



# THE GARDEN OF EDEN

## part 1: "It All Began With Water"

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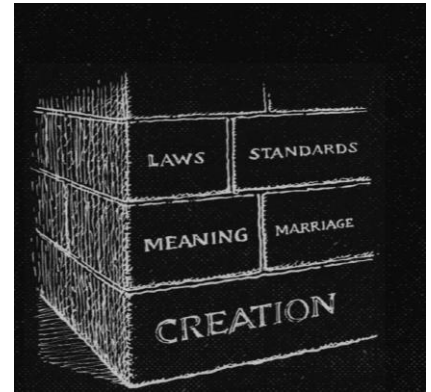
**Genesis 1:1** (NIV84) "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth."

Why is \_\_\_\_\_ in the Creation Account so important?

1. It's the \_\_\_\_\_ of our faith.

2. It will \_\_\_\_\_ our faith!

**Hebrews 11:3a** (NIV84) "By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command..."



### How big is God?

**Psalms 19:1-4** (NLT) The heavens tell of the glory of God. The skies display his marvelous craftsmanship. Day after day they continue to speak; night after night they make him known. They speak without a sound or a word; their voice is silent in the skies; yet their message has gone out to all the earth, and their words to all the world."

**Psalms 33:6-9** (NLT) The Lord merely spoke, and the heavens were created. He breathed the word, and all the stars were born. ... Let everyone in the world fear the Lord, and let everyone stand in awe of him. For when he spoke, the world began! It appeared at his command.

1. Did God create a broken \_\_\_\_\_ world and call it "Very good!?" NO!

### Was there a real Garden of Eden?

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1. The Earth was different: People and animals lived \_\_\_\_\_ and grew bigger.



What was the earth like at the beginning?

**I. IT ALL BEGAN WITH \_\_\_\_\_.**

A. The Earth was covered with \_\_\_\_\_.

**Genesis 1:1-2** (NIV84) "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. 2 Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters."

**2 Peter 3:5** (NIV84) "But they deliberately forget that long ago by God's word the heavens existed and the earth was formed out of water and by water."

**Genesis 1:6-8** (NAS) "Then God said, "Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." 7 And God made the expanse, and separated the waters which were below the expanse from the waters which were above the expanse; and it was so. 8 And God called the expanse heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, a second day."

**II. THE \_\_\_\_\_ THEORY.**

A. God \_\_\_\_\_ the waters... above & below.

**Psalms 148:4** (NIV84) "Praise him, you highest heavens and you waters above the skies." NIV  
**Genesis 7:11-12** "In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, on the seventeenth day of the second month--on that day all the springs of the great deep burst forth, and the floodgates of the heavens were opened. 12 And rain fell on the earth forty days and forty nights."

B. It \_\_\_\_\_ have happened.

**Genesis 2:5-6; 7:11; 9:13-14** (NIV84)

**III. A WORLD WIDE \_\_\_\_\_ AFFECT.**

A. Contained \_\_\_\_\_ air pressure & \_\_\_\_\_ oxygen.

1. Atmospheric Pressure doubled from 14.7 psi (present) to 32.0 psi.
2. Oxygen ratio increased 50% from 21% (present at sea level) to 30%