

Genesis – Introduction and Chapter 1

Technical name for *Genesis* through *Deuteronomy*: Pentateuch (or “Torah” = Law)

Title in the Septuagint (LXX): Genesis = beginning, origin, source

-For a detailed study of Moses and the authorship of the Pentateuch, follow this link on the Internet:

<http://www.apologeticspress.org/apcontent.aspx?category=13&article=36>

Genesis 1 – tremendous brevity in use of words – every sentence has majesty and power

Genesis 1.1-5

1st day

V 1 – When was the creation brought into existence? “In the beginning” (some early KJV editions: 4004 B.C.) “God”- a noun that is plural in number in Hebrew, but used as a singular noun (like: mathematics, news)

-**Why?** To show the nature of the Godhead

-**Is God the same as nature (pantheism)?** No

-God created natural world, but he is not the natural world

V 2 – What was the state of the earth? Formless and void (no order to it yet)

-No light from natural sources

-**What activity was going on?** Holy Spirit moving above water

V 3 – Next thing created? Light

-**Importance?** Most life depends on light

V 4 – What did God do next? Separated light from darkness

-**Result?** Day and night

V 5 – So what was done on the first day?

- (Review) – **Any conflict with laws of science?**

Genesis 1.6-8

2nd day

V 6 – Next act of God? To divide the waters

V 7-8 – Explanation? Clouds and water were separated (water vapor and solid water)

Genesis 1.9-13

V 9 – God is forming a place for humans to live

-**His next act?** He separated the land and sea

-We are not told how these things took place, other than at the command of God

-The creation was obedient to the will of God

V 10 – **Technical name for dry area?** Earth
-**Technical name for gathering of waters?** Seas

V 11 – **Next created?** Vegetation (plants and trees)
-**Basic principal of nature here?** After its kind
-**Any exception to this rule?** No – dogs do not give birth to cats, etc.

V 12-13 – This law of nature is put into force.
-Basic mistake of evolution: It cannot get around this law of nature (how do positive changes take place?)
-See the article: "Evidence from Anatomy," *Seek the Old Paths*, Oct. 2010, p. 88

Genesis 1.14-19

4th day

V 14-16 – Remember general light was created on the first day
-**What is created at this point?** More partial light
-**What was the purpose of these lights?** Signs for seasons, days, and years
-**What does this say about astrology?** The stars were created and thus are not gods and should not be worshipped

V 17 – God placed these bodies in the sky

V 18-19 – To determine day and night

Genesis 1.20-23

5th day

V 20 – Vegetation in *v 11* –
-**Why would vegetation have to be created before animals?** For food (logical order)

V 20 – Creatures in water, and birds

V 21 – Sea monsters (American Standard Version of 1901: whales)
-Eels, fish
-Notice the upward direction of the creation

V 22 – **Instructions of God?** Reproduce

Genesis 1.24-31

6th day

V 24 – **Next created?** Cattle, creeping things, beasts of the earth.

V 26 – The crowning act of the creation

-Notice the plurality of the Godhead

-In what sense was man made in image of God? - A spiritual being (with freedom of choice)

V 27 – Created male and female = means God ordained the sexual relationship (in marriage) – a good thing

V 28 – **What jobs did God give the man and woman?** Be fruitful, multiply, fill the earth, subdue the earth and rule over the animals (not to destroy the earth, but to subdue it)

V 29 – **Attitude toward plants?** For eating

V 30 – Animals also can eat the plants

V 31 – Everything God made was good

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