

## Lesson 9: Science and the Bible

The Bible does not teach that the earth is flat. When describing events in his visions, John uses figurative language of the “four corners of the earth” to convey the worldwide impact of what is taking place (Revelation 7:1; 20:7-8).

God is greater than and more powerful than His creation. He designed and maintains the world (Job 26:7–10; Isaiah 40:21-22).

The Genesis creation story is very different from other creation stories of ancient civilizations. They have different motives, methods, and circumstance.

- The gods needed help vs. God creates a home and purpose for humanity, taking care of them. God was intimately involved in Adam and Eve’s creation. He took care of them and not them of Him (Genesis 2:7-24).
- The gods killed a god to mix materials with to make humans vs. God spoke materials into existence and then formed humans with His hands and breathed life into humanity.
- The story of violence, suffering, and bloodshed vs. joyful anticipation and perfection.

The sun and moon are given their usual names. Instead, God created the greater and lesser light for a purpose (Genesis 1:14-19). These luminaries were not to be worshiped (Deuteronomy 4:19) as many pagan religions did.

The genealogies in Genesis 5 and 11 create an interlinking chain of eyewitness from Adam to Abraham. Witness who could testify to God’s interaction and care of Creation and humanity.

The New Testament affirms the accuracy and reliability of Genesis 1-11.

- God made humanity male and female in God’s image (Genesis 1:27; James 3:9). When two marry they become one flesh (Genesis 1:27; 2:24; Matthew 19:4-5; Mark 10:6-9)
- References the story of Abel’s death (Genesis 4:1-11; Luke 11:50-51; Jude 11)
- Creation of the World (Genesis 1-2; John 1:1-3)
- God made the heavens, earth, sea and all in them (Genesis 1:1; Acts 14:15)
- Since the creation of the world the attributes of God seen (Genesis 1; Romans 1:20)
- God commanded light to shine out of darkness (Genesis 1:3; 2 Corinthians 4:6)
- God created all things (Genesis 1-2; Ephesians 3:9)
- Noah and his family saved through water (Genesis 6-9; 1 Peter 3:20)
- Tree of life in the Garden (Genesis 2:9; 3:22-24; Revelation 2:7; 3:14; 22:2-3)

### *Discussion Questions:*

1. Modern science does not allow supernatural means to explain natural events. The bible reveals a bigger reality than we can comprehend with our senses.
  - What do we do when science and the bible appear to disagree?
2. Why is it important for us as Christians to understand that we were created in a perfect, sinless state at a time when death did not exist?
3. Why is choice, as described in Genesis 3, important?
4. How was the wrong choice of one man, Adam, made right in the choice of the Son of man, Jesus Christ?