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ORIGIN STORY



IN THE BEGINNING

God created the
heavens & the earth.

GENESIS 1:1

INCONSISTENCIES

	Genesis 1:1–2:3	Genesis 2:4b–25
Duration of Creation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • six days 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • one day implied (<i>běyôm</i>, 2:4b)
Primordial Scenario	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • dark, watery chaos 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • desert-like oasis
Sequence of Creation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • light (nonsolar) • sky-dome (solid) • dry land • plants • lights set in the sky-dome • sea and sky creatures • land animals • humans 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • man • garden with trees and river • land animals and birds • woman
Method of Creation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • God speaks, separates, names, and blesses 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yahweh God forms, breathes, plants, puts to sleep, builds
Portrait of God	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • transcendent • sovereign over creation • some anthropomorphism 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • immanent • actively involved in creation • lots of anthropomorphism
Portrait of Humanity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • unspecified number of males and females created simultaneously • royals created in divine image, given dominion over the earth 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • one <i>'ādām</i> from the <i>'adāmāh</i>; then one woman (<i>iššāh</i>) from the man (<i>iš</i>) in two separate acts • servants made caretakers of a garden

The most central truth to the creation account is that this world is a place for God's presence.

— John H. Walton —

QUESTIONS + ANSWERS

Biblical Interpretation

Immediate
Context



What is
happening in
this portion of
the book?

Historical
Context



Five questions to
ask to determine
the historical
context of a
passage:

Scriptural
Context



What does the rest
of Scripture have
to say about the
subject?



*Who is
speaking or
writing?*



*To
whom?*



*From
where?*



When?



Why?

TOLEDOT

GENESIS 2:4

Notice the translations use “generations,” “account,” “history,” or “story of the origins.”

All of these come from the Hebrew word “toledot”, which implies lineage, unfolding, or offspring

ELOHIM

Creator, Mighty One

Yahweh

definition - the name God uses for himself in the Bible. It is translated *I am* and means that God always lives and is with his people.

Then God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM. When you go to the people of Israel, tell them, 'I AM sent me to you.

Exodus 3:14

THE GARDEN



KEEPING ORDER

