

## Genesis 1:1 The perspective of 2

### Introduction:

*God said, "Let there be light," and there was light.* Then it occurred to me. How did light know what kind of properties it should have? Should it act like a particle or should it act like a wave? What kind of frequency should it have? Should it be visible or invisible? If we want to know God better, if we want to find depth in the things God has done, we have to meditate on God's word. Today, I'm going to be emphasizing an aspect of meditation that further illustrate its importance as it is related to the original languages.

Say it with me:

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

Now, let's try that in Hebrew:

בראשית ברא אלהים את השמים ואת הארץ

What are the differences and the emphasis of each language? In English, which is primarily a sound language, we must know the meanings of each word and then interpret them as a whole sentence.

Hebrew has more information embedded in letters and the words.

Hebrew is three languages in one:

1. It's sound language like English and depending on how you pronounce it, it has different meaning.
2. It is a picture language. Every letter is a picture and there is a story when the pictures or letters are placed together.
3. It is a number language. Every letter is a number like the Roman numbers. Greek letters are also numbers.

**Illustration on ipad:**

בראשית ברא אלהים את השמים ואת הארץ

The bible begins with the second letter of the Hebrew alphabet ב, which has a numeric value of 2.

The number 2 points to so many things in the first sentence; let alone everywhere else in both the Old and New Testaments.

But why would God begin His word with the second letter of the Hebrew alphabet? Shouldn't He begin with Himself which is the first

letter of the Hebrew alphabet which is aleph-א or leader, one in authority, first, or prince. We see the word for God in the third word.

In order to understand the phenomenal declaration of God in pointing to the Son and how that is done, we have to dig in the Hebrew language to understand it.

1. Two points to the second letter of the first sentence, the letter is rash-ר which is the letter for head.
2. Two points to the first 2 letters of the first sentence, namely בר, which means son.
3. Two points to the second word which is ברא-created pointing to Jesus the Son of God
4. ברא-created is used twice as it's the first part of the first word
5. Two things were created, the heavens and the earth.
6. It introduces opposites darkness and light, evil and good, up and down, left and right, front and back, male and female, life and death, heaven and hell.
7. Two words are in the plural form, God and heavens
8. There is only one word that has 2 letters, א the Aleph and the Tav or in Greek the Alpha and the Omega
9. There are 28 letters in the first sentence. In addition it is 2 added together 14 times or in multiplication  $2 \times 2 \times 7$  where 2 occurs twice
10. א occurs twice, first by itself and the second time with a vav וא emphasizing in the second occurrence the crucifixion.

11. We know that Jesus comes to earth twice. This is recorded in the NT, but here it is in the first sentence of the Bible.

12. Jesus is the only God/man, He is uniquely two into one. He is the Son of God and the Son of Man. He's both.

Why should we care that 2 is so significant? God is pointing out to all creation that It's all about Jesus. Every single experience of creation is showing that Jesus is at the center of it all.

- The Son of God created the heavens and the earth, plural and singular
- He created the darkness and the light (it was created with dual properties for it acts as a particle and as a wave)
- Adam and Eve, the two will become one flesh
- Jews and gentiles, the two will become one body
- The bride and the groom, the church and the Christ, the body and the head.
- Adam was first, the second Adam is Christ
- Jacob and Esau, loved and hated, chosen and not chosen
- Aleph is two yods being diagonally separated by a vaw.

◇ Parables:

- Prodigal son was about 2 sons
- Pharisee and tax collector

- Sheep and the goats
- Two kinds of virgins
- Two kinds of people wise/foolish builders
- Rich man and Lazarus
- 2 sons told to go to the field to work
- Sower and the reaper
- Speck and plank in the eye
- Wheat and weeds
- Satan and Jesus, Satan comes only to steal, kill, and destroy, Jesus came to give us abundant life.
- Old/New covenant
  
- ◇ Second is greater:
  - Jacob/Esau, older will serve the younger
  - Moses/Aaron older served the younger
  - John/James John outlived James wrote 4 books, including a gospel
  - The new(second) heavens and the new(second) earth is greater than the first heavens and the first earth.
  - Law came first then grace,
  - Old/New covenant

- First birth/second birth
- Adam/Eve Joseph was second in command, only with respect to the throne was Pharaoh greater than Joseph, so was Esther, Samuel, Daniel, Peter,
- Jesus the second Adam was greater than the first Adam,
- When we pray, we put our two hands together indicating we're praying to Jesus because the two are one now.

### **Uniqueness of Jesus:**

Two is the **first** prime number **and** the **only** even prime number, unique in the most supreme way.

Let's get practical. How does the reality that Jesus is two transform our perspective and challenge us in our relationship with Him?

**1. Connect everything to Jesus. We are reminded that all of life is about Him.** We run into Him everywhere and all the time. In one way or another 2 is everywhere. We can't avoid it. It's designed into all of life.

Let's begin with our bodies. We can't run away from ourselves. Our bodies were designed with Him in mind. He uses the body as an illustration of our relationship with Him. He is the head and we are the body. We are made in the image of God, that is Jesus by recognizing the number of times 2 appears in our body. We have 2 eyes, 2 ears, one nose

with 2 nostrils, one mouth with 2 lips and 2 rows of teeth, 2 shoulders 2 arms with 2 hands, 2 breasts, 2 lungs, 2 kidneys, 2 scrotums, 2 ovaries, 2 legs, 2 feet and any deviation from the number 2 must signify something remarkable. We have 1 liver, 1 heart with 2 halves and 4 compartments. We have one head but 2 halves of the brain, each controlling one side of our bodies. 22 bones in our skull, 22 chromosomes in our cells, 22 letters of the Hebrew alphabet, 22 is 2 twice. Jesus is 2. He made us.

When we get into a car, we left the outside to be inside. That's 2. We have 2 front tires and 2 back tires: 2x2. We have gas and brake pedals. We have a driver side and passenger side. We have 4, 6, 8 cylinders in our engine all divisible by 2.

We grab our phones and turn it on and off. That's 2. We scroll up and down. That's 2. We have good and bad apps. That's 2.

We go to work deal with good and bad employees. Leaders and followers. Rich and not so rich. Work hours and non-work hours. Finished projects and unfinished projects. Hired and fired. All are 2.

When we get home, we're either single or married. Divorced or together. Good marriage or bad. Good life or bad.

We are constantly being reminded of Jesus and we don't even realize it.

**2. Strive to be second. Being second is a promotion.** We can never be first in authority because authority begins with God the Father, but we can be first in influence and appreciation. What was first created? The heavens. What was created second? The earth. This means that there is an elevation from heaven to earth. Imagine that. Look what we get to enjoy because He created us second. We get to know God in ways we never even thought because only when we were created, did we have this potential.

Eve was created second. That means God elevated her more than Adam. Adam had authority. Eve got a promotion, elevation and appreciation. She represents us. We are the bride of Christ. How elevated should you feel since Jesus died for you? Jesus thought of us more important than Himself. He was willing to die in our place. He went down so He could lift us up. HE who knew no sin because sin so we can be made the righteousness of God. We are second.

**3. Always come back to Jesus- whenever anything tries to move your focus away from Him.** Without Jesus nothing has meaning and nothing holds together. We understand God much more when things are going wrong than when things are going right.

How do we understand pain without Jesus?

Pain was necessary so that He could demonstrate His love. How does Jesus show how much He loves us without pain? He had to be willing to suffer for our sake.



Your child comes to you to ask, what does love mean? You tell me you love me and it feels good; I know it's positive, but I don't fully know what it means.

What are you going to say?

**First, I'll tell you what you're not going to say:**

- You will always have fun because I'm going to make sure you do.
- You'll never have any difficulties.
- You'll never get sick and you'll never feel pain.

That's what it means when I say I love you.

No. No. No.

**This is what you're going to say:**

No matter what happens I'll always do my best to protect you. I'll be there for you

when you're sick,

when you get hurt,

when you're lonely,

when you get rejected,

when you're in jail,

when you fail,

even if you hate me,

Nothing you do will ever stop me from loving you.

Even if nobody loves you, I'll love you.

He loves you. You are second just like He is.