



GOD CREATED THE WORLD

Genesis 1–2

The Book of Genesis introduces the primary focus of all of Scripture—God. In the beginning, God! Those simple words highlight that God is the One who began everything recorded in the Bible. Some argue the origins of the earth, but those who believe the Bible know that the earth and everything on it exists by the voice of, and for the glory of, God. Genesis 1–2 declares things that can only be done by God. Man can invent new things using what God has already created, but God created everything from absolutely nothing. Apart from God, nothing would exist today.

God's eternal existence is evident from the very first verse of the Bible. If God created, then He must have already existed. Each day of creation, as outlined in the biblical text, attributes the acts of creation to God, noting that creation came into being only through the voice of the Creator. God said, and it was! Upon its initial creation, the earth was empty and formless. God set to fill His creation in a logical and methodical progression. The next five days of creation would transform what was uninhabitable into something that contained and sustained life of all kinds.

When the earth had no form and was plunged in darkness, God created light. This light is not connected with the sun, which is created later, but is representative of God, Himself, who is light. God, Himself, provided the light to make His creation visible. On day 2, God created the sky to separate water on the earth from that above. Day 3 saw the creation of dry land and vegetation. Each of these days created a place to support future creation.

Day 4 brought the creation of the celestial bodies which provided illumination for the day and the night. Day 5 followed with the creation of living beings: birds for the sky and fish for the sea. The uninhabited, formless darkness now sustained life. Day 6 brought land animals and God's greatest creation—the people to whom God desired to be joined in fellowship. Following His creation, God declared it all very good. Very good indeed!