

GENESIS 1:1 - 2:25

God creates a place suitable for life, where humans, made in His image, can live under His rule & blessing.



GOD: He makes things good.

HUMANS: We are made in His image & made to live with Him.

"The doctrine of creation is not the story of an event that took place, 'once upon a time.' It is the basic description of the relation between God and the world ." - Paul Tillich

EX NIHILO= OUT OF NOTHING (Heb. 11:3)

MY NOTES:

World stories of creation: The world created out of **CHAOS**.

Biblical story of creation: The world created for **GOD'S GLORY**.

"There can be only one Creator and that all else that is or can be, can never be anything but a **CREATURE." - Claus Westermann*

Psalm 89:11 – Psalm 90:2 – Psalm 102:25 – Isaiah 45:18

Creation tells the story of **RELATIONSHIP**.

The relationship that God has with HIMSELF.

The Father – 1 Corinthians 8:6

The Son – John 1:3/Colossians 1:15–17

The Spirit – Genesis 1:2/Psalm 104:30/Isaiah 40:12–13

*All things are at once **OUT** of the Father, **THROUGH** the Son, and **IN** the Holy Spirit.

The relationship that God has with PEOPLE .

Genesis 1:27 – *"So God created human beings in his own image. In the image of God he created them; male and female he created them."*

When God speaks... His creation **RESPONDS**.

Psalm 33:6–9/Psalm 100:3–4

"They were lovely because they were loved by God." – Sally Lloyd Jones