



Basic Bible Course

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How All Things Began



Lesson Two

INTRODUCTION: In all ages man has pondered how the earth, the sky, living things and he himself began. Many ingenious theories have been advanced, including the “nebular,” “planetesimal” and “evolutionary” theories. The Bible does not THEORIZE as to how all things began. Rather, it states these matters simply as facts as follows:

- I. “In the beginning God CREATED the HEAVEN and the EARTH”—Genesis 1:1.
 - A. The earth was without form and void—verse 2.
 - B. Darkness was upon the face of the deep—verse 2.
 - C. The Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters—verse 2.
 - D. God said, “LET THERE BE LIGHT”—verse 3.
 1. There *was* light.
 2. God saw the light that it was good—verse 4.
 - E. God divided the light from the darkness—verse 4.
 - F. God called the light Day—verse 5.
 - G. God called the darkness Night—verse 5.
 - H. The evening and the morning were the FIRST DAY—verse 5.

- II. God said, “Let there be a FIRMAMENT in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters”—verse 6.
 - A. And God made the firmament.
 - B. The firmament divided the waters which were under it from the waters which were above it—verse 7.
NOTE: This “firmament” is what we generally call “sky.”
 - C. God called the firmament Heaven—verse 8.
 - D. The evening and the morning were the SECOND DAY—verse 8.

- III. And God said, “Let the WATERS under the heaven BE GATHERED TOGETHER UNTO ONE PLACE, and let the DRY LAND appear”—verse 9.
NOTE: Consider how powerful is the Word of God. In each item of creation, God merely *spoke*—and it was so!
 - A. God called the dry land Earth—verse 10.
 - B. The gathering together of the waters called He Seas—verse 10.
 - C. God saw that it was good.
 - D. God said, “Let the earth bring forth.”
 1. GRASS.
 2. HERB yielding seed.

3. FRUIT TREE.
 - a. Yielding fruit after his kind.
 - b. Whose seed is in itself.
 - E. It was so (verse 11). The earth brought forth.
 1. Grass.
 2. Herb yielding fruit.
 3. Tree yielding fruit.
 - F. God saw that it was good—verse 12.
 - G. The evening and the morning were the THIRD DAY—verse 13.
- IV. 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—verses 14-15.
- A. God made two great lights:
 1. The greater light to rule the day—verse 16.
 2. The lesser light to rule the night—verse 16.
 - B. He made the stars also.
 - C. God set them in the firmament of the heaven—verse 17.
 1. To give light upon the earth.
 2. To rule over the day and night—verse 18.
 3. To divide the light from the darkness—verse 18.
 - D. God saw that it was good.
 - E. The evening and the morning were the FOURTH DAY—verse 19.
- V. 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”—verse 20.
- A. God created great whales and every living thing that moves, i.e., in water—verse 21.
 - B. The waters brought forth abundantly after their kind—verse 21.
 - C. Every winged fowl brought forth after his kind—verse 21.
 - D. God saw that it was good—verse 21.
 - E. God blessed them, saying, “BE FRUITFUL, and MULTIPLY, and FILL THE WATERS IN THE SEAS, and LET FOWL MULTIPLY IN THE EARTH”—verse 22.
 - F. The evening and the morning were the FIFTH DAY.
- VI. 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—verse 24.
- A. God made—
 1. The beast of the earth after his kind—verse 25.
 2. Cattle after their kind.
 3. Everything that creepeth upon the earth after his kind.
 - B. God saw that it was good.
 - C. 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”—verse 26.
 1. God created man in His own image—verse 27.
 - a. In the image of God created He him.
 - b. Male and female created He them.
 2. God blessed them and said unto them—
 - a. BE FRUITFUL and MULTIPLY.

- b. REPLENISH THE EARTH and SUBDUE it.
- c. HAVE DOMINION
 - i. over the fish of the sea.
 - ii. over the fowl of the air.
 - iii. over every living thing that moves upon the earth.
- 3. 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—verses 29-30.
- D. God saw everything that he had made, and, behold, it was very good—verse 31.
- E. The evening and the morning were the SIXTH DAY—verse 31.
- VII. Thus were the heavens and the earth finished, and all the host of them—Genesis 2:1.
 - A. On the SEVENTH DAY God ENDED HIS WORK, which he had made—verse 2.
 - B. GOD RESTED ON THE SEVENTH DAY—verse 2.
 - C. God BLESSED the SEVENTH DAY, and SANCTIFIED it because that in it he had rested from all his work—verse 3.

NOTE: This completes Lesson 2. Please study carefully, the previous pages, then answer the list of questions concerning the lesson.

SUGGESTION: In years to come, you will want to refer to these lessons again and again. Therefore, we suggest you get a file-folder of some sort and keep them, in order, as a permanent reference.