

NOTES AND OUTLINE FOR OUR GENESIS 1-7 REVIEW DURING AUGUST 2017

Genesis 1:1 - 10 (NASB)

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

²The earth was formless and void, and darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was ~~ε~~moving over the surface of the waters.

³Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light.

⁴God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness.

⁵God called the light day, and the darkness He called night. And there was evening and there was morning, one day.

⁶Then God said, "Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters."

⁷God made the expanse, and separated the waters which were below the expanse from the waters which were above the expanse; and it was so.

⁸God called the expanse heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, a second day.

⁹Then God said, "Let the waters below the heavens be gathered into one place, and let the dry land appear"; and it was so.

¹⁰God called the dry land earth, and the gathering of the waters He called seas; and God saw that it was good.

GOD AND THE WORLD HE MADE

1. The Creation of the World (Genesis 1:1–2)

Foundation of Foundations

The Date of Creation

2. The Six Days of Creation (Genesis 1:3–2:3)

The Day-Age Theory

The Completed Creation

3. The Creation of Man (Genesis 2)

The Geography of Eden

The Moral Choice

4. The Fall of Man (Genesis 3)

That Old Serpent

The First Human Sin

5. The Lost World (Genesis 4–5)

The Blood of Righteous Abel

The Amazing Case of Enoch

6. The Days of Noah (Genesis 6)

Filled with Violence

Noah's Ark

7. The Great Flood (Genesis 7)

The Last Days of the Old World

The New World

This first section of the Book of Genesis can be divided into 3 main subdivisions:

- (1) ***“The generations of the heavens and the earth” (Genesis 1:1–2:4)***
This section, describing the initial Creation and the work of the six days, no man was present at the time to record what happened. It must either have been written directly by God Himself and then given to Adam, or else given by revelation to Adam, who then recorded it.
- (2) ***“The book of the generations of Adam” (Genesis 2:4b–5:1)***
This section, written by Adam, describes the Garden of Eden, the temptation and fall, and the experiences of Cain and Abel. Adam was obviously the logical one to record this particular history. The use of the word “book” makes it clear that these records were actually written down, and not simply handed down by word of mouth.
- (3) ***“The generations of Noah” (Genesis 5:1b–6:9)***
The patriarch Noah, sometime before the actual coming of the Flood, compiled the records of the antediluvian patriarchs before him. According to the genealogies listed in Genesis 5, Noah’s father, Lamech, had lived contemporaneously with every one of these patriarchs, including Adam. Noah himself had known all of them except Adam, Seth, and Enoch. Noah then also recorded his own observations of the rapid degeneracy of men in his day and God’s determination to destroy them. Noah himself had found grace in God’s eyes.

The following comparisons are between the original world and the final world:

<i>Probationary World (Genesis)</i>		<i>Eternal World (Revelation)</i>	
Division of light and darkness	(1:4)	No night there	(21:25)
Division of land and sea	(1:10)	No more sea	(21:1)
Rule of sun and moon	(1:16)	No need of sun or moon	(21:23)
Man in a prepared Garden	(2:8, 9)	Man in a prepared city	(21:2)
River flowing out of Eden	(2:10)	River flowing from God’s throne	(22:1)
Gold in the land	(2:12)	Gold in the city	(21:21)
Tree of life in the midst of the Garden (2:9)		Tree of life throughout the city	(22:2)
Bdellium and the onyx stone	(2:12)	All manner of precious stones	(21:19)

God walking in the Garden (3:8)

God dwelling with His people (21:3)

A contrast between the world under God's curse and the eternal world renewed:

Cursed World (Genesis)

Eternal World (Revelation)

Cursed ground (3:17)

No more curse (22:3)

Daily sorrow (3:17)

No more sorrow (21:4)

Thorns and thistles (3:18)

No more pain (21:4)

Sweat on the face (3:19)

Tears wiped away (21:4)

Eating herbs of the field (3:18)

Twelve manner of fruits (22:2)

Returning to the dust (3:19)

No more death (21:4)

Evil continually (6:5)

Nothing that defileth (21:27)

Coats of skins (3:21)

Fine linen, white and clean (19:14)

Satan opposing (3:15)

Satan banished (20:10)

Kept from the tree of life (3:24)

Access to the tree of life (22:14)

Banished from the Garden (3:23)

Free entry to the city (22:14)

Redeemer promised (3:15)

Redemption accomplished (5:9, 10)

I. Who is God?

God brought the universe into existence out of nothing (Ps. 33:6; Rom. 4:17; Heb. 1:3).

- 32 times in this chapter, this creative God is called *Elohim*, a Hebrew word that emphasizes His majesty and power. (The covenant name “Jehovah” appears for the first time in Gen. 2:4.) Elohim is a plural noun. Thus Elohim is a plural name with a singular meaning, a “uni-plural” noun, thereby suggesting the uni-plurality of the Godhead. God is one, yet more than one.
- God is mono-theist, but exists in three Persons. In Scripture, Creation is attributed to the Father (Acts 4:24) and to the Son (John 1:1-3) and to the Holy Spirit (Ps. 104:30).
- Elohim reveals His power by creating everything by merely speaking the word. Matter is not eternal; it began when God spoke everything into existence (Eph. 3:9; Col. 1:16; Rev. 4:11; 5:13).

II. Day one (Gen. 1:3-5) light vs. darkness

- God commanded the light to shine and then separated the light from the darkness. But how could there be light when the light-bearers aren't mentioned until the fourth day? (vv. 14-19)
- Since we aren't told that this light came from any of the luminaries God created, **it probably came from God Himself who is light (John 1:5) and wears light as a garment (Ps. 104:2; Hab. 3:3-4)**. The eternal city will enjoy endless light without the help of the sun or moon (Rev. 22:5), so why couldn't there be light at the beginning of time before the luminaries were made? The idea that God, being Light, could not create a world in darkness is invalid, **God Himself said: “I form the light, and create darkness ... (Isaiah 45:7)**. The physical universe, though created, was as yet neither formed nor *energized*, and light is a form of energy. **The absence of physical light means darkness**
- Life as we know it could not exist without the light of the sun. “For it is the God who commanded the light to shine out of darkness who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ” (2 Cor. 4:6, NKJV). “In Him [Jesus] was life; and the life was the light of men” (John 1:4).
- In Scripture, light is associated with Christ (John 8:12), the Word of God (Ps. 119:105, 130), God's people (Matt. 5:14-16; Eph. 5:8), and God's blessing (Prov. 4:18), while darkness is associated with Satan (Luke 23:53; Eph. 6:12), sin (Matt. 6:22-23; John 3:19-21), death (Job 3:4-6, 9), spiritual ignorance (John 1:5), and divine judgment (Matt. 8:12). **This explains why God separated the light from the darkness, for the two have nothing in common. God's people are to “walk in the light” (1 John 1:5-10), for “what communion has light with darkness?” (2 Cor. 6:14-16; Eph. 5:1-14)**
- Man is unable to see his urgent need for Jesus, he is, spiritually, in total darkness. Light comes to the sinner *through the Word applied by the Spirit*. As it is written, “the entrance of Thy words giveth light” (Psalm 119:130). This marks the initial step of God's work in the soul.

III. The principle of separation

- From the very first day of Creation, God established the principle of separation. Not only did He separate the light from the darkness (Gen. 1:4) and the day from the night (v. 14), but later He also separated the waters above from the waters beneath (vv. 6-8), and the land from the waters (vv. 9-10).
- Through Moses, God commanded the people of Israel to remain separated from the nations around them (Ex. 34:10-17; Deut. 7:1-11); and when they violated this commandment, they suffered. **God's people today need to be careful in their walk (Ps. 1:1) and not be defiled by the world (Rom. 12:1-2; James 1:7; 4:4; 1 John 2:15-17)**.