



IN THE
BEGINNING GOD

GENESIS 1:1

GENESIS: The Book of Beginnings...

- Material Creation
- Mankind
- Marriage & Family
- Sin...and death
- Promises of a Savior
- Nations...and Government...and languages
- Israel

Theological Significance of GENESIS:

- “Theology Proper”
- Bibliology
- Anthropology
- Marriage
- Soteriology...Salvation
- Holy Spirit
- Work...
- Morality

GENESIS 1:1

In the beginning God created
the heavens and the earth.

“God” ⇔ “Elohim”

“Created” ⇔ “Bara”

VARIOUS VIEWS OF ORIGINS

1. “Gap Theory” \Rightarrow “Millions of years between Genesis 1:1 and 1:2.
2. “Day-Age” Theory
3. Theistic Evolution
4. “Progressive Creation”
5. Creation Myth!
6. Creation in 6 Literal Days! TRUE!!!

The “Days” in Genesis 1

Hebrew “YOM” can refer to a lengthy period of time **BUT!!!**

It always refers to a “normal” day, when...

1. It appears with a “cardinal number.”
2. It is described as a sequence of its component parts: “Evening”...“Morning”
3. It is the basis for the Saturday Sabbath for Israel.

GOD'S CREATION...

Seven times, God declares what He has created is "good"

Genesis 1:4, 10, 12, 18, 21, 25, 31

Ten times, God directs that what He has created reproduce, "after their kind."

Genesis 1:11, 12(2), 21(2), 24(2), 25(3)

The “TOLeDOT” Structure of Genesis

TOLeDOT (from תולדה) is a plural Hebrew word meaning “to bear, bring forth, beget.” So it speaks of the “begettings” of what follows...that which “flows from” what the TOLeDOT introduces.

The “TOLeDOT” Structure of Genesis

SO after recording the “creation” of the heavens and the earth, Genesis 2:4 introduces what “proceeds” from the heavens and the earth.

The “TOLeDOT” Structure of Genesis

So Moses records what “proceeds from” ...

- The heavens and the earth, 2:4-4:26
- Adam, 5:1-6:8
- Noah, 6:9-9:29
- Sons of Noah, 10:1-11:9
- Shem, 11:10-26
- Terah, 11:27-25:11
- Ishmael, 25:12-18

The “TOLeDOT” Structure of Genesis

So Moses records what “proceeds from” ...

- Isaac, 25:19-35:29
- Esau, 36:1-8; 36:9-37:1
- Jacob, 37:2-50:26 (Joseph)

This seems to be Moses’ way of
“dividing up” the book!



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