

Part One: Genesis

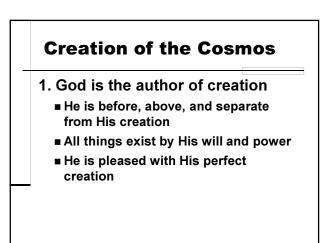
- Genesis 1-11: Primeval History
 The Kingdom Modeled
 The Kingdom Lost
- Genesis 12-50: Patriarchal History
 The Kingdom Promised

Creation of the Cosmos

- > Why start with creation?
- 1. It gives meaning to everything else; God's plan of redemption must be seen in light of His original purpose
- 2. It gives a correct view of the nature of God, man, and the creation

Creation of the Cosmos Ancient Near East Cosmogonies 1. Nature of God: many gods who were born or created; in a cosmic struggle 2. Nature of the Creation: animate forces, nature deities 3. Nature of Man: an afterthought; only use is to relieve the gods of work and provide them with food

Genesis 1:1-2:3			
Forming		Filling	
Day 1:	Light from darkness	Day 4:	Lights to govern the day and night
Day 2:	Expanse from the waters	Day 5:	Birds and sea creatures
Day 3:	(two actions) • land from water • vegetation	Day 6:	(two actions) • animals • man
	Day 7: God	Rested	



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- 2. Earth is the focus of creation
 - geocentric perspective focus is on forming an inhabitable earth
 - Earth will be the special domain of God's kingdom
 - "earth/land" emphasis anticipates the coming covenant

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3. Man is the pinnacle of creation

- Unique among creatures as made in the image of God
- Given dominion over the rest of creation

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- 4. 'Rest' is the goal of creation
 - this "day" is given no temporal framework
 - God's purpose is for man to join Him in this rest and enjoyment