

Genesis Chapter One

Day 1 = Light [Gen 1:3]	Day 4 = Lights to separate day and night: sun, moon, stars [Gen 1:14-18]
Day 2 = Waters below the expanse, waters above [Gen 1: 7-8]	Day 5 = Creatures of the water and birds of the sky [Gen 1:20-22]
Day 3 = (a) Dry land [Gen 1: 9-10] (b) plants for food [Gen 1: 11-12]	Day 6 = (a) (1) Cattle and creatures of the land [Gen 1:24-25] (a)(2) man [Gen 1:26] (b) plants given to them to eat [Gen 1:29, 2:5]

Read Genesis 1:1-31

While reading, note the authority of God in Genesis Chapter 1 and how creation responds.

v.1 - This summary statement will be detailed throughout the chapter. The Bible simply and straightforwardly declares the world was created by God, who, by definition, is eternal and has always been. Look up: Hebrews 11:3

v.1-4 - Compare these verses with John 1:1-5 Why do you think the Apostle John described Jesus as being the “*the Word*” of God and the Light and Life of Man?

v.7 - God knows what is good. He is not some vague moral neutral. He knows what is good and organizes His creation to result in something good.

v.9 - The idea is that before this, the earth was covered with water. Now the waters are gathered together into one place, and dry land appears.

v.11-12 - The plants were created as full-grown plants each bearing seeds. They were created as mature plants; Evidence that the chicken really did come before the egg. Look up: Psalm 33:9

v.14-18 - Notice what had been already created. Look up: 2 Peter 3:8, Job 38:1-7

v.16 - Light is more than a physical substance; it also the very nature of God. In Heaven there won't be any sun or moon. God Himself is the light. Look up: John 8:12, Revelation 22:5

v. 27-30 - What blessings/instructions does God give Man? How does this dictate our relationship to the Earth?

v.20-21 - How many creatures did God make on the earth? How many humans (v.27)?

v.26-27 - God makes man in His own image and likeness (synonyms).

How do we reflect God's image? Ephesians 4:22-24, Colossians 3:5-10

What are some of the implications of this? Genesis 9:6, James 3:9, Psalm 8:5-8

v.30 - What food is provided to Man? How does it come into being (v.11-12)? Look up: Genesis 9:3

In what ways do God's creative acts in Genesis 1 help us understand being a “*new creation*” in Christ?

Look up: Jeremiah 4:23, 2 Corinthians 4:6, 2 Corinthians 5:17

At home: Read Chapter 2. Consider how carefully God planned the relationships between Man and animals and between men and women.