

The background of the slide is a reproduction of Michelangelo's famous fresco, "The Creation of Adam," from the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel. It depicts the reclining position of Adam on the left, reaching towards the outstretched hand of God on the right. The two hands are just inches apart, creating a sense of tension and divine spark. The entire scene is set against a cracked, aged, light-brown background that mimics the texture of the original plaster.

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Genesis 1-3

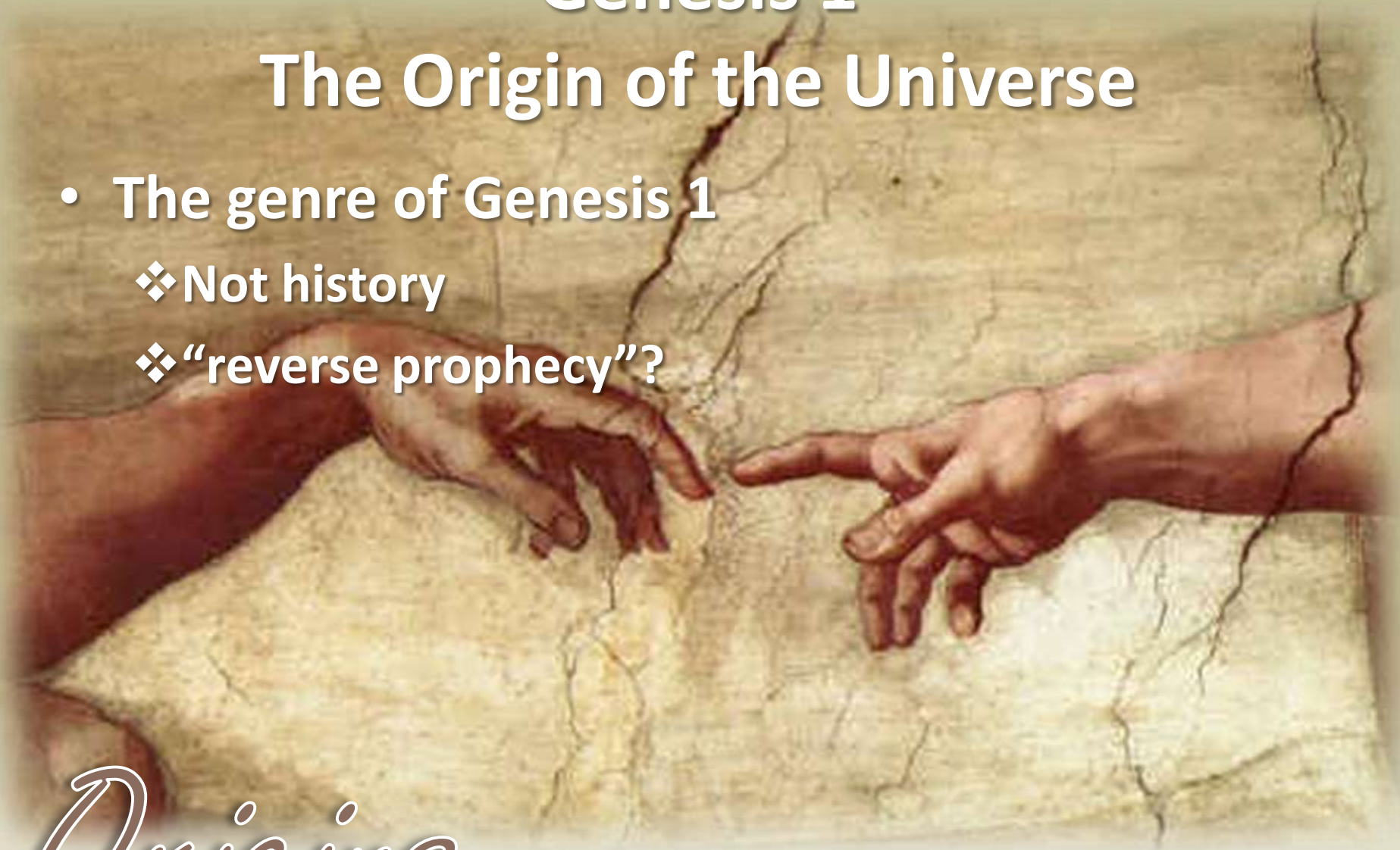
What the Bible says about life the universe and everything

Genesis 1

The Origin of the Universe

- The genre of Genesis 1
 - ❖ Not history
 - ❖ “reverse prophecy”?

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Genesis 1

The Origin of the Universe

- The days of Genesis 1
 - ❖ Twenty-four hour periods?
 - ❖ Long eras?
 - ❖ A prophetic or poetic device?

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The Structure of Genesis 1

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth... (vv1-3)

1	And God said, "Let there be light,"... (vv3-5)	And God said, "Let there be lights ..." (vv14-19)	4
2	And God said, "Let there be a vault between the waters ..." and God called the vault "sky". (vv6—8)	And God said, "Let the water teem with living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the vault of the sky."... (vv20-23)	5
3	And God said, "Let the water under the sky be gathered to one place, and let dry ground appear."... Then God said, "Let the land produce vegetation..." (vv9-13)	And God said, "Let the land produce living creatures ..." Then God said, "Let us make man in our image... I give you ...plants...(vv24-31)	6

By the seventh day God had finished all the work he was doing.. (2:1-3)

And God said.. (x10)

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Made.. (7 + 3)

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

1

God made two great lights (v16)

4

2

God made the vault (v7)

5

3

Plants that make fruit.... (v11)

Plants that make fruit... (v12)

God made the wild animals... (v25)

God said let us make man... (v26)

And God saw all that he had made..
(v31)

6

By the seventh day God had finished all the work of making.. He rested from all his work of making ... he rested from his work of making

God saw that is was good.. (x7)

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

1

God saw that the light was good..

God saw that it was good.

4

2

5

3

And God saw that it was good.

And God saw that is was good.

And God saw that it was good.

And God saw that it was good.

God saw all that he had made and it was very good.

6

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Naming (x3)

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

1

God called the light “day” and the darkness “night” (v5)

4

2

God called the vault “sky” (v8)

5

3

God called the dry ground “land” (v10)

6

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By the seventh day God had finished all the work he was doing

God blessed.. (x3)

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

1

4

2

5

God blessed them and said be fruitful and fill the earth..

3

6

God blessed them and said to them
“Be fruitful and fill the earth..”

By the seventh day God had finished all the work he was doing.. And God blessed the seventh day

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The message of Genesis 1

- “Mind” is fundamental not stuff
- Stuff is good
- All stuff is God’s stuff
- God is resting from his work of creating...
- ... for a while!

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Create (x6)

In the beginning God **created** the heavens and the earth... (v1)

1

4

2

So God **created** the great creatures
(v21)

5

3

So God **created** man...in the image
of God he **created** him...male and
female he **created** them. (v27)

6

By the seventh day God had finished all the work he was doing... he rested from all the work of
creating.

A new creation

“Behold, I will create
new heavens and a new earth.
The former things will not be remembered,
nor will they come to mind.
(Isaiah 65:17)

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