

Week 2

The God Who was in the Beginning

Genesis 1:1

I. **Who created?**

a. Answer: _____ and _____ alone!

b. Other Scripture affirming God as creator:

- i. **1 Chron 16:25-26:** For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; He also is to be feared above all gods. For all the gods of the peoples are idols, But the LORD made the heavens.
- ii. **Ps 90:2:** Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.
- iii. **Isa 40:25-28** "To whom then will you liken Me That I would be his equal?" says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high And see who has created these stars, The One who leads forth their host by number, He calls them all by name; Because of the greatness of His might and the strength of His power, Not one of them is missing. Why do you say, O Jacob, and assert, O Israel, My way is hidden from the LORD, and the justice due me escapes the notice of my God"? Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth does not become weary or tired. His understanding is inscrutable.
- iv. **Isa 45:18** For thus says the LORD, who created the heavens (He is the God who formed the earth and made it, He established it and did not create it a waste place, But formed it to be inhabited), "I am the LORD, and there is none else.
- v. **Jer 32:17** "Ah Lord GOD! Behold, You have made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and by Your outstretched arm! Nothing is too difficult for You,
- vi. **John 1:1-3** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being.
- vii. **Acts 17:24-25** "The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by hands.

And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything, because he himself gives all men life and breath and everything else.

- viii. **Col 1:15-17** He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.
- ix. **Rev 4:10-11** The twenty-four elders will fall down before Him who sits on the throne, and will worship Him who lives forever and ever, and will cast their crowns before the throne, saying, "Worthy are You, our Lord and our God, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and because of Your will they existed, and were created."

II. What did God create?

- a. Answer: _____ that exists!

III. How did God create?

- a. Answer: There are no details regarding the how.
- b. Why?
 - i. The _____ of the universe.
 - ii. The nature of _____.
- c. Hebrew word translated "created" – *bara*
 - i. Used always only of the work of _____.
 - ii. Never occurs in a context in which _____ are mentioned.

IV. When did God create?

- a. Answer: In the _____

- b. God was active and working _____ the beginning!
 - i. John 17:5
 - ii. Ephesians 1:3-4
 - iii. 2 Timothy 1:8-9
 - iv. 1 Peter 1:18-20
 - v. Revelation 13:8

V. Why did God create?

- a. Answer: For His _____.
 - i. Psalm 19:1
 - ii. Isaiah 43:7

VI. What does this verse teach us about God?

- a. He is _____.

- b. He is _____.

- c. He is _____.

- d. He is _____.

e. He is _____.

f. He is _____.

VII. Our response

a. Take _____ in knowing that *this* God is _____ God!

b. Evaluate our _____.

i. The bad news: We are _____.

ii. Romans 1:21-23, 25