

GENESIS 1:1-2 CHAOS AND ORDER

¹ In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. ² Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

All things had a beginning and were made by the One who always was. This majestic opening to Holy Scripture sets out the main character of the Bible as God and the main subject as God's sovereign interaction with the world. Man will later be introduced as a part of creation, but humankind was created to be in a special relationship with God to do God's work in the world and given the ability to articulate and record God's revealed nature.

Like the blind man in Mark 8 (vv.23-26), where Jesus first restores his sight but it is disordered and out of focus, and then touches him again to bring clarity, God creates all matter and then brings order to the chaos. Thus the theme of bringing order to disorder will be a unifying thread throughout Scripture. With God there is order, while without God there is disorder. As God originally brought order to creation, God will reestablish order after man's reversion to disorder. Even today God's Spirit is present and willing to organize our chaos.

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Amen. (Matthew 6:9-10)