

# **“CREATION”**

Genesis 1:1 & John 1:1

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## **CREATION to COMPLETION**

**Genesis 1:1** = *In the beginning God created...*

**Matthew 24:3-14** = *As He was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, “Tell us, when will these things happen, and what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?”*

**4** *And Jesus answered and said to them, “See to it that no one misleads you. **5** For many will come in My name, saying, ‘I am the Christ,’ and will mislead many. **6** You will be hearing of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not frightened, for those things must take place, but that is not yet the end. **7** For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and in various places there will be famines and earthquakes. **8** But all these things are merely the beginning of birth pangs.*

**9** *“Then they will deliver you to tribulation, and will kill you, and you will be hated by all nations because of My name. **10** At that time many will fall away and will betray one another and hate one another. **11** Many false prophets will arise and will mislead many. **12** Because lawlessness is increased, most people’s love will grow cold. **13** But the one who endures to the end, he will be saved. **14** This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all the nations, and then the end will come.*

### **The Creation**

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

## **7 Hebrew Words: 7 Scripture-structuring truths**

### 1. **GOD EXISTS:**

#### A. **Why?**

**Isaiah 43:6b-7a** = *Bring My sons from afar & My daughters from the ends of the earth, (bring) everyone who is called by My name, & whom I have created for My glory...*

**Revelation 4:11** = *"Worthy are You, our Lord & our God, to receive glory & honor & power; for You created all things, & because of Your will they existed, & were created."*

**When you think "Creation..." think CHRIST!**

Jesus *Initiates, Penetrates, & Officiates* reality!

#### B. **So What???**

C. **Hebrews 11:6** = *without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him...*

D. **Ephesians 2:8-10** = *For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; **9** not as a result of works, so that no one may boast. **10** For we are His workmanship, created in*

*Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.now go to...*

- E. **John 1:1** = *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God... now go to...*

## **Matthew 28:17-20**

**17** *When they saw Jesus, they worshiped, **but some doubted.** **18** Then He came near and said to them, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. **19 Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.** And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."*

- F. NOTE: Creation Compels Commission...
- **VIDEO:**
  - "Christianity vs Consumerism2"
  - Creation declares: Go make disciples!

## 2. **GOD IS OUTSIDE of TIME:**

- A. **Hebrews 1:10-12** = *"You, **Lord, in the beginning laid the foundation of the earth, And the heavens are the works of Your hands; 11 They will perish, but You remain; And they all will become old like a garment, 12 And like a mantle You will roll them up; Like a garment they will also be changed. But You are the same, And Your years will not come to an end.**"*

3. **GOD IS the Bible's MAIN CHARACTER**

- A. "God" = 46X in Genesis 1-2...
- B. "LORD God" = 11X in Genesis 2:4-2:22
  - See: Creator, Christ, Christianity!
  - Deliverance depends upon divine grace, defining faith, & desperate repentance. - JDP
  - Read: **John 1:1-5; v.14 =**

**The Deity of Jesus Christ**

**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. 4** *In Him was life, and the life was the Light of men. 5* *The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.*

**14** *And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.*

4. GOD ALONE CREATES:
- A. "Creates" = verb unique to God
  - B. No "big bang" without THE Bang-Maker!
    - **VIDEO:** "The Beginning"
    - **Psalms 19:1** = *The heavens declare the glory of God, & the sky above proclaims his handiwork.*
  - C. PROBLEM today...
    - Loss of "AWE"
    - No true, reverent FEAR of God
    - Do not fear those who can merely affect your temporal shell, but rather, fear the One who can (and will) damn your soul eternally, should you deny His deity, divert from His divine

gospel, and/or if you dilute or disregard the biblical definitions of "disciple" and "discipleship." - JDP

- The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom (applied knowledge)...
- See Romans... They exchanged the Creator for created things...
  - a. Read Revelation 1:1-3
  - b. Revelation 22:7,12,13,16,20

## **Revelation 1:1-3 & 22:**

**1** *The revelation of Jesus Christ that God gave Him to show His slaves what must quickly take place. He sent it and signified it through His angel to His slave John, **2** who testified to God's word and to the testimony about Jesus Christ, in all he saw. **3** The one who reads this is blessed, and those who hear the words of this prophecy and keep what is written in it are blessed, because the time is near!*

**7** *"Look, I am coming quickly! The one who keeps the prophetic words of this book is blessed."*

**12** *"Look! I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me to repay each person according to what he has done."*

**13** *I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.*

**14** *"Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to **the tree of life...**"*

**16** *"I, Jesus, have sent My angel to attest these things to you for the churches...."*

**20b** *"Yes, I am coming quickly." Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!*

**21** The **grace of the Lord Jesus** be with all the saints.  
Amen.

5. **GOD is (1) DIVINE ESSENCE...**  
**in (3) DIVINE**  
**PERSONS**

- A. Creation reveals the "relation foundation"
- B. While "Elohim" is plural...
- C. "Create" is in a singular tense...
- D. See also: "let Us create"
- E. NOTE: "Relationship" is in our Divine DNA
  - Trinitarian Relationship...
  - Vertical, saving relationship...
  - Horizontal, loving relationships...
    - a. Again, see the Great Commission
    - b. See also, the Great Commandment
- F. NOTE: Elohim "creates"
- G. NOTE: Yahweh Elohim "cares for"
- H. **2 Chronicles 16:9a** = *the eyes of Yahweh roam throughout the earth to show Himself strong for those whose hearts are completely His.*
  - **Acts 1:8 parallels 2 Chron. 16:9**

6. **God IS Creator of ALL...**

- A. **Psalm 33:6** = *The heavens were made by the word of the Lord, and all the stars, by the breath of His mouth*
- B. **Hebrews 11:3** = *By faith we understand that the universe was created by God's*

command, so that what is seen has been made from things that are not visible.

- C. Christ our Creator is the Potter... we're clay
- D. You don't obey Christ because He died on the cross for your sins (you THANK Him for that). The reason you OBEY Christ... is because He is the CREATOR King that COMMANDS loving, faithful obedience from ALL His adopted children:
  - "This is love, that you obey..."
  - "If you love Me, you will obey..."
  - **1 John 2:6:** "If... walk as Jesus walked..."
  - "Why do you call Me Lord... not obey"
  - "They worship Me with their mouths, BUT their hearts are far from Me"
- E. Creators are Commanders...
- F. Contrast...
  - Corrupt culture vs. Creator-Christ
  - Big Bang vs. Bang Maker
  - Evolution vs. Distribution
  - In-charge vs. In-Christ!
  - Abortion vs. Adoption
  - Satanic Death vs. Divine Breath
  - Perversion vs. Perfection
  - Imagine "god" vs. Image of God
  - Shirk vs. Work
  - Short term vs. Long term
  - Reject vs. Respond
  - Self vs. Serve
  - Delight in self vs. Die to self
  - Get more vs. Give more
  - Lie vs. Love
  - Debate vs. Devote
  - Can't vs. Christ!
  - Do vs. Done!

7. **GOD NEEDS NOTHING...**

- A. Everyone & everything NEEDS the Lord!
- B. **Hebrews 1:3** = *The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact expression of His nature, sustaining all things by His powerful word. After making purification for sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high.*
- C. **VIDEO:** "Christianity vs Consumerism1"
- D. **John 15:1-8** (vv.4ff) =

***The Vine and the Branches***

**15** *"I am the true vine, and My Father is the vineyard keeper. 2 Every branch in Me that does not produce fruit He removes, and He prunes every branch that produces fruit so that it will produce more fruit. 3 You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. 4 Remain in Me, and I in you. Just as a branch is unable to produce fruit by itself unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in Me.*

**5** *"I am the vine; you are the branches. The one who remains in Me and I in him produces much fruit, because you can do nothing without Me. 6 If anyone does not remain in Me, he is thrown aside like a branch and he withers. They gather them, throw them into the fire, and they are burned. 7 If you remain in Me and My words remain in you, ask whatever you want and it will be done for you. 8 My Father is glorified by this: that you produce much fruit and prove to be My disciples.*

- E. The same God who hung the stars in the sky... hung Himself on the cross for you & Me...
- F. Creation is only the tip of the iceberg... Connect Genesis 1:1 with John 1:1 & John 1:14... and then connect the two of them with 2 Corinthians 5:21

- G. His grace is His greatest demonstration of His glory...

**In the beginning God created...**

**In the end God was crucified.**

**Praise God... "it is finished!"**

## **PRAYER:**

**2** *The earth was formless and void, and darkness was over the surface of the deep, and **the Spirit of God was hovering over** the surface of the waters. **3** Then **God said**, "Let there be light"; and there was light. **4** God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. **5** God called the light day, and the darkness He called night. And there was evening and there was morning, one day.*

**6** Then **God said**, "Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." **7** God made the expanse, and separated the waters which were below the expanse from the waters which were above the expanse; and it was so. **8** God called the expanse heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, a second day.

**9** Then **God said**, "Let the waters below the heavens be gathered into one place, and let the dry land appear"; and it was so. **10** God called the dry land earth, and the gathering of the waters He called seas; and God saw that it was good. **11** Then **God said**, "Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees on the earth bearing fruit after their kind with seed in them"; and it was so. **12** The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed after their kind, and trees bearing fruit with seed in them, after their kind; and God saw that it was good. **13** There was evening and there was morning, a third day.

**14** Then **God said**, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night, and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years; **15** and let them be for lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth"; and it was so. **16** God made the two great lights, the greater light to govern the day, and the lesser light to govern the night; He made the stars also. **17** God placed them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth, **18** and to govern the day and the night, and to separate the light from the darkness; and God saw that it was good. **19** There was evening and there was morning, a fourth day.

**20** Then **God said**, "Let the waters teem with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth in the open expanse of the heavens." **21** God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarmed after their kind, and every winged bird after its kind; and God saw that it was good. **22** God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." **23** There was evening and there was morning, a fifth day.

**24** Then **God said**, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures after their kind: cattle and creeping things and beasts of the earth after their kind"; and it was so. **25** God

made the beasts of the earth after their kind, and the cattle after their kind, and everything that creeps on the ground after its kind; and God saw that it was good.

**26** Then **God said**, "**Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness**; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." **27 God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.** **28** God blessed them; and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over every living thing that moves on the earth." **29** Then God said, "**Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the surface of all the earth, and every tree which has fruit yielding seed; it shall be food** for you; **30** and to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the sky and to every thing that moves on the earth which has life, I have given every green plant for food"; and it was so. **31** God saw all that He had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

## **The Creation of Man and Woman**

**2** Thus the heavens and the earth were completed, and all their hosts. **2** By the seventh day God completed His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done. **3** Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made.

**4** This is the account of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that **the Lord God** made

earth and heaven. **5** Now no shrub of the field was yet in the earth, and no plant of the field had yet sprouted, for **the Lord God** had not sent rain upon the earth, and there was no man to cultivate the ground. **6** But a mist used to rise from the earth and water the whole surface of the ground. **7 Then the Lord God formed man of dust from the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.** **8 The Lord God** planted a garden toward the east, in Eden; and there He placed the man whom He had formed. **9** Out of the ground **the Lord God** caused to grow every tree that is pleasing to the sight and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

**10** Now a river flowed out of Eden to water the garden; and from there it divided and became four rivers. **11** The name of the first is Pishon; it flows around the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold. **12** The gold of that land is good; the bdellium and the onyx stone are there. **13** The name of the second river is Gihon; it flows around the whole land of Cush. **14** The name of the third river is Tigris; it flows east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates.

**15** Then **the Lord God** took the man and put him into the garden of Eden to cultivate it and keep it. **16 The Lord God commanded the man**, saying, "From any tree of the garden you may eat freely; 17 but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat from it you will surely die."

**18** Then **the Lord God** said, "It is not good for the man to be alone; I will make him a helper suitable for him."

(NOTE: suitable for "him" is a "HER" – JDP)

**19** Out of the ground **the Lord God** formed every beast of the field and every bird of the sky, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man

called a living creature, that was its name. **20** The man gave names to all the cattle, and to the birds of the sky, and to every beast of the field, but for Adam there was not found a helper suitable for him. **21** So **the Lord God** caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then He took one of his ribs and closed up the flesh at that place. **22** **The Lord God** fashioned into a woman the rib which He had taken from the man, and brought her to the man. **23** The man said,

"This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called woman, because she was taken out of man."

**24** For this reason **a man shall** leave his father and his mother, and **be joined to his wife**; and they shall become one flesh. **25** And **the man and his wife** were both naked and were not ashamed.