

Series Title ideas:  
God and His Good Creation!  
God, Creation, and You!

# Genesis

Notes:

“Genesis is the book of beginnings; it provides a dramatic accounts of the origins of mankind and his universe, the intrusion of sin not the world, the catastrophic effects of its curse of the race, and the beginnings of God’s plan to bless the nations through His seed.” (John F. Walvoord, 1983)  
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The Hebrew title for this book is ‘In the beginning, from the first word. The English title, Genesis, from a transliteration of the word Greek translation of the Hebrew word (תִּלְדָּה tōwledāh, to-led-aw’) found in [Genesis 2:24 - This is the history of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens...](#)

Moses is the human author of the first five books of the Bible. They were written for the people of Israel as they were coming out of Egypt and preparing to go into the Promised Land. Genesis tells them how they ended up in Egypt four hundred years earlier.

“This account shows that the God who created Israel is the God who created the world and all who are in it.” (John F. Walvoord, 1983) 27

The creation must be in subjection to the Creator.

# Genesis 1

Notes:

Genesis 1 is one of the most God-centric chapter in the Bible (Phillips).

How we view Genesis one impacts the way we view the rest of the Bible. If Genesis is myth or fable, then the whole Bible is called into question as unfactual and unreliable.

“If the Holy Spirit cannot be trusted when He tells of the *creation*, how can He be trusted when He tells of *salvation*?” (Phillips, 1980) page 35

Moses could not have written the Genesis creation account by accident or by his imagination. It runs counter to what every other culture on earth believed. It had to be divine revelation.

All scientific explanations about the universe and how it began are based on studying the universe as it is today, utilizing the laws of the universe as they are today and extrapolating backward. These all fail to answer the origin question because at some point the model or theory fails to identify the source of the origin.

In the Genesis origin account Moses is given by revelation the source of the universe's origin as well as its Creator.

Title ideas:  
From Chaos to Blessing!

Scriptures:  
John 1:1-3 - 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.

Hebrews 1:10 - You, LORD, in the beginning laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the work of Your hands.

Psalms 90:2 - Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever You had formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God.

Revelation 4:11 - You are worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and by Your will they exist and were created.

# <sup>1</sup> In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

7225 -

430 – ‘Elohim’  
– “The supernatural being who originated and rules over the universe; the object of ancient Israelite worship.”

1254 – בָּרָא bārâ'-  
to bring into existence

8064 - sky

776 -

Notes:

The Bible begins with the unapologetic statement that God exists. It also tells us that the universe has not always existed, but not when it was created, except for 'in the beginning'. We can note that God existed prior to the universe, though we are not told for how long.

The word בָּרָא bārâ' H1254 is only of God's creative acts. That God created ex nihilo (out of nothing) is implied in the context.

The creation account of Genesis is so simple and magnifies the infinite creative power of God. Compare it to the bizarre creation stories of other cultures.

It was God's Word that the universe to leap into existence. Our response to God's Word ought to be to leap in obedience.

Scriptures:  
Jeremiah 4:23 - I beheld the  
earth, and indeed it was  
without form, and void; and  
the heavens, they had no  
light.

<sup>2</sup> The earth was without form, and void; and

8414 – formless,  
empty

922 - empty

Notes:

darkness was on the face of the deep. And the

8415 – deep  
ocean

 Spirit of God  was hovering over the face of the

7363 - brood

5921 -

waters.

Scriptures:

2 Corinthians 4:6 - For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Mark 4:37-39 -

And a great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that it was already filling. 38 But He was in the stern, asleep on a pillow. And they awoke Him and said to Him, "Teacher, do You not care that we are perishing?" 39 Then He arose and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace, be still!" And the wind ceased and there was a great calm.

John 11:43-44 - Now when He had said these things, He cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come forth!" 44 And he who had died came out bound hand and foot with graveclothes, and his face was wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Loose him, and let him go."

<sup>3</sup> Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there

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was light.

Notes:

"God's words are not only legislative, they are executive. When God speaks, it is done." (Phillips, 1980) page 40

Christ, as God, manifested this same reality ([Mark 4:39](#); [John 11:43-44](#)).

Scriptures:

<sup>4</sup> And God saw the light, that *it was* good; and

2896 -

Notes:

God divided the light from the darkness.

2822 -

Scriptures:

<sup>5</sup> God called the light Day, and the darkness He

Notes:

called Night. So the evening and the morning

were the first day.

Scriptures:

<sup>6</sup> Then God said, “Let there be a firmament in the

7549 – an  
expanse,

Notes:

It is believed that there was a thicker moisture layer over the earth before the flood.

midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters

from the waters.”

Scriptures:

<sup>7</sup> Thus ~~God~~ made the firmament, and divided the

Notes:

There are approximately 55 trillion tons of water suspended in the atmosphere as vapor and clouds.

waters which *were* under the firmament from the

waters which *were* above the firmament; and it

was so.

Scriptures:

<sup>8</sup> And ~~God~~ called the firmament Heaven. So the

Notes:

8064 – the sky

~~evening~~ and the ~~morning~~ were the second ~~day~~.



Scriptures:  
Jeremiah 5:22 - Do you  
not fear Me?' says the  
LORD.

'Will you not tremble at  
My presence,

Who have placed the  
sand as the bound of the  
sea,

By a perpetual decree,  
that it cannot pass beyond  
it?

And though its waves  
toss to and fro,

Yet they cannot prevail;  
Though they roar, yet  
they cannot pass over it.

Psalms 33:7 - He gathers  
the waters of the sea  
together as a heap;

He lays up the deep in  
storehouses.

<sup>9</sup> Then God said, "Let the waters under the

Notes:  
All the world's oceans are connected.

heavens be gathered together into one place, and

let the dry *land* appear"; and it was so.

Scriptures:

<sup>10</sup> And God called the dry *land* Earth, and the

Notes:

gathering together of the waters He called Seas.

And God saw that *it was* good.

<sup>11</sup> Then God <sup>Δ</sup>said, “Let the earth bring forth grass,

Notes:  
Botanists use a very similar system to divide all plants. Seedless, plants, Seed-bearing plants, and fruit-bearing plants.

‘according to its own kind’ – appears ten times in Genesis 1.

the herb *that* yields seed, *and* the fruit tree *that*

“It is the rock upon which the whole theory of evolution perishes. God has decreed that there be no change from one kind to another kind.” (Phillips, 1980) page 42

yields fruit according to its kind, whose seed *is* in

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1931 - 4327 - species

itself, on the earth”; and it was so.

Scriptures:

<sup>12</sup> And the earth brought forth grass, the herb *that*

Notes:

yields seed according to its kind, and the tree *that*

yields fruit, whose seed *is* in itself according to its

kind. And God saw that *it was* good.

Scriptures:

<sup>13</sup> So the evening and the morning were the third

Notes:

day.

Scriptures:  
Psalm 104:19 -  
He appointed the moon  
for seasons;  
The sun knows its going  
down.

Psalms 19:1 -  
The heavens declare the  
glory of God;  
And the firmament shows  
His handiwork.

Romans 1:24-25 -  
Therefore God also gave  
them up to uncleanness, in  
the lusts of their hearts, to  
dishonor their bodies  
among themselves, 25 who  
exchanged the truth of God  
for the lie, and worshiped  
and served the creature  
rather than the Creator, who  
is blessed forever. Amen.

14 Then <sup>△</sup>God said, “Let there be lights in the

Notes:  
What foolishness to seek guidance  
from or to worship the sun, moon,  
and stars, when we have the freedom  
to worship the Creator of those  
things.

It is foolish to worship these  
inanimate objects, when we have a  
living God who created us and loves  
us ([Rom. 1:25](#)).

firmament of the heavens to divide the <sup>⌚</sup>day from

the <sup>⌚</sup>night; and let them be for signs and seasons,

226 – reference  
point - a signal,  
miracle, sign

4150 – “One of  
the natural  
periods into  
which the year is  
divided by  
equinoxes and  
solstices or  
atmospheric  
conditions.”

and for <sup>⌚</sup>days and <sup>⌚</sup>years;

3117 -

8141 -

Scriptures:

<sup>15</sup> and let them be for lights in the firmament of

Notes:

the heavens to give light on the earth”; and it was

so.

Scriptures:  
Psalm 8:3-5 -

When I consider Your  
heavens, the work of Your  
fingers,

The moon and the stars,  
which You have ordained,

4 What is man that  
You are mindful of him,  
And the son of man that  
You visit him?

5 For You have made  
him a little lower than the  
angels,

And You have crowned  
him with glory and honor.

Isaiah 40:26 - Lift up  
your eyes on high,

And see who has created  
these things,

Who brings out their host  
by number;

He calls them all by  
name,

By the greatness of His  
might

And the strength of His  
power;

Not one is missing.

16 Then God made two great lights: the greater

1419 -

light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the

night. *He made* the stars also.

Notes:

The 'greater' = the sun; the 'lesser' =  
the moon. How did Moses know that  
the sun is 'greater' than the moon.  
An uninformed observer might say  
the moon is larger than the sun.

'He made the stars also.' - God used  
five words to describe the creation of  
the entire universe outside our solar  
system. It has been said that there are  
more stars than there are grains of  
sand on every beach on earth.

God used fifty chapters of the Bible  
to describe the construction of the  
tabernacle, but only five words to  
describe the creation of the stars.  
That is divine perspective.

"The Bible is a handbook of  
redemption...It was nothing for God  
to create; to create He had only to  
speak. But to redeem, He had to  
suffer. That is the perspective of the  
Bible." (Phillips, 1980) page 43

"God is more interested in people  
than He is in planets, more interested  
in souls than in stars." (Phillips,  
1980) page 44

As interesting as the recent SpaceX  
launch was (May 2020), it only  
highlights man's broken view of  
God's universe. Man's sees it as  
some great achievement, while  
ignoring the reality that God, who  
created that which they are so

Scriptures:  
Jeremiah 33:20-21 - Thus says the LORD: 'If you can break My covenant with the day and My covenant with the night, so that there will not be day and night in their season, 21 then My covenant may also be broken with David My servant, so that he shall not have a son to reign on his throne, and with the Levites, the priests, My ministers.

17 <sup>△</sup>God set them in the firmament of the heavens to Notes:

give light on the earth,

Scriptures:  
Jeremiah 31:35 -  
Thus says the LORD,  
Who gives the sun for a light by day,  
The ordinances of the moon and the stars for a light by night,  
Who disturbs the sea, And its waves roar  
(The LORD of hosts is His name):

18 and to rule over the <sup>☞</sup>day and over the <sup>☞</sup>night, and Notes:

to divide the light from the darkness. And <sup>△</sup>God

36 "If those ordinances depart  
From before Me, says the LORD,  
Then the seed of Israel shall also cease  
From being a nation before Me forever.

saw that *it was* good.

Scriptures:

<sup>19</sup> So the evening and the morning were the fourth

Notes:

day.



Scriptures:

<sup>20</sup> Then God said, “Let the waters abound with an

Notes:  
Every drop of water can contain millions of microscopic creatures. The same God who created the vastness of space also created the tiniest living organisms.

“There is so such thing as bigness or smallness to a God who is infinite.”  
(Phillips, 1980) page 44

abundance of living creatures, and let birds fly

above the earth across the face of the firmament

of the heavens.”

Scriptures:

Psalms 104:25-30 - This

great and wide sea,

In which are innumerable  
teeming things,

Living things both small  
and great.

26 There the ships sail  
about;

There is that Leviathan

Which You have made to  
play there.

27 These all wait for  
You,

That You may give them  
their food in due season.

28 What You give  
them they gather in;

You open Your hand,  
they are filled with good.

29 You hide Your  
face, they are troubled;

You take away their  
breath, they die and return  
to their dust.

30 You send forth  
Your Spirit, they are  
created;

And You renew the face  
of the earth.

21 So <sup>Δ</sup>God created great sea creatures and every

1419 -

8577 - sea  
monster

Notes:

living thing that moves, with which the waters

abounded, according to their kind, and every

winged bird according to its kind. And <sup>Δ</sup>God saw

that *it was* good.

Scriptures:  
Genesis 8:17 - Bring out  
with you every living thing  
of all flesh that is with you:  
birds and cattle and every  
creeping thing that creeps  
on the earth, so that they  
may abound on the earth,  
and be fruitful and multiply  
on the earth.

22 And God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and

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Notes:

multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let

7235 -

birds multiply on the earth.”

Scriptures:

23 So the evening and the morning were the fifth

Notes:

day.

Scriptures:

<sup>24</sup> Then God <sup>△</sup>said, “Let the earth bring forth the

Notes:

living creature according to its kind: cattle and

creeping thing and beast of the earth, *each*

according to its kind”; and it was so.


Scriptures:

<sup>25</sup> And God  made the beast of the earth according

Notes:

to its kind, cattle according to its kind, and

everything that creeps on the earth according to its

kind. And God  saw that *it was* good.

Scriptures:

Genesis 9:6 -

Whoever sheds man's blood,

By man his blood shall be shed;

For in the image of God He made man.

James 3:8-9 - But no man can tame the tongue. It is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison. 9 With it we bless our God and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in the similitude of God.

Psalms 8:6-9 -

You have made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands;

You have put all things under his feet,

7 All sheep and oxen—

Even the beasts of the field,

8 The birds of the air, And the fish of the sea That pass through the paths of the seas.

9 O LORD, our Lord, How excellent is Your name in all the earth!

Hebrews 2:5-8 -

For He has not put the world to come, of which we speak, in subjection to angels. 6 But one testified in a certain place, saying:

“What is man that You are mindful of him,

Or the son of man that You take care of him?

7 You have made him a little lower than the angels;

You have crowned him with glory and honor,

And set him over the works of Your hands.

8 You have put all things in subjection under his feet.”

For in that He put all in subjection under him, He left nothing that is not put under him. But now we do not yet see all things put under him.

26 Then God said, “Let Us make man in Our

6212 - make

120 – “אדם”  
'âdâm" -  
humankind

587 – we,  
ourselves, us

image, according to Our likeness;

6754 –  
resemblance  
– “The visual  
appearance  
of something  
or someone.”

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1823 –  
resemblance,  
manner, similitude

let them have dominion over the fish of the sea,

7287 – to rule

over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over

all the earth and over every creeping thing that

creeps on the earth.”

Notes:

Notice, God did not say, ‘Let Us make man according to the image of the beasts.’

“In his nature, person, and personality, in his moral and spiritual capacities, in his emotions, intellect, conscience, and will, man stands apart from the brute creation.” (Phillips, 1980) page 45

“Being in God’s image means that humans share, though imperfectly and finitely, in God’s nature, that is, in His communicable attributes (life, personality, truth, wisdom, love, holiness, justice), and so have the capacity for spiritual fellowship with Him.” (John F. Walvoord, 1983) page 29

At the creation of man, God made him His representative by giving man dominion over the creation. Man surrendered some of that dominion to Satan at the Fall. Jesus will reclaim it at His Return (Heb. 2:5-8).

Scriptures:

<sup>27</sup> So God created man in His *own* image; in the

Notes:  
“The image of God still persists in sinful men and women, though marred and sometimes even a caricature – and a witness against itself.” (Hughes, Genesis, 2004) page 37

image of God He created him; male and female

2145 - זָכָר zākār -

5347 - נִקְבָּה neqébāh -

He created them.

28 Then God <sup>Δ</sup> <sup>Δ</sup> <sup>M</sup> <sup>Δ</sup> <sup>M</sup> blessed them, and God said to them,

1288 – “To invoke  
(or enact) divine  
favor, often  
implying a positive  
disposition or kind  
actions toward the  
recipient.”

Notes:

All of humanity is descended from these first two, Adam and Eve. Adam is the federal head of all humanity. If you treat Genesis 1 as anything other than truth, then you also must throw out Romans five, which traces all sin back to Adam and sets Jesus up as the Second Adam. Without Romans 5 we would all be hopelessly lost in our sin.

“Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue

Every new discovery, invention, and technology is an expression of man’s dominion. Man has moved mountains, dammed rivers, and mined the depths of the earth. Even the exploration of space is an expression of man’s dominion.

it; have dominion <sup>Δ</sup> over the fish of the sea, over the

If we want to understand what it means to have dominion, we have only to look at Jesus. Jesus came as a man and walked among other humans and exercised the dominion that Adam surrendered to Satan at the Fall. Jesus stilled the waves and walked upon the water. He commanded schools of fish to appear for His disciples to catch. He commanded one fish to pick up a coin and bring it to Peter. The dominion that mankind exercises now over creation is a fallen, shadow of what it was supposed to be.

birds of the air, and over every living thing that

“The gift of blessing included the empowerment to achieve what was promised.” (Griednaus, 2007) page 18

moves on the earth.”



29 And God said, “See, I have given you every

herb *that* yields seed which *is* on the face of all

the earth, and every tree whose fruit yields seed;

to you it shall be for food.

Scriptures:

<sup>30</sup> Also, to every beast of the earth, to every bird

Notes:

of the air, and to everything that creeps on the

earth, in which *there is* life, *I have given* every

green herb for food”; and it was so.

Scriptures:

<sup>31</sup> Then God saw everything that He had made,

and indeed *it was* very good. So the evening and

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the morning were the sixth day.

Notes:

'very good' – only after mankind completed the creation was it very good. As beautiful and wonderful as the creation is, it is incomplete without man.

"He will reorder your broken life with a word. He will bring form out of chaos with a word. It is His specialty." (Hughes, Genesis, 2004) page 30