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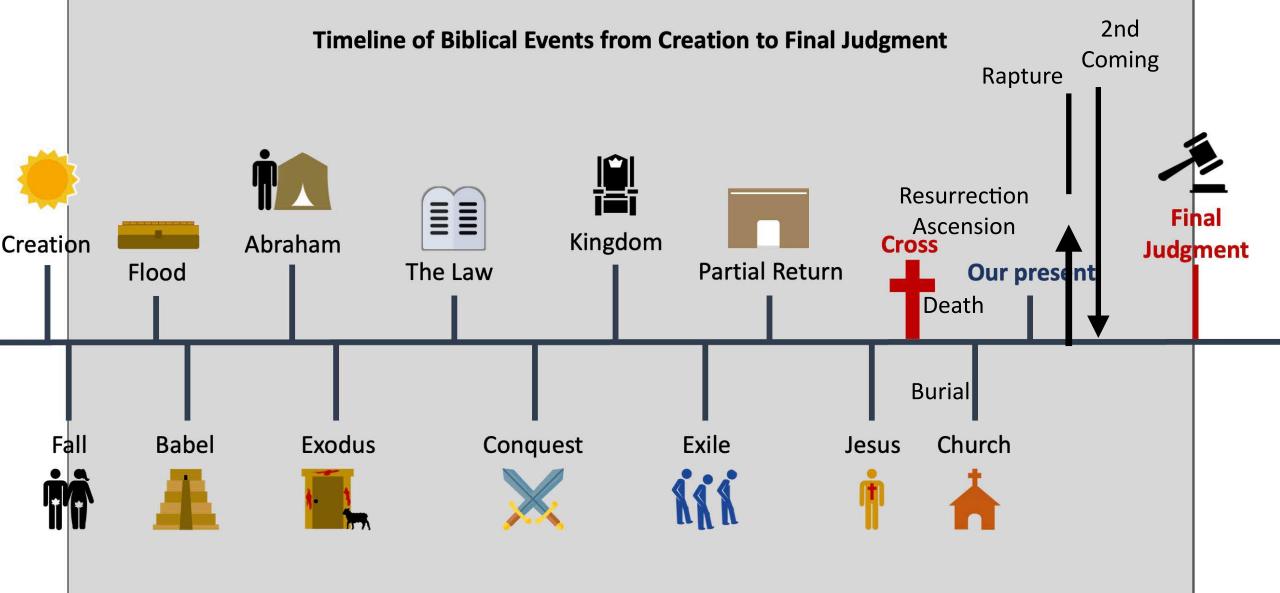
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INTERLOCKED Lesson 1 Part 2 The Creator God Divine Institutions

Lesson 1: Origin of the Divine Institutions



Old Testament



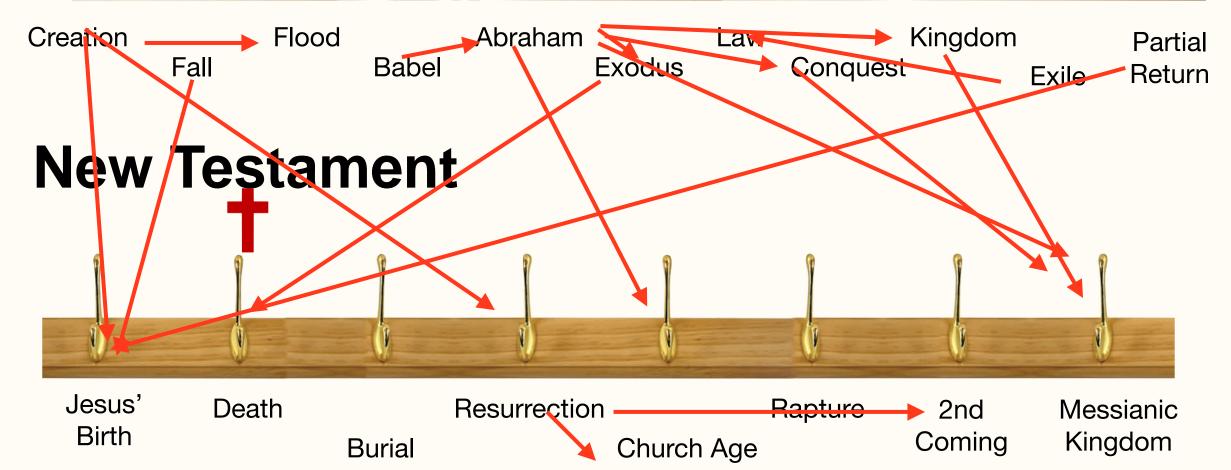
Creation		Flood		Abraham	Law	Kingdo	m	Partial
	Fall		Babel	Exodus		Conquest	Exile	Return

New Testament



Old Testament





- 1. The focus of this lesson, broken into two sessions, is on God's Creation, but especially in relation to the human race, i.e., in the social structures which God created.
- 2. The first lesson will focus on the Creation and the Creator.
 - Out of nothing
 - Six-day pattern
 - Creator-creature distinction
 - The unique design of man
- 3. The second lesson will focus on the social structures God created.

Old Testament





New Testament



Thinking About Teaching

INTERLOCKED

Introduction: Timeline Review Out of Nothing Rev 4:11; Psa 33:6-9; Jer 32:17; Psa 139:7-12

Six-Day Pattern (Chart) p 3

Creator-Creature Distinction

Two levels, chart Psa 50:12-13; Acts 17:24-25; Isa 46:9

The Unique Design of Mankind

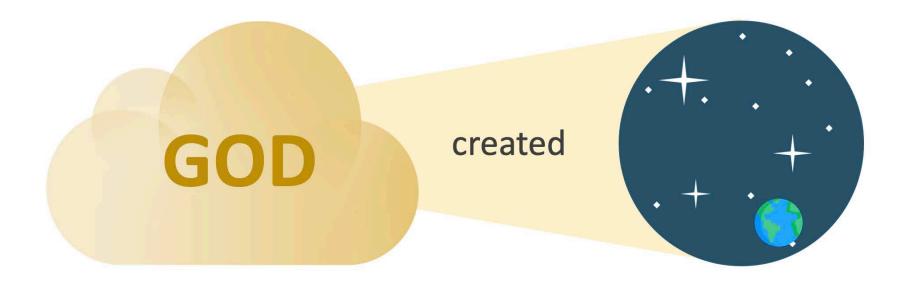
What we learn of God's essence, image of God chart Gen 1:26-27 God's essence All-loving All-knowing All-powerful Chart on Perfect R (+R) vs Conscience Chart on Creator-creature Distinction with attributes

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Introduction: Review Timeline
1. Out of Nothing: Illus creating a cake <i>ex</i>
nihilo
2. Six-Day Pattern (Chart): Read through
the first several days in Gen. 1
3. Difference Between the Creator and the
Creature
Introduce first level, God the Infinite, personal
Creator
Second level created man, and natural
creation
4. Man is Extra-Special to God. Gen 1:26-27;
What we learn of God's essence, image of God
chart
Gen 1:26-27
All loving
all-knowing, mankind can learn and know but
in a finite way
All powerful
Righteous



1. Out of Nothing, ex nihilo



<u>Rev. 4:11,</u> "... For You created all things, and <u>by Your will</u> they exist and were created."

Psa. 33:6, "By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, and <u>all</u> the host of them by the breath of His mouth."

Psa. 33:9, "For <u>He spoke, and it was done</u>; He commanded, and it stood fast."

<u>Jer. 32:17,</u> "Ah, Lord GOD! Behold, You have made the heavens and the earth <u>by Your great power</u> and <u>outstretched arm</u>. There is nothing too hard for You."

Psa. 139:7, "I can never escape from your Spirit! I can never get away from your presence!

Psa. 139:8, "If I go up to heaven, you are there; if I go down to the grave, you are there.

Psa. 139:9, "If I ride the wings of the morning, if I dwell by the farthest oceans,

Psa. 139:10, "even there your <u>hand</u> will guide me, and your <u>strength</u> will support me.

Psa. 139:11, "I could ask the darkness to hide me and the light around me to become night—

Psa. 139:12, "but even in darkness I cannot hide from you. To you the night shines as bright as day. Darkness and light are the same to you."

ESSENCE OF GOD

Sovereign/Creator

Omnipresent

Omnipotent

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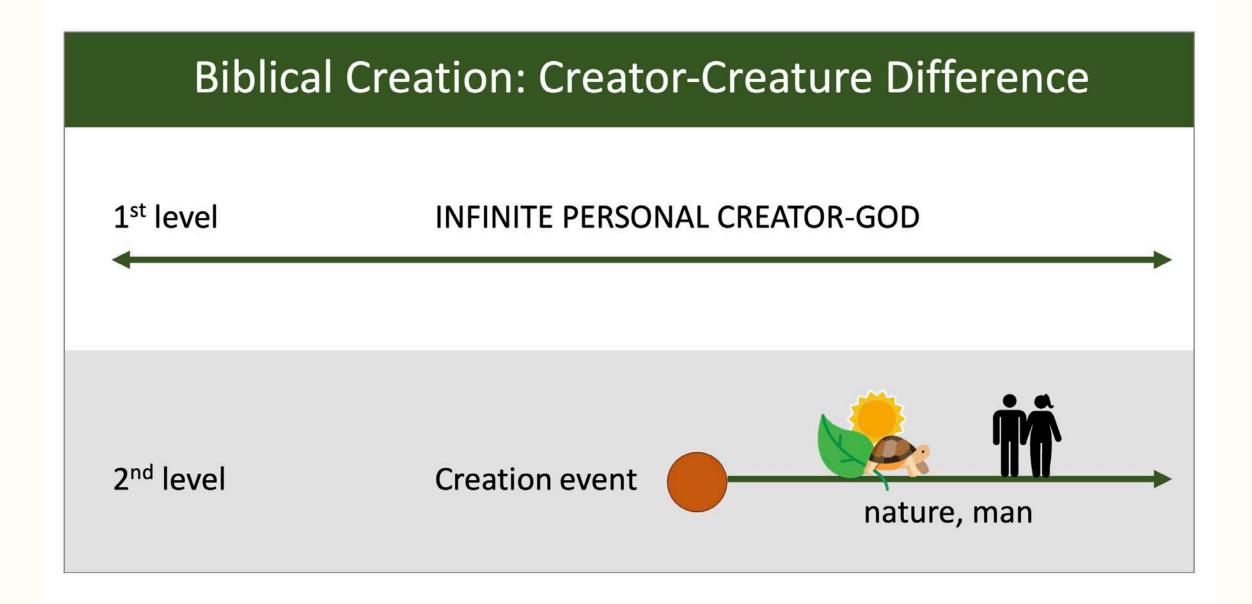
So what was it that God used to create everything?

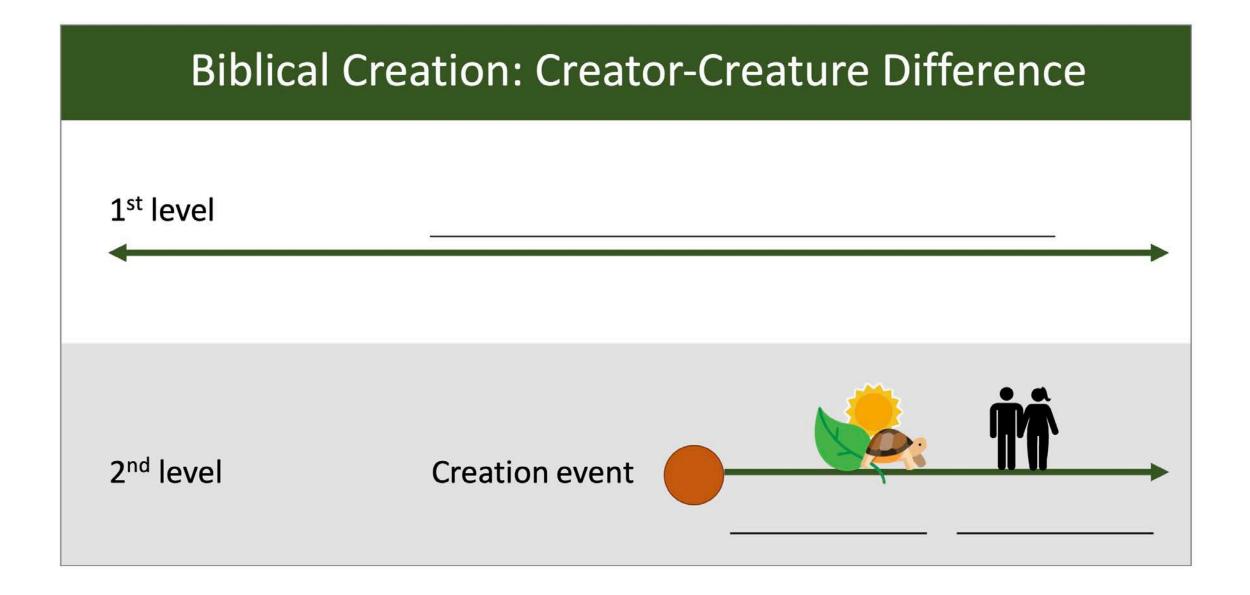
Six-Day Pattern

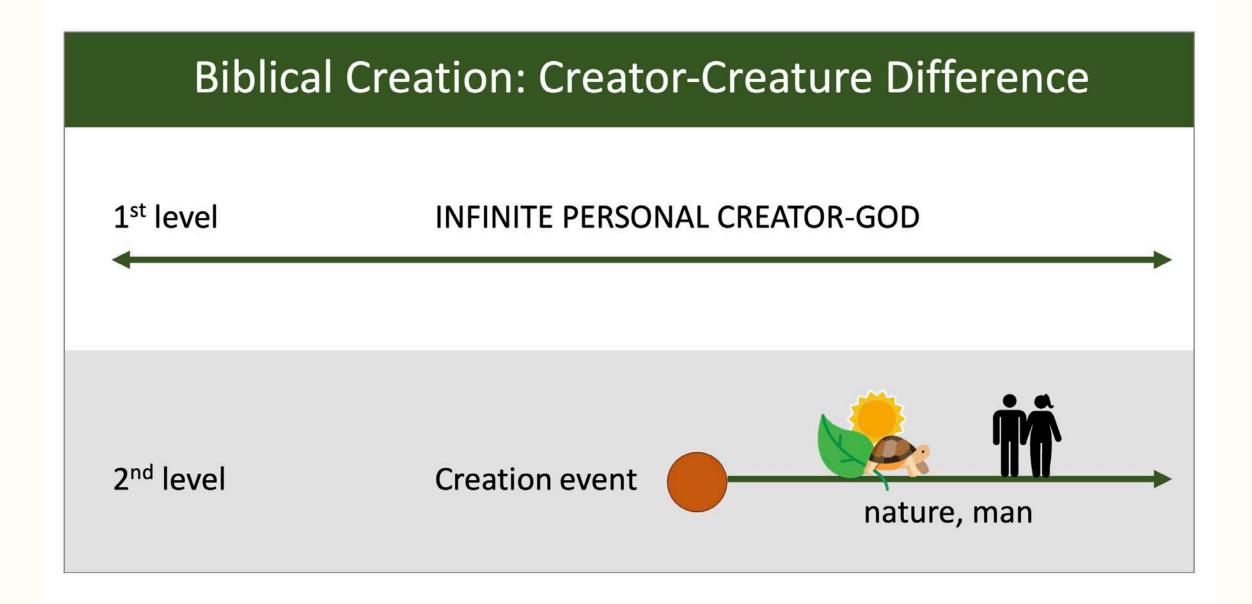
First 3 Days: Dom	nains	Second 3 days: Occupants			
	Domain of light and darkness	 Sun for day Moon and stars for night 			
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(N)	Domain of land Grass, herbs, plants, trees	 Animals for land Man to rule fish, birds, animals 			

2. God is a God of Order and Purpose

- 3. Creator-Creature Distinction
 - 1. At the first level, there is God, who is an infinite, personal Creator.
 - 2. At the second level, there is created man and nature.







Isa. 44:24, "This is what the LORD says—your Redeemer and Creator: 'I am the LORD, who made all things. I alone stretched out the heavens. Who was with me when I made the earth?' " Acts 17:24, "He is the God who made the world and everything in it. Since he is Lord of heaven and earth, he doesn't live in man-made temples,

Acts 17:25, "and human hands can't serve his needs—for he has no needs. He himself gives life and breath to everything, and he satisfies every need." Isa. 46:9, "Remember the things I have done in the past. For I alone am God! I am God, and <u>there is none like Me</u>."

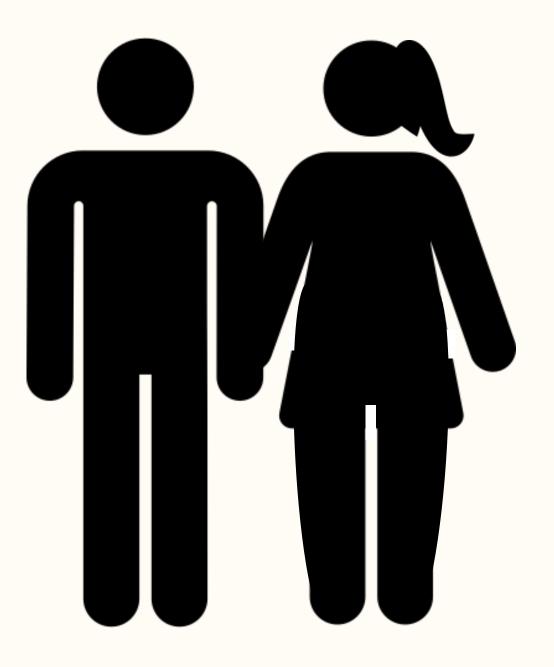
"One of a kind" means unique, or distinct. Another word for this is HOLY.

What Have We Learned

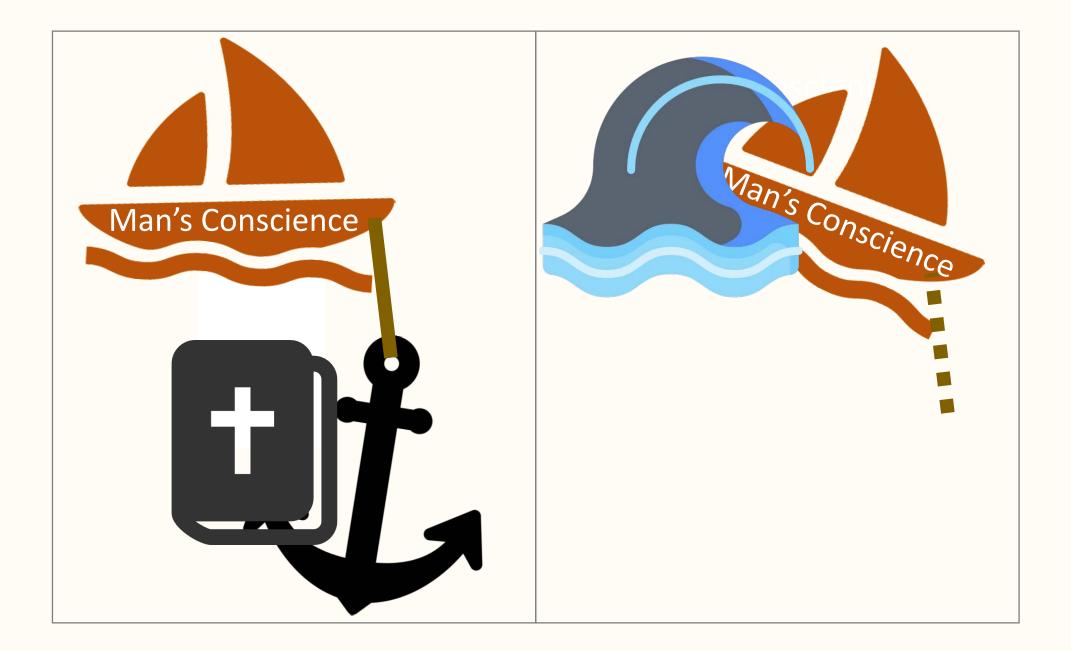
- 1. So far we have learned that God is the Creator of everything, nothing was made apart from God creating it.
- 2. We learned that God is different from His creation. He did not make it out of His own body, or out of something else.
- 3. We learned that to do that, God must be all-powerful.
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<u>Gen. 1:26,</u> "Then God said, 'Let us make human beings <u>in</u> <u>our image, to be like us</u>. They will reign over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, the livestock, all the wild animals on the earth, and the small animals that scurry along the ground.' " <u>Gen. 1:27</u>, "So God created human beings in his own image. <u>In the image of God</u> <u>he created them; male and</u> <u>female he created them</u>."



Creator-Creature Distinction						
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2 nd level creature (man)	finite	limited in love	incomplete, imperfect knowledge and understanding	limited in ability	conscience must be tied to the Creator-God	





Psa. 119:160, "The very essence of your words is truth; all your just regulations will stand forever."

Num. 23:19, "God is not a man, so he does not lie. He is not human, so he does not change his mind. Has he ever spoken and failed to act? Has he ever promised and not carried it through?"

GOD Personal-Infinite

FINITE UNIVERSE

Man Animals Vegetation Matter/Energy

INFINITE-IMPERSONAL Universe

God Man nature

Chain of Being Emanating from "god"

"god" angelic or spirit beings human beings animals vegetation rocks, dirt, water

astronomical & geophysical environment (incl. climate)

Being or raw existence itself

ESSENCE OF GOD HOLY INFINITE ator Omniscient:

Sovereign/Creator

Righteous: perfect in every way

Just

Love: all-loving

Eternal Life

all knowing Omnipresent: present everywhere

Omnipotent: all powerful

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What have we learned:

- 1. God is the Creator: He owns everything because He made everything.
- 2. We are made like God, but a smaller and more limited reflection of God.
- 3. We have seen God's attributes: all-loving, all-powerful, present everywhere; perfectly righteous (+R).
- 4. All of God's attributes are without boundaries. He is infinite in every way.
- 5. There is nothing like God.

The Divine Institutions