

DAY TWO -- PREPARING FOR LIFE

Sunday, September 27, 2026 -- GENESIS 1-11 series -- msg 6 -- Pastor Andrew Coleman

GENESIS 1:6-8

English Standard Version (ESV)

6 And God said, "Let there be **an expanse** in the midst of the waters, and let it **separate the waters from the waters**." **7** And God made the expanse and separated the waters that were under the expanse from the waters that were above the expanse. And it was so. **8** And God called the expanse **heaven**. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

REVIEW:

1. God uses Moses to _____ the beginning of all things.

Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers & Deuteronomy

- This collection is called ' _____ ' or 'the Law' or 'the _____ '
- **Genesis 1-11** (_____ the Families of the Earth)
Creation, Marriage, Fall, Cain/Abel, Wickedness, Flood, Ark, Tower of Babel
- **Genesis 12-50** (_____ Family God Uses)
Abraham → Issac → Jacob → Joseph

2. God uses Moses to _____ the false narratives of the Beginning.

- Egyptian mythology of Nun, Atum/Ra, Ptah
- Mesopotamian/Babylonian mythology — Enuma Elish — Apsu,
- Sumerian mythology — An, Enlil, Enki
- Canaanite/Ugaritic mythology — El, Baal, Yam, Mot
- _____ -- and every other origin narrative apart from God.

3. God does all things with _____ and _____.

- Verse 1 – *In the beginning God created EVERYTHING.*
- Verse 2 -- He is _____ as He starts a _____ of formation.
- Verses 3-5 He creates light and separates darkness by His _____.

KEY OBSERVATIONS FROM THE TEXT:

1. Notice the _____ . God SPEAKS. Creation _____ .

And God said,

And God made...

And God separated...

And God called...

PSALM 33:6, 9

"By the word of the LORD the heavens were made..."

*"For He spoke, and it came to be;
He commanded, and it stood firm."*

- See at how **God's CREATION** _____ Him:

- Oceans obey Him.
- The Atmosphere obeys Him.
- Light obeys Him.
- Stars obey Him.
- Wind and waves obey Him.

- See how **God's PEOPLE** _____ Him.

Adam and Eve (Gen. 3), **Cain** (Gen. 4), **the generation before the Flood** (Gen. 6), **Babel** (Gen. 11), **Lot's wife** (Gen. 19), **Pharaoh** (Exodus 5–14), **Israel** repeatedly in the wilderness, **Nadab and Abihu** (Lev. 10), **Moses at Meribah** (Num. 20), **Achan** (Josh. 7), **Israel throughout Judges**, **Saul** (1 Sam. 13, 15), **David** (2 Sam. 11–12), **Solomon** (1 Kings 11), the **kings of Israel and Judah** repeatedly, **Jonah** (Jonah 1)

Over 110 times we see explicitly stated disobedience.

JEREMIAH 7:24

"They did not obey or incline their ear to the LORD..."

2. Notice God _____ and **BRINGS** _____ vs 6-7

*"Let there be an **expanse** in the midst of the waters..."*

expanse = Hebrew word רָקִיעַ (*raqia'*) also translated firmament

God establishes a great space between the waters. But for what purpose?

*"let it **separate** the waters from the waters."*

Then verse 7:

*"And God **made** the expanse and **separated** the waters that were under the expanse from the waters that were above the expanse."*

Genesis isn't describing a universe that gradually organizes itself. God _____ it.

THE NATURE OF 'THE EXPANSE':

Waters ABOVE the expanse. Waters BELOW the expanse. What does this mean?

Perhaps a _____ over the earth?

This was a popular view for a long time. But not necessary.

What Scripture says clearly, we _____.

What is uncertain, we do not _____.

Here, we see WHO did it. THAT He did it. WHY He did it – to _____.

He separates the ocean water from the _____ water.

3. Notice GOD commands -- AND _____. vs 7

And God made the expanse and separated the waters that were under the expanse from the waters that were above the expanse. And it was so.

ISAIAH 46:9-10

9 remember the former things of old;
for I am God, and there is no other;
I am God, and there is none like Me,
10 declaring the end from the beginning
and from ancient times things not yet done,
saying, '**My counsel** shall stand,
and I will accomplish all **My purpose**,'

ISAIAH 55:11

11 so shall **My word** be that goes out from My mouth;
it shall not return to Me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose.

We need a _____ on GOD'S WORD.

God's Word is not _____.

God's Word is not a _____.

God's Word is as _____ as the world it creates.

ISAIAH 40:8

*The grass withers, the flower fades,
but the word of our God will stand forever.*

4. GOD NAMES – Because everything _____.

And God called the expanse heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

PSALM 24:1:

*The earth is the LORD's and the fullness thereof,
the world and those who dwell therein."*

CONCLUDING MEDITATION/APPLICATION— DAY TWO OF CREATION

God SPEAKS, God SEPARATES, God NAMES, God PREPARES FOR LIFE

ISAIAH 43:1

*But now thus says the Lord,
He who **created** you, O Jacob,
He who **formed** you, O Israel:
"Fear not, **for I have redeemed** you;
I have **called** you by name, **you are Mine.**"*

*trickster/supplanter
struggler w/God*

This God of _____ is also the God of _____!