

The Creation of Adam

- I. God dramatically creates the material universe, subsequently judges the earth, and then systematically restructures the earth.
 1. First Day—the light obstruction is removed and the rotation of the earth begins.
 2. Second Day—the water is divided: above and below the atmosphere.
 3. Third Day—one land mass, one sea, plant life sprouts.
 4. Fourth Day—upper waters form a canopy and are made translucent, the earth's orbit around the sun is established.
 5. Fifth Day—immaterial parts of fowl and fishes are created.
 6. Sixth Day—immaterial parts of higher animals created.
 7. “And God saw that it was good”, this precludes any opposition and there was nothing amiss in the created state.
- II. The making and creation of Adam (Gen. 1:26-27).
 1. “Adam” until after 5:5.
 2. Different words, different meaning.
 - 1) To create, ברא (1:1, 21, 27: 2:3; 5:1; 6:7).
 - 2) To make, עשה (1:7, 11, 16, 25, 31).
 - 3) To form, shape, יצר (2:7, 19; 6:5).
 - 4) To bring forth, sprout יצא 1:12, 24; 4:16).
 - 5) To build, בנה (2:22; 4:17).
 3. God makes Adam to have rule over all animals (v. 26).
 4. God creates Adam in Their likeness and image (1:26-27; 5:1).
 - 1) Both make Adam distinct from the animals.
 - 2) Both are similar to God, not identical.
- III. The original likeness and image of Adam and Eve.
 1. Image—how Adam was seen.
 - 1) God dwells in light (Ps. 104:1-2; 2 Cor. 4:4, 1 Tim. 6:16).
 - 2) Adam lost his garment of light (Gen. 3:7).
 - 3) Christians will have the image restored (Phil. 3:21, 1 Cor. 15:47-49).
 2. Likeness—how Adam reasoned.
 - 1) The likeness of fallen man can reason to tame wild animals, a ship, *etc.* (Jam. 3:2-9).
 - 2) Likeness is in the realm of the human spirit (1 Thes. 4:23; 1 Cor. 2:11).
 - 3) No animal had either likeness or image of God.