

“The First Week” - Genesis 1:1-5, 26-2:3

Ask - “What is the most spectacular thing that you’ve ever made or built?”

Background - There literally is no background for this passage. It took place “In the beginning.” Moses wrote the book of Genesis, the first book of the Bible. Interestingly, the book of Genesis covers a time period of over 2,000 years - roughly equal to the rest of the Bible combined!

“The Beginning” - Genesis 1:1-5

(v1) According to this verse, what did God create? When did He create it? Out of what did He create it? Research and discuss.

(v2) Describe the condition of the earth when it was originally created. What other Member of the Trinity was present at creation and what was He doing? Was God the Son (Jesus) present also? (Read John 1:1-3, 14)

(v3-5) What did God do on the first day of creation? What 2 things did He separate from each other? What did He call them? This is when the measurement of time began.

GOD CREATED EVERYTHING THAT EXISTS. THE FATHER, SON, AND HOLY SPIRIT WERE ALL INVOLVED IN THE CREATION. ON THE FIRST DAY, GOD CREATED LIGHT AND SEPARATED IT FROM DARKNESS.

“The Image Bearers” - Genesis 1:26-31

(v26a, 27) How did the creation of man differ from that of the previously created things? Were both male and female created in this manner? What does it mean to be an image bearer? Discuss.

(v26b, 28-30) What responsibilities did God give to man and woman? What did He tell them to do and what were they to rule over? What were they to eat? Plants and animals were made for man’s use. Discuss.

(v31) How did God’s evaluation of the sixth day differ from that of the previous five days? What accounts for the difference? Discuss.

ON THE SIXTH AND FINAL DAY OF CREATION, GOD CREATED HUMAN BEINGS AS HIS CROWNING ACHIEVEMENT. HE CREATED THEM IN HIS OWN IMAGE AND GAVE THEM DOMINION OVER THE EARTH.

“The Rest” - Genesis 2:1-3

(v1-2a) What work did God complete? What are the “hosts” mentioned in these verses? On what day was the creation complete?

(v2b) What did God do on the seventh day? Did He rest because He was tired? (Read Isaiah 40:28-31) If not, then why did He rest?

(v3) What did God do to the seventh day? What made this day special? What precedent did this establish?

GOD COMPLETED HIS WORK AND RESTED ON THE SEVENTH DAY. HE BLESSED AND ESTABLISHED THE SABBATH DAY AS A DAY OF REST FOR HIS PEOPLE.

Application - In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. He created the light and separated it from darkness. He created the atmosphere, clouds, and sky. He created and separated the land from the seas. He created plant life. He created the cosmos (outer space) - the sun, moon, and stars. He created the animals - birds, fish, mammals, and so forth. Finally, the triune God created man in His own image - both male and female. After His creation was complete, God rested. What aspect of creation stands out most to you?