

3 - GOD & HIS CREATION (GENESIS 1:1-2:3)

I. The Creator (1:1)

A. His Preexistence

- The scriptures assume that _____.

B. The statement of creation

- In the beginning of time, God created _____.

II. Creation (1:2-2:3)

A. The chaos (1:2)

- Before creation, the world was _____.

- The Spirit of God moved over the chaos in _____.

B. The seven days of creation (1:3-2:3)

1. The first day (1:3-5)

- On the first day of creation, God _____.

- The light was called _____ and the darkness was called _____.

- The first day was determined by _____.

Biblical Note: Day (Evening and Morning)

The word "day" is from the Hebrew word "yom." There are three interpretations concerning the use of the word "day" in Creation. First, the days of Creation refer to extended geological ages prior to man's presence on earth. Second, the days are 24-hour periods in which God revealed His creative acts. Third, they are literal 24-hour days of divine activity. The third interpretation is supported by the fact that the phrase "the evening and morning" qualifies the length of the day.

See: Genesis 1:5,8,13,19,23,31; 2:2

2. The second day (1:6-8)

- On the second day, God created sky by separating it from _____.

Biblical Note: Waters Above

The phrase "waters which are above the firmament" refers to atmospheric water that were above the land. This suggests that before the Flood, there had been a dense moisture enshrouding the earth. There are three views concerning the meaning of the waters above the firmament. First, the simplest explanation of waters above the expanse seems to be clouds.

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(Proverbs 8:28). Second, some believe that this is a poetic description of the rain reservoirs in God's lofty abode (Psalm 104:13). Third, this view suggests that the waters above are referring to a water vapor canopy that was above the earth prior to the Flood of Noah. This canopy trapped the sun's rays more effectively than our present atmosphere does and gave a semi-tropical climate to every part of the world. It is from this canopy that the waters for the Flood came. The problem with this view is that the waters above seemed to have existed after the Flood (Psalm 148:4-6).

3. The third day (1:9-13)

- On the third day, God separated the land (_____) from the waters (_____).
- God created plant life which can _____.

4. The fourth day (1:14-19)

- On the fourth day, God created the heavenly lights to _____.

5. The fifth day (1:20-23)

- On the fifth day, God created _____.

6. The sixth day (1:24-31)

- On the sixth day, God created _____.
- God created mankind in his own image to _____.
- God commanded mankind to _____.
- God gave man _____.

7. The seventh day (2:1-3)

- On the seventh day, God rested from his work and _____.