

GENESIS I

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CHAPTER ONE

The Light in the Void

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THE FIRST DAY

GENESIS 1:1–5

- I**n the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.
- 2** And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.
- 3** And God said, **Let there be light:** and there was light.
- 4** And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness.
- 5** And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.

CROSS-REFERENCES & EXEGESIS

JOHN 1:1-3 KJV

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God... All things were made by him..."

2 CORINTHIANS 4:6 KJV

"For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light..."

The creation of light is the sovereign foundation of order. God does not negotiate with the dark; He commands it. "Let there be light" requires no pre-existing material, illustrating salvation as a monergistic work of grace—whereby God shines into the dead void of the human heart to bring spiritual life.

THE SECOND & THIRD DAYS

GENESIS 1:6–13

- 6 And God said, **Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters.**
- 7 And God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament: and it was so.
- 8 And God called the firmament Heaven. And the evening and the morning were the second day.
- 9 And God said, **Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry land appear:** and it was so.
- 10 And God called the dry land Earth; and the gathering together of the waters called he Seas: and God saw that it was good.
- 11 And God said, **Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth:** and it was so.
- 12 And the earth brought forth grass, and herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed was in itself, after his kind: and God saw that it was good.
- 13 And the evening and the morning were the third day.

CROSS-REFERENCES & EXEGESIS

JOB 38:8, 11 KJV

"Or who shut up the sea with doors, when it brake forth... And said, Hitherto shalt thou come, but no further..."

PSALM 104:14 KJV

"He causeth the grass to grow for the cattle, and

The division of the waters and the boundaries set for the oceans demonstrate God's absolute dominion over chaos. By commanding the earth to yield fruit "after his kind," the Creator establishes fixed,

THE FOURTH, FIFTH & SIXTH DAYS

GENESIS 1:14–31

And God said, **Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years:**

And let them be for lights in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth: and it was so.

And God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: he made the stars also.

And God set them in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth,

And to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness: and God saw that it was good. And the evening and the morning were the fourth day.

And God said, **Let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving creature that hath life, and fowl that may fly above the earth in the open firmament of heaven.**

And God created great whales, and every living creature that moveth, which the waters brought forth abundantly, after their kind, and every winged fowl after his kind: and God saw that it was good. And God blessed them, saying, **Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let fowl multiply in the earth.** And the evening and the morning were the fifth day.

And God said, **Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth after his kind:** and it was so.

And God made the beast of the earth after his kind, and cattle after their kind, and every thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind: and God saw that it was good.

And God said, **Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.**

So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

And God blessed them, and God said unto them, **Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.**

And God said, **Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat.**

And to every beast of the earth, and to every fowl of the air, and to every thing that creepeth upon the earth, wherein there is life, I have given every green herb for meat: and it was so.

And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. And the evening

DISCOVERING THE ORIGINAL ROOTS

BARA (ברא)

Created (Genesis 1:1, 27)

Signifies creation **ex nihilo** (out of absolute nothingness). In the Old Testament, this verb is used exclusively with God as the subject. It asserts His unique, sovereign power to call matter, time, and space into existence by the force of His spoken command.

ELOHIM (אֱלֹהִים)


God (Genesis 1:1)

A plural noun of majesty, denoting infinite power and fullness. While plural in form, it takes a singular verb throughout Genesis 1, expressing the unity of the Godhead. It strongly prefigures the Trinitarian counsel active in creation.

TOHU VA-VOHU (תהו ובהו)

Without form, and void (Genesis 1:2)

Describes the primordial state of chaotic emptiness. It highlights the total dependency of the void upon God's speech; without His organizing voice, the creation remains formless and empty. It is a portrait of a heart before grace.



*"So God created man in his own image, in the
image of God created he him..."*

GENESIS 1:27 KJV



HEPTADIC NUMERICS

THE HEPTADIC STRUCTURE OF GENESIS 1:1

The original Hebrew text of the Bible's opening verse contains a complex mathematical design based entirely on the number seven.

These numeric patterns, discovered by scholar Ivan Panin, demonstrate deliberate, supernatural structure at the character level:

WORD COUNT

Genesis 1:1 consists of exactly 7 Hebrew words.

LETTER COUNT

The 7 Hebrew words comprise exactly 28 letters (7 x 4).

GRAMMATICAL DIVISIONS

The verse's three main nouns (God, heaven, earth) have a combined numeric value of 777 (7 x 111).

VERB AND SUBJECT

The numeric value of the Hebrew verb 'created' (Bara) and the subject 'God' (Elohim) equals 294 (7 x 42).

RESTING IN THE CREATOR'S GRACE

DEVOTIONAL & REFLECTION

In the beginning, darkness lay thick and silent upon the face of the deep—a vast, formless void that could offer nothing to itself. Yet, it was in this very womb of emptiness that the Spirit of God was already moving. When the voice of the Father broke the silence, saying, 'Let there be light,' it was not a negotiation with the dark; it was a sovereign command. The light came forth instantly, born of His command, divided and declared good. So it is in the economy of His Grace. When our souls lay in the dark void of self-effort and spiritual death, unable to spark a single ray of hope, the Spirit of God moved. The same Elohim who commanded the physical light to shine out of darkness has shined in our hearts. We do not work to bring the light; we simply receive the glorious illumination of His face. Rest in the sovereign hands of the One who began the good work, who calls order out of your chaos, and who will surely declare your redemption 'very good' on the final day.

MEDITATION & QUESTIONS

- 1. How does the light of Genesis 1:3 illuminate the darkness of your own heart according to John 1:5?*
- 2. In what ways does the Trinitarian plural majesty of Elohim in creation strengthen your trust in His sovereign plan for your daily life?*
- 3. How does the promise of a complete creation ('very good') comfort you in times of trials and seeming chaos?*

THE SHADOW — GENESIS 1:3

"And God said, Let there be light: and there was light."

THE SUBSTANCE — JOHN 1:5

"And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not."



The physical light that shattered the primordial darkness was a prophetic type of the Lord Jesus Christ. The same God who commanded light to shine out of darkness has shined in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ (2 Corinthians 4:6). Just as the first light required no human assistance to shine, so the spiritual light of salvation is a sovereign work of grace, entered into by faith alone.





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PUBLISHING SOVEREIGN GRACE

*"But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus
Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen."*

— **2 PETER 3:18 KJV**