

OT-OV Lesson 2

1. Genesis was written by Moses in 1450 B.C. It covers the creation, fall, restoration, flood, selection of Abraham and the exile to Egypt.

Gen 1:1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

Gen 1:2 Now the earth was (HAYAH) formless (VA TOHU) and empty (BOHU), darkness was over the surface of the deep . . .

Isa 45:18 For thus saith the LORD that created (BARA) the heavens; God himself that formed (YATSAR) the earth and made (ASAH) it; he hath established (KUN) it, he created it not (BARA) in vain (LO - TOHU), he formed (ASAH) it to be inhabited: I am the LORD; and there is none else.

1.1 In the beginning (BE RESHITH) Moses, under the inspiration of God the Holy Spirit, takes the reader back before time into the unfathomable reaches of eternity, He seeks to suggest the state of things before time was.

1.2 Moses under the inspiration of God the Holy Spirit gives no hint of a tangible date for the beginning.

1.3 The creation account reaches back into a "space" before there was a dating of events.

1.4 The sublime sovereignty of the revelation is based on this one mighty assertion. God did it.

1.5 Nothing more astounding could be declared: "In the beginning ELOHIM created out of absolutely nothing planet earth and all surrounding celestials both seen and unseen, known and unknown."

1.6 EL is the usual word for "God" in Hebrew, Aramaic, and Arabic.

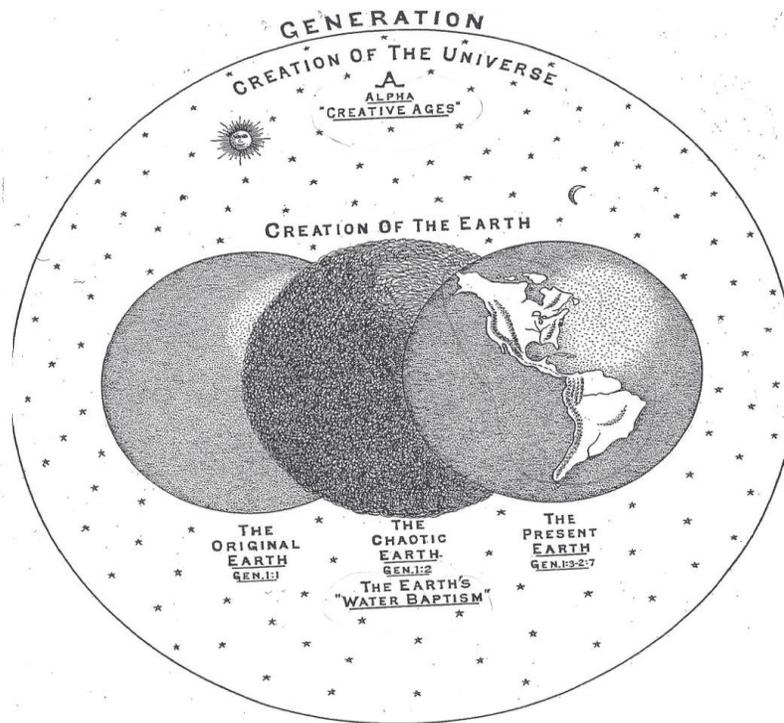
1.7 In all three languages it is plural in form but it is used with verbs in the singular.

1.8 In this One ELOHIM is united all the powers of eternity and infinity, the Beginning and the End, the Alpha and the Omega.

1.9 Created (BARA in the Hebrew) is a verb used exclusively of an act of God.

1.10 Man cannot reach up to the powers inherent in this word for it describes a miracle whereby undefined perfection was created from absolutely nothing.

1.11 By the sovereign, originative power of God something absolutely new was brought into being: only to be scarred and then restored.



1.12 Let's read together the account of the creation and the restoration. Gen 1:1-Gen 2:7.

Gen 1:1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

Gen 1:2 Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

Gen 1:3 And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light.

Gen 1:4 God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness.

Gen 1:5 God called the light "day," and the darkness he called "night." And there was evening, and there was morning--the first day.

Gen 1:6 And God said, "Let there be an expanse between the waters to separate water from water."

Gen 1:7 So God made the expanse and separated the water under the expanse from the water above it. And it was so.

Gen 1:8 God called the expanse "sky." And there was evening, and there was morning--the second day.

Gen 1:9 And God said, "Let the water under the sky be gathered to one place, and let dry ground appear." And it was so.

Gen 1:10 God called the dry ground "land," and the gathered waters he called "seas." And God saw that it was good.

Gen 1:11 Then God said, "Let the land produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit with seed in it, according to their various kinds." And it was so.

Gen 1:12 The land produced vegetation: plants bearing seed according to their kinds and trees bearing fruit with seed in it according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good.

Gen 1:13 And there was evening, and there was morning--the third day.

Gen 1:14 And God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them serve as signs to mark seasons and days and years,
Gen 1:15 and let them be lights in the expanse of the sky to give light on the earth." And it was so.

Gen 1:16 God made two great lights--the greater light to govern the day and the lesser light to govern the night. He also made the stars.

Gen 1:17 God set them in the expanse of the sky to give light on the earth,

Gen 1:18 to govern the day and the night, and to separate light from darkness. And God saw that it was good.

Gen 1:19 And there was evening, and there was morning--the fourth day.

Gen 1:20 And God said, "Let the water teem with living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the sky."

Gen 1:21 So God created the great creatures of the sea and every living and moving thing with which the water teems, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

Gen 1:22 God blessed them and said, "Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the water in the seas, and let the birds increase on the earth."

Gen 1:23 And there was evening, and there was morning--the fifth day.

Gen 1:24 And God said, "Let the land produce living creatures according to their kinds: livestock, creatures that move along the ground, and wild animals, each according to its kind." And it was so.

Gen 1:25 God made the wild animals according to their kinds, the livestock according to their kinds, and all the creatures that move along the ground according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good.

Gen 1:26 Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground."

Gen 1:27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

Gen 1:28 God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground."

Gen 1:29 Then God said, "I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food.

Gen 1:30 And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds of the air and all the creatures that move on the ground--everything that has the breath of life in it--I give every green plant for food." And it was so.

Gen 1:31 God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning--the sixth day.

Gen 2:1 Thus the heavens and the earth were completed in all their vast array.

Gen 2:2 By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work.

Gen 2:3 And God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done.

Gen 2:4 This is the account of the heavens and the earth when they were created. When the LORD God made the earth and the heavens--

Gen 2:5 and no shrub of the field had yet appeared on the earth and no plant of the field had yet sprung up, for the LORD God had not sent rain on the earth and there was no man to work the ground,

Gen 2:6 but streams came up from the earth and watered the whole surface of the ground--

Gen 2:7 the LORD God formed the man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.

1.13 God then is the Creator of all things. This is called creation by fiat and excludes evolution.

1.14 In first the creation, the chaos and then the restoration God brought into being all that fits into his plan for the ages.

1.15 All the matter necessary God miraculously spoke into existence in preparation for a resolution of the angelic conflict.

1.15.1 By the sovereign, origination power of God something absolutely new was first brought into being only to be scarred by the angelic fall, and then restored. Though creation was a product of all three members of the Trinity, it was God the Holy Spirit and God the Son who are cited as active agents in the restoration process.

Gen 1:2 Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

Joh 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

Joh 1:2 The same was in the beginning with God.

Joh 1:3 All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made ...

3Joh 14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

1.16 Because of Satan's choice to establish his empire on planet earth, God focused His attention and interest upon a tiny little planet called earth, and all that was around and below it, but with special attention on that which lived upon it.

1.17 In this phrase "In the beginning God created" is included the completed universe as it was known or might come to be known.

1.18 We believe our galaxy contains more than 100 billion stars, and that our sun is 150 trillion miles from the center of our galaxy.

1.19 Our galaxy is one of a small cluster of 19 galaxies, the nearest of which is 30 million light years from us (150 million trillion miles).

1.20 Research scientists, by using powerful telescopes, have made reasonably sure there are more than a billion galaxies and as better telescopes are constructed, "the number grows daily."

1.21 And scientists estimate the number of stars in the discovered galaxies at close to 100 quintillion.

1.22 The candle power of one of the galaxies is equal to that of 400 million suns.

1.23 As a man looks on this vast creation and compares what he sees with the inspired writer's account of its origin, objective minds cannot help but be filled with awe, reverence, respect, dread, and wonder.

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