

“God said it and “BANG” it Happened!”
The Story—Part 1
Genesis 1-8

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

1. The Bible opens with the “Big Bang” of creation.

The opening verse introduces The Story’s main character: God. Creation is not an impersonal accident, but the creative purpose of a personal God!

Creation is presented poetically and artistically.

- A. Days 1, 2, and 3 are the places God created.
- B. Days 4, 5, and 6 God fills those places with things.
- C. Day seven God set a priority by example for man.

Creation concludes with God’s core passion: human beings.

**“The purpose of the creation was to extend
the love relationship of the trinity.”**
Patrick Morley—*Man in the Mirror Ministry*

2. The Bible continues with the “Big Bang” of rebellion.

Adam and Eve were created with the freedom and power to choose. God does not force love.

God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground."

Genesis 1:28

The Bible introduces the story of “two trees.”

And the Lord God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it you will surely die."

Genesis 2:16-17

Adam and Eve rebel against God’s command.

When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some

to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves. *Genesis 3:6-7*

3. The Bible presents the “Big Bang” of sin permeating the human race.

The Lord saw how great man's wickedness on the earth had become, and that every inclination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil all the time.
Genesis 6:5

4. The Bible presents the “Big Bang” of God’s judgment against man’s rebellion.

Now the earth was corrupt in God's sight and was full of violence. God saw how corrupt the earth had become, for all the people on earth had corrupted their ways. So God said to Noah, "I am going to put an end to all people, for the earth is filled with violence because of them. I am surely going to destroy both them and the earth. So make yourself an ark of cypress wood... *Genesis 6:11-14*

Clues to God’s redeeming love: For God to restore the vision that human beings are His supreme passion will require the shedding of blood.

Man recognizes his nakedness. (Genesis 3:6)

Man seeks to cover himself. (Genesis 3:10)

God promises to defeat Satan (Genesis 3:15)

God sheds the first blood as a sacrifice for sin (Genesis 3:21)

Application: From the creation we discover the value of all human beings. God created people to be with them. The sin of rebellion separated people from God. At great cost to God, God has done everything possible to get you back. You are valuable to God.

Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the Lord God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man, "Where are you?" *Genesis 3:8-9*

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