

BIBLE CREATION STORY (PART 1)

GENESIS 1-2:

THE 7 DAYS OF CREATION

DAY I – HEAVENS AND EARTH; LIGHT CREATED, SEPARATED FROM DARKNESS

DAY II – DIVIDES WATERS ABOVE AND BELOW FIRMAMENT (HEAVENS)

DAY III – WATER BELOW HEAVENS GATHERED TOGETHER TO MAKE SEAS AND REVEALS DRY LAND;

PLANTS, TREES, HERBS; SEEDS ARE IN THE FLORA

DAY IV – SUN AND MOON

DAY V – SEA CREATURES AND BIRDS

DAY VI – LAND ANIMALS AND INSECTS. MAN: CREATED IN GOD'S IMAGE, RECEIVES BREATH OF LIFE, MALE AND FEMALE, DOMINION OVER ANIMALS AND EARTH, FLORA IS GIVEN FOR FOOD FOR BOTH MAN AND ANIMALS

DAY VII – GOD RESTS

What is the nature of the world according to Genesis? What can we learn about the nature of God?

What does perfect mean? Was the world perfect?

Are the days literal 24 hour days or do they represent longer time periods? If not 24 hours, how long are they?

Is the biblical account of creation scientific? Does it make claims that can be tested scientifically and/or historically?

claims about the universe?

- *not eternal, i.e. had beginning*
- *sun and moon demarcate days, years, and seasons.*
- *Heavens (space) = firmament*

claims about biological life?

- *distinct species from beginning*
- *animals/plants reproduce after their own kind*
- *Adam and Eve real people; all humans are related to them*

The human condition

How did sin come into the world?

How did the concept of nakedness arise?

When did death come into the world?

Is the death spiritual as well as physical?