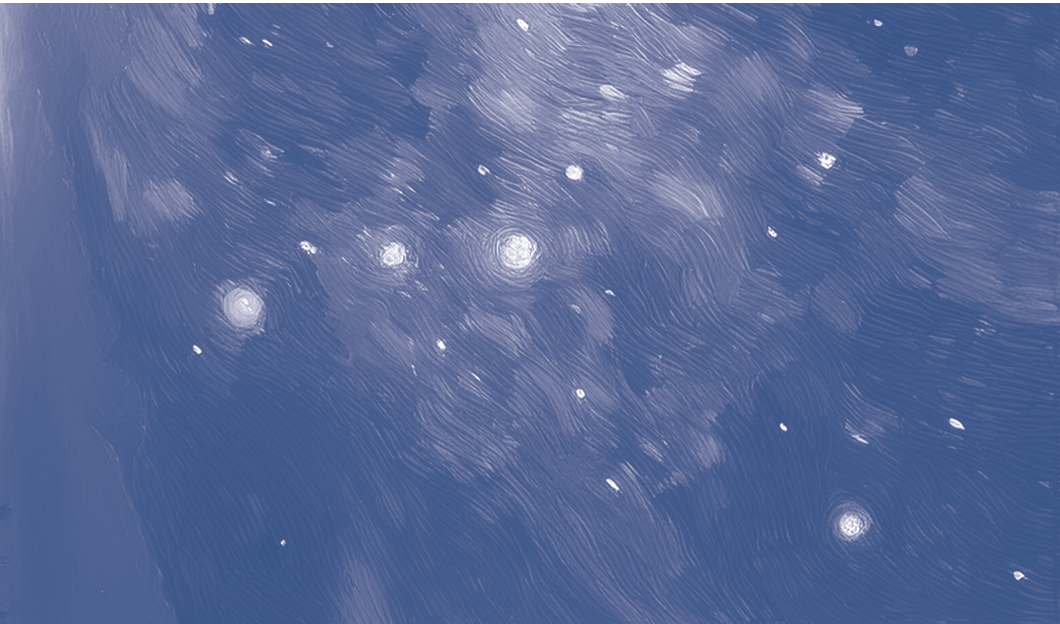


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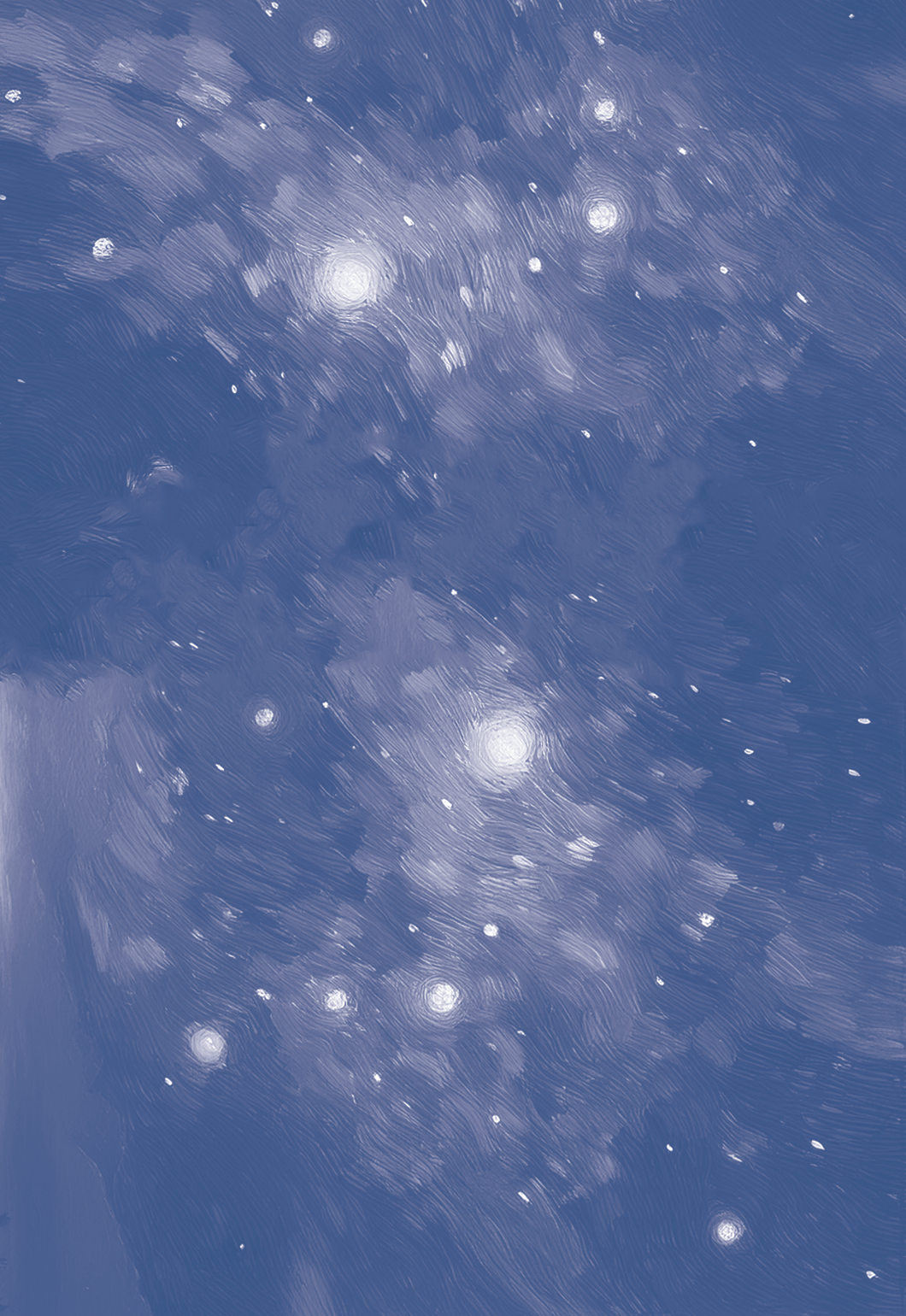
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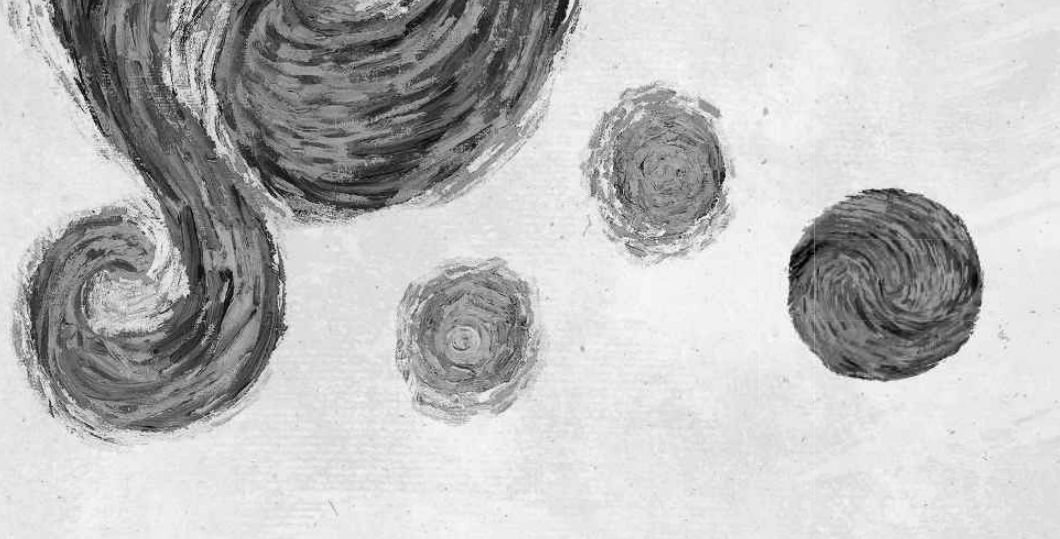
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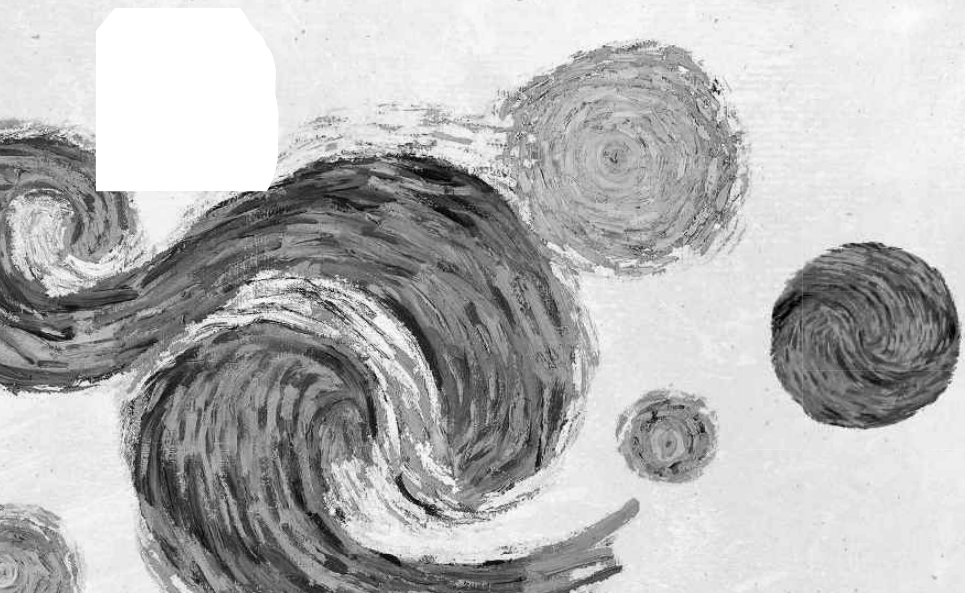


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Welcome to *Genesis: An All-in-One Study on Beginnings*, a collection of thirty select passages from the book of Genesis as well as guidance and encouragement for digging into them yourself.

Genesis holds a special place as the first of the Bible's sixty-six books. It provides the God-inspired record of beginnings—the beginning of space and time at creation, the beginning of humanity, the beginning of sin, the beginning of God's plan of salvation, and the beginning of God's chosen people Israel, through whom Jesus Christ would be born. The book of Genesis lays a solid groundwork for understanding our place in this world and how we can know the holy God who created and keeps all things.

Each study in this guide includes an introduction of the particular passage of Genesis on the first page, followed by the full text of the passage on the next. The third through the fifth pages of each study highlight the three steps of what is called the “inductive method” of Bible study: observation, interpretation, and application. Here's how it works:

- *Observation* answers the question, “What does it say?” In other words, what is the actual content of the text?
- *Interpretation* answers the question, “What does it mean?” In this step, you'll consider the author's original intent and meaning.
- Finally, *application* answers the questions, “What does it mean to you—and how can you apply it to your life?”

Each study in this guide ends with a select verse (or verses) from the Genesis passage you've just studied, as well as related scriptures for memorization and meditation.

Our prayer is that *Genesis: An All-in-One Study on Beginnings* will help you to better understand God's Word, and to apply its timeless truth to your own life of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

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# Study 1

## GENESIS 1:1–5

In Greek, the word *genesis* means “beginning” or “origin.” The book tells how creation brought our world into being: time, space, and the earth.

The first two chapters of Genesis remind us that our universe exists because God made it. He is in control of matter and time. Genesis was written to teach the new nation of Israel that their God created everything. It is a declaration of truth more than a scientific explanation.

In Genesis, God is called *Elohim*, a plural Hebrew noun that hints at His mysterious triune nature, even as He is one God.

### GENESIS 1:1–5 OUTLINE

- (VERSE 1) A grand summary of creation
- (VERSE 2) The chaotic earth awaits divine order
- (VERSE 3) God speaks and light appears
- (VERSE 4) God approves of the light and separates light from darkness
- (VERSE 5) God names Day and Night, identifying a time frame—the very first day of creation history

## THE STORY OF ORIGINAL CREATION

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. <sup>2</sup>And the earth was without form and void. And darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved on the face of the waters. <sup>3</sup>And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. <sup>4</sup>And God saw the light, that it was good, and God divided the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup>And God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.

# Observe

What does this passage reveal about the earth immediately after its creation?

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What did God do on the first day? How did the earth change?

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Besides God's speaking into creation, how was He working?

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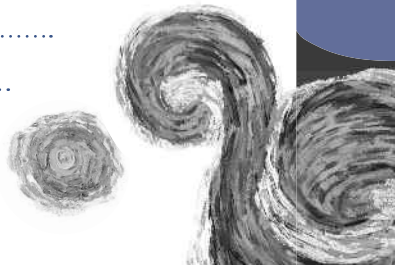
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# Interpret

What does the phrase “In the beginning” indicate about God?

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Why did God separate light from darkness?

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Why is it important that “God saw the light, that it was good”?

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# Apply

How should knowing that God created our world affect the way we see it today?

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What does God’s ordering of a world “without form and void” indicate He can do in my chaotic life?

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Knowing that God saw the goodness of the light He created, how can I focus more on what is good in my life?

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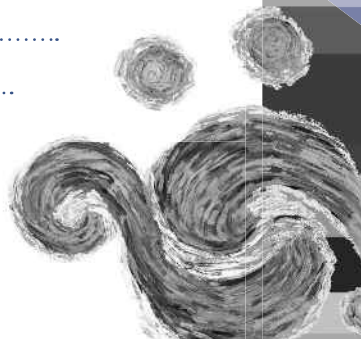
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## GENESIS 1:1-5 SCRIPTURE FOR MEMORIZATION/MEDITATION

In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

VERSE 1

### VERSES FOR FURTHER MEMORIZATION/MEDITATION

- By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, and all the host of them by the breath of His mouth (Psalm 33:6).
- The day is Yours; the night also is Yours. You have prepared the light and the sun (Psalm 74:16).
- You send forth Your Spirit, they are created, and You renew the face of the earth (Psalm 104:30).
- In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made (John 1:1-3).
- For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ (2 Corinthians 4:6).
- For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether they are thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created by Him and for Him (Colossians 1:16).