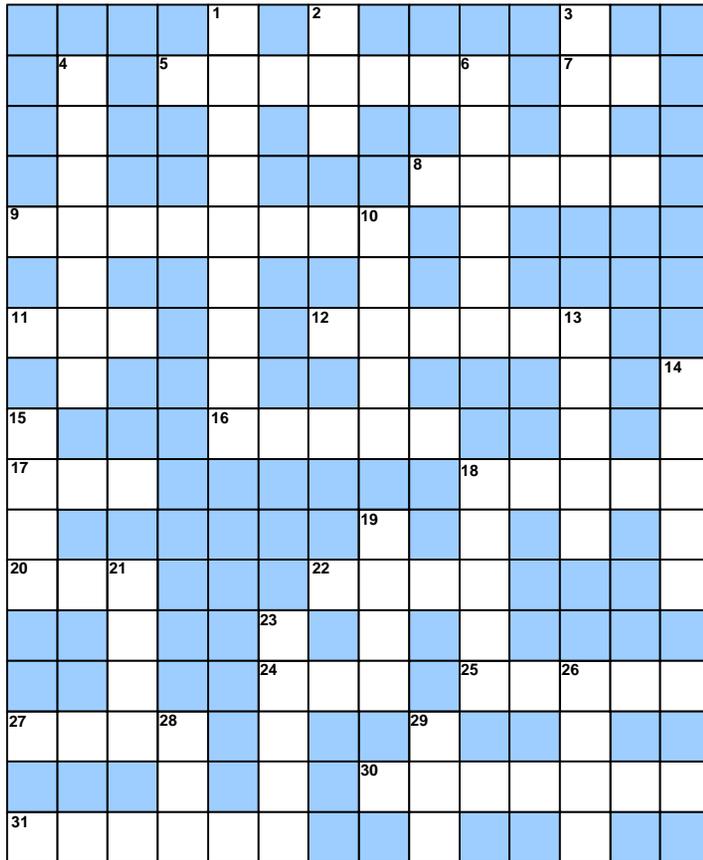


GENESIS CHAPTER ONE CROSSWORD PUZZLE



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| 5. What God created first. | 1. In the _____ God created.... |
| 7. And God saw that ____ was good. | 2. The first woman. |
| 8. God said "Let there be _____." | 3. God created these in the waters. |
| 9. God divided the light from the _____. | 4. God is the _____. |
| 11. The Creator. | 6. The _____ of God brooded. |
| 12. God created these on the sixth day. | 10. The sun and the moon and the _____. |
| 16. The first life form God created. | 13. Created for man to live on. |
| 17. God gave man fruit to _____. | 14. God created these in the air. |
| 18. The earth was covered with _____. | 15. Inside the fruit is the _____. |
| 20. God called the light _____. | 18. Eve |
| 22. The first man. | 19. The name of the garden. |
| 24. Created in God's image. | 21. 365 days. |
| 25. God called the darkness _____. | 23. Man was created in God's _____. |
| 27. God gave man these to hear. | 26. And God said it was _____. |
| 30. Winter, Spring, Summer and Fall. | 28. The fish were in this _____. |
| 31. God created them male and _____. | 29. God said "_____ there be light". |

Man in God's Creation

- Lesson One -

God is the Creator

I. Overview.

God created all things. Apart from Him, nothing was made. John 1:3 says *"All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him not one thing came into being which has come into being"*. The three greatest items of God's creation are the heavens, the earth, and man. The heavens were created for the earth. The heavens contain the earth. The heavens also serve the earth by giving it light, heat and rain. After the heavens, God created the earth. The earth was created as a perfect environment for man. It is impossible that man could live on any other planet. Finally, when the entire universe was suitable for man's existence and enjoyment, God created His masterpiece, man.



"Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together in one place, and let the dry land appear, and it was so."
(Genesis 1:9)

II. Scriptures for Memory.

Genesis 1:1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

Zech 12:1 The burden of the word of Jehovah, who stretches forth the heavens and lays the foundations of the earth and forms the spirit of man within him.

III. Lesson.

In the beginning, meaning in eternity past, God began His creation. God's creation was according to the desire of His heart, what God has always wanted. God has always wanted to gain man for His counterpart and for His expres-

sion. In order for God to have man, He needed to have a creation. There was the need for an environment for man. The earth is the perfect place for man to live. But in order for God to have the earth, He must create a place for the earth. So God began His creation with the heavens. The heavens were created as the right environment for the earth. The earth was placed in the heavens just the right distance from the sun, our closest star. The sun provides light and warmth to the earth. Without the sun in the heavens, there would be no way for life to exist on the earth. The sun controls all our weather and makes it possible for us to have rain.

Now that we have seen how the heavens were created in just the right way for the earth, we need to see that the earth was created as the perfect environment for man. The earth has just the right range of temperatures for man to live in. It is neither too hot nor too cold. The earth also has an atmosphere suitable for man to breathe. Man could exist on no other planet since most of them have poisonous atmospheres and the temperatures are either far too hot or far too cold. The earth also provides man with a wonderful food supply, and plenty of fresh water to drink. Since man has all these needs related to temperature, breathing, food and water, there must be a place that meets all of man's needs for his existence. This place is the earth, which God created specifically for man's dwelling.

Finally, when God had finished creating the heavens and the earth, He created man. Zechariah 12:1 shows us that man is the center of God's creation. Man is God's masterpiece. Man was created with a wonderful physical body and with a marvelous soul including man's incredibly capable mind. Man was also created with a spirit at the deepest part of his being. The spirit of man was put in man for him to be able to receive and contain God. It is with and in our spirit that we have fellowship with God. Man was also created in a specific way. Man was created by God out of the dust of

the ground. He was created according to God's image and likeness. This means that man has the same image and likeness as God Himself. Man looks just like God. This is absolutely according to God's original intent and heart's desire, that He would have man to contain and express Him for His satisfaction and rest. This is the purpose for God's creation of man.

Thus we have seen that God is the creator. He created the heavens for the earth and the earth for man. God created man in order to have man as His counterpart and His expression.

---Questions for Discussion ---

1. Why did God create the heavens and the earth?
2. What did God create first?
3. In what way was the heavens created for the earth, what does the earth receive from the heavens?
4. In what way was the earth created specially for man, what does man receive from the earth?
5. Explain how man was created?
6. What does it mean that man was created in God's image and likeness?
7. What is God's purpose in creating man?



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