



“The Importance of Creation Throughout the Bible”

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1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

7 VIEWS OF CREATION

- 1. Biblical Creationism** – young earth (around 6,000, at the most 10,000. years old). Literal interpretation. God’s Word stands alone as the source and authority of the facts governing the supernatural act of the creation of everything. 6 literal 24-hour days. No death before sin. Grounded in fact.
- 2. Gap/Recreation** - 6 literal 24-hour days BUT between Gen. 1:1 & 1:2 there is a gap of indefinite time (millions perhaps billions of years.) Various views as to what happened during gap. It was a catastrophic event. Therefore vs. 1 was original creation, however, vs. 2 was the aftermath of what happened in the gap and left the earth “formless and void.” Thus vs. 3 begins a recreation by God. Death before sin. Theory.
- 3. Day/Age** – the “days” are not 24-hour literal days but instead stand for geologic ages of billions of years. Big Bang. Death before sin. Theory.

4. Progressive – God gradually created new life forms over billions of years. New species replaced extinct ones, starting with simple organisms and culminating in the creation of Adam and Eve. Belief in Big Bang theory. Death before sin. Try to bring the Bible in harmony with scientific opinion. Theory.

5. Theistic Evolution - God created inorganic materials and set in place laws and properties that would, with time and evolutionary processes, yield the result of creation that we see today. Death before sin. Big Bang. God guided the evolutionary processes. Natural selection and mutations caused the first cell to evolve into all the plants, animals, and people that have ever lived. Bible must be corrected with scientific development. Theory.

6. Framework – Genesis 1 & 2 only gives a framework in which to understand creation. Not historical narrative. Not sequential or literal. Gives topics and spheres. Big Bang. Death before sin. Theory.

7. Evolution – No God. No Bible. Big Bang. Natural processes. Everything is by chance + time. Random mutations come by natural selection producing various life forms of increasing complexity over billions of years. Uniformitarianism - which is the principle that the geological processes we observe today are the same ones that have shaped the Earth throughout its history, allowing us to understand the past by studying the present; this concept is crucial for understanding the gradual changes needed for evolution to occur over long periods of time. Theory.

Ex 20:8-11

- 8** "Remember the sabbath **day**, to keep it holy.
 - 9** "Six days you shall labor and do all your work, **10** but the seventh **day** is a sabbath of the Lord your God; in it you shall not do any work, you or your son or your daughter, your male or your female servant or your cattle or your sojourner who stays with you.
 - 11** "For in six **days** the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh **day**; therefore, the Lord blessed the sabbath **day** and made it holy.
- One of the most fundamental laws of Bible interpretation is this. Whenever a word is employed several times within a context, it will carry the same meaning in each case — unless there is a compelling reason for assigning an unusual sense to the term (cf. Mt. 8:22 - and allow the dead to bury their own dead." There is certainly no such reason apparent in Exodus 20:8ff.
 - The sabbath day law was designed to commemorate the seventh day of the creation week, which consisted of seven days (of the same type as the sabbath). Try substituting the terms "age or ages" for the words "day or days" in Exodus 20:8-11, and see just how much sense it makes.

Deut 4:31-32

- 31 "For the Lord your God is a compassionate God; He will not fail you nor destroy you nor forget the covenant with your fathers which He swore to them.
- 32 "Indeed, ask now concerning the former days which were before you, since **the day that God created man on the earth**, and inquire from one end of the heavens to the other. Has anything been done like this great thing, or has anything been heard like it?

Ps 104:1-9,24,25,31

- 1 Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord my God, You are very great; You are clothed with splendor and majesty.
- 2 Covering Yourself with light as with a cloak, **stretching out heaven like a tent curtain.**
- 3 **He lays the beams of His upper chambers in the waters; He makes the clouds His chariot; He walks upon the wings of the wind;**
- 4 **He makes the winds His messengers, Flaming fire His ministers.**
- 5 **He established the earth upon its foundations, So that it will not totter forever and ever.**
- 6 **You covered it with the deep as with a garment; The waters were standing above the mountains.**
- 7 At Your rebuke they fled, At the sound of Your thunder they hurried away.
- 8 **The mountains rose; the valleys sank down To the place which You established for them.**
- 9 You set a boundary that they may not pass over, So that they will not return to cover the earth.
- 24 O Lord, how many are Your works!
In wisdom **You have made them all;**
The earth is full of Your possessions.
- 25 There is the sea, great and broad,
In which are swarms without number,
Animals both small and great.
- 31 Let the glory of the Lord endure forever;
Let the Lord be glad in His works;

Ps 148:1-6

- 1 Praise the Lord!
Praise the Lord from the heavens;
Praise Him in the heights!
2 Praise Him, all His angels;
Praise Him, all His hosts!
3 Praise Him, sun and moon;
Praise Him, all stars of light!
4 Praise Him, highest heavens,
And the waters that are above the heavens!
5 Let them praise the name of the Lord,
For He commanded and they were created.
6 He has also established them forever and ever;
He has made a decree which will not pass away.

Neh 9:1-6

- 1 Now on the twenty-fourth day of this month the sons of Israel assembled with fasting, in sackcloth and with dirt upon them.
- 2 The descendants of Israel separated themselves from all foreigners, and stood and confessed their sins and the iniquities of their fathers.
- 3 While they stood in their place, they read from the book of the law of the Lord their God for a fourth of the day; and for another fourth they confessed and worshiped the Lord their God.
- 4 Now on the Levites' platform stood Jeshua, Bani, Kadmiel, Shebaniah, Bunni, Sherebiah, Bani and Chenani, and they cried with a loud voice to the Lord their God.
- 5 Then the Levites, Jeshua, Kadmiel, Bani, Hashabneiah, Sherebiah, Hodiah, Shebaniah and Pethahiah, said, "Arise, bless the Lord your God forever and ever!"
- O may Your glorious name be blessed
And exalted above all blessing and praise!
6 "You alone are the Lord.
You have made the heavens,
The heaven of heavens with all their host,
The earth and all that is on it;
The seas and all that is in them.
You give life to all of them
And the heavenly host bows down before You.

Ps 33:1-9

- 33 Sing for joy in the Lord, O you righteous ones;
Praise is becoming to the upright.
- 2 Give thanks to the Lord with the lyre;
Sing praises to Him with a harp of ten strings.
- 3 Sing to Him a new song;
Play skillfully with a shout of joy.
- 4 For the word of the Lord is upright,
And all His work is done in faithfulness.
- 5 He loves righteousness and justice;
The earth is full of the lovingkindness of the Lord.
- 6 **By the word of the Lord the heavens were made,**
And by the breath of His mouth all their host.
- 7 **He gathers the waters of the sea together as a heap;**
He lays up the deeps in storehouses.
- 8 **Let all the earth fear the Lord;**
Let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him.
- 9 **For He spoke, and it was done;**
He commanded, and it stood fast.

Job 38:1-12

- 1 Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind and said,
2 "Who is this that darkens counsel By words without knowledge?
3 "Now gird up your loins like a man, And I will ask you, and you instruct Me!
4 "**Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?** Tell Me, if you have understanding,
• **The creation of the universe is a theological issue not a scientific issue. Why? Because no one but God was there when it was created. It is non-repeatable. It cannot be observed. It was a series of miracles. Therefore, there is one source from which to observe it and that is through the words of Moses in the Bible in Gen. 1,2.**
- 5 Who set its measurements? Since you know. Or who stretched the line on it?
6 "On what were its bases sunk? Or who laid its cornerstone,
7 When the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy?
8 "Or who enclosed the sea with doors When, bursting forth, it went out from the womb,
9 When I made a cloud its garment And thick darkness its swaddling band,
10 And I placed boundaries on it And set a bolt and doors,
11 And I said, 'Thus far you shall come, but no farther; And here shall your proud waves stop?'

Isa 42:1-6

42 "Behold, My Servant, whom I uphold;
My chosen one in whom My soul delights.

I have put My Spirit upon Him;

He will bring forth justice to the nations.

2 "He will not cry out or raise His voice,

Nor make His voice heard in the street.

3 "A bruised reed He will not break

And a dimly burning wick He will not extinguish;

He will faithfully bring forth justice.

4 "He will not be disheartened or crushed

Until He has established justice in the earth;

And the coastlands will wait expectantly for His law."

5 Thus says God the Lord,

Who created the heavens and stretched them out,

Who spread out the earth and its offspring,

Who gives breath to the people on it

And spirit to those who walk in it;

Isa 45:11-12,18

11 Thus says the Lord, the Holy One of Israel, and his Maker:

"Ask Me about the things to come concerning My sons,

And you shall commit to Me the work of My hands.

12 "It is I who made the earth, and created man upon it.

I stretched out the heavens with My hands

And I ordained all their host.

18 For thus says the Lord, who created the heavens (He is the God who formed the earth and made it, He established it and did not create it a waste place, but formed it to be inhabited),

Mal 2:4

10 "Do we not all have one father? Has not one God created us? Why do we deal treacherously each against his brother so as to profane the covenant of our fathers?

Mark 10:5-9

5 But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote you this commandment.

6 "But from the beginning of creation, God MADE THEM

MALE AND FEMALE.

7 "FOR THIS REASON A MAN SHALL LEAVE HIS FATHER AND MOTHER,

8 AND THE TWO SHALL BECOME ONE FLESH; so they are no longer two, but one flesh.

9 "What therefore God has joined together, let no man separate."

Mark 13:19

19 "For those days will be a time of tribulation such as has not occurred since the beginning of the creation which God created until now, and never will.

Acts 17:22-28

22 So Paul stood in the midst of the Areopagus and said, "Men of Athens, I observe that you are very religious in all respects.

23 "For while I was passing through and examining the objects of your worship, I also found an altar with this inscription, 'TO AN UNKNOWN GOD.' Therefore what you worship in ignorance, this I proclaim to you.

24 "The God who made the world and all things in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands;

25 nor is He served by human hands, as though He needed anything, since He Himself gives to all people life and breath and all things;

26 and He made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined their appointed times and the boundaries of their habitation,

27 that they would seek God, if perhaps they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us;

John 1:1-3

1 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 came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being.

Eph 3:8-10

8 To me, the very least of all saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unfathomable riches of Christ,

9 and to bring to light what is the administration of the

mystery which for ages has been hidden in God who created all things;

10 so that the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known through the church to the rulers and the authorities in the heavenly places.

Col 1:15-18

15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.

16 For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities — all things have been created through Him and for Him.

17 He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.

Heb 11:3

3 By faith we understand that **the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things which are visible.**

2 Peter 3:3-5

3 Know this first of all, that in the last days mockers will come with their mocking, following after their own lusts,
4 and saying, "Where is the promise of His coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, **all continues just as it was from the beginning of creation.**"
5 For when they maintain this, it escapes their notice that **by the word of God the heavens existed long ago and the earth was formed out of water and by water,**

Rev 4:11

11 "Worthy are You, our Lord and our God, to receive glory and honor and power; for **You created all things, and because of You will they exist, and were created.**"

Rev 5:11-13

11 Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne and the living creatures and the elders; and the number of them was myriads of myriads, and thousands of thousands,
12 saying with a loud voice,

"Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing."

13 **And every created thing which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all things in them, I heard saying,**

"To Him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb, be blessing and honor and glory and dominion forever and ever."

Rev 10:5-6

5 Then the angel whom I saw standing on the sea and on the land lifted up his right hand to heaven,
6 and swore by Him who lives forever and ever, **WHO CREATED HEAVEN AND THE THINGS IN IT, AND THE EARTH AND THE THINGS IN IT, AND THE SEA AND THE THINGS IN IT,**

Rev 14:6-7

6 And I saw another angel flying in midheaven, having an eternal gospel to preach to those who live on the earth, and to every nation and tribe and tongue and people;

7 and he said with a loud voice, "Fear God, and give Him glory, because the hour of His judgment has come; **worship Him who made the heaven and the earth and sea and springs of waters.**"