**The Book of Genesis**

Chapter 1

Genesis 1:1-31

Verses 1-2

* The beginning charts the creation of the known universe (heaven and earth)
* The realm or sphere where God resides is outside the location of the known universe.
* This would mean God is outside the term beginning. He is the almighty and has no origin, His kingdom is eternal or everlasting, meaning always was and is and is to come
* It is fruitless to inquire of God establishing His throne or His heavenly kingdom for He is its establishment
* In verse one the Hebrew word for create (bara) means to shape or to fashion that it may produce
* God’s creation of the earth and the universe was to produce His desired effect, it is perfect and new
* Verse 2 without form or void is a different condition from what was done in verse 1

Isaiah 45:18

* At this time the universe is vast and how long it has existed is not known, but at some point the earth became formless, without shape and structure as to not be able to distinguish its materials and darkness was upon the face of the deep
* The face of a person is synonymous with his presence, so the presence of the earth is now darkness
* Everything God created the earth to be is now shrouded in darkness caused by a fallen angel before the creation of mankind Isaiah 14:12-15, Luke 10:18

Verses 3-5

* What is known as the six days of creation is really restoration to its original position, everything that God created is here but in confusion.
* Separation of light and darkness

As the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters He said let there be light

* The first thing God establishes for us is a difference between light and darkness

1 John 1:5 Light = Day Darkness = night good and evil

* Why evening and morning? Because with God everything goes from evening to morning or night to day, darkness to light.

The evening & the morning

It is not the 24 hour period which govern our dates, times or season, but the call of God from darkness to light.

God said of the light in verse 4 “that is was good”

This is redemption promised calling us out of darkness to His light is good.

Verses 6-19

1 Peter 2:9 He has done this by the same Spirit that moved upon the face of the deep

Revelation 22:5

These 6 days are days of restoration and not creation. The setting of boundaries that proper choices can be made.

Jos 24:15 And if it seem evil unto you to serve the Lord, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.

Once God calls order to and sets boundaries in the spiritual realm around this planet.

He restores balance to this planet and solar system

Genesis 1:6-13

There is no mother nature bur a system placed over this planet that it may produce for the benefit of its inhabitants.

Lights in the heavens

Genesis 1:14-19

Animals appear as a part of this eco system

Genesis 1:20-25

Verses 26-31

The creation of man

* Day six the climax of creation which included mankind
* Though man was the last creature mentioned in the account, he did not evolve; he was created.

Human life was created in (lit., “as,” meaning “in essence as”) the image of God (v. 27). This image was imparted only to humans (2:7). “Image” (ṣelem) is used figuratively here, for God does not have a human form. Being in God’s image means that humans share, though imperfectly and finitely, in God’s nature, that is, in His communicable attributes (life, personality, truth, wisdom, love, holiness, justice), and so have the capacity for spiritual fellowship with Him.