

Memory Verse

Genesis 1:3, 6, 9, 11, 14, 20, 24, 26

Then God said...

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Thematic Overview of Genesis 1-12 - Pt 2

Creation Pt 1
Genesis 1:1-2:3

We looked at a brief introduction to *Genesis* and 1 God revealed Himself as *Father, Son* and *Holy Spirit*, the Creator! We looked at implications of that in *our life and world*.

Today we will look at **creation**. We will read *chapter 1* and part of *2*, consider the days of creation and what God did to **form** and **fill** what He created.

Genesis 1:1-2:3

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. 2The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. 3And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. 4And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. 5God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening

and there was morning, the first day. 6And God said, “Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” 7And God made the expanse and separated the waters that were under the expanse from the waters that were above the expanse. And it was so. 8And God called the expanse Heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day. 9And God said, “Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place,

and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. 10 God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. 11 And God said, “Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, on the earth.” And it was so. 12 The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed according to their own kinds, and trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each

according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. 13And there was evening and there was morning, the third day. 14And God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and years, 15and let them be lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth." And it was so. 16And God made the two great lights - the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night -

and the stars. 17And God set them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth, 18to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. 19And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day. 20And God said, “Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the heavens.” 21So God created the great sea creatures and every living creature that moves,

with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. 22And God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” 23And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day. 24And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds - livestock and creeping things and beasts of the earth according to their kinds.” And it was so.

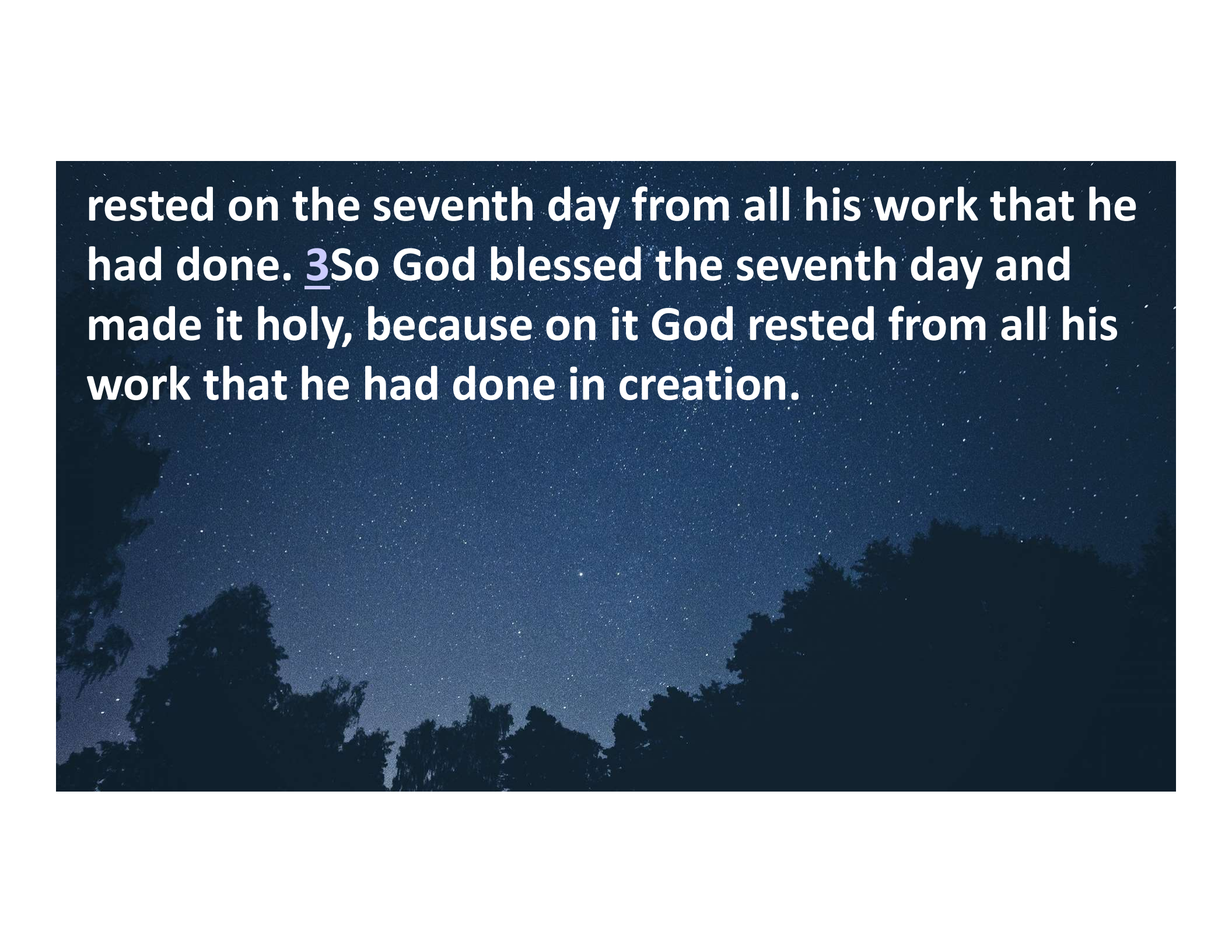
25And God made the beasts of the earth according to their kinds and the livestock according to their kinds, and everything that creeps on the ground according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. 26Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” 27So God created man in

his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. 28And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.” 29And God said, “Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for

food. 30And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.”

And it was so. 31And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

2 - Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. 2And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he

A night sky filled with stars, with the dark silhouettes of trees visible at the bottom. The text is overlaid on the upper portion of the image.

rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done. 3So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation.

A. The Days of Creation

First, the Bible is *not a science book*. It speaks about science and *creation a lot*, but God did not give us His word to answer every scientific question. God has provided scientists who are Christians to *help with those things*, but there will be mysteries He has not revealed.

A. The Days of Creation

Second, we need to put this in an ***Ancient Near East context***. There were *many creation myths* in the ancient world. Babylon, Egypt, Samaria and others had their mythology about where the world and everything came from. While there are some similarities to *Genesis*, there are many differences.

A. The Days of Creation

There are some wonderful resources, messages and ministries dedicated to creation, from a *Biblical point of view*.

I would encourage you to go to ***Answers in Genesis, Institute for Creation Research, and Creation Ministries International*** to start.

B. The Forming of Creation

Genesis 1:2-13

Day **1** - 1:2-5

Day **2** - 1:6-8

Day **3** - 1:9-13

Formed

DAYS OF CREATION IN GENESIS ONE

DAY 1:2-5

1



**EARTH, SPACE,
TIME & LIGHT**

DAY 1:6-8

2



ATMOSPHERE

DAY 1:9-13

3



DRY LAND & PLANTS

C. The Filling of Creation

Genesis 1:14-2:3

God spent 3 days **forming** the creation and in the next 3 days, or *days 4-6*, God **filled** what He created.

Day **4** - 1:14-19

Day **5** - 1:20-23

Day **6** - 1:24-31

Filled

DAYS OF CREATION IN GENESIS ONE

DAY 1:14-19

4



SUN, MOON & STARS

DAY 1:20-23

5



**SEA & FLYING
CREATURES**

DAY 1:24-31

6



LAND ANIMALS & MAN


DAYS OF CREATION IN GENESIS ONE

Formed

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DAY 1:3-5

1



**EARTH, SPACE,
TIME & LIGHT**

DAY 1:6-8

2



ATMOSPHERE

DAY 1:9-13

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DRY LAND & PLANTS

DAY 1:14-19

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SUN, MOON & STARS

DAY 1:20-23

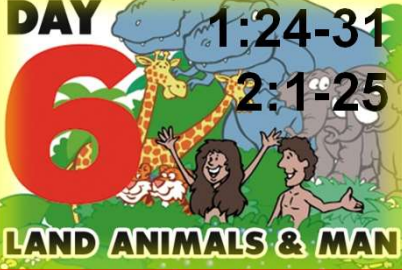
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**SEA & FLYING
CREATURES**

DAY 1:24-31
2:1-25

6



LAND ANIMALS & MAN

C. The Filling of Creation

First, this does **not** mean we are *little gods*.

Second, it does mean that like God, we have the ability to think, feel, make choices, communicate, relate to others, and in a *limited* sense, create. But on a deeper level, Adam and Eve were created holy, righteous, just, pure, and while Adam and Eve, had the opportunity to sin, they were not sinners.

C. The Filling of Creation

Chapter 2 gives details about **day 6**. God created Adam from dirt, **by His hands** so to speak. He was placed into the Garden of Eden to *work and take care of it*. He named the animals, but a *helper was not found*. Adam was put to sleep by God, who took a rib, and then formed Eve from it. ...It was **only mankind** that were *made in God's image, and formed by His hand*.

C. The Filling of Creation

The Dominion Mandate. This has been used as a basis for a lot of *false doctrine*. This is **not** talking about *taking control* over the world, the culture or part of the world or the spiritual realm. Look at *verses 28-30!* **God defines it!**

C. The Filling of Creation

1. ***Be fruitful and multiply*** – have lots of children.
2. ***Fill the Earth*** – spread out all over the world.
3. ***Subdue the Earth*** – take care of it and use it for your own purposes.
4. ***Rule or have dominion over the animals*** – take care of them and use them as needed. At this time mankind were vegetarians.

C. The Filling of Creation

Adam and Eve, and their descendants were to be ***sub-rulers under God's authority***. The authority God gave to Adam and Eve, and by extension us, is to *have kids, spread out, be a good steward of the world and use what God has given for the betterment of humanity.*

C. The Filling of Creation

Day **7** - 2:1-3

One thing *God constantly stated* was *what He created* was, "*good*." At the end of day 6, God said everything was ***very good***. On day 7, God ***ceased or rested from His work***. This does not mean He was tired. His *creative work was done, or complete*.

D. The Importance of Creation

Most Christians don't think of the importance of creation. Most are **not taught this**, and for many, creation is *not a big deal*. Some say God created the world, but *don't get into the details* because it's *controversial*. Others say God created the world but *used evolution*. Some churches may fully embrace evolution, progressive creation, or gap theory and *don't think of the consequences*.

D. The Importance of Creation

1. In Our Lives





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- 1. In Our Lives**
- 2. In Evangelism**
- 3. In the Church**
- 4. In the Culture**