

IN THE BEGINNING

A STUDY OF GENESIS 1-3

#1 The God Who Speaks Genesis 1

Hebrews 11:1, 6 (ESV) Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen... ⁶ And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.

The Book Of Genesis

1. The Book of **BEGINNINGS**: the first Hebrew word in the Bible is *Beresheet*. It's translated **BEGINNING OR IN THE BEGINNING**.
 - a. *Beresheet Bara Elohim et ha-shamayim et ha-Eretz*
2. Who wrote the book of Genesis? **MOSES**
 - a. Jesus himself validated the authorship. *Luke 24, John 5:45-47*

What Does God Say?

1. God spoke **EVERYTHING INTO EXISTENCE**.
 - a. On the first day He spoke **LIGHT** into existence.
 - He gave it the names **DAY AND NIGHT**.
 - Evening and morning were the first day, defined by the words:
EREV – obscure, mixed up, confusion – **EVENING**
BOKER – discernable, visible, distinguishable – **MORNING**
 - Information was added to the system...
 - b. On the second day He spoke **THE FIRMAMENT** into existence.
 - c. On the third day He spoke **THE OCEANS, LAND AND ALL VEGETATION** into existence.

- d. On the fourth day He spoke **THE SUN, MOON AND STARS** into existence.
 - e. On the fifth day He spoke **SEA CREATURES AND BIRDS** into existence.
 - f. On the sixth day He spoke **LAND ANIMALS, BUGS AND REPTILES** into existence.
 - He then spoke of **HIS PLAN TO MAKE A CREATURE AFTER HIS IMAGE**.
 - He then actively **FORMED MAN FROM THE DIRT**.
 - g. On the seventh day God **RESTED FROM HIS WORK**; He had completed creation.
2. God declares **HIS PLAN AND PURPOSE**. *Isaiah 45:5-13, Amos 3:7*
 3. God speaks **TO US PERSONALLY**. *Isaiah 43:1, Jeremiah 1:5, Romans 8:14-16*

Why Does God Speak?

1. To declare **HIS GLORY** *Isaiah 42:8*
 - a. God declares His glory **GENERALLY THROUGH CREATION**.
Psalms 19:1-4, Romans 1:20
 - b. God declares His glory **SPECIFICALLY THROUGH HIS WORD**.
Psalms 119:105
 - c. God declares His glory **PERSONALLY THROUGH JESUS**.
John 6:35-40, John 10:10, John 14:7-9

What Is God Saying To You?

How will you respond to God today?