

THE SEVENTH DAY: CREATION OF A DAY FOR REST AND WORSHIP GENESIS 02:01–03

Introduction

Remember what the earth looked like when God first hung it in space. It was unshaped and unformed, undeveloped and unfinished. God's great plan of creation was to create the world in stages. There were to be seven great days of creation. Hanging there in space, the whole earth was covered with an ocean of water. Turbulent waves — surging, raging waters — covered primeval earth. There was also a heavy mist hanging over the whole earth: a ring of dense fog and thick clouds rising several thousand feet up encircled the earth. The sun — all light — was blocked off from reaching the earth. The earth was engulfed in a blanket of pitch black darkness.

But God had a great plan to remedy the situation, a plan that was going to create the earth in stages, in what is known as *The Seven Days of Creation*. We have already looked at the first six days.

=> On the first day: God created light (Gen 1:3-5).

=> On the second day: God created the firmament (the atmosphere and air space above earth) (Gen 1:6-8).

=> On the third day: God created the waters, dry land and vegetation (Gen 1:9-13).

=> On the fourth day: God distributed light upon the earth to regulate day and night and the seasons and years (Gen 1:14-19).

=> On the fifth day: God created water and air creatures (Gen 1:20-23).

=> On the sixth day, during the first half of the day: God created land animals (Gen 1:24-25).

=> On the sixth day, during the second half of the day: God created man, male and female (Gen 1:26-31).

Now, for a crucial question: why would God choose to create the world in stages, in seven days, instead of just creating everything all at once? The seventh day of creation tells us.

=> God intended man to measure time by days and weeks. And He intended man to take one day a week, the seventh day, for rest and worship.

Therefore God launched time, He began time, right along with His creative acts. All earthly activity was to be measured by days and weeks, and man was to take one of the seven days, the seventh day, to rest and worship. This is the reason God did not create the world in one moment of time; this is one of the reasons why God created the earth in stages, in seven days.

Now we come to the final day of creation: *The Seventh Day: Creation of a Day for Rest or Worship*.
