

IN THE BEGINNING
GAINING A CORRECT VIEW OF GOD AND HIS CREATION
Genesis 1:1

- I. CONTEXT FOR GENESIS:** See back side of outline
- II. A LOOK AT THE TEXT:** “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.” (1:1) בְּרֵאשִׁית בָּרָא אֱלֹהִים אֶת הַשָּׁמַיִם וְאֶת הָאָרֶץ:
- A. Who is it that created the heavens and the earth? The subject is “God”
 - B. When were the heavens and the earth created? “In the beginning”
(Note: this affirms He preexisted and is self-sufficient)
 - C. What was created specifically? “The heavens and the earth”
 - D. How was it created? Bara ‘out of nothing’
- III. WHAT CAN WE LEARN ABOUT GOD FROM HIS CREATION? (Misc. Passages)**
- A. Creation reveals His glory
 - B. Creation reveals His greatness, which points to His wisdom and powerful Word
 - C. Creation is a demonstration of His goodness
- IV. HOW ARE WE TO RESPOND?**

CONTEXT FOR GENESIS

(Outline on reverse side)

I. INITIAL CONTEXT FOR GENESIS:

A. The name Genesis

B. Who wrote Genesis?

C. When was Genesis written?

D. Why was Genesis written?

E. The Structure of Genesis

II. WHY SHOULD WE STUDY GENESIS?