

First Southern Baptist Church - May 22, 2019
Seven Days... Continued - Chapters 1 and 2

I. Days

1. Day Four (14-19)

A. The action

Lights in the firmament (14)

It was so (15)

Two great lights to rule (16)

Set in heaven (17)

Rule and divide - it was good (18)

Formula - evening and morning (19)

B. Word of command

2. Day Five (20-23)

The action

Let the waters teem - and fowls fly

Great whales/ fowls

Good

Blessed

Formula - evening and morning

3. Day Six (24-31)

A. The action

Earth bring forth creatures

-cattle

-creeping things

-beasts

Man is made

-dominion:

Over fish

Over fowl

Over cattle

Over creeping things

-created male and female

B. God blessed them - be fruitful and multiply - subdue the earth

C. God commands them - I have given you all this (29)

-given the same to animals

-are vegetarians at this point

Very Good

D. Formula - evening and morning

E. From dust... then return to dust

Woman made from man, returns to man

4. Day Seven (2:1-4)

A. The action

He finished

- He rested
- He blessed it - by resting
- B. The act of resting
 - separated this day from all the others
- C. Editorial comments
 - All finished
 - This is how it all started

II. How It Happened (2:5ff)

1. Editorial comments:
 - “These are the records of the heavens and earth” (2:4-8)
 - Concerning their creation
2. No rain - so how did they get water?
 - the “how” question is being answered
 - it came up out of the ground - or a “mist”
3. God formed man (2:7-8)
 - Out of dust
 - Breathed into him
 - A living soul
 - God planted a garden and there He placed man (8)
4. Now... in that Garden (9-14)
 - Note the movement... as He tells the broader story - about man and sin and the fall
 - A. There are two trees of note
 - B. There is a river... no four rivers
 - 1) Pishon to Havilah (11)
 - 2) Gihon - through Cush (13)
 - 3) Tigris - runs east of Assyria (14)
 - 4) Euphrates (14)
5. Now,... what about those trees?
 - Instructs them about them (15-17)
6. Now... how did the trees fit in with the fall? - well need to tell you about Eve
 - A helper (18-25)
 - How'd she get there? - what about her?
 - not good -motive (18)
 - the situation... as man was naming the animals... there is no helper for man (19)
 - the first plastic surgery (21-22)
 - she is presented to Adam
 - made from man... brought back to man
 - Adam's joy (23)

*All this sets us up for the fall in Chapter 3

III. What If?

1. **You'd Expect** - if the Bible were true

1. Be able to trace back 6,000 years
-various histories trace back 6,000
2. Everything just right to sustain life
-sun just the right distance, etc
3. If given dominion, you'd expect him to be able to rule
-you'd expect him to be moral, religious
4. All humanity to go back to one set of DNA - the Gnome Project
5. God to do it like He did other things - the word of command - see Heb. 11:3
"command"
-God has always rooted His word in history - actions (example is resurrection)
6. Evidences of the flood - like... the Grand Canyon, fossils of sea creatures all over the land
7. If God "blessed" mankind, you'd expect them to live a long time
-if man brought death - you'd expect the ages to go down

2. Firmament

What is it? - sky between the waters - Gen. 1: 6
 Greenhouse effect - there was no rain till the flood, isn't that a quirky thing to happen?
 Filter harmful rays
 Hyperbaric chamber
 Heal faster, grow better, last longer
 Do you believe in the ozone layer?

3. Long Life

Vegetarians
 Greenhouse
 Trace minerals
 "Blessed" by God - the beginning of humanity
 How many kids did Adam have? - died at 930 years
 Ages drop off - *see below

4. Created a Field

-light
 -basic components = separated out - water/ firmament/ water
 -light/ darkness
 -water/ earth
 -created a place (field) then filled it

What Can God Do?

If He can raise the dead, He can create the world
 If He cannot create the world, He cannot raise the dead

IV. Extra

Descending ages: -all in Genesis

Adam	930	5:5
Seth	912	5:8
Enos	905	5:11

Cainan 910	5:14		
Mahalaleel	895	5:17	
Jared	962	5:20	
Enoch 365	5:23		
Methuselah	969	5:27	
Lamech	777	5:31	*the father of Noah
Noah	950	9:29	*“the generations of Noah” - 10:32
Shem	600	11:10	
Arphaxad	438	11:12	
Salah	433	11:14	
Eber	473	11:16	
Peleg	239	11:18	
Reu	239	11:20	
Serug	230	11:22	
Nahor	148	11:24	
Terah	205	11:26	

Terah is the Father of **Abram** - 11:27