

When God Spoke
Genesis 1:1-2:3

INTRODUCTION

A. GOD TRANSFORMS CHAOS INTO CREATION [1:1-2]

1. God exists and all that is was created by Him [1]
 - a. “In the beginning” of the period of time described in chapter 1
 - b. “God” is the issue
 - c. “Created” (bara)
2. Chaos was everywhere [2]
 - a. Formless (tohu) and empty (bohu)
 - b. Darkness is a powerful image of tohu-bohu

B. GOD CREATES EVERYTHING BY HIS POWERFUL WORD [1:3-31]

- “Formless” (tohu) is replaced with form (order) [1:3-13]*
1. Day 1: God separates light from (formless, chaotic) darkness [1:3-5]
God (and the actions that flow from Him), is good not evil

2. Day 2: God creates a place separate from the (formless, chaotic) waters above (sky) and below [1:6-8]
God separates (redeems) from evil

3. Day 3: God creates a safe and fertile place between the (formless, chaotic) sky and the chaos (sea) [1:9-13]
God creates and sustains life

“Emptiness” (bohu) is replaced with fullness (light and life) [1:14-31]

4. Day 4: God creates the luminaries to guide creation [1:14-19]
God’s creation has purpose and order. It is not arbitrary.
5. Day 5: God creates life in the sea and sky [1:20-23]
God is intentional (purposeful) and bountiful (generous, gracious) as He blesses life.
6. Day 6: God creates life on the land and man to represent Him [1:24-31]
All life has purpose and significance; humanity has special purpose and significance.

C. GOD COMPLETES CREATION AND GIVES IT REST [2:1-3]

- God ceases his work (rests) because creation is complete; He gives rest to creation (peace, fulfillment).*
1. Completion [2:1]
 2. Rest [2:2-3]
 3. Holiness and blessing

CONCLUSION