

How to Interpret Scripture

Lesson - 8 — Creation: Genesis as Foundation—Part 1

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Memory Verse

John 1:1–4 (NKJV) *“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.”*

Genesis also introduces us to the Sabbath (Gen. 2:1–3), The purpose and importance, challenge of work and rest (Genesis 2:15; Genesis 3:17), The origin of evil (Genesis 3), The coming Messiah and the plan of redemption (Gen. 3:15), The worldwide, universal flood (Genesis 6–9), The covenant (Gen. 1:28; Gen. 2:2, 3, 15–17; Gen. 9:9–17; Genesis 15), The dispersal of languages and nations (Genesis 10, Genesis 11), The genealogies for biblical chronology from Creation to Abraham to David to Christ (Genesis 5, Genesis 11). Finally, the power of God’s spoken Word (Gen. 1:3, 2 John 17:17), The nature of humanity (Gen. 1:26–28), God’s character (Matt. 10:29, 30), marriage between a man and a woman (Gen. 1:27, 28, stewardship of the earth and its resources (Gen. 1:26; Gen. 2:15, 19), and the promised hope of a new creation (Isa. 65:17, Isa. 66:22, Rev. 21:1)

“In the Beginning . . .”

Genesis 1:1 (NKJV) *In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.*

Here we find the nature of the Godhead working in harmony as the Father, Son (John 1:1–3; Heb. 1:1, 2),

John 1:1–3 (NKJV) *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. ³ All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.*

Colossians 1:16 (NKJV) *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.*

Revelation 22:13 (NKJV) *I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last.”*

Hebrews 1:1–2 (NKJV) *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;*

In the beginning is not talking about the beginning of all time. The context is the beginning of our world. Not the creation of angels.

Ever wanted to wish upon a star? Well, you have 70,000 million million million to choose from. (CNN-Science) -- July 23, 2003

That's the total number of stars in the known universe, according to a study by Australian astronomers. **It's also about 10 times as many stars as grains of sand on all the world's beaches and deserts.** The figure -- 7 followed by 22 zeros or 70 sextillion -Australian National University.

Job 38:4–7 *“Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth? Tell Me, if you have understanding. Who determined its measurements? Surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? To what were its foundations fastened? Or who laid its cornerstone, When the morning stars sang together, And all the sons of God shouted for joy?”*

The Days of Creation

Genesis 1:5 (NKJV) *God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. So the evening and the morning were the first day.*

Exodus 31:17 (NKJV) *It is a sign between Me and the children of Israel forever; for in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, and on the seventh day He rested and was refreshed.’ ”*

God further emphasizes these are literal days because they fit in seasons.

Exodus 34:21 (NKJV) *“Six days you shall work, but on the seventh day you shall rest; in plowing time and in harvest you shall rest.*

“The term is used in the singular, not the plural, meaning a single day.

Thus, the seven days of Creation are to be understood as a complete unit of time, introduced by the cardinal number ‘echad (“one”) followed by ordinal numbers (second, third, fourth, etc.). This pattern indicates a consecutive sequence of days, culminating in the seventh day. There is no indication in the use of terms or in the narrative form itself that there should be any gaps between these days. The seven days of Creation are, indeed, seven days as we delineate days today.” **The manna fell 6 days.**

- God makes the vegetation on the 3rd day but does not make the sun moon and stars until the 4th day. These days cannot be long epics.
- There is also the instant re-creation, at the Second Coming, when God will transform mortality into immortality “in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet” (1 Cor. 15:52, NKJV).

The Sabbath and Creation

Genesis 2:1–3 *Thus the heavens and the earth, and all the host of them, were finished. ² And on the seventh day God ended His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done. ³ Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made.*

Mark 2:27–28 (NKJV) *And He said to them, “The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath. ²⁸ Therefore the Son of Man is also Lord of the Sabbath.”*

The Sabbath was not for the Hebrew people only, but for all humanity.

Revelation 14:7 (NKJV) *saying with a loud voice, “Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment has come; and worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water.”*

Creation and Marriage

Genesis 1:27–28 (NKJV) *So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. ²⁸ Then God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”*

Matthew 19:4–6 (NKJV) *And He answered and said to them, “Have you not read that He who made them at the beginning ‘made them male and female,’ and said, ‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh’? So then, they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate.”*

1 Timothy 2:11–15 (NKJV) *Let a woman learn in silence with all submission. And I do not permit a woman to teach or to have authority over a man, but to be in silence. ¹³ For Adam was formed first, then Eve. ¹⁴ And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived, fell into transgression. ¹⁵ Nevertheless she will be saved in childbearing if they continue in faith, love, and holiness, with self-control.*

Genesis 3:16 (NKJV) *To the woman He said: “I will greatly multiply your sorrow and your conception; In pain you shall bring forth children; Your desire shall be for your husband, And he shall rule over you.”*

Creation, the Fall, and the Cross

Genesis 2:15–17 (NKJV) *Then the Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, “Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; ¹⁷ but of*

the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.”

Romans 6:23 (NKJV) *For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

Romans 5:12–14 *Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned—¹³ (For until the law sin was in the world, but sin is not imputed when there is no law. ¹⁴ Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who had not sinned according to the likeness of the transgression of Adam, who is a type of Him who was to come.*

Genesis 2:21–22 (NKJV) *And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place. ²² Then the rib which the Lord God had taken from man He made into a woman, and He brought her to the man.*

Adam goes to sleep on the 6th day his side is opened his wife is born. After 6000 years there is the wedding supper of the Lamb

2 Peter 3:3–7 (NKJV) *knowing this first: that scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts, ⁴ and saying, “Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation.” ⁵ For this they willfully forget: that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of water and in the water, ⁶ by which the world that then existed perished, being flooded with water. ⁷ But the heavens and the earth which are now preserved by the same word, are reserved for fire until the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.*

Matthew 24:36–39 (NKJV) *“But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only. ³⁷ But as the days of Noah were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. ³⁸ For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, ³⁹ and did not know until the flood came and took them all away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.*