Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his

will, **6** To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.

ii. Purchased by the Son **Ephesians 1:7-12** In whom we have **redemption through his blood**, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace; **8** Wherein he hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence; **9** Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself: **10** That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; *even* in him: **11** In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will: **12** That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ.

iii. Sealed by the the Spirit **Ephesians 1:13** In whom ye also *trusted*, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, **ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise**, **14** Which is the earnest of our inheritance

until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.