



Genesis: *Creation and Covenant*
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Introduction

The God Who Created All Things

1. The Pre-Eminent God

(1) God is **first** mentioned

❖ **Genesis 1:1**

(2) God is **most** mentioned

2. The Eternal God

❖ Psalms 90:2—*Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.*

❖ Isaiah 40:28—*Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is **the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth.***

3. The Transcendent God

❖ Isaiah 57:15—*For thus says the One who is high and lifted up, who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: "I dwell in the high and holy place,"*

4. The Self-Existent and Self-Sufficient God

❖ 1 Corinthians 15:10—*by the grace of God I am what I am*

5. The Good God

❖ Genesis 1:31—*And God saw everything that he had made, and **behold, it was very good.** And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.*

❖ Psalm 119:68—***You are good and do good;** teach me your statutes.*

❖ Psalms 145:9—***The Lord is good to all,** and his mercy is over all that he has made.*

6. The Triune God

(1) *The name of God: Elohim*



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- ❖ Genesis 2:4—*These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the **Lord God** made the earth and the heavens.*

“plural of majesty: **plural in form but singular in meaning**, with a focus on great power.¹”

- ❖ Deuteronomy 6:4—*“Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God (Elohim), the Lord is one.”*

(2) The “us” and “our” statements

- ❖ Genesis 1:26—*Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”*

(3) The Spirit of God

- ❖ Genesis 1:2—*And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.*

(4) The Word of God

- ❖ Genesis 1:3—*And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light.*
- ❖ John 1:1-3—*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.*
- ❖ John 1:14, 16-17—*And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth...For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.*

7. The Omnipotent God

- ❖ Genesis 1:14-16—*And God said, “Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and years, and let them be lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. And God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars.*

8. The Sovereign God

1. God commands creation and creation complies
2. From “in the beginning” to “it is finished,” he accomplishes all his purposes

¹ Mounces Complete Expository Dictionary



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- ❖ Genesis 2:1—*Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them.*
- ❖ Isaiah 46:9-10—*I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me, **declaring the end from the beginning** and from ancient times things not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will accomplish all my purpose,*'
- ❖ Revelation 22:13—*I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.*"

9. The Redeeming God

"At the beginning there was darkness over the deep, and there was waste and void; but at the end there was a marvelous creation at rest, blessed and sanctified by God. This creation narrative traces how God transformed the chaos into the cosmos, turned darkness into light, and altered that which was unprofitable to that which was good, holy, and worth blessing.²"

- ❖ Revelation 21:5—*"Behold, I am making all things new."*
- ❖ Revelation 21:6—*"It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end."*

Application

- 1. Know and worship the creator**
- 2. Know and worship the redeemer**

² Allen P. Ross. *Creation and Blessing: A Guide to the Study and Exposition of Genesis* (Kindle Locations 1091-1093). Kindle Edition.