

# **BIBLICAL VIEW OF CREATION**

## **GENESIS 1:3-2:3: OBSERVATIONS**

### **1. Geo-centric account**

- From man's perspective/observation
- Not concerned with galaxies, solar systems, other planets; but man, animals, fish/birds, sun/moon/stars, land/sea, sky, day/night
- Man is the pinnacle of creation—setting the stage for the unfolding of God's redemptive history with man

### **2. Simplicity of the account**

- Eight creative acts in six days (days three and six each with two creative acts)
- Emphasis on the divine command—everything exists because of His will and by His power
- The process is not described (except?)

### **3. Definite pattern in the account**

### **4. Deliberate symmetry—correspondence of days of creation**

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### Pattern

Announcement: *“And God said”*

Command: *“let there be...let it be gathered...let it bring forth*

Report: *“And it was so” (7x)*

Execution: *“And God made/created” (7x)*

Evaluation: *“And God saw that it was good” (7x)*

Additional Word: *“God called...God blessed” (7x)*

Temporal Framework: *“And there was evening and morning, the ...day” (6x; 7 days)*

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### Model of Creation

#### Days 1-3: *Forming*

- Series of separations; establishing order and elements necessary for life to exist
- Creation of light (darkness), land (sea) and plants & fruit trees

#### Days 4-6: *Filling*

- Fills the heavens and earth with created objects and living creatures
- Creation of heavenly bodies, birds & sea creatures, and animals & man

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### Symmetry

#### Forming

**Day 1:** Light form  
darkness

**Day 2:** Expanse (sky)  
from the waters

**Day 3:** (two actions)

- Land
- Vegetation

#### Filling

**Day 4:** Lights to govern  
day and night

**Day 5:** Birds and sea  
creatures

**Day 6:** (two actions)

- Animals
- Man