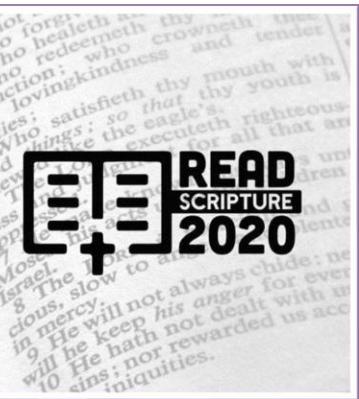


In The Beginning

Whole Text: Genesis 1

Core Verses:

- 1** In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.
- 2** Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.
- 3** And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light.
- 4** God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. **5** God called the light “day,” and the darkness he called “night.” And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day.
- 26** Then 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.”
- 27** So God created humankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.
- 28** God 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.”



Origins Overview

Genre: Torah/Pentateuch

Narrative Story (originally oral)

Context

The Story of God and the Whole World

Author

Moses and Early Israelite community (~15th cent. BC)

Additional Resources

Watch “The Bible Project” videos:

“How to Read the Bible: What is the Bible?”

and/or

“Genesis: Part One”

*search on YouTube

Or explore these websites:

Biologos.org

CoreChristianity.com

Questions for Reflection During the Week

Read the selected text above from Genesis 1 three times:

What do you notice in the text above?

Are there key words?

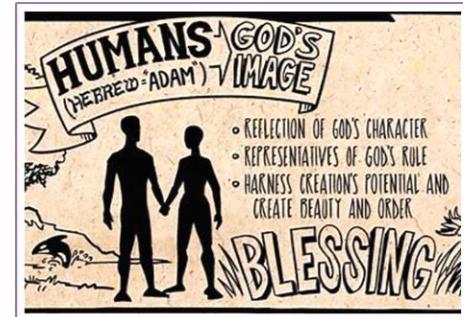
Who is the main character?

What does that character do?

What do you learn about God from this text?

What do you learn about the world?

What do you learn about humans?



Space for Sunday Notes:

Observations:

The Imago Dei

(The Image of God)

What does it mean that humans were created in the image of God? (see above graphic)

How does this Origin story about humanity's design change the way you see the people around you?

Interpretation:

What does this text tell us about who God is?

List the ways you reflect the image of God to those around you:

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What does this text tell us about who people are?

Application:

How will I live differently because of what I have learned from this text?