

Genesis 1:1-13
The Land and the Blessing—1:1-2:24

- 1) The Beginning—1:1
 - a) **When** the Land came into existence—*In the beginning*
 - i) The beginning of time, force, action, space, and matter
 - ii) Before the beginning (“before [*pro*] the foundation of the world”)
 - (1) God’s eternal existence
 - (a) Psalm 90:2—God has been God eternally (cf. Genesis 21:33; Deuteronomy 33:27; Isaiah 9:6; 40:28; Jeremiah 10:10; Habakkuk 1:12; Romans 16:26; 1st Timothy 1:17; Hebrews 9:14; 1st Peter 5:10
 - (b) John 1:1—God the Son eternally existed with God the Father
 - (2) God’s glorious existence
 - (a) John 17:5—God the Son possessed glory with God the Father
 - (3) God’s loving existence
 - (a) John 17:24—God the Father loved God the Son
 - (4) God’s deliberative existence
 - (a) Ephesians 1:4—God the Father chose believers in Christ for Himself
 - (b) Titus 1:2—God the Father promised eternal life through God the Son
 - (c) 1st Peter 1:20—God the Son was chosen in advance
 - b) **Who** brought the Land into existence—*God* (Elohim, אֱלֹהִים)
 - i) God is the Creator:
 - (1) Ecclesiastes 12:1, 6; Isaiah 40:28; 43:15; Romans 1:25; 1st Peter 4:19
 - ii) God created/made/formed
 - (1) Hebrew
 - (a) *bara*: Genesis 1:21, 27; 2:3-4; 5:1; Deuteronomy 4:32; Isaiah 42:5; 45:18; Amos 4:13; Malachi 2:10
 - (b) *asah*: Genesis 1:7, 16, 25; 2:4, 9; 3:1; Exodus 20:11; 31:17; 2nd Kings 19:15; 2nd Chronicles 2:12; Nehemiah 9:6; Psalm 104:24; 115:15; 121:2; 124:8; 134:3; Isaiah 37:16; 44:24; 45:18; Jeremiah 32:17; Amos 5:8
 - (c) *yatsar*: Genesis 2:7-8, 19; Psalm 94:9; 95:5; 104:26; Isaiah 43:7; 45:18; Jeremiah 10:16; 51:19; Amos 4:13; Zechariah 12:1
 - (d) God “laid the foundations of the earth”: Job 38:4; Psalm 102:25; 104:5; Isaiah 48:13; 51:13, 16; Jeremiah 31:37; Zechariah 12:1
 - (i) Note “from [*apo*] the foundation of the world”: Matthew 13:35; 25:34; Luke 11:50; Hebrews 4:3; 9:26; 1st Peter 1:20; Revelation 13:8; 17:8
 - (2) Greek
 - (a) *ktizo*: Mark 13:19; Romans 8:39; 1st Corinthians 11:9; Ephesians 3:9; 4:24; Colossians 1:16; 3:10; 1st Timothy 4:3; Revelation 4:11; 10:6
 - c) **How** the Land came into existence—*created* (singular verb with plural subject)
 - Hebrew verb stem (Qal) is never used for creation/production by man
 - i) God the Father created—Job 38; Acts 4:24; Romans 4:17; Ephesians 3:9; 4:24; Hebrews 11:3; Revelation 4:11; 10:6
 - ii) God the Son created—John 1:3; Ephesians 3:9; Colossians 1:16; Hebrews 1:3
 - iii) God the Spirit created—Job 33:4; Psalm 104:30
 - d) **Where** the Land exists—*the heavens and the earth/land* (i.e. the whole universe)
 - i) Theologically the universe is geocentric/cosmocentric, even though the universe does not literally revolve around the earth.