**Seven Days**

**By Believer's Bible Commentary**

[**Genesis 1:1-2:3**](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+1.1-2.3&t=NKJV)

**Creation**

[**Gen. 1:1**](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Gen.+1.1&t=NKJV)  **"In the beginning God . . . ."** These first four words of the Bible form the foundation for faith. Believe these words, and you can believe all that follows in the Bible. Genesis provides the only authoritative account of creation, meaningful for people of all ages but exhaustible by no one. The divine record assumes the existence of God rather than seeking to prove it. The Bible has a special name for those who choose to deny the fact of God. That name is fool ([Psa.14:1](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Psa+14.1&t=NKJV) and [Psa. 53:1](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Psa.+53.1&t=NKJV)). Just as the Bible begins with God, so He should be first in our lives.

**A Ruin of the Creation**

[**Gen. 1:2a**](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Gen.+1.2a&t=NKJV)One of several conservative interpretations of the Genesis account of creation, the creation-reconstruction view, says that between verses 1 and 2 ([Gen. 1:1-2a](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Gen.+1.1-2a&t=NKJV)) a great catastrophe occurred, perhaps the fall of Satan (see [Eze. 28:11-19](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Eze.+28.11-19&t=NKJV)). This caused God's original, perfect creation to become **without form and void** (t–hû wãv–hû). Since God didn't create the earth waste and empty (see [Isa. 45:18](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Isa.+45.18&t=NKJV)), only a mighty cataclysm could explain the chaotic condition of verse 2. Proponents of this view point out that the word translated **was** (hãyethã) could also be translated "had become." Thus the earth "**had become waste and empty**."

**A Restoration of the Ruined Creation**

[**Gen. 1:2b**](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Gen.+1.2b&t=NKJV) **The Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters**, preparatory to the great creative and reconstructive acts to follow. The remaining verses describe the six days of creation and reconstruction which prepared the earth for human habitation.

[**Gen. 1:3-5**](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Gen.+1.3-5&t=NKJV) On the **first day** God commanded **light** to shine out of **darkness** and established the **Day** and **Night** cycle. This act is not to be confused with the establishment of the sun, moon, and stars on the fourth day. In [2 Cor. 4:6](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=2Cor.+4.6&t=NKJV) the Apostle Paul draws a parallel between the original separation of light from darkness and the conversion of a sinner.

[**Gen. 1:6-8**](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Gen.+1.6-8&t=NKJV) Prior to the **second day**, it seems that the earth was completely surrounded by a thick layer of water, perhaps in the form of a heavy vapor. On the **second day** God divided this layer, part covering the earth with water and part forming clouds, with the atmospheric layers (**firmament** or "dome") between. **God called the firmament Heaven**—that is, the expanse of space immediately above the earth (not the stellar heavens, nor the third heaven, where God dwells). Verse 20 ([Gen. 1:20](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Gen.+1.20&t=NKJV)) makes it clear that the heaven here is the sphere where the birds fly.

[**Gen. 1:9-13**](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Gen.+1.9-13&t=NKJV) **Then God** caused the **dry land** to appear out of the **waters** that covered the face of the planet. Thus were born the **Earth** and the **Seas**. Also on the **third day** He caused vegetation and trees of all kinds to spring up in the earth.

[**Gen. 1:14-19**](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Gen.+1.14-19&t=NKJV) It was not until the **fourth day** that the Lord set the sun, moon, and **stars** in the **heavens** as lightbearers and as means for establishing a calendar.

[**Gen. 1:20-23**](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Gen.+1.20-23&t=NKJV) The **fifth day** saw the **waters** stocked with fish and the **earth** stocked with bird-life and insects. The word translated **birds** means "flying ones" and includes bats and probably flying insects.

[**Gen. 1:24-25**](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Gen.+1.24-25&t=NKJV)On the **sixth day** God first created animals and reptiles. The law of reproduction is repeatedly given in the words **according to its kind**. There are significant variations within "kinds" of biological life, but there is no passing from one kind to another.

[**Gen. 1:26-28**](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Gen.+1.26-28&t=NKJV)The crown of God's work was the **creation of man in His image and according to His likeness**. This means that man was placed on earth as God's representative, and that He resembles God in certain ways. Just as God is a Trinity (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit), so man is a tripartite being (**spirit, soul, and body**). Like God, man has intellect, a moral nature, the power to communicate with others, and an emotional nature that transcends instinct. There is no thought of physical likeness here. In contrast to animals, man is a worshiper, an articulate communicator, and a creator.

There is an allowance for or even an intimation of the Trinity in verse 26: **Then God** [Elohim, plural] **said** [singular verb in Hebrew], **"Let Us** [plural] **make man in Our image . . . ."**

The Bible describes the origin of the sexes as a creative act of God. Evolution has never been able to explain how the sexes began. Humanity was commanded to **be fruitful and multiply**.

God gave man a mandate to **subdue** creation and **have dominion** **over** it—to use it but not abuse it. The modern crises in the earth's environment are due to man's greed, selfishness, and carelessness.

[**Gen. 1:29-30**](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Gen.+1.29-30&t=NKJV)It is clear from these verses that animals were originally herbivorous and that man was vegetarian. This was changed after the Flood (see [Gen. 9:1-7](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Gen.+9.1-7&t=NKJV)).

Were the six days of creation literal 24-hour days, or were they geological ages? Or were they days of "dramatic vision" during which the creation account was revealed to Moses? No scientific evidence has ever refuted the concept that they were literal solar days. The expression "the evening and the morning" points to 24-hour days. Everywhere else in the OT these words mean normal days. Adam lived through the seventh day and died in his 930th year, so the seventh day could not have been a geological age. Wherever the "day" is used with a number in the OT ("first day," etc.) it means a literal day. When God commanded Israel to rest on the Sabbath day, He based the command on the fact that He had rested on the seventh day, after six days of labor ([Ex. 20:8-11](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Ex.+20.8-11&t=NKJV)). Consistent interpretation here requires the same meaning of the word "day."

A difficulty, however, is that the solar day as we know it may not have begun until the fourth day ([Gen.1:14-19](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Gen+1.14-19&t=NKJV)).

As far as the Bible is concerned, the creation of the heavens and the earth is undated. The creation of man is undated also. However, genealogies are given, and, even allowing for possible gaps in the genealogies, man could not have been on the earth for the millions of years demanded by evolutionists.

We learn from [Joh. 1:1](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Joh.+1.1&t=NKJV), [Joh. 1:14](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Joh.+1.14&t=NKJV), [Col. 1:16](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Col.+1.16&t=NKJV), and [Heb. 1:2](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Heb.+1.2&t=NKJV) that the Lord Jesus was the active Agent in creation. For the inexhaustible wonders of His creation, He is worthy of endless worship.

[**Gen. 1:31**](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Gen.+1.31&t=NKJV)At the **end of the six days** of creation **God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good**.

**Rest**

[**Gen. 2:1-3**](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Gen.+2.1-3&t=NKJV) God **rested** from His creative activity on the **seventh day**. This is not the rest that follows weariness but the rest of satisfaction and completion of a job well done. Although God did not command man to keep the Sabbath at this time, He taught the principle of one day of rest in seven.

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