

Genesis Series

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A vibrant cosmic background featuring a bright blue and white starburst in the center, surrounded by numerous stars, galaxies, and planets. A large, dark planet is visible in the upper right, and a smaller, blue-tinted planet is in the lower left. The overall scene is a rich, multi-colored space landscape.

GENESIS

Book of Beginnings

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- 2. Could there be millions of years between Gen. 1:1 and 1:2 and could this not be the time frame for historical geology, the dinosaurs, and cave men?**
- 3. How long are the days?**
- 4. Could God have used evolution as a mechanism for creation?**

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**“When above [*Enuma Elish*] the heaven had not
(yet) been named,
(And) below the earth had not (yet) been called by a
name, (When) Apsu primeval, their begetter,
Mummu, (and) Tiamat, she who gave birth to them
all, (Still) mingled their waters together,
And no pasture land had been formed (and) not
(even) a reed marsh was to be seen;
When none of the (other) gods had been brought
into being,
(When) they had not (yet) been called by (their)
name(s, and their) destinies had not yet been fixed,
(At that time) were the gods created within them. . .**

They lived many days, adding years (to days). . . .

The divine brothers gathered together.

**They disturbed Tiamat and assaulted(?) their keeper,
Yea, they disturbed the inner parts of Tiamat,
Moving (and) running about in the divine abode(?)...**

**[Marduk] took from [Kingu] the tablet of destinies,
which was not his rightful possession. . . .**

**After he had vanquished (and) subdued his enemies.
. . .**

**Strengthened his hold upon the captive gods;
And then he returned to Tiamat, whom he had
subdued.**

**The lord trod upon the hinder part of Tiamat,
And with his unsparing club he split her skull.
He cut the arteries of her blood,
And caused the north wind to carry (it) to out-of-the-
way places.**

**[Marduk] split [Tiamat] open like a mussel into two
(parts); Half of her he set in place and formed the
sky (therewith) as a roof.**

**He fixed the crossbar (and) posted guards,
He commanded them not to let her waters escape.**

**And a great structure, its counterpart, he
established, (namely) Esharra [earth], . . .**

**He created stations for the great gods;
The stars their likeness(es), the signs of the zodiac,
he set up.**

**He determined the year, defined the divisions. . . .
Stars aren't set up until half way through. Their
function is for signs and calendar.**

**Punishment they inflicted upon [Kingu] by cutting
(the arteries of) his blood.**

**With his blood they created mankind;
[Ea] imposed the services of the gods (upon
them) and set the gods free.**

The last act is the creation of man.

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**Gen. 1:1 In the beginning God
created the heavens and the earth.**

Gen. 1:2 The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

Deut. 32:4 “The Rock! His work is perfect, For all His ways are just; A God of faithfulness and without injustice, Righteous and upright is He.”

Matt. 5:48 “Therefore you are to be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.”

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**Jer. 4:23 I looked on the earth, and
behold, it was formless and void;
And to the heavens, and they had
no light.”**

Jer. 4:24 I looked on the mountains, and behold, they were quaking, And all the hills moved to and fro.

**Jer. 4:25 I looked, and behold,
there was no man, And all the
birds of the heavens had fled.**

**Jer. 4:26 I looked, and behold, the
fruitful land was a wilderness, And
all its cities were pulled down
Before the LORD, before His fierce
anger.**

**Isa. 34:11 But pelican and
hedgehog shall possess it, And
owl and raven shall dwell in it; And
He shall stretch over it the line of
desolation [*tohu*] And the plumb
line of emptiness [*bohu*].**

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Ex. 10:21 Then the LORD said to Moses, “Stretch out your hand toward the sky, that there may be darkness over the land of Egypt, even a darkness which may be felt.”

Ex. 10:22 So Moses stretched out his hand toward the sky, and there was thick darkness in all the land of Egypt for three days.

Ex. 10:23 They did not see one another, nor did anyone rise from his place for three days, but all the sons of Israel had light in their dwellings.

**Psa. 35:6 Let their way be dark and
slippery,
With the angel of the LORD
pursuing them.**

**Joel 2:2 A day of darkness and
gloom,
A day of clouds and thick darkness.
As the dawn is spread over the
mountains,
So there is a great and mighty
people;
There has never been *anything* like
it,
Nor will there be again after it
To the years of many generations.**

Matt. 4:16 “THE PEOPLE WHO WERE SITTING IN DARKNESS SAW A GREAT LIGHT, AND THOSE WHO WERE SITTING IN THE LAND AND SHADOW OF DEATH, UPON THEM A LIGHT DAWNED.”

John 3:19 “This is the judgment, that the Light has come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the Light, for their deeds were evil.”

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**Ex. 15:5 “The deeps cover them;
They went down into the depths
like a stone.”**

Ex. 15:8 “And at the blast of Thy nostrils the waters were piled up, The flowing waters stood up like a heap; The deeps were congealed in the heart of the sea.”

Ezek. 26:19 For thus says the Lord GOD, “When I shall make you a desolate city, like the cities which are not inhabited, when I shall bring up the deep over you, and the great waters will cover you,”

**1 Cor. 15:21 For since by a man
came death, by a man also came
the resurrection of the dead.**

**1 Cor. 15:22 For as in Adam all die,
so also in Christ all shall be made
alive.**