

GENESIS

OUTLINE

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A. God's desire and purpose—1:1—2:3

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3. God's restoration and further creation—1:2b—2:3
 - a. The Spirit, the word, and the light coming, the first day—1:2b-5
 - b. The waters under the expanse separated from the waters above the expanse, the second day—1:6-8
 - c. The earth separated from the seas and the plant life generated, the third day—1:9-13
 - d. The light-bearers appearing, the fourth day—1:14-19
 - e. The living creatures in the water and in the air generated, the fifth day—1:20-23
 - f. The living creatures on the earth generated, the sixth day—1:24-31
 - (1) The animals of the earth—vv. 24-25
 - (2) Man—vv. 26-28
 - (a) The conference of the Godhead—v. 26
 - (b) Created by God male and female—v. 27
 - (c) Blessed by God to be fruitful—v. 28
 - (3) Man and all other living creatures satisfied by God's provision—vv. 29-30
 - (4) Everything being very good to God—v. 31
 - g. God resting in satisfaction, the seventh day—2:1-3

B. God's procedures to fulfill His purpose—2:4-25

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 - b. Putting man in the garden with its river—vv. 10-15
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 - a. Man, typifying God, needing to have a complement—vv. 18-20
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