

10-MINUTE BIBLE LESSON

Great Light

Genesis 1:14-19

Before watching the video: read this passage twice. Take time to notice each sentence and phrase. What do you notice about it? What questions do you have?

And God said, “Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day. – ***Genesis 1:14-19***

Now watch the video. What new information did you learn? How does it change your understanding of the passage?

If you’ve been keeping up with these studies since the first, you’ve already been asked to think about the “dome” in this passage and the image of the world that a literal reading of this story produces vs. what we know about the shape and makeup of the planet, sky, and stars. As Christian believers who take the Bible to be the official, authoritative text of our faith, what do you think this all means for how we’re meant to read stories like this?

Go back to Genesis 1:1 and read up through 1:19 as if it’s a poem or a metaphorical origin story. When read in this light, what does it change about what you notice or the truth it is trying to share? How might you be able to appreciate it in a different way by doing this?

Conclude in prayer. Thank God for blessings, ask forgiveness for wrongs done, request help for uncertainty. Close with “amen.”

