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Chapter 1: The Creation

¹In the beginning God^a created^b the heaven^c and the earth.

a - History: The Hebrew *Elohim* is a plural form, but used with singular verbs.

a - Translation: "Created" translates *bara*, a verb uniquely used for divine acts of creation.

b - Context: "Heaven" and "earth" together form a merism—a figure of speech meaning "everything."

b - Science: The idea of a beginning of time aligns with modern cosmological models like the Big Bang.

c - Question: Does this verse imply a creation from nothing (*ex nihilo*) or an ordering of chaos?

c - Note: This verse sets the foundation for the biblical narrative and worldview.

²And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep.

Chapter 2: The Creation

¹In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. test test, here is some text. ²And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. ³And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. ⁴And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep.