

## Week 1: Creation

*“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was[a] on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.”*

Genesis 1:1-2



Our course commences at the dawn of civilization, when the sun first crept over the watery horizon line and shone its golden rays upon a newly created mankind. History as we know it begins in a garden somewhere between the Euphrates and Tigris rivers, within a cusp of land aptly called the “Fertile Crescent.” It is here that humankind forged cities, tilled the earth, and developed language for the first time. It is also where humans first walked with God amidst the Garden of Eden. This week, you get to explore the period from Creation to the Flood. To orient yourself, take a look at the map below before diving into your readings.

Readings:

- Genesis 1-9
- Article on the Fertile Crescent: [https://www.ancient.eu/Fertile\\_Crescent/](https://www.ancient.eu/Fertile_Crescent/)

The Fertile Crescent



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