

Genesis 1:14-2:3  
God Completes His Creative Work  
The Land and the Blessing—1:1-2:24

- 1) The Beginning—1:1
- 2) The preparation of the Land—1:2-2:3 (continued)
  - a) Day One—1:2-5 **The Sphere of Light**
  - b) Day Two—1:6-8 **The Sphere of Sea and Sky**
  - c) Day Three—1:9-13 **The Sphere of Dry Land**
  - d) Day Four—1:14-19 **Filling of the Sphere of Light**
    - i) Their **position**: in the firmament/expanse—1:14-17
    - ii) Their **purposes**—1:14-17
      - (1) Separation: to separate the day from the night
      - (2) Regulation: for signs, and for seasons, and for days and years (feasts, etc.)
      - (3) Illumination: to give light on the earth
    - iii) Evaluation—1:18
      - (1) This is fulfilled as God designed it.
      - (2) God reflected on what He had made and was satisfied. (cf. Psalm 19:1)
    - iv) Stars—cf. Isaiah 40:26; 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 15:41
  - e) Day Five—1:20-23 **Filling the Sphere of Sea and Sky**
    - i) Creation of aquatic (from largest to smallest) and sky creatures
    - ii) Commands concerning reproduction to aquatic and sky creatures
    - iii) This is the first blessing in Genesis
  - f) Day Six—1:24-31 **Filling the Sphere of Dry Land**
    - i) Non-human creatures—1:24-25
      - (1) Domesticated: cattle
      - (2) Rodents, worms, insects, reptiles, etc.: creeping things
      - (3) Wild animals: beasts of the earth
    - ii) Human creatures—1:26-30
      - (1) Their uniqueness as created in the image of God—1:26a, 27
        - (a) Includes both (but only two) genders
        - (b) Includes personal, spiritual, and moral resemblance, including, but not limited to, God's communicable attributes.
      - (2) Their uniqueness as being given dominion over all other creatures—1:26b
      - (3) Blessing and commands to both image bearers—1:28 (Dominion Mandate)
        - (a) Concerning the reproduction of life
        - (b) Concerning ruling [*kabash*] of creation
      - (4) Directions to both concerning food—1:29-30 (cf. 1:11-12)
    - iii) Evaluation—1:31
      - (1) This is fulfilled as God designed it.
      - (2) God reflected on what He had made and was satisfied.
  - g) Day Seven—2:1-3 **God Rests With Satisfaction Over His Creation**
    - i) Completion—2:1-2a
    - ii) Cessation [*shabath*]  
—2:2b
    - iii) Consecration—2:3