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**In the Beginning God ...**

# Theme:

- Our intelligent Creator was there in the beginning and created the heavens and the earth.



# 4 Events Establish Our Identity (Gen.1-11)

- Creation (generation)
- Fall (de-generation)
- Flood
- Babel

# 4 People who re-establish God's Authority

- Gen.12-50

- Abraham (re-generation)

- Isaac

- Jacob

- Joseph

# Creation: “In the Beginning... (1:1)

## ■ Historical context:

–Egyptian & Canaanite worldviews needed to be counteracted.

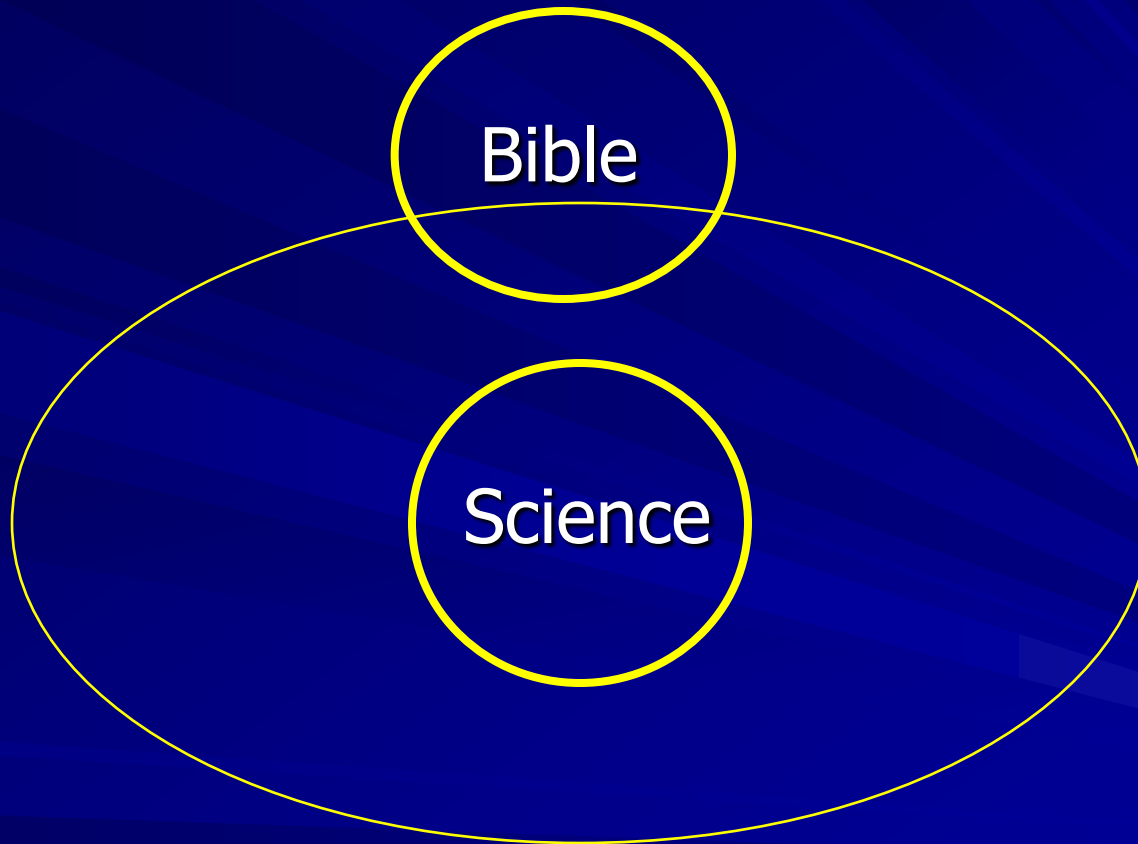
–Israel needed clear understanding of their identity & God’s authority as they left Egypt.

## ■ Genesis answers: “Who am I? How did I get here? Why am I here? Where am I going?”

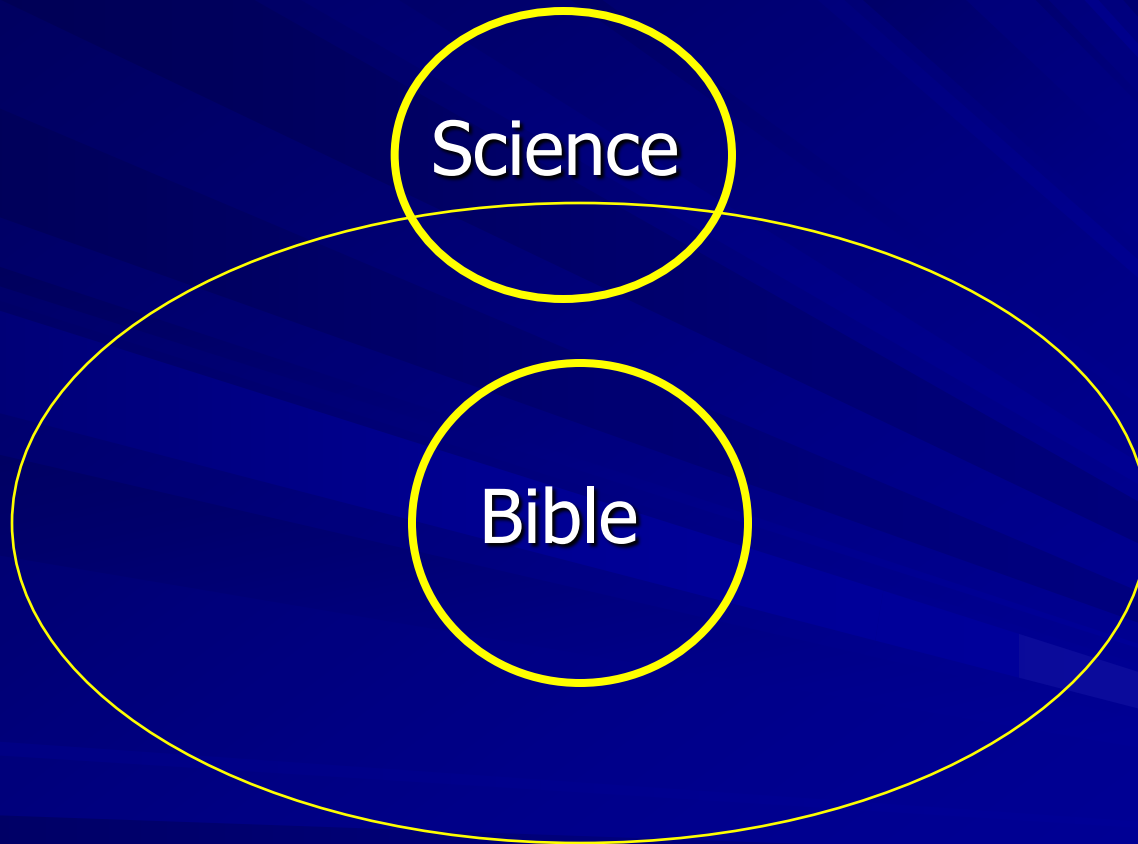
# Creation: “In the Beginning... (1:1)

- **Genesis:** from Garden to Prison
- **Revelation:** From Prison to Garden
- **Genesis:** Generation, Degeneration
- **Revelation:** Regeneration
- **Gen.:** Curse      **Rev.:** No more curse
- **Gen.:** Tree of Life lost
- **Rev.:** Tree of Life restored

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“In the **beginning** **God** created ...” (1:1)

- **Beginning**: Tells ‘when’; Universe is not eternal.
- **God**: Tells ‘who’ & means
  - His existence is assumed
  - Morality (accountability) is clear
  - Dualism, pantheism, polytheism denied



“In the beginning God **created** ...” (1:1)

- **Created** tells ‘what’, meaning ...
- Self evolution is impossible

**Nothing X Nobody = Everything?**

- 3 possibilities: ‘Illusion’, ‘self evolution’,  
‘created - personal’

“God created **heavens & earth ...**” (1:1)

- Nature includes **space** and **matter**
- Nothing is outside His creative action



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