**From God’s Creation to God’s Nation**

**Genesis 1:1 to Exodus 17:16**

**INTRODUCTION TO COURSE** –

Views of Origins

Naturalistic creation – no theistic Creator beyond the world—only a creative Mind within the universe.

Naturalistic evolution –no God involved in creation—things emerged by purely natural processes.

Theistic evolution – God used evolution as His means of producing the various forms of physical life.

Theistic creation – God directly created the universe, living things, and human beings.

Old-earth creationists – unlike theistic evolutionists, they do not accept macroevolution.

The Revelatory-Day View

The Alternate-Day-Age View

The Literary-Framework View

The Gap Theory

Young-earth creationists.

1. GOD’S WORKING SCHEDULE (1:1–2:19)
   1. First day: creation of light (1:3–5): “Then God said, ‘Let there be light.’ ” He then divides the light from the darkness.
   2. Second day: creation of space and water (1:6–8): He separates the atmospheric, upper water from the earthly, lower water.
   3. Third day: creation of plant life (1:9–13): First he separates the water from the land. The earth then brings forth green grass, plants, trees, and vegetation of every kind.
   4. Fourth day: creation of sun, moon, and stars (1:14–19)
   5. Fifth day: creation of fish and fowl (1:20–23)
   6. Sixth day: creation of land animals and people (1:24–31; 2:7–20)
      1. The brute creatures: livestock and all wild beasts (1:24–25)
      2. The blessed creature, who is given two things:
         1. The image of God (1:26–27)
         2. The instructions from God (1:26–31; 2:15–19)
            1. People are to rule over all nature (1:26, 28),
            2. to fill the earth with their own kind (1:28),
            3. to cultivate and care for their beautiful home, the Garden of Eden (2:15),
            4. to eat from any tree except the tree of the knowledge of good and evil (2:16–17),
            5. and to provide names for all the other creatures (2:19–20).
   7. Seventh day: God rests (2:1–6): His creative work is complete and is pronounced good. God blesses and sets apart the seventh day.