

THE 6 DAYS OF CREATION

Genesis 1:3-24

There was an initial creation before the events of these 6 days: the creation of space, time and _____

The first 3 days prepared the universe to be inhabited; the last 3 days _____ the heavens and the earth:

Day 1—Light → Day 4—Light-bearers: sun, moon and stars

Day 2—Expanse between the waters → Day 5—Birds and sea creatures

Day 3—Land and vegetation → Day 6—Land animals and Man

I. AN ANNOUNCEMENT: THEN _____ SAID

A. These words appear 8 times, one on each day except the _____ and sixth days when there were two

B. These 8 acts were the _____ acts of God: God did not create by means of evolutionary processes

II. A COMMAND: LET THERE _____

On Day 1 the words were even simpler: “Light become! Light became” or “Light _____ ! Light existed”

III. A FULFILLMENT: AND IT _____ SO

A. The coupling of God’s command with immediate fulfillment demonstrates the _____ of God’s Word

B. Ps.33 exhorts to fear & stand in _____ of the LORD when we see the power of His word in creation

IV. A RESULT described in various ways

V. AN EVALUATION: GOD SAW THAT IT WAS _____

A. God did not _____ by making an evaluation and seeing where he needed to improve: trial & error

B. God immediately confirmed that all that He made was “good”—the Hebrew word has _____ meanings

1) What God made was good because it reflected the _____ of the Creator: God hit His target

2) What God made was “happy” in the sense that God was _____ by what He willed to create

3) God evaluated the works He made as _____ to mankind in particular: these vv. are geocentric

4) God saw that creation was esthetically good—beautiful: it reflected the inner _____ of the Creator

We glorify God when the _____ we observe in creation causes us to delight in God Himself

5) God saw that creation was morally good, not _____ ; some cultures regard anything material as evil

Even after God _____ the creation because of man’s sin, it did not change its basic goodness

VI. A NAMING

A. His _____ : a creator names his/her art or music because he can do with it as he pleases

B. Their _____ : in the Bible the names of individuals often reflect their character; so it is here

VII. A NUMBERED DAY

A. When the average person reads this chapter, he understands that God created in six _____ days

B. Many believers refuse to accept this plain sense; they believe the universe is _____ of years old

C. The most serious attempt to reconcile modern science with Genesis 1 is the _____ Theory

1) It posits that each day of creation equates to a geological age that lasted many _____ of years

2) It holds that the word “day” in Genesis 1 can mean an extended period of time, not just _____ hours

a) When “day” is used with descriptors such as _____ or the day ending, it is always a 24-hour day

b) In Exodus 20:11 the 6 days of creation are compared to a normal _____ with “days” of 24 hours

c) If God intended to tell us He created it all in six 24-hour days, what other _____ could He use?