



# GENESIS 1-3 & THE ROOTS OF THEOLOGY

DIGGING DEEPER, BUILDING STRONGER.

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# I THEOLOGY BEGINS WITH GOD

- Theology is ‘the study of God’ and for Christians it is *dynamic* and *personal*. We can know God, because He makes Himself known (Mt 11:27, Jn 14:7-9)!
- Revelation is a *divine initiative*, not a human investigation; it always begins with God. We should seek Him (Isa 55:6, Jer 29:13-14), but He *will be found* because he has chosen *to reveal Himself to us*...
- Our theology *starts with* God; we must derive our positions *from above* (what God reveals and declares) not below (what culture or circumstance dictate). A different starting-point will always yield different conclusions.
- Revelation begins in **Genesis**, and especially *in the Garden (chs 1-3)*, where we find source *texts* (foundations, ‘first mentions’) of every major theme...

IN THE  
BEGINNING  
GOD CREATED  
THE HEAVENS  
AND THE  
EARTH...

GENESIS 1:1



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“[GENESIS] IS THE STATELY PORTAL TO THE SUPERB STRUCTURE OF THE HOLY SCRIPTURE. THE OPENING SENTENCE IS A GRAND SPECIMEN OF BEAUTY AND TRUTH, HERE COMPACTED INTO THE BRIEDEST COMPASS. IT EXCLUDES ATHEISM, PANTHEISM, POLYTHEISM, MATERIALISM; DENIES THE ETERNITY OF MATTER, AND TEACHES THE ETERNITY, SELF-EXISTENCE, INDEPENDENCE, OMNIPOTENCE, AND WISDOM OF THE CREATOR”

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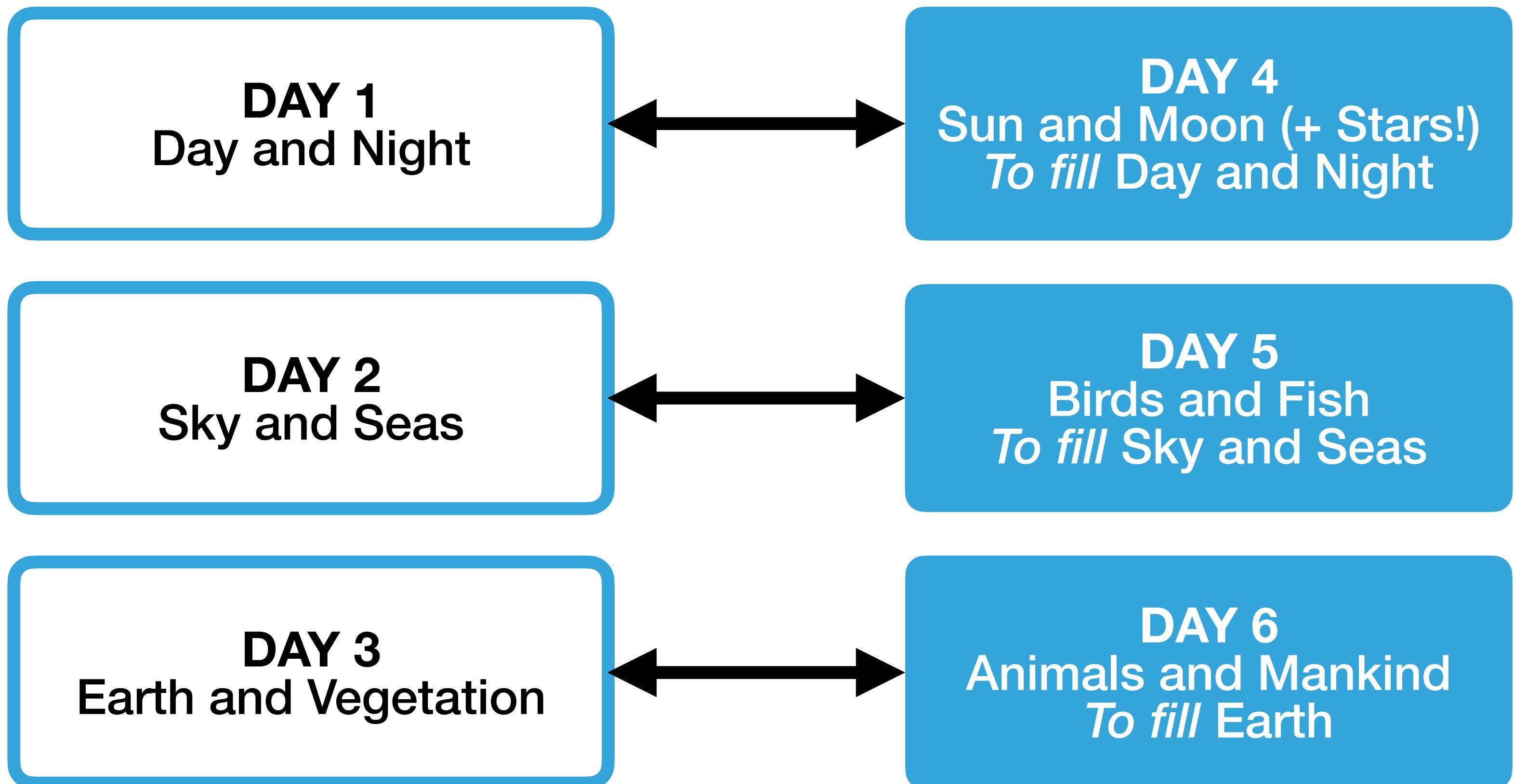
‘KEYS TO THE WORD: THE BIBLE BOOK BY BOOK’, P18.



AT Pierson (1837-1911) was an American pastor-teacher with a transatlantic ministry. He wrote numerous books and succeeded Spurgeon as pastor of the Metropolitan Tabernacle in London 1891-1893.

# SIX DAYS...

GOD IS THE CREATOR  
OF THE HEAVENS.  
HE FORMED THE  
EARTH AND MADE IT;  
HE ESTABLISHED IT;  
HE DID NOT CREATE IT  
TO BE EMPTY, BUT  
FORMED IT TO BE  
INHABITED.



ISAIAH 45:18

FORMED

FILLED

# ORDER, BEAUTY, GROWTH!

- Creation through God's spoken word (cf. Pr 18:21)
- Creation "according to kind" - not evolution
- Only mankind in the image of God; the 'image-bearer'.
- Order and beauty expressed through distinction and separation (day/night, heaven/earth, land/sea, man/woman...)
- Everything created is reproductive; designed to grow!
- The cosmos is complete (Ge 2:1, Heb 4:3-4) - everything we see now and all that is yet to be seen *was in seed-form then!*
- ...And it was all "good"

“HE STRETCHES THE NORTHERN SKIES OVER  
EMPTY SPACE; HE HANGS THE EARTH ON  
NOTHING. HE WRAPS UP THE WATERS IN  
HIS CLOUDS, YET THE CLOUDS DO NOT  
BURST BENEATH THEIR WEIGHT. HE  
OBSCURES THE VIEW OF HIS THRONE,  
SPREADING HIS CLOUD OVER IT. HE LAID OUT  
THE HORIZON ON THE SURFACE OF THE  
WATERS AT THE BOUNDARY BETWEEN LIGHT  
AND DARKNESS....BY HIS BREATH THE  
HEAVENS GAINED THEIR BEAUTY;  
HIS HAND PIERCED THE FLEEING SERPENT.  
THESE ARE BUT THE FRINGES OF HIS WAY...

JOB 26:7-14



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WHAT DOES THE CREATION  
ACCOUNT TELL US ABOUT  
GOD?

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