



IN THE BEGINNING,
GOD CREATED THE HEAVENS
AND THE EARTH.

Genesis 1:1

CLASS 2 — GENESIS 1-3

DAY

1



EARTH, SPACE, TIME & LIGHT

DAY

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ATMOSPHERE

DAY

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DRY LAND & PLANTS

DAY

4



SUN, MOON & STARS

DAY

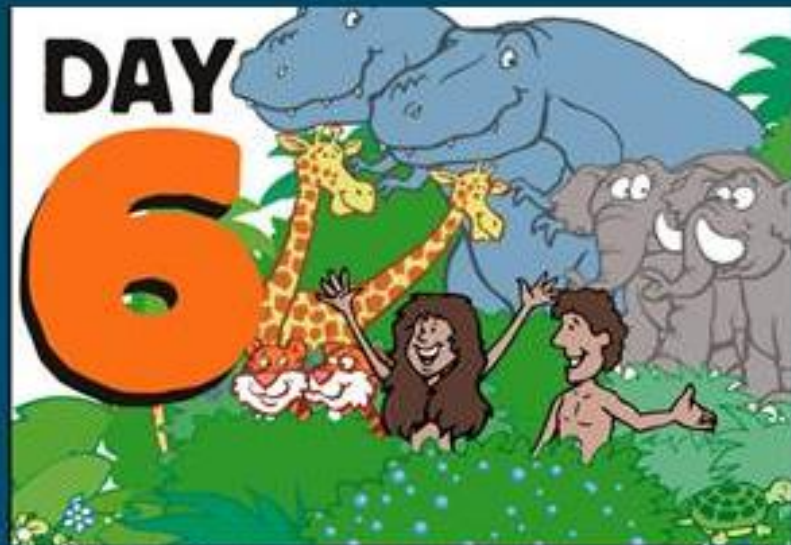
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SEA & FLYING CREATURES

DAY

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LAND ANIMALS & MAN

G E N E S I S

Is it literal or figurative?



- Everywhere else in the Old Testament, when the Hebrew word for “day” (יֹמַם, yom) appears with “evening” or “morning” or is modified by a number (e.g., “sixth day” or “five days”), it always means a 24-hour day.
- On Day Four God further showed that these were literal days by telling us the purpose for which He created the sun, moon, and stars—so we could tell time: literal years, literal seasons, and literal days.

GENESIS

- Jesus refers to it as a literal creation in Matthew 19
- IS IT LITERAL OR FIGURATIVE?
- New Testament genealogies (Matthew 1 & Luke 3) assume a literal Genesis 1
- Paul assumed a literal Adam (1 Cor 11:8-9, 1 Tim 2:13-14)
- A non-literal view of Genesis only arrived once it was needed to meet modern evolutionary and naturalistic scientific theories



IMPLICATIONS OF A LITERAL vs. FIGURATIVE VIEW

- The age of the Earth
- The responsibility of man to the Earth
- The responsibility of man to his Creator
 - What is sin and does Jesus fix it?
- The belief in heaven as a "new creation"
 - The definition of marriage
 - The uniqueness of humans
- The distinction of male and female gender
 - The value of human life
- The trustworthiness of the rest of the Bible

IN THIS SINLESS GARDEN:

- Every tree was “pleasing to the sight and good for food”
- The tree of life existed in the middle of the garden
- God walked in the garden amongst them
- There was no shame and they were naked
- The land was fertile and rich with precious metals
- Mankind had satisfying work to do
- Adam and Eve were not alone
- Eve’s role as helper did not require “ruling”
- Man had dominion over the animals, yet without fear
- Marriage and family was glorified and intended to fill the earth

The Three Curses



Serpent:

- Most cursed creature
- Crawl on his belly
- Enmity with man
- Eventual destruction by "the seed"

Woman:

- Pain in childbirth
- Desire and ruling by the husband

Man:

- Ground is cursed with thorns & thistles
- Discomfort in work
- Vain cycle of work until death