

BIBLICAL VIEW OF CREATION

Three “A’s” of Introduction

1. **Assumption:** Bible is God’s Word
 - Verbal inspiration
 - Inerrant—wholly true
2. **Approach:** Exegetical/theological
 - Start with the text of Scripture and employ the principles of interpretation
 - Do not start with scientific evidence and adapt the interpretation of Scripture
 - Allow other evidence (i.e. science, history) to examine our interpretive conclusions
3. **Attitude:** Humility
 - Ultimate goal—an awe and worship of the God who is the Creator
 - Charity towards those who differ on the question of “how” God created

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“The Genesis Account”

Introduction

1. The Purpose

- Not merely to tell us *how* God created (will not satisfy our scientific curiosity)
- Key: statement about the greatness of God!
 - God is the dominant figure
 - Testimony of the biblical writers

2. Exegetical Cautions

- Do not develop/accept a view of the creation account in order to accommodate current scientific evidence
- Do not develop/accept a view of creation in order to refute evolution
- Be careful of drawing scientific conclusions from non-scientific language

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“Genesis 1:1-3”

Three Views

1. Restitution Theory
2. The Initial Chaos Theory
3. The Precreation Chaos Theory

I. Chaos After the Original Creation



II. Chaos at the Beginning of Creation



III. Chaos Before the Original Creation

