

# "IN THE BEGINNING GOD"

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Genesis 1:1 (NIV)

Genesis 1:1 tells the **WHEN, WHO, HOW, and WHAT** of all things.

" <u>In the beginning</u> "	that's the WHEN!
" <u>God</u> "	that's the WHO!
" <u>Created</u> "	that's the HOW!
" <u>The heavens and the earth</u> "	that's the WHAT!

The rest of the Bible is given to WHY!

## 1. The Eternal Presence Of God

“In the beginning”

### A. God Transcends Time

Abraham planted a tamarisk tree in Beersheba, and there he called upon the name of the Lord, the Eternal God. **Genesis 21:33 (NIV)**

“Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.” **Psalm 90:2 (NIV)**

### B. God Transcends Thought

## 2. The Exalted Person Of God

"In the beginning God."

"Ah, Lord God! Behold You have made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and outstretched arm. There is nothing too hard for You."

**Jeremiah 32:17 (NIV)**

Elohim – literally means “Strong Creator”

## 3. The Exclusive Power Of God

"In the beginning God created."

## 4. The Elaborate Purpose Of God

“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.”

### A. For His Enjoyment

"You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being."

**Revelation 4:11 (NIV)**

For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be the glory forever!  
Amen.

**Romans 11:36 (NIV)**

### B. For Our Enjoyment

For this is what the Lord says — he who created the heavens, he is God; he who fashioned and made the earth, he founded it; he did not create it to be empty, but formed it to be inhabited — he says: "I am the Lord, and there is no other."

**Isaiah 45:18 (NIV)**

“but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.”

**1 Timothy 6:17 (NIV)**

### Sermon Notes:

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