

Creation

Gen 1:1-2

1. Intro

1. Genesis covers about 2500 yrs
 1. 1-11 about 2200 yrs
 2. 12-50 about 300
 3. As we move through Genesis, the scope of the writer narrows.
2. The beginnings of Genesis does not try to prove God exists, it just states that this is what God has done.

2. He Creates

1. Out of nothing
 1. By His word (Ps 33:6, 9) – Then God said...
2. By faith we understand (Heb 11:3)
3. All things created (Col 1:15-17)
 1. Both visible and invisible
4. Creates Adam in a special way. (2:7)
 1. Forms him from dust
 1. Breathes into him the breath of life. (7)
 2. Created in His image (1:26)
 1. We are the pinnacle of His creation
 2. Designed to rule over the rest of creation
5. Creates time as He creates
 1. We look back and through time
 2. God looks forward and outside time
6. Triune in Creation
 1. God is primary agent
 2. Jesus is the one through whom creation came about. (John 1:3)
 3. The Spirit completes, fills and gives life to the creation. (Gen 1:2; Ps 104:30)

3. God is Distinct From His Creation

1. He created and rules over it. (transcendent)
2. It is dependent upon Him; He is involved in it (immanent). (Col 1:17)
3. Which is in opposition to:
 1. Materialism – what we see (of the universe) is all there is.
 1. Leads to everything for myself
 2. Pantheism – the whole universe is god
 1. destroys the personal identity of God; of us

3. Dualism – God and the material universe have eternally existed side by side.
 1. Two opposing forces – God and the universe or Good vs Evil
 2. Destroys God's lordship over His creation.
 1. Star Wars - “The Force”
4. Deism – God wound up the clock and left it to run on its own.
 1. Destroys the personal involvement of God in His creation.
5. Created to show His glory
 1. All He created was good; Very good (1:31)

4. A Frame Work in Creation

1. As He creates a framework is also created
 1. Created in 7 days
 1. Regular days – evening & morning
 2. The frame work is 6+1
 1. six days of “work” and 1 day of rest (2:1-3)
 2. The desert work of collecting manna – 6+1 (Ex 16:26)
 3. The instructions of work given to Moses – 6+1 (Ex 20:9-10)
 4. Land lays fallow – 6+1 (Ex 23:10-11)
 5. Year of jubilee – multiples of 6+1 (Lev 25:8-55)
 6. Christ rule on this earth - +1
 1. working backwards give us 6 of work (II Peter 3:8)

5. Conclusion

1. Scripture states that God created.
2. God is involved in His creation.
3. As being created in His image we are involved in His creation (stewards).