



Major Biblical creation texts

Genesis 1	Creation chronology: Physical perspective
Genesis 2	Creation chronology: Spiritual perspective
Genesis 3-5	Human sin and its damage
Genesis 6-9	God's damage control
Genesis 10-11	Global dispersion of humanity
Job 9	Creator's transcendent creation power
Job 34-42	Creation's intricacy and complexity
Psalm 8	Creation's appeal to humanity
Psalm 19	Creation's speech
Psalm 65	Creator's authority and optimal provision
Psalm 104	Elaboration of physical creation events
Psalm 139	Creation of individual humans
Psalm 147-148	Testimony of the Creator's power, wisdom and care in nature
Proverbs 8	Creator's existence before creation
Ecclesiastes 1-3; 8-12	Consistency of physical laws
Isaiah 40-51	Origin and development of the universe
Romans 1-8	Purposes of creation
1 Corinthians 15	Life after life
2 Corinthians 4	Creator's glory in and beyond creation
Hebrews 1	Cosmic creation's temporality; Role of angels in creation
2 Peter 3	Creation's end
Revelation 20-22	The new creation

The "Voice" of Nature

Many Bible passages state that God reveals Himself faithfully through the "voice" of nature as well as through the inspired words of Scripture. Here is a partial list of such verses:

Job 10:8-14	Psalm 8:(All)	Ecclesiastes 3:11
Job 12:7	Psalm 19:1-6	Habakkuk 3:3
Job 34:14-15	Psalm 50:6	Acts 14:17
Job 35:10-12	Psalm 85:11	Acts 17:23-31
Job 37:5-7	Psalm 97:6	Romans 1:28-25
Job 38:(All)	Psalm 98:2-3	Romans 2:14-15
Job 39:(All)	Psalm 104:(All)	Romans 10:16-18
Job 40:(All)	Psalm 139:(All)	Colossians 1:23
Job 41:(All)	Proverbs 8:22-31	

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Key New Testament References to Creation and Genesis

- **The Creator and the Creation**

Matt 13:35, Mark 13:19, John 1:3, Acts 4:24, Acts 14:15, Rom 1:20, 2 Cor 4:6, Col 1:16, Heb 1:10, Heb 11:3

- **Allusions to the Creation**

Rom 1:25, Rom 16:25, Eph 3:9, 1 Tim 4:4, Heb 2:10, Heb 4:10, Heb 9:26, James 3:9, Rev 3:14, Rev 4:11, Rev 10:6, Rev 14:7

- **Creation of Man and Woman**

Matt 19:4-6, 8, Mark 10:6, Acts 17:26, 1 Cor 6:16, 1 Cor 11:8-9, Eph 5:31, 1 Tim 2:13-14, Rev 2:7, Rev 22:2, 14

- **The Fall**

Rom 5:11, 14, 17, 19, Rom 8:19-20, 1 Cor 15:21-22, 2 Cor 11:3, Rev 20:2

- **The First and Last Adam** *1 Cor. 15:45-49, Romans 5:12-14*

- **The Flood** *Matt 24:37, Luke 17:26, 1 Pet 3:20; 2 Pet 2:5, 2 Pet 3:5-6*

- **The Patriarchs**

Matt 23:35, Luke 3:34-38, Luke 11:52, Heb 11:4-7, 23, Heb 12:24, 1 John 2:12, Jude 1:11, 14

The Agreement

- ✓ Compare the key events of each day as recorded in the Bible and as interpreted by ancient biblical commentaries with the discoveries of modern science.
 - ❑ As science texts, Bible commentaries have a really really poor record...
- ✓ What science presents in literally tens of thousands of publications and text books via studies costing \$Millions, Genesis brings to us in 31 sentences.
 - ❑ Don't expect to find every scientific detail for each scientific field or time period in the few sentences of Genesis 1 and 2.
 - They are summaries. The Bible is NOT a science book.
- ✓ Remember that:
 - ❑ the Bible was written from 2,000 to 4,000 years ago.
 - ❑ all the 'ancient' biblical commentary was recorded hundreds and thousands of years before serious science even existed.
 - ❑ modern 'science' is at best 100 years old and what is 'fact' today is typically less than 20 years old and is being 'understood' day to day.

And yet, the agreement between the chronology of Genesis 1 and that of modern scientific discovery is clear...

Creation Week

- Day One: Bang – “Let light be”
- 2nd Day: Stretching of Space
 - Galaxy/Stellar formation
- 3rd Day: Land and simple celled vegetation
- 4th Day: Sun, moon and stars appear
 - Atmosphere clears
- 5th Day: Sea animals and Birds
- 6th Day: Land animals and Man

Evening and the morning the day one - Gen 1:1-5

In the beginning,
 God created the heavens and the earth.
 Earth was without form and empty.
 Darkness on the face of the deep.
 God moved on the face of the waters.
 Let there be light.
 God divided between the light and the darkness.

Gen 2:4 These are the generations of the heavens and of the earth when they were created in the day that Jehovah God made the earth and the heavens

Day One: 15,750,000,000 to 7,750,000,000 years before the present

- **Bible (Gen. 1:1-5):** God creates the universe and then light separates from dark.
- **Science:** The Big Bang creation of the universe; then as electrons bonded to atomic nuclei, matter (mass) forms and light (photons) separated from the initial plasma. Early galaxy formation begins.

Evening and the morning the second day - Gen 1:6-8

Let there be an expanse in the middle of the waters
 Let it divide the waters *from* the waters.
 God made the expanse
 God divided the waters under the expanse from the waters
 above the expanse;
 God called the expanse, Heavens

Day Two: 7,750,000,000 to 3,750,000,000 years before the present

- **Bible (Gen. 1:6-8):** The heavenly firmament forms.
- **Science:** The disk of the Milky Way formed. The Sun, a main sequence star, formed from the star dust of previous supernovae 4.6 billion years ago.

Evening and the morning the third day - Gen 1:9-13

Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together to one place
Let the dry land appear

God called the dry land, Earth.

He called the gathering together of the waters, Seas.

Gen 2:5-6 And every shrub of the field was not yet on the earth, and every plant of the field had not yet sprung up, for Jehovah God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no man to till the ground.

there went up from the earth a mist and watered all the face of the ground.

Let the earth bring forth tender sprouts (*the herb seeding seed and the fruit tree producing fruit after its kind, whose seed is in itself*) upon the earth;

Earth brought forth tender sprouts, *the herb yielding seed after its kind, and the tree producing fruit after its kind, whose seed was in itself.*

Day Three: 3,750,000,000 to 1,750,000,000 years before the present

• **Bible (Gen. 1:9-13):** *The oceans and dry land appear, followed by the first life - plants. Kaballah states that this date marked only the start of plant life, with the plants mentioned in the text continuing to develop over the following days (Nahmanides on Gen. 1:12).*

• **Science:** *The Earth cooled sufficiently from its initial molten state to allow liquid water to form 3.8 billion years ago.¹⁶ The theory of the origin of life had, in error, predicted billions of years passing between the appearance of liquid water and the appearance of life. Microfossils of bacteria and photosynthetic algae reveal that life appeared immediately following the appearance of liquid water.¹⁷*

Evening and the morning the fourth day - Gen 1:14-19

Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to divide between the day and the night.

Let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days and years.

Let them be for lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth

God made two great lights:

the greater light to rule the day and the smaller light to rule the night, and the stars *also*.

God set them in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night; and to divide between the light and the darkness.

Day Four: 1,750,000,000 to 750,000,000 years before the present

• **Bible (Gen. 1:14-19):** *The Sun, moon and stars become visible in the heavens (Talmud Hagigah 12a).*

• **Science:** *As the Earth cooled and the oxygen concentration in the atmosphere rose through its production by photosynthesis, the atmosphere became transparent.*

Evening and the morning the fifth day - Gen 1:20-23

Let the waters swarm *with swarmers having* a living soul;

*Gen 2:18-19 God said, It is not good that the man should be alone.
I will make a helper suitable for him. And out of the ground Jehovah
God formed every animal of the field and every fowl of the air*

Let birds fly over the earth on the face of the expanse of the heavens.

God created great sea-animals, and every living soul that creeps
with which the waters swarmed after their kind; and
every winged fowl after its kind.

God blessed them,

Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the waters of the seas and let the
fowl multiply in the earth.

Day Five: 750,000,000 to 250,000,000 years before the present

- **Bible (Gen. 1:20-23):** The first multicellular animal life flourishes abundantly in the waters, followed by reptiles and winged animals.
- **Science:** With no forewarning by the underlying fossil record, the Cambrian explosion of life, 530 million years ago, produced every basic animal body plan extant today as the waters swarmed with life.^{18,19,20,21} Winged insects appeared 340,000,000 years ago with no hint found in older fossils of their impending arrival.^{22,23}

Evening and the morning the sixth day - Gen 1:24-31

Let the earth bring forth the living creature after its kind,
cattle, and creepers, and its beasts of the earth after its kind; and it was so.
God made the beasts of the earth after its kind, and cattle after their
kind, and all creepers upon the earth after their kind.

Let Us make man in Our image, after Our likeness.

Let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and
over the fowl of the heavens, and over the cattle, and
over all the earth, and over all the creepers creeping on the earth.

God created man in His image; in the image of God He created him.

*Gen 2:7 And Jehovah God formed man of the dust of the ground, and
breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.*

Day Six: 250,000,000 to approximately 6,000 years before the present

- **Bible (Gen. 1:24-31):** The land is populated by animals. Mammals and then humans appear.
- **Science:** 250 million years ago, a massive extinction decimated life and 90% of animals disappeared from the fossil record.²⁴ The land was then repopulated with the same basic body plans. No new body plans evolved, although the ecological space was available.
Why no new body plans evolved is one of the great mysteries of evolutionary biology.

Evening and the morning the sixth day - Gen 1:24-31

Gen 2:8-25 God planted a garden eastward in Eden.

There He put the man whom He had formed.

God caused to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food.

The tree of life also was in the middle of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil.

A river went out of Eden to water the garden.

And from there it was divided and became four heads.

The name of the first is Pishon;

it which surrounds all the land of Havilah, where there is gold.

And the gold of that land is good.

There is bdellium and the onyx stone.

The name of the second river is Gihon;

it surrounds the whole land of Cush.

The name of the third river is Tigris;

it goes toward the east of Assyria.

The fourth river is Euphrates.

God took the man and put him into the garden of Eden to work it and keep it.

God commanded, You may freely eat of every tree in the garden, but you shall not eat of the tree of knowledge of good and evil. In the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.

God said, Behold! I have given you every herb seeding seed and every tree in which is the fruit of a tree seeding seed; to you it shall be for food.

And to every beast of the earth, and to every fowl of the heavens, and to every creeper on the earth which has in it a living soul every green plant is for food; and it was so.

Evening and the morning the sixth day - Gen 1:24-31

Gen 2:19-25 God brought (every animal of the field and every fowl of the air that God formed) to Adam to see what he would call them.

Adam gave names to all the cattle, to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field.

There was not found a suitable helper for Adam.

God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept.

God took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh underneath.

God made the rib (which He had taken from the man) into a woman.

He brought her to the man.

Adam said, This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh. She shall be called Woman because she was taken out of man.

Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave to his wife and they shall be one flesh.

They were both naked, the man and his wife; and they were not ashamed.

God created them male and female.

God blessed them.

Be fruitful, and multiply and fill the earth, and subdue it.

Have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the fowl of the heavens, and all animals that move upon the earth.

The seventh day - Gen 2:1-3

And the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them.

God ended His work which He had made.

He rested from all His work which He had made.

God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it,

because in it He had rested from all His work which God created to make.