

Who is writing?

Whom is writing to?

When/Where writing?

NOTE: Genesis 1 is designed for spoken delivery with intention structures and words to highlight what the author thinks is important and to relay the message he wants to convey

Opening q's: What makes a new house feel like a home? What are the essentials that you need in your house? What are not essential but very important to you? Have you / do you plan to do / dream of?-- any remodeling, projects or any work on your house lately? Why? How does it affect you when your house is messy for a long period of time? Why do you think that is?

1:1-3 Introduction to the Creation

- “The earth was *wild* and *waste*” / “The earth was *confusion* and *chaos*.” (Everett Fox)
- The RUACH of God and God’s personal movement in the world
- The WORD: “Let there be...” Why does God speak if no one was there to hear it?
- Why would these ideas be particularly important for the Israelites to hear with the situation they are in as they hear these things from Moses?

1:3-2:3 Ordering and Filling the Creation

- Before there were chapters, verses, and bibles... - literary design patterns
 - Highlight sheet from last week: key phrases, key “#s”
- See BIBLE PROJECT Handout - Genesis 1-11
 - “WILD” “WASTE”
 - **Days 1-3 Ordering Realms** **4-6 Filling Realms**

■ 1 - God’s Realm: Light/Dark (time)	4 - Filled/Ruled by sun, moon, stars
■ 2 - Sky/Sea Realm: “the dome”	5 - Filled by sea creatures, birds
■ 3 - Land/Sea Realm: “land/plants”	6 - Filled by animals, ruled by man
- Who’s in charge? “Let us make man in our image...”
 - The Divine Counsel (Elohim)
 - Appointed Royal Representatives: Human = Male and Female
 - In the Image of God - Dominion over sky realm, land realm, sea realm
 - Blessed them and said:

● V.28	Be fruitful	and	multiply
● V.28	Fill the earth	and	subdue it
● Image/Design:	Procreation		Dominion
- Rest
 - Isaiah 66:1 - God puts his feet up

Take Home Thoughts (ON BACK)

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- Knowing how intentional God is in his design and arrangement of this creation, what are some ways you can pay closer attention to God's good order and beauty this week?
- In what ways does thinking about God's order and design help you in your daily spiritual life?
- Read: Genesis 2 – focus on what "Garden" and "Family", what do these ideas have to do with us knowing God and being his "image"
- Watch: Overview of Genesis (Bible Project) - ON WEBSITE