

First Southern Baptist Church - May 15, 2019

Genesis Chapters 1-2

Introduction

1. God created - theme statement
2. The purpose needs to be remembered - quickly moving toward the fall in chapter 3
3. Gaps in the story - skipping through
 - remember the purpose
 - can you live with gaps? -without knowing?
4. Chapter 1 and chapter 2
 - natural
 - issue - two different accounts
 - Declaration then Explanation
 - how man was created - breath, etc
 - details of man's creation - about how Eve got here
 - different creation - created Eden
 - Explains what? "Beginnings"
 - of earth
 - of man/ and of woman (in His image)
 - of evil and sin
 - of curses - why pain of childbirth, for example
5. Quickly -
 - one day for all the sea and birds
 - one day for all the land animals and man
 - From chaos to God's rest in a week
 - Moves to specificity
 - moves to higher beings
 - moves from chaos to rest
 - moves from the general to more specific and concrete
 - God created (1:1-2)... then verses 3ff how He did it
- !!). For those who do not see this as "literally" happening this way: historicity
 - God did it (1:1-2) - then tells how
 - "This is the record" - at 2:4 - following the seven days
 - Four rivers are real rivers at 2:11-14
 - "Evening and morning were the first day"
6. Formulas
 - "Evening and morning"
 - Word of command - "let there be"
 - "It was good"
7. Don't miss the repetition
 - it was good
 - the evening and morning
 - the separation of dark from night - of 7th day from the rest - of waters from land - the blessing of God
8. Blocks of material
 - A. Creation days - 1:1-2:4

- B. No rain - 2:4-8
- C. How God formed man - 2:7-8
- D. The tree of life and the tree of knowledge - 2:9
- E. The river/ rivers in the garden - 2:10-14
- F. Instructions about the tree of knowledge -2:15-17
- G. A helper - 2:18-25
- 9. Editorial comments given in chapter 2
- 10. Note that creation moves across two chapters - moving toward the main purpose of the story - redemption

The Situation

- 1. Without form
- 2. Void
- 3. Darkness
- 4. The Spirit
 - hovering
 - moving
- 5. Don't miss the summary verses
 - 1:1 - He creates... then tells how
 - He makes declaration, then makes explanation
 - 2:1 - looks back over shoulder and says... He creates then rests
- 6. The "waters"

Day One (1:3-5)

- 1. The action
 - Let there be light
 - Then divided light/ darkness
 - Named light and darkness
 - Formula - evening and morning
- !!). Note that darkness is not abolished... comes up later, but it is subordinated
 - Everything has:
 - value
 - place
 - meaning
 - Turns chaos into cosmos
- 2. The word of "command"
 - the Holman uses "command"
 - Rom. 4:17 says God "called" things into being
- 3. **Issue** - how can there be light without the sun?
 - not told, but there is light in heaven from God at the end

Day Two (1:6-8)

- 1. The action
 - Firmament - to divide the waters
 - Called (named) heaven
 - Formula - evening and morning
- 2. Atmosphere enables birds to fly, permits sound to travel, and cushions us from

- bombardment of meteors from space
- 3. Word of command
- 4. Above and below - a watery blanket
 - ?a layer of water above the sky?
- 5. **Issue** - “Firmament” - what is that? - NIV says “expanse”
 - three heavens in scripture
 - A. Atmosphere
 - B. Space
 - C. God’s heaven

Day Three (1:9-13)

- 1. The action
 - Gathered the waters to create sea and land
 - Called/ named - as in heaven - “earth”
 - Grasses
 - Command
 - Good
 - Formula - evening and morning
- 2. *Note* that God creates... then fills it
 - created the sea - then filled it with marine animals
 - created the earth - then filled it
 - created the world... then told man to fill it - multiply