

**Creation: Day 1**  
**Genesis 1:3-5**  
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## I. God

**3** And God said,

- *Elohim*
  - Hebrew meaning “the strong one”
  - Also plural form of *Eloah*
    - Sometimes means gods, angels, or judges

**Exodus 20:2-3** I am the LORD [YHWH] your God [ELOHIM], who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. **3** You shall have no other gods [elohim] before Me.

- However for the One True God, verbs are always singular

And God said,  
God saw that the light  
God called the light "day"

- God reveals Himself in plural form

**Genesis 1:26** Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, in Our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground."

**Genesis 3:22** And the LORD God said, "The man has now become like one of Us, knowing good and evil. He must not be allowed to reach out his hand and take also from the tree of life and eat, and live forever."

### **Genesis 11:6-7**

**6** The LORD said, "If as one people speaking the same language they have begun to do this, then nothing they plan to do will be impossible for them.

**7** Come, let Us go down and confuse their language so they will not understand each other."

- Why plural noun form?
  - God is one and in another sense more than one
  - Foreshadow of Trinity as revealed in the NT
- And God said
  - The Second Person of the Trinity—Lord Jesus Christ

**John 1:1-3** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. **2** He was with God in the beginning. **3** Through Him all things were made; without Him nothing was made that has been made.

**John 1:14** *And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.*

**Colossians 1:15-16** *He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. 16 For by Him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by Him and for Him.*

- Jesus Christ speaks and light is created

**Psalms 33:6, 9** *By the word of the LORD were the heavens made, their starry host by the breath of His mouth. 9 For He spoke, and it came to be; He commanded, and it stood firm.*

**Psalms 148:5** *Let them praise the name of the LORD, for He commanded and they were created.*

## II. Light

**3** *And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. 4 God saw that the light was good, and He separated the light from the darkness. 5 God called the light "day," and the darkness He called "night."*

- Creation of light
  - Physical light (as wave and particle)
  - Creation of whole electromagnetic spectrum
  - Some believe that it is God's light
    - This is not accurate because God's light is not created
    - His light is a part of Him, His nature

**Psalms 104:2** *He wraps Himself in light as with a garment; He stretches out the heavens like a tent*

**Revelation 22:5** *There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign forever and ever.*

- Sun had not been created yet, so what is the source of light?
  - We do not know what this is and God has not revealed it to us
  - Sun is not the only thing that gives out light
  - Fire
  - Lightning (electricity)
- Division and light and darkness
  - Creation of day and night cycle

**Isaiah 45:7** *I form the light and create darkness, I bring prosperity and create disaster; I, the LORD, do all these things.*

- Simply as earth revolving around its axis
- God created an unchanging cyclical order

### III. Day

*And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day.*

- Evening and morning
  - Simple reading means a 24 hour day
  - Moses consistently used it as a 24 hour period

**Exodus 16:8** *Moses also said, "You will know that it was the LORD when He gives you meat to eat in the evening and all the bread you want in the morning, because He has heard your grumbling against Him. Who are we? You are not grumbling against us, but against the LORD."*

**Exodus 18:13** *The next day Moses took his seat to serve as judge for the people, and they stood around him from morning till evening.*

- "Day" meaning
  - Hebrew—*yom*
  - Meaning of *yom* center of controversy for 150 years
  - *Yom* has various meanings
    - Period of light (day time)
    - Period of 24 hours
    - Period of vague time
    - Point of time (Day of the Lord)
    - A year
  - Context of *yom* from Scripture
    - Morning and evening always used as 24 hour day
    - *Yom* plus number always used as 24 hour day
    - *Yom* plus number plus morning and evening = 24 hour day
- Importance of this
  - Our God is careful and exact in what He wants to reveal
  - He reveals to us that the first day was 24 hours
  - He explicitly tells the Jews when He gives the law that the 7 day week is modeled after His creation

**Exodus 20:11** *For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but He rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.*

- How much clearer can this be?
  - They would not have seen *yom* as a long period of time
- We must use Scripture to interpret Scripture
  - We are not to allow scientific philosophy interpret Scripture