

# Confidence in the Creator God

*Genesis 1:1-2:3*

## Getting our bearings in Genesis

### Purpose of Genesis

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### Structure of Genesis

Chapter 1 (2:4-4:26)

'These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created...'

Chapter 2 (5:1-6:8)

'This is the book of the generations of Adam...'

Chapter 3 (6:9-9:29)

'These are the generations of Noah...'

Chapter 4 (10:1-11:9)

'These are the generations of the sons of Noah...'

Chapter 5 (11:10-26)

'These are the generations of Shem...'

Chapter 6 (11:27-25:11)

'Now these are the generations of Terah. Terah fathered Abram, Nahor, and Haran; and Haran fathered Lot...'

Chapter 7 (25:12-18)

'These are the generations of Ishmael, Abraham's son...'

Chapter 8 (25:19-35:29))

'These are the generations of Isaac, Abraham's son...'

Chapter 9 (36:1-37:1)

'These are the generations of Esau (that is, Edom)...'

Chapter 10 (37:2-50:26)

'These are the generations of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old...'

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### **Prologue** (1:1-2:3)

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### 1. **God, through His word, creates...** (vv.3,6,7,9,11,14,20,24,26)

Hebrews 1:1-2

'Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world.'

2 Timothy 3:15-4:2

The Scriptures 'which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work.'

I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: <sup>2</sup>preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching.'

Application – Speaking God's Word

## 2. God, through His word, creates **His perfect Creation**

Literary style of 1:1-2:3

Literary structure of 1:1-2:3

'In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth' (v1)

'The earth was without **form** and **void** (empty)' (v2)

### **Forming**

#### **'Day 1'**

Light and darkness  
(vv3-5)

#### **'Day 2'**

Sea and sky  
(vv6-8)

#### **'Day 3'**

Land and vegetation  
(vv9-13)

### **Filling**

#### **'Day 4'**

Sun, moon and stars  
(vv14-19)

#### **'Day 5'**

Sea creatures and birds  
(vv20-23)

#### **'Day 6'**

Land-based creatures and  
humans (vv24-31)

'Thus the heavens and the earth were finished...' (2.1)

### **'Day 7'**

'And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested...' (2.2-3)

God's perfect creation

- Complete
- Ordered
- Good

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