

# UNIT 4: THE EARTH AND CREATION

LESSON 1 – The Bible's Account of Creation



# Introduction

- What we want to learn:
  - That God's creation of the world was intentional. The world is here by design, and its Designer is eager to be seen by all



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- What we want to do with what we learn:
  - To examine the Bible's account of creation in a way that helps them see how God has revealed Himself through His work



# Scripture Focus

- Genesis 1-2
- Hebrews 3:4
- Colossians 1:15-16
- John 8:12



# Opening Prayer

Lord, I am asking you to give me eyes to see Your Word, a mind that understands Your Word, and a heart that embraces Your Word. Without Your help, I am lost. Thank You for loving me and teaching me through Your Word. Amen.



# Anchor Statement

God created the Universe and everything in it with intentionality and for a purpose



# OVERVIEW



# Overview

- From the Big Bang to the idea that we are all a part of some strange simulation, every non-Biblical view lacks a realistic answer that is both possible and meaningful.



# Context and Details

## Genesis

Author: most likely Moses

Time frame: 1400-1200 B.C.

Purpose: details the earliest history of our world



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## Hebrews

Author: Barnabas or Apollos

Time frame: before 70 A.D.

Purpose: to address Jewish converts to Christianity and challenge them to hold fast to their new found faith



# Context and Details

## Colossians

Author: the apostle Paul

Time frame: ~61-63 AD

Purpose: emphasize the  
supremacy of Christ over  
everything



# THE SETTING



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- The beginning provides context for the remainder of the text, and God's Word is no different
- In Genesis we are given the context about who God is, what His creation provides, who we are, and the need for salvation



# THE MAIN POINT



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- It is normal to look up at the sky and wonder why? We may never fully understand why God created such a unique world, including humans.
- Genesis will provide a better understanding of each day of creation and its purpose.



THE LEAD IN



# Goal

To help us identify the incredible amount of things that are a part of God's creation.



# Question

- Name some things that you saw within the last few days that demonstrates God creation.



# THE MAIN EVENT



# Goal

- To gain a deeper understanding of what the Bible says about how our universe/earth was created by God.



# God As Creator

- In everything we see, God is the:
  - Artist
  - Designer
  - Constructor



# Question?

- What is the most beautiful thing you have seen in the natural world?



# Genesis 1:1-2

- Based on this passage, what was there before the “heavens and the earth?”



# Genesis 1:1-2

- It is important to understand that this was written in a poetic style.
- Everything communicated here, is God's testimony of how He created the world around us.



# Genesis 1:3-5

- What stands out to you the most from this passage?
- What are some of the characteristics of both light and darkness?



# John 8:12

- It was intentional of God to place light at the beginning of creation as it foreshadows Christ as the eternal light of the world.
- He brings protection and warmth that darkness cannot supply.



# John 8:12

- We cannot talk about creation without talking about Jesus.
- In this passage, we see God doing again what He did in the beginning. He is bringing light into a dark world.



# Genesis 1:6-8

- What stands out to you the most from this passage?
- What is confusing?
- What do you think verse 8 means about the expanse being called “heaven?”



# Genesis 1:9-13

- God takes these first three days to create order on earth.
  - Light → Sky → Seas → Land
- Why do you think God made the earth this way?



# Genesis 1:14-19

- What is significant about verse 16 when He put the stars in the sky?



# Genesis 1:20-23

- On day 2, God separated the sky from the sea.
- On day 5, He filled both expanses with life.
- Creation is amazing, and God wants us to see the beauty in His design.



# Genesis 1:24-25

- God uses day 6 to fill the land with creatures.
- God spent the first three days creating the world and forming it.
- He spent the following three days filling it.



# Genesis 1:26-28

- We see something significant in verse 28 that we see for the very first time in scripture – what is it?
- God created everything with a purpose.
- His intention was to give us full life and, more importantly, life with Him.



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# Hebrews 3:4

- When we recognize the detailed design of God's creation including you and me, we can then recognize His true love and goodness for us.



# THE LAST WORD



# Goal

- To help us look beyond the seen aspects of the world, and look at how God is revealing Himself to us.



# Summary

- Every sunset, forest, wave crashing on the beach, person, bird, fish, and bug is revealing something so much more than what you see.
- God made it all!



# Genesis 2:7

- What is different in the way God created man?



# Genesis 2:7

- God “formed” man from the dust of the ground.
- God spoke each part of creation into being.
- But with us, He went a slightly different route.



## Genesis 2:7

- He brought us to life using His very own breath.
- Something no other part of His creation received.
- We are His workmanship and His prized creation.





# Colossians 1:15-16

- In verse 16, Paul continues by saying that all things were created through Him and for Him.
- What do you think this means?



# Final Thoughts

- God intentionally designed the universe for life.
- The world we live in didn't have to be created with beauty and practicality, but God had a purpose.



# Final Thoughts

- God created everything through Himself and for Himself.
- We have been set apart from the rest of creation to experience God by being able to marvel at the world around us.



