



CHAPTERS
1-2

GENESIS

DAY ONE

1. Genesis is the book of beginnings and firsts.

Please, take a few minutes to listen to chapters 1-2 and read aloud on your YouVersion app. It would be very helpful if you follow along as it is read. We want to glean as much as is possible from this study.

Let's not focus on the fact Genesis has 50 chapters. Let's focus on the chapter(s) we are in each week.

2. We are about to embark on an amazing and potentially life-changing study.

This is considered by some to be a huge project. Take a minute to think about the last big project you chose to do.

How did you accomplish your goal?

3. Everyone believes something about how this world came into being.

Read Genesis 1:1 again and write down what is stated in this first verse.

(I'll give you a hint, it is found in the first four words of this verse.)

4. According to the Strong's Concordance, the word Bara', in Hebrew, is translated to the English word created. It means formed, shaped, or fashioned.

Noah Webster's 1828 dictionary defines the word created as formed from nothing; caused to exist; produced; generated.

Think with me for a few moments.

Why is this an act only God could do?

5. What quality of heart must we possess to believe there is a God who can create something out of nothing?

6. People often place great value on human wisdom, power, and riches.

Read Jeremiah 9:23-24

What does God say is of even greater value?

7. Genesis 1:3 tells us how God went about creating and bringing things into existence. What action did God use to bring about light?

Does knowing how God created light help you understand a bit more about his omnipotence?

8. Try to think about what you consider to be the greatest work of all mankind. Could one person honestly say they did it all by him or herself?

Wouldn't they still have to give credit to the brain they were given, the parents who raised them, the teachers who taught them, or the supplies they had at their disposal?

Could anyone ever simply speak something into existence?

9. What did God declare concerning his creation of light?

What do you believe is meant by this statement concerning light?

10. Genesis 1:4 said God separated the light from the darkness. He made a clear distinction between the two.

Would you say it is easy to distinguish the difference between these two?

What names were they given in verse 5?

- Light-
- Darkness-

11. Which of the two, light or darkness, is the most powerful?

If you are not sure, wait until it is dark. Then, stand in a dark room and open the door to the light on the other side.

Which overtakes the other?

Does the dark room become lighter or does the lighted room become darker?

DAY TWO

12. The next activity of creation we read about was to place a vault or an expanse between the waters forming the _____ . Genesis 1:6-8

13. According to Genesis 1: 9-10, what did God do next?

How did God describe this work?

14. Look at verse 11.

What was the next thing God spoke into existence?

What did God say about this act of creation?

15. What was God's next act of creation in verses 16-18?

16. God's purpose was clearly stated for this act of creation.

What was it?

17. What does it mean to rule or to have dominion over something?

18. What did God say about this act of creation?

19. Look at verses 20-23, God spoke again and what came into existence?

20. Genesis 1:22 is the first mention of God speaking a blessing over something. Since it is always (and only) God who breathes life into a living being, what was the purpose of God's blessing on this part of his creation?

21. Read Genesis 1:24-31
List the things created in these verses.

22. God spoke the land animals into existence.
What did he say concerning this part of his creation?

DAY **THREE**

23. On this same day God spoke once again and created man.
What did you learn about man that has not been said about any other created being?

24. How does reading and pondering Genesis 1:26 make you feel?

25. In verse 26, we see the two words, "so that." These words point to God's purpose for man.
What was God's purpose for man?

26. Animals are a wonderful gift from God.

Some people refer to their pets as fur babies. I smile every time I hear this.

Animals are of great value and worth, but all too often today we see compassion for animals outshine the care of human beings.

Who was given dominion?

Who is of greater worth and value, animals or humans?

27. Again, we see the words “God blessed them...” in verse 28.

What was the similar purpose of this blessing for the animals and for human beings?

28. Even though the blessing was similar, God’s design for mankind was dominion.

What was the command given to mankind in verse 28?

Be _____ and _____ in number; _____ the earth and _____ it. _____ over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over _____ living creature that moves on the ground.

29. God did not leave them to figure out life on their own.

What was God’s gift of provision for them in verses 29-30?

30. Since death had not entered the world at this time, every living creature in creation was a _____.

God is not only the creator, but he is also the provider. He provided food for all creation.

What else did they enjoy, knowing every animal ate only plants?

31. The Days of Creation

| | Day One | Day Two | Day Three | Day Four | Day Five | Day Six |
|----------------------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| What was created? | | | | | | |
| Additional facts | | | | | | |
| What did God say about it? | | | | | | |
| Draw a picture to depict. | | | | | | |

32. If you do not mind underling things in your Bible, underline the repeated phrase in Genesis 1:5, 8, 13, 19, 23, 31. How is this different from the way we view a day?

33. Now let’s begin our look at Genesis 2. Read Genesis 2:1
What important fact do you see in this verse?

DAY FOUR —

34. Genesis 2:2 tells us it is now the _____ day.

35. What work is this verse referring to when it said, “God had finished the work he had been doing”?

36. Genesis 2:2 said, “God rested from all his work.” If we pause for a few minutes and do a bit of research and reasoning, we can come away with a greater understanding of this verse. Our understanding of this verse will be very important to correctly interpret future scriptures. By understanding the Hebrew – both the word meanings and how the words relate to the context, we will gain a greater overall understanding of the scriptures in relation to their original intended language. This is the Hebrew word, shabath, it means to cease, desist, to put an end to. There is another Hebrew word for sleep, it is shakab, it means to lie down, to lodge, to rest and relax. Write Genesis 2:2 in your own words.

What do you believe God wants us to understand by reading this verse?

37. Considering what we have seen in Genesis 2:2, let’s spend a few minutes looking at Genesis 2:3.

We have seen this Hebrew word “Barak” used in Genesis 1:22, 28.

In these verses, it referred to the expansion of life. God was giving his blessing to reproduce; to be fruitful and multiply.

Genesis 2:3 “And God blessed “barak” the seventh day, and sanctified “Qadash” it: because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done.”

The Hebrew word qadash means to consecrate, sanctify, prepare, dedicate, be hallowed, be holy, be sanctified, be separate, to be observed as holy.

Considering this definition how did God’s blessing effect this day?

GENESIS

38. Genesis 2:4-9 is not a differing account of Genesis 1; but a looking back and then providing further information. Read Genesis 2:4-9 and compare the verses to Genesis 1. Then list any new information you see in Genesis 2:4-9.

| Genesis 2:4-9 | New information given |
|---|---|
| 4) This is the account of the heavens and the earth when they were created, when the LORD God made the earth and the heavens. | There is no new information given in verse 4, only the mention of an accounting about to be provided. |
| 5) Now no shrub had yet appeared on the earth and no plant had yet sprung up, for the LORD God had not sent rain on the earth and there was no one to work the ground, | |
| 6) but streams came up from the earth and watered the whole surface of the ground. | |
| 7) Then the LORD God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being. | |
| 8) Now the LORD God had planted a garden in the east, in Eden; and there he put the man he had formed. | |
| 9) The LORD God made all kinds of trees grow out of the ground—trees that were pleasing to the eye and good for food. In the middle of the garden were the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. | |

39. We do not want to miss the little treasure found in Genesis 2:5. There were no plants growing yet, because God had not watered the earth. Think of the farmer, what steps must he take to expect a harvest?

Knowing the steps a farmer takes, what does this tell us God had done, during creation, which would eventually be revealed at just the right time?

40. Genesis 2:10-14, gives us a few details concerning the garden God planted in Eden. What did you learn about it?

41. God placed the man in the garden which he prepared for him. Next God gave him something to do.

How important is it for us to have work to do?

Some people consider work a negative thing.

List of some benefits to having work to do each day.

42. Genesis 2:16-17 tells us God's clear instructions to Adam.

What was he free to do?

What was he instructed not to do?

Were the consequences given to Adam if he chose to disobey?

What was the consequence of disobedience?

DAY FIVE —

43. According to Genesis 2:19, what was Adam's first opportunity to fulfill a God given task?

44. After Adam named all the animals, what need was identified?

The LORD knows Adam's heart and his needs. God saw that it was not good for man to be alone. What did He do to meet Adam's needs?

45. We see in this verse, God created human beings for relationships. We need one another. God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a _____ suitable for him.”

46. In Genesis 2:21 we read that God caused Adam to fall into a deep sleep. God could have formed the woman as he had the man, out of the dust of the ground, but he did not. God chose to fashion her using a rib from Adam’s side.

The world often tries to influence us to believe that we are simply two people choosing to live together and independent of one another. But God’s plan is for us to be united in marriage as one.

Would you say this is your view of marriage?

The New Testament speaks to this issue of marriage as well. Read Ephesians 5:22-29, what do these verses teach concerning the marriage union?

47. Go back for just a quick look at Ephesians 5:22, what are wives called to do?

48. Now look at Ephesians 5:25, 28; how are husbands instructed to love their wives?

49. When both husband and wife strive to live pleasing to the LORD’s design, what kind of marriage can they expect?

50. When I read Genesis 2:22-25, I see Adam in love with Eve the moment he saw her. They were perfectly suited to do life together.

Verse 24, points to three specific actions: leave, cleave (unite), and become one.

Couples who are intentional about living their married life in pursuit of these three things will find themselves enjoying a marriage blessed by God.

Do you know anyone whose marriage reflects these three well?

Why not say something to them about their wonderful example?

51. The last thing we see in Genesis 2:25 is they “were both naked and they felt no shame.”

This reminds me of the innocence of a toddler, after bath time. They have no problem running through the house with no clothes on. The marriage relationship should be just as free. No reason for shame or judgement between these two loving partners.

What are some ways we might help our mate feel totally loved?

52. Many years ago, I read a wonderful eye-opening book written by Gary Chapman, PhD, “The 5 Love Languages.”

I had never considered the fact each of us is uniquely wired, by God, to give and receive love differently. Some people feel especially loved when someone does some act of service and kindness for them. Some people feel loved by a word spoken at just the right moment. Others love an unexpected gift. And others love quality time or a meaningful touch such as a hug. We are all different and yet we are all the same in our need to feel loved.

If we do not know how the other person expresses love, we might miss their efforts. John is a gift giver and feels especially loved by words of affirmation genuinely expressed. I feel loved by quality time and acts of service.

So, you see we could miss the love that comes our way if we do not pay close attention. We could also wear ourselves out trying to express love in a way that could be accidentally overlooked.

Do you know how your loved one’s express love?

Do you know how to express love to them in a way that will fill their love tank?

53. God created us to be relational. We need relationships with other people but more importantly we need a relationship with our Heavenly Father. Why not take a few minutes to thank him for all you have seen in Genesis 1-2. Then just sit and listen to hear from him. He loves you!

DAY ONE

Question 6

Jeremiah 9:23-24 (NIV)

²³This is what the LORD says: *“Let not the wise boast of their wisdom or the strong boast of their strength or the rich boast of their riches, ²⁴but let the one who boasts boast about this: that they have the understanding to know me, that I am the LORD, who exercises kindness, justice and righteousness on earth, for in these I delight,”* declares the LORD.

DAY FIVE

Question 46

Ephesians 5:22-29 (NIV)

²²Wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands as you do to the Lord. ²³For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior. ²⁴Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything. ²⁵Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her ²⁶to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, ²⁷and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. ²⁸In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. ²⁹After all, no one ever hated their own body, but they feed and care for their body, just as Christ does the church—

B I B L E C H A P T E R S

Genesis 1 (NIV)

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

²Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

³And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light.

⁴God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness.

⁵God called the light "day," and the darkness he called "night." And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day.

⁶And God said, "Let there be a vault between the waters to separate water from water."

⁷So God made the vault and separated the water under the vault from the water above it. And it was so.

⁸God called the vault "sky." And there was evening, and there was morning—the second day.

⁹And God said, "Let the water under the sky be gathered to one place, and let dry ground appear." And it was so.

¹⁰God called the dry ground "land," and the gathered waters he called "seas." And God saw that it was good.

¹¹Then God said, "Let the land produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit with seed in it, according to their various kinds." And it was so.

¹²The land produced vegetation: plants bearing seed according to their kinds and trees bearing fruit with seed in it according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good.

¹³And there was evening, and there was morning—the third day.

¹⁴And God said, "Let there be lights in the vault of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them serve as signs to mark sacred times, and days and years,

¹⁵and let them be lights in the vault of the sky to give light on the earth." And it was so.

¹⁶God made two great lights—the greater light to govern the day and the lesser light to govern the night. He also made the stars.

¹⁷God set them in the vault of the sky to give light on the earth,

¹⁸to govern the day and the night, and to separate light from darkness. And God saw that it was good.

¹⁹And there was evening, and there was morning—the fourth day.

²⁰And God said, "Let the water teem with living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the vault of the sky."

²¹So God created the great creatures of the sea and every living thing with which the water teems and that moves about in it, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

²²God blessed them and said, "Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the water in the seas, and let the birds increase on the earth."

²³And there was evening, and there was morning—the fifth day.

²⁴And God said, "Let the land produce living creatures according to their kinds: the livestock, the creatures that move along the ground, and the wild animals, each according to its kind." And it was so.

²⁵God made the wild animals according to their kinds, the livestock according to their kinds, and all the creatures that move along the ground according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good.

²⁶Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground."

²⁷So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

²⁸God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground."

²⁹ Then God said, “I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food.

³⁰ And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds in the sky and all the creatures that move along the ground—everything that has the breath of life in it—I give every green plant for food.” And it was so.

³¹ God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day.

Genesis 2 (NIV)

¹ Thus the heavens and the earth were completed in all their vast array.

² By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work.

³ Then God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done.

⁴ This is the account of the heavens and the earth when they were created, when the LORD God made the earth and the heavens.

⁵ Now no shrub had yet appeared on the earth and no plant had yet sprung up, for the LORD God had not sent rain on the earth and there was no one to work the ground,

⁶ but streams came up from the earth and watered the whole surface of the ground.

⁷ Then the LORD God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.

⁸ Now the LORD God had planted a garden in the east, in Eden; and there he put the man he had formed.

⁹ The LORD God made all kinds of trees grow out of the ground—trees that were pleasing to the eye and good for food. In the middle of the garden were the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

¹⁰ A river watering the garden flowed from Eden; from there it was separated into four headwaters.

¹¹ The name of the first is the Pishon; it winds through the entire land of Havilah, where there is gold.

¹² (The gold of that land is good; aromatic resin and onyx are also there.)

¹³ The name of the second river is the Gihon; it winds through the entire land of Cush.

¹⁴ The name of the third river is the Tigris; it runs along the east side of Ashur. And the fourth river is the Euphrates.

¹⁵ The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.

¹⁶ And the LORD God commanded the man, “You are free to eat from any tree in the garden;

¹⁷ but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die.”

¹⁸ The LORD God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him.”

¹⁹ Now the LORD God had formed out of the ground all the wild animals and all the birds in the sky. He brought them to the man to see what he would name them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name.

²⁰ So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds in the sky and all the wild animals. But for Adam no suitable helper was found.

²¹ So the LORD God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man’s ribs and then closed up the place with flesh.

²² Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man.

²³ The man said, “This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called ‘woman,’ for she was taken out of man.”

²⁴ That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh.

²⁵ Adam and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame.

NOTES