

**“You’re Going from ‘TOHU and BOHU’ to ‘Very Good’”**  
**Bible Stories, Pt. 1: Genesis 1:1-2:3**

**I. Genesis 1:1-2:3 tells the true story of Creation.**

- A. It is the story of a *God* who creates.
  - 1. This conflicts with our culture’s story of a time and chance universe.
  - 2. This sets the foundation for a true, authoritative morality.
- B. It is the story of a *Triune* God who creates.
  - 1. This conflicts with other religious beliefs of a solitary creator.
  - 2. God’s relational essence provides the foundation for a morality that is not just authoritative, but lovely.
- C. It is the story of the *centrality* of Earth and the *supremacy* of Humanity.
  - 1. Earth is made first. Everything else in the universe is made for it.
  - 2. Humanity, as God’s royal image bearers, is the pinnacle of creation.

**II. Genesis 1:1-2:3 tells the true story of Redemption.**

*Deuteronomy 32:10–11* - <sup>10</sup> “He found him [Israel] in a desert land, And in the howling **waste** [Gen. 1:2] of a wilderness; He encircled him, He cared for him, He guarded him as the pupil of His eye. <sup>11</sup> “Like an eagle that stirs up its nest, That **hovers** [Gen. 1:2] over its young, He spread His wings and caught them, He carried them on His pinions.

- A. God’s work of forming and perfecting creation prefigured God’s redemption of Israel from slavery.
- B. God’s work of forming and perfecting creation prefigured our redemption from sin through Christ.

*1 Corinthians 15:49* - Just as we have borne the image of the earthy [Adam], we will also bear the image of the heavenly [Christ].

*Romans 8:29a* - For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son