

Creation *Gen. 1*

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Marduk in royal robes with the Mushashu dragon, controlling the waters of chaos (Babylonian cylinder seal; 9th century B.C.E.)



Combat between Marduk and a dragon (cylinder seal).



The Creation Gen 1:5

James Tissot (1896-1900)



Gen 1:1-2:3

What is the structure of Genesis 1:1-2:3?

Gen 1:1-31

Division: day/night Naming	1	Light (vv 3-5)	Day/ night ←	4	Sun/moon (vv 14-19)	Division: light/dark Seasons, signs. Dominion over seasons Light: heaven → earth
Division: waters above/below Naming	2	Firmament/ heavens (vv 6-8)	Firm- ament ←	5	Fish/birds (vv 20-23)	Creatures fill waters/sky. God blesses creatures Be fruitful.
		Heaven ↓ Earth	Waters ↙		Heaven ↓ Earth	
Division: land (earth)/water Naming earth	3	Earth/ vegetation (vv 9-13) Double act.	Land ←	6	Animals/ humans (vv 24-31) Food for creatures. Double act.	Creatures fill earth. Human dominion. God blesses humans Be fruitful

What sort
of cosmos?

