Genesis 1

Summary

- **Verse 1 –**
  “In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.”

From the very first words, the Bible declares that God alone is the Creator. The one true God—whose name is later revealed as Jesus—brought all things into existence.

- **Verses 2–5 – The First Day**

The earth was without form, empty, and dark. The Spirit of God moved upon the waters. God said, “Let there be light,” and light appeared. God divided the light from the darkness, calling the light Day and the darkness Night. This marked the first day.

- **Verses 6–8 – The Second Day**

God created the firmament (sky, atmosphere) to divide the waters above from the waters beneath. He called the firmament Heaven.

- **Verses 9–13 – The Third Day**

God gathered the waters under heaven into one place, allowing dry land to appear. He called the dry land Earth and the waters Seas. He commanded the earth to bring forth grass, herbs, and fruit trees, each producing seed after its own kind.

- **Verses 14–19 – The Fourth Day**

God made lights in the firmament to separate day from night, to mark seasons, days, and years. He created the greater light (the sun) to rule the day, the lesser light (the moon) to rule the night, and the stars also.

- **Verses 20–23 – The Fifth Day**

God created sea creatures and birds. He blessed them to be fruitful and multiply, filling the waters and the skies.

- **Verses 24–31 – The Sixth Day**

God created land animals—cattle, creeping things, and beasts of the earth—each after its kind.

Then, as the crowning act of creation, He made man *in His own image* and likeness. Male and female created He them. God gave mankind dominion over all the earth, the fish, the fowl, and every living thing. He provided every herb and fruit for food.

God saw everything that He had made, and it was very good.

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Key Apostolic Reflections

- The Creator is one God, not many. The light, heavens, earth, and mankind all came from Him.

- John 1:1 connects back: “In the beginning was the Word… and the Word was God.” That Word was made flesh in Jesus Christ.

- The Spirit moving in verse 2 and the Word spoken (“Let there be…”) both testify that creation was the work of God Himself, who later revealed Himself in flesh.

- Humanity is made in God’s image and called to walk in holiness, having dominion under His authority.

- God’s creation order shows He is not the author of confusion but of divine structure and purpose.