

TRUST THE STORY

A STUDY OF THE BIBLE TIMELINE



CREATION

- THE WORD "BEGINNING" IN GENESIS 1:1 IS THE HEBREW WORD "RE'SHIYTH (RAY-SHEETH)" WHICH MEANS "FIRST, BEGINNING, BEST, CHIEF."
 - THE CREATION STORY WAS BOTH FIRST IN TIMELINE ORDER AND FIRST IN IMPORTANCE IN THE BIBLICAL NARRATIVE.
- AFTER CREATION, GOD SAW THAT HIS CREATION WAS GOOD. HE TRUSTED THE STORY.
- THE CREATION NARRATIVE IS WELL-CONSTRUCTED ORDER OF EVENTS IN 3 GROUPS OF 3 (PLUS A DAY OF REST AT THE END).
 - DAY 1: CREATION OF LIGHT
 - DAY 2: CREATION OF WATER AND SKY
 - DAY 3: CREATION OF LAND AND PLANTS
 - DAY 4: CREATION OF SUN, MOON, AND STARS (GIVERS OF LIGHT)
 - DAY 5: CREATION OF BIRDS AND FISH (INHABITANTS OF WATER AND SKY
 - DAY 6: CREATION OF LAND ANIMALS AND PEOPLE (INHABITANTS OF LAND)
- GOD SAVED A SPECIAL DESIGNATION FOR HIS CROWNED JEWEL OF CREATION, HUMANITY: WE WERE MADE IN HIS IMAGE.
 - WHEN THE BIBLE MENTIONS WE ARE MADE IN GOD'S IMAGE, ALL WE KNEW ABOUT GOD IS THAT HE IS ETERNAL (GENESIS 1:1), HE IS A PLURALITY (GENESIS 1:26), AND HE IS A CREATOR (GENESIS 1).
 - WE ARE ETERNAL BEINGS, WE ARE A PLURALITY (BODY, MIND, SPIRIT), AND WE ARE CREATORS.
- WHAT PART OF CREATION DO YOU SEE THAT MAKES YOU IMMEDIATELY THINK "I TRUST THE GOODNESS OF GOD'S STORY"?