

Genesis 1:1-5
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I. Day One: Time, Space, Matter, and Light

A. Verse 1: Time, Space and Matter

1. God – Elohim, preexistent, not argued: *Assumed* John 1:1-3, Heb 1:1-13, Col 1:15-16
2. Created – bara, ex nihilo, from nothing (less than nothing) (versus asah=make, yatsar=form)
3. In the Beginning – bereshith, time (incl. Angels) Job 38:4-7, Isa 41:22-23, Dan 10:22-23, 1 Pet 1:10-12
4. The Heavens – Shamayim, heaven, space
5. The Earth – Erets, much like our word earth, dirt, land, *matter*

B. Verse 2: original condition of the matter

1. And – waw connective; shows continuity throughout chapter one (every verse exc. 27=So)
2. Earth (matter) w/o form and void, tohu and vohu: shapeless raw material, empty (of other things)
3. Dark, *face of the deep*, a demarcation
4. Spirit moves, hovers, vibrates, flutters over *face* of the *waters*, intro to Trinity

C. Verse 3: Light (energy)

5. God said – using words to create, and *named* it, showing dominion Job 38:19
6. Let there be light, not a light source. Energy, which includes warmth, temperature
7. God is the light source (He's the source of everything) Space has substance and texture permittivity and permeability

D. Verse 4: Light and Darkness

8. Saw light, declared it good. He's *satisfied* with it
9. Divided the light and the darkness. How? Made His presence manifest locally?

E. Verse 5: Naming Light and Darkness (Dominion)

10. Light Day (on the Earth), Darkness Night (on the Earth)
 11. Evening (start night: dark) and Morning (start day: Light) were 1st Day
- a. One dark cycle plus one light cycle is intended to convey ONE day 24 hours
- b. Cardinal number used: 1st day, always one day, not long period of time
- c. Scripture never gives even a hint of “deep time”

Genesis 1:1–5 (NKJV)

The History of Creation

1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. ² The earth was without form, and void; and darkness *was* on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

³ Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. ⁴ And God saw the light, that *it was* good; and God divided the light from the darkness. ⁵ God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. So the evening and the morning were the first day.

Scripture References

John 1:1–3 (NKJV)

The Deity of Christ

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God.

The Preincarnate Work of Christ

³ All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.

Joshua 5:13–15 (NKJV)

The Commander of the Army of the LORD

¹³ And it came to pass, when Joshua was by Jericho, that he lifted his eyes and looked, and behold, a Man stood opposite him with His sword drawn in His hand. And Joshua went to Him and said to Him, “*Are You* for us or for our adversaries?”

¹⁴ So He said, “No, but *as* Commander of the army of the LORD I have now come.”

And Joshua fell on his face to the earth and worshiped, and said to Him, “What does my Lord say to His servant?”

¹⁵ Then the Commander of the LORD’s army said to Joshua, “Take your sandal off your foot, for the place where you stand *is* holy.” And Joshua did so.

Colossians 1:15–16 (NKJV)

¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. ¹⁶ For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him.

Job 38:4–7 (NKJV) When Angels Created

⁴ “Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth?

Tell *Me*, if you have understanding.

⁵ Who determined its measurements?

Surely you know!

Or who stretched the line upon it?

⁶ To what were its foundations fastened?

Or who laid its cornerstone,

⁷ When the morning stars sang together,

And all the sons of God shouted for joy?

Hebrews 13:8 (NKJV)

⁸ Jesus Christ *is* the same yesterday, today, and forever.

Hebrews 1:1-4, 10-13 (NKJV)

God's Supreme Revelation

I God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, ² has in these last days spoken to us by *His* Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds; ³ who being the brightness of *His* glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴ having become so much better than the angels, as He has by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they.

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¹⁰ And:

*“You, LORD, in the beginning laid the foundation of the earth,
And the heavens are the work of Your hands.*

¹¹ *They will perish, but You remain;
And they will all grow old like a garment;*

¹² *Like a cloak You will fold them up,
And they will be changed.*

*But You are the same,
And Your years will not fail.”*

¹³ But to which of the angels has He ever said:

*“Sit at My right hand,
Till I make Your enemies Your footstool”?*

Isaiah 41:21–23 (NKJV) *The Futility of Idols (Only God Knows the Future)*

²¹ “Present your case,” says the LORD.

“Bring forth your strong *reasons*,” says the King of Jacob.

²² “Let them bring forth and show us what will happen;

Let them show the former things, what they *were*,

That we may consider them,

And know the latter end of them;

Or declare to us things to come.

²³ Show the things that are to come hereafter,

That we may know that you *are* gods;

Yes, do good or do evil,

That we may be dismayed and see *it* together.

Daniel 10:12–14 (NKJV) *Angels limited by Time*

¹² Then he said to me, “Do not fear, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart to understand, and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard; and I have come because of your words. ¹³ But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me twenty-one days; and behold, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I had been left alone there with the kings of Persia. ¹⁴ Now I have come to make you understand what will happen to your people in the latter days, for the vision *refers* to *many* days yet *to come*.”

1 Peter 1:10–12 (NKJV) Angels and Time

¹⁰ Of this salvation the prophets have inquired and searched carefully, who prophesied of the grace *that would come* to you, ¹¹ searching what, or what manner of time, the Spirit of Christ who was in them was indicating when He testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow. ¹² To them it was revealed that, not to themselves, but to us they were ministering the things which now have been reported to you through those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven—things which angels desire to look into.

Job 38:19 (NKJV) The Nature of Light

¹⁹ “Where *is* the way *to* the dwelling of light?
And darkness, where *is* its place,

Job 38:19 (KJV (WS))

¹⁹ Where *is* the way *where* light dwelleth? and *as for* darkness, where *is* the place thereof,

Genesis 1:1-5 (LHB)

1 בְּרֵאשִׁית בָּרָא אֱלֹהִים אֶת הַשָּׁמַיִם וְאֶת הָאָרֶץ:

2 וְהָאָרֶץ הִיְתָה תֵהוֹ וְבָהוּ וְחֹשֶׁךְ עַל־פְּנֵי תְהוֹם וְרוּחַ אֱלֹהִים מְרַחֶפֶת עַל־פְּנֵי הַמַּיִם:

3 וַיֹּאמֶר אֱלֹהִים יְהִי אֹר וַיְהִי־אֹר:

4 וַיֵּרָא אֱלֹהִים אֶת־הָאֹר כִּי־טוֹב וַיַּבְדֵּל אֱלֹהִים בֵּין הָאֹר וּבֵין הַחֹשֶׁךְ:

5 וַיִּקְרָא אֱלֹהִים לְאֹר יוֹם וְלַחֹשֶׁךְ קִרְא לַיְלָה וַיְהִי־עֶרֶב וַיְהִי־בֹקֶר יוֹם אֶחָד: פ