

Lesson #15: GENESIS 1 & 2: WHO, WHAT, WHEN, WHERE, WHY?

- **WHO?**

In Lesson #14 we discovered WHO created the heavens and earth: **“Elohim”** The Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Moses wrote the Genesis account of Creation to teach the Israelites about the true GOD. They had been enslaved in Egypt for 400 years where they had learned about the Egyptian gods. The Israelites had worshiped the idols of Egypt. (See Ezekiel 20:6-9 and Joshua 24:14.)



ELOHIM is the TRUE Creator in contrast to the false gods of Egypt!

- **WHAT?** (See “Genesis 1 & 2” PowerPoint Presentation)

The universe had a beginning.

The universe was created from nothing.

The universe was created according to God’s will.

- **WHEN?**

Note: There are different understandings of when the Creation Days begin. Some consider verse 1 to be a SUMMARY STATEMENT, while others consider that God CREATED THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH and then in 6 Creation Days He organized and filled His creation. (See pg.2)

- **WHERE?**

All of the Universe is mentioned, but details are about things on the _____

- **WHY?**

Because it was _____.

SOME THINGS TO NOTICE IN GENESIS 1 & 2:

- **LITERARY DEVISE - A PATTERN**

Starting in verse 3 we see a LITERARY DEVISE, A PATTERN: Each Creation Day is introduced with “Then God Said... And closes with “Evening came, then morning...”

Commencement	“Then God said”
Command	“Let there be light”
Commentary	
Fulfillment	“and there was light”
Evaluation	“God saw that the light was good”
Description	“God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light ‘day,’ and He called darkness ‘night.’”
Closure	“Evening came, and then morning: the first day.”

Verses 1 & 2 don’t follow this pattern. The creation of heavens and earth may have happened in vs. 1 & 2. Then, the 6 days of organizing and filling begin.

- **DIFFERENT CREATION VERBS**

BARA = To create, fashion or form,

Applies Only to God

vs. 1, 21, 27 2:3

HAYA = To exist, come to pass, happen

vs. 3, 6, 14

ASAH = To do, make. Can apply to man or God,

Reworking existing material

vs. 7, 11-12, 16, 25,
26, 31, 2:3

RAAH = To appear, be visible

vs. 9

YATSA = To bring forth, come out

vs. 11

NATHAN = To set, appoint, assign

vs. 17, 29

