

GOD THE CREATOR

Sunday, August 30, 2026 -- GENESIS 1-11 series -- msg 3 -- Pastor Andrew Coleman

GENESIS 1:1-2

English Standard Version (ESV)

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REVIEW FROM LAST WEEK:

1. Genesis gives us the foundation of a _____.

In the beginning, God...

This is our _____.

God is literally our _____ place.

2. Genesis 1–11 concerns the whole _____.

Genesis 1–11: God and The _____.

Genesis 12–50: God and One _____.

3. “*In the beginning*” is the beginning of CREATION—*not* the beginning of _____.

Psalms 90:2:

*“Before the mountains were brought forth,
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.”*

4. Everything ultimately falls into two categories:

_____ VS _____/CREATION

This great distinction is going to dominate the remainder of Genesis 1.

1. The CREATION ACCOUNT from _____.

A) Why are there creation accounts in both Genesis 1 and Genesis 2?

Contrary to skeptics, these do not contradict one another in the slightest.

Gen. 1:1-2:3 _____ View

Heavens and earth
Light and darkness
Sky and seas
Land and vegetation
Sun, moon and stars
Sea creatures and birds
Land animals

(_____)

Gen. 2:4-25 _____ View

Formation of _____
Garden of Eden
God’s command
Man’s vocation
Man’s need for companionship
Formation of _____
Institution of _____

(_____)

B) GENESIS 1: CREATION BY THE _____ :

DAY	GOD'S CREATIVE WORK
1	Light — <u>day and night</u>
2	Expanse — <u>waters divided</u>
3	Dry land/seas — vegetation
4	Sun, moon and stars
5	Sea creatures and birds
6	Land animals — _____ & _____
7	God _____

DAYS 1–3 GOD _____ :

Light / darkness
Sky / waters
Land / vegetation

DAYS 4–6 GOD _____ :

Luminaries governing day/night
Birds and sea creatures filling sky/waters
Animals and mankind inhabiting land

DAY 7 GOD RESTS

2. BACK TO GENESIS 1: “ _____ ”

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God created

Elohim bara = בָּרָא → bara'

SOME KEY OBSERVATIONS:

1. God is the _____.

The Bible's first action is God's action.
That first action is that of creating.

2. *BARA* is used in the Old Testament to refer to God's _____ work.

The context is creation of _____ from _____.
Latin phrase: *ex nihilo* (ex = _____ *nihilo* = _____)

HEBREWS 11:3

*By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen **was not** made out of things that are visible.*

ROMANS 4:17 The Apostle Paul writes about Abraham...

*as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations"—
in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to
the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.*

JOHN 1:3 The Apostle John writes about Jesus...

*All things were made through Him, and without Him was not
any thing made that was made.*

All of Scripture testifies that everything that is owes its existence to Him.

Hence our series title: "**GENESIS 1-11 -- THE GOD OF _____**"

3. "...THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH"

GENESIS 1:1-2

1 *In the beginning, **God created the heavens and the earth.***

This phrase in the first sentence of the Bible is a _____.

A merism is _____ extremes expressing _____.

Common examples of other merisms:

<i>High and low</i>	<i>I searched high and low.</i>	(_____)
<i>Body and soul</i>	<i>He dedicated body and soul to his work.</i>	(_____)
<i>Day and night</i>	<i>She thought about it day and night.</i>	(_____)
<i>Lock, stock, barrel</i>	<i>He sold his company lock, stock and barrel.</i>	(_____)
<i>Ladies & gentlemen</i>	<i>Ladies and gentlemen, step right up!</i>	(_____)

The FIRST sentence of the Bible is simply and profoundly saying,
GOD MADE EVERYTHING.

That is opening point. That is the _____ point.

- Creation is not God. (_____ is false.)
- God is not part of creation. (God _____ creation.)
- God owns all of creation. (Creation = _____.)

Psalms 24:1 *The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof,
the world and those who dwell therein.*

Psalms 100:3 *It is He who made us, and we are His;
We are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.*

This creation account becomes intensely _____!

We will find He makes us TWICE... He first makes us _____.

For those in Christ, He makes us again, _____.

JOHN 3:3 Jesus answered Nicodemus,

"Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is _____ he cannot see the kingdom of God."