



Genesis

THE CREATOR AND HIS CREATION

Genesis 1:1-2:3

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CREATION

- 8 acts of creation spread across 6 days of creative activity
- The creation story acknowledges the original state of chaos, emptiness, and darkness
- The creation story details the progression to order, fulness, and light
- “And God said,” “It was good,” “Evening and morning”
- Unproductive becomes Productive, Uninhabited becomes Inhabited
- Kenneth Matthews: doxological and didactic, hymnic and history

CREATOR

- God . . . is!
- God is the autonomous Creator of the universe
- God is the authoritative Designer of creation
- God alone is worthy of worship, devotion, and praise
- God is the subject!

THE CREATION STORY

- Stark contrast to all other creation stories in antiquity
- Rules out numerous errors
- Fills the universe with purpose and meaning