Genesis 1 is not primarily about **HOW** or **WHEN** but **WHO** and **WHY**
Made in the IMAGE OF GOD means we can RELATE to God
JOHN 1:12

But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name.
Made in the IMAGE OF GOD means we can **RELATE** to God **REFLECT** God’s character
1 PETER 1:15

like the Holy One who called you, be holy yourselves also in all your behavior
Made in the IMAGE OF GOD means we can
  RELATE to God
  REFLECT God’s character
  RADIATE God’s glory
What is man that You take thought of him, and the son of man that You care for him? Yet You have made him a little lower than God, and You crown him with glory and majesty!
Made in the IMAGE OF GOD means we can

RELATE to God

REFLECT God’s character

RADIATE God’s glory

and the result: we can RULE God’s world
BIG IDEA OF THE BIBLE

God is **GLORIFYING** Himself by establishing His **KINGDOM** on earth through **HUMANITY**.
Sin brings DEATH in all its forms:

v7: SHAME  Death of LABOR
v8-10: FEAR  Death of RELATIONSHIPS
v11-13: BLAME  Death of our BODIES
             Death of our SPIRITS
And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience…
...among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.
GENESIS 3:15

…and I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed. **He shall bruise you** on the head, and **you shall bruise him** on the heel.”
Yet there is HOPE…

v15 is the first promise of the GOSPEL
Abraham’s two problems:
he is an IDOLATER
and he is CHILDLESS
Abrahamic Covenant promises Abraham:

LAND
Abrahamic Covenant promises Abraham:

LAND
SEED
BLESSING
Salvation has always been by 

FAITH ALONE
CLIMAX OF GENESIS 22

The command is an OPPORTUNITY for Abraham to show how much he’s grown
CLIMAX OF GENESIS 22

The story of Abraham is not just about God’s PROMISE

It’s also about His PROCESS of transforming Abraham into His likeness
CLIMAX OF GENESIS 22

Principle: God’s gifts are always designed to help us GROW
Because he obeyed... God seals the covenant with an OATH making it IRREVOCABLE

CLIMAX OF GENESIS 22
Ironically, Abraham’s son is **SPARED** while God’s Son is **NOT**
COVER TO COVER

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