

Genesis: The Book of Beginnings

Focus	Four Great Events								Four Great Persons				
Divisions	1	2	3	4	5	9	10	11	12	25:19	27	37:2b	50
	Creation		Fall		Flood		Nations (Babel)		Abraham	Isaac	Jacob	Joseph	
Topics	Primeval History of Humanity								Patriarchal History of Israel				
	Beginning of the Human Race								Beginning of the Hebrew Race				
Locations	East (Eden to Ur)								West (Canaan to Egypt)				
Time	2,000 + years (20% of Genesis)								About 286 years (80% of Genesis)				

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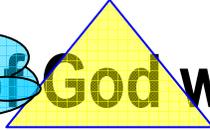
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Theme: Israel's Origin & Early Years

Purposes: 1) to present the beginning of everything but God
 2) to record God's choice of Israel & His covenant plan for the nation
 3) to show how the sin of man is met by the redemption of God

In the Beginning (Genesis 1:1-2)

1:1 In the beginning   created the heavens and the earth.

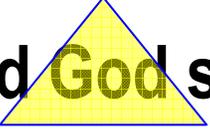
1:2 And the earth was formless and void, and darkness was over the surface of the deep; and   was moving over the surface of the waters.

Gen 1:1-2 The Declaration that God created the Universe
Gen 1:3-31 The Detailed Explanation of How God Created

- God is called "Elohim" 32x in Genesis 1 and 14x in Genesis 2 (out of which 11x is in combination with the LORD) – Gen 1 defines who God is!
- Elohim emphasizes His majesty and power
- It is a plural noun that is consistently used with in connection with singular verbs & adjectives (Hebrew tenses are singular, dual, or plural).
- Often called the "plural of majesty" but we know it tells us that God exists in a plurality of Persons.

The First Day (Genesis 1:3-5)

1:3 Then  God  said, "Let there be light"; and there was light.

1:4 And  God  saw that the light was good; and  God separated the light from the darkness.

1:5 And  God  called the light day, and the darkness  He  called night. And there was evening and there was morning, one day.

Spiritual Parallels

The Power of God's Word

The Principle of Separation

Paul saw in this creative act the work of God in the new creation, the salvation of the lost.

2 Corinthians 4:6 - For God, who said, "Light shall shine out of darkness," is the One who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

The Power of God's Word

The Second Day (Genesis 1:6-8)

1:6 Then  God said, "Let there be an expanse in the midst of the

waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters."

1:7 And  God made the expanse, and separated the waters

which were below the expanse from the waters which were

above the expanse; and it was so.

The Principle of Separation

1:8 And  God called the expanse heaven. And there was

evening and there was morning, a second day.

•H7549 רָקִיעַ *raqiya`* AV 17x 1) extended surface (solid), expanse, firmament 1a) expanse (flat as base, support) 1b) firmament (of vault of heaven supporting waters above) 1b1) considered by Hebrews as solid and supporting 'waters' above

•H8064 שָׁמַיִם *shamayim* AV 420x 1) heaven, heavens, sky 1a) visible heavens, sky 1a1) as abode of the stars 1a2) as the visible universe, the sky, atmosphere, etc 1b) Heaven (as the abode of God)

The Third Day (Genesis 1:9-13)

1:9 Then  God said, "Let the waters below the heavens be gathered into one place, and let the dry land appear"; and it was so.

1:10 And God called the dry land earth, and the gathering of the waters He called seas; and  God saw that it was good.

1:11 Then  God said, "Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit after their kind, with seed in them, on the earth"; and it was so.

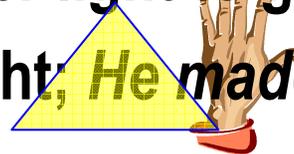
1:12 And the earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed after their kind, and trees bearing fruit, with seed in them, after their kind; and  God saw that it was good.

1:13 And there was evening and there was morning, a third day.

The Fourth Day (Genesis 1:14-19)

1:14 Then  **God said**, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night, **and** let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days and years;

1:15 **and** let them be for lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth";  and it was so.

1:16 **And**  **God made** the two great lights, the greater light to govern the day, and the lesser light to govern the night;  **He made** the stars also.

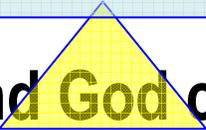
1:17 **And**  **God placed** them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth,

1:18 and to govern the day and the night, and to separate the light from the darkness; and  **God saw** that it was good.

1:19 **And there was evening and there was morning, a fourth day.**

The Fifth Day (Genesis 1:20-23)

1:20 Then  God  said, "Let the waters teem with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth in the open expanse of the heavens."

1:21 And  God  created the great sea monsters, and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarmed  after their  kind, and every winged bird  after its kind; and  God  saw that it was good.

1:22 And  God  blessed them,  saying, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth."

1:23  And there was evening and there was morning, a fifth day.

The Tragedy of Believing Evolution

- **December 1996 brought the death of an evolutionist and astronomer by the name of Carl Sagan, probably the most well-known astronomer in the world. His perception was that life just sort of happened. And he ended up his life with absolute emptiness, absolute hopelessness. And near the end of his life he was interviewed by Ted Koppel on television. Koppel asked Sagan, realizing he was at the end of his life, that he had spent his life in science studying the universe as an astronomer, he said, "Do you, sir, have any words of wisdom for the people of the world?"**
- **To which Sagan replied, and I quote, "We live on a hunk of rock and metal that circles a hum-drum star that is one of 400-plus billion other stars that make up the Milky Way galaxy which is one of billions of other galaxies which make up a universe which may be one of a large number, perhaps an infinite number of other universes. That is well worth pondering,"**

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- He thought about it and he thought about it and he thought about it and he never let God be a reality. In the end, the most brilliant evolutionist only knows that the universe exists. He doesn't know how, he doesn't know why, and mostly he doesn't know who the creator is. How sad! **Everything in the universe points to God the creator.**
- Even Albert Einstein said, "Of course there is a massive intelligence behind the universe, a man is a fool who doesn't believe that." And then went on to say, "But we could never know Him." The humanistic evolutionist refuses to see what is obvious, refuses to meet the God who wants to be known, who want only to deny God and end up with nothing but the utter folly and utter hopelessness.

The Amazing Diversity and Complexity of the Created Order

- The diversity and the complexity of the created order speaks of the immensity of God's intelligence. It is staggering how as you begin to look at the creation with any kind of thought, any kind of depth, you come face to face with the immensity of the intelligence and power of God.
- Here are some examples of the complexity and diversity of God's world taken from John MacArthur's messages plus facts from Answers in Genesis and other creation websites.
 - **Some birds navigate by the stars when migrating.** How do they know how to do that? In fact, birds raised from eggs inside a building where they have never seen the sky, can orient themselves toward home when shown an artificial sky representing a place they've never been.



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- **Moths have two ears.** Mites, little microscopic bugs, like to live in a moth's ear. But interestingly enough, **mites occupy only one ear of a moth.** If mites get in both ears, the moth can't fly, so scientists find mites only in one ear. How do the mites know that one ear is occupied?



- And then **the fascinating bombardier beetle** has two chemicals in his little body which mix perfectly and at the right moment combine outside his body when they're fired and they intersect, they explode in the face of the enemy. That's why they're called bombardier beetles. However, the two chemicals that create an explosion outside the body never combine prematurely to blow up the beetle. And by the way, how did the beetle evolve those explosives and keep them separate?



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- The University of Alberta Canada once showed that in that temperate climate there are an average of 18 hundred storms in operation at any time. And that **those 18 hundred storms in operation at any time expend energy at the inconceivable figure of one billion, three hundred million horsepower. Where does that come from?**
- A Canadian physicist said **a rain of four inches over an area of ten thousand square miles would require the burning of 640 million tons of coal to evaporate enough water for such a rain and to cool again the vapors and collect them in clouds would take another 800 million horsepower of refrigeration working 24-hours a day for a hundred days. And yet God by the massive power of the sun evaporates the water, refrigerates it in the sky, sends it back down again as water.**
- The average farmer in Minnesota is provided free of charge 407 thousand, 510 gallons of water per acre per year by that process if the annual rainfall of 24 inches is occurring. Where does all this power come from?

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- The U.S. Natural Museum says there are **over 10 million different species of insects**. There are **twenty-five hundred kinds of ants**. **One colony of ants can have as many as a hundred million ants**. How do those little tiny things have such a reproductive system?
- Some have estimated there are **five billion birds in America**. Mallards can fly 60 miles an hour, eagles can fly 100 miles an hour and falcons can dive at 180 miles an hour.
- **Cod fish** can lay nine million eggs, and **herring** only 70 thousand. Just that is enough to stagger our minds ...nine million eggs, nine million little cod fish and perhaps that's why there are so many fish and chip places in England!

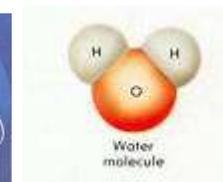
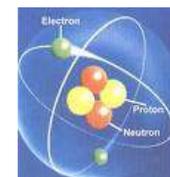


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- **The earth** is 25 thousand miles in circumference. It weighs six septillion, five-hundred and eighty-six, six trillion tons and hangs in empty space. It spins at a thousand miles an hour with perfect balance and that's important so that you're not just jumping every time the earth moves. At the same time that it's spinning at a thousand miles an hour, it is moving through space around the sun at a thousand miles a minute in an orbit of 580 million miles and does so at a perfect angle set to create the seasons which provide all the crops, which feed its inhabitants.
 - Job 26:7 - "He stretches out the north over empty space,
And hangs the earth on nothing.
- **Comet heads** can be from ten thousand miles to one million miles long and the tails can be a hundred million miles long. They travel at 350 miles per second.
- **The sun** burns up four million tons of matter per second.

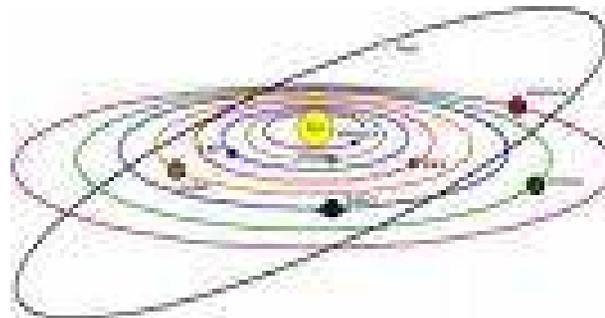
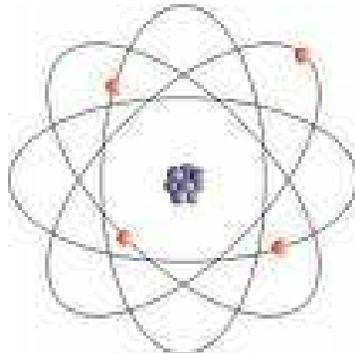
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- **Your heart** about the size of your fist weighs less than a half a pound, pumps 1800-plus gallons of blood a day and does enough work in twelve hours to lift 65 tons off the ground.
- What about very small things like the **atom** which is invisible. Atoms are so small that it takes three atoms to make up one water molecule. And if you were to take every water molecule in one drop of water and blow them up so that each molecule was the size of a grain of sand, you would have enough grains of sand to make a road one-foot thick, one half mile wide that would go from L.A. to New York City (2463 miles or 3961 km). That's how many molecules in a drop of water and there's three atoms in every molecule. Yet the atom is mostly empty space. The actual material in the atom takes up only one trillionth of the atom's volume. When atoms combine, they only join together at their outer electron orbit and what makes matter seem solid are the motions within the atoms, which means that everything is mostly empty space.



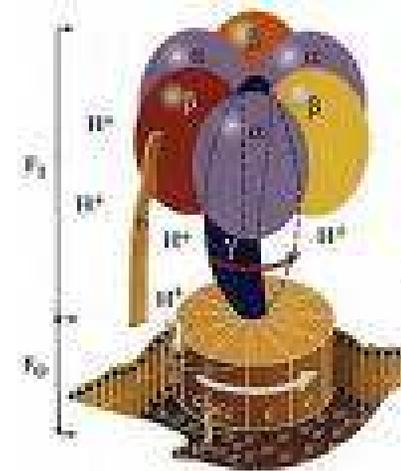
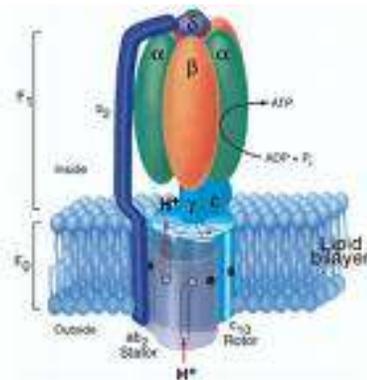
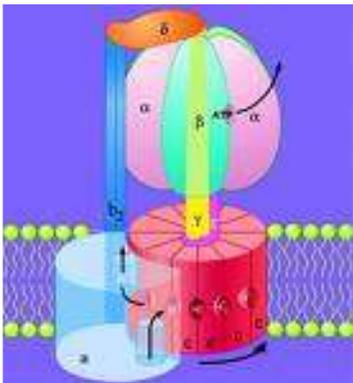
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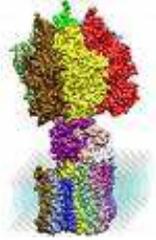
- If the average person had all the space squeezed out of him, how much volume do you think he'd occupy? If you had all the space squeezed out of you, you'd be lost on the head of a pin, for you could only occupy one one-hundred millionth of a cubic inch. So when somebody comes along and says you're nothing, they're right.
- A full cubic inch of that material in the atom would weigh a billion pounds.
- A teaspoon full of water contains a million-billion-trillion atoms.
- If this is not staggering, what is?
- **GOD has left in the created world these amazing evidences of His power and nature.**



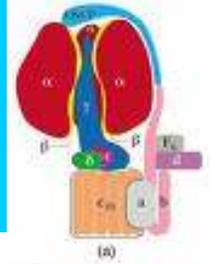
The Wheel of Life

- The wheel of life that scientists call is found in the enzyme ATP synthase. Its structure has only recently been elucidated and has won a joint Nobel Prize in 1997 for two scientists, Paul Boyer of the U.S.A., and John Walker of the U.K. The wheel in this enzyme rotates at about one hundred revolutions per second. This miniature motor is 200 thousand times smaller than a pin head and it's revolving a hundred revolutions per second. Every cell in your body and every cell in every living thing has thousands of these motors, every cell in every living thing has thousands of these motors in just one cell. Someone estimated that your body has ten quad-drillion little motors.





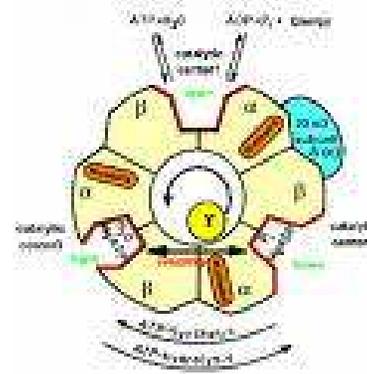
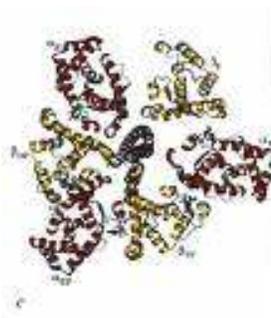
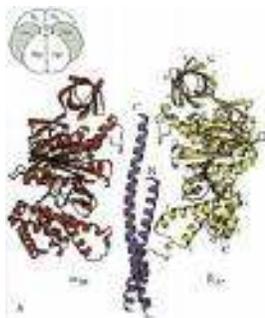
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- **The ATP motor's job is to make the molecule Adenosine triphosphate, ATP, from Adenosine diphosphate, ADP and phosphoric acid, a synthesis which requires an input of energy. The ATP can then break down to ADP again giving up the energy by coupling itself to another chemical process within the cell which requires the energy in order to react. So energy is directed and the products are recycled constantly, constantly in that little tiny motor of which you have ten quadrillion going on all the time.**
- **Says Dr. Walker, "We require our body weight in ATP every day." So the little motor has to reproduce your entire body weight every day. We're turning over that amount of ATP, cycling that energy, to keep ourselves thinking and walking around doing whatever we do. If we have a lazy day, we will only use about half our body weight of ATP, but if we work hard, up to one ton of ATP is recycled in a day.**

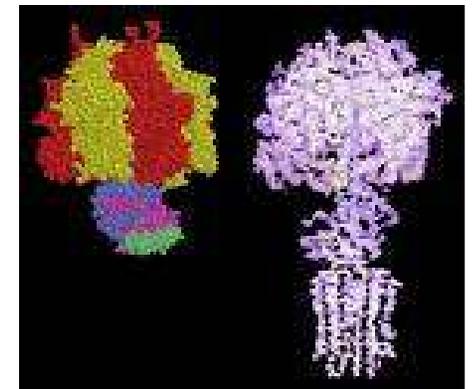
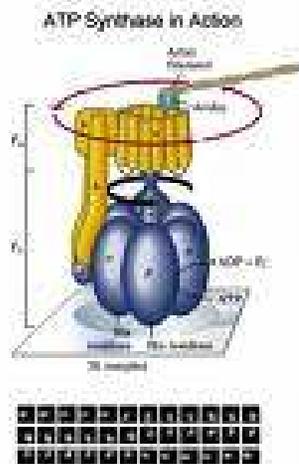
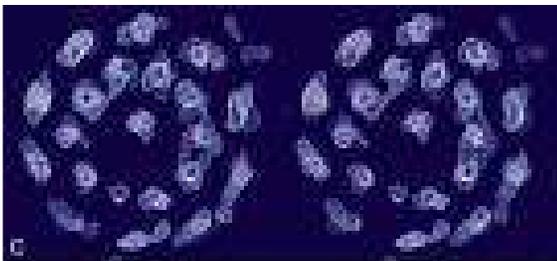
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- In 1993 Professor Boyer deduced by indirect means how ATP was produced. But it was left to Dr. Walker in 1994 to provide the first detailed picture of how the motor works. He used Xrays and an electron microscope to take an atomic snapshot. And then some Japanese fellow came along in 1997 with a tiny florescent filament attached to the electron microscope so that the motor could be seen spinning under the microscope. These extremely complex little spinning motors are brilliantly designed. Each motor is built from 31 separate proteins. And remember, this is 200 thousand times smaller than the head of a pin. And they have 31 protein components that are made from thousands of precisely arranged amino acids.



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- These little machines are producing with every turn of the wheel at some hundred revolutions per second, they are producing the necessary energy cycle to keep you alive and keep you functioning. “It's incredible”, says Dr. Walker, “to think of these motors of life spinning around in all the cells of our bodies.” And they are spinning in all the cells of everything that lives.
- Who designed these little wheel motors? Who energized them?
 - **Psalm 139:14 says, "We were fearfully and wonderfully made."**



Four Options

- **R.C. Sproul, part theologian and part philosopher, says there are only four options for the origin of the universe. You only have four.**
 - **Option number one, the universe is an illusion, it doesn't exist.**
 - **Option number two, it is self-created.**
 - **Option number three, it is self-existent and eternal.**
 - **Option number four, it was created by someone who is self-existent.**
- **He says, "I have puzzled over this for decades and sought the counsel of philosophers, theologians and scientists. I have been unable to locate any other theoretical options that cannot be subsumed under these four options. That's all you've got."**
- **Then Sproul says, "Option number one must be eliminated for two reasons First, if it's a false illusion, then it isn't an illusion. If it's a true illusion, then someone or something must be existing to have that illusion. If this is the case then that which is having the illusion must either be self-created, self-existent, or caused by someone ultimately self-existent. So therefore everything is not an illusion."**

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- **Secondly he says, "You can eliminate number one, the illusion theory because if we assume the illusion is absolute, that is nothing does exist, including that which is having the illusion, then there is no question of origins even to answer because literally nothing exists. But if something exists, then whatever exists must either be self-created, self-existent, or created by someone who is self-existent."**
- **Concerning option two that the universe created itself. That is contradictory and logically impossible. Sproul says, "In essence, self-creation requires the existence of something before it exists." You can't create yourself unless you exist to create yourself. "Self creation is a logical and rational impossibility, for something to create itself it must be before it is. This is impossible...it's impossible for solids, liquids and gases, it's impossible for atoms and subatomic particles, it is impossible for light, it is impossible for heat, it is impossible for God. Nothing anywhere any time can create itself because if it could, it would have to exist before it created itself."**

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- **When scientists say, "Well, fifteen to twenty billion years ago the universe created itself," what are they saying? They're saying nothing exploded into something. That is a logical impossibility. To retain a theory of self-creation is totally irrational and rejects all logic. Such a theory can be believed but it can't be argued reasonably.**
- **What about option three, that the universe has always existed and it is eternal. That can be easily disproved. You're not eternal, and neither am I. We didn't always exist. There was a time when we didn't exist. There was a time when our children didn't exist. There are all kinds of things in this world that once did not exist. In fact, everything around us once did not exist. How could the universe exist forever and then do in time, i.e. create life, what it had never done forever? If the universe always existed, then everything in it always existed. And we know everything in it didn't always exist because you and I didn't always exist, our parents will verify that. You cannot be born and be always existing. Cars and watches and chairs and all that were brought into existence at some point in time.**

Four Options

- Option one, option two, option three are impossible. We're left with only one possibility, the universe exists because it was created by someone who existed before it existed, a pre-existing intelligent power, namely God. Matter can't create itself, only an eternal pre-existing God could create.
- The sin of evolutionists is described in **Romans 1:18-23**, “For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, because that which is known about God is evident within them; for God made it evident to them. For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse. For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God, or give thanks; but they became futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing to be wise, they became fools, and exchanged the glory of the incorruptible God for an image in the form of corruptible man and of birds and four-footed animals and crawling creatures.”

Sequence of Creation

Day 1 - Light	Day 4 – Sun, moon and stars
Day 2 – Seas and the Heavens	Day 5 – Fish and Birds
Day 3 – Earth and Vegetation	Day 6 – Animals and Man

Then God said, "Let the waters teem with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth in the open expanse of the heavens." (v20). Casudo, the Jewish commentator, writes, "The primary significance of the stem, *sherets* in Hebrew, is movement with specific reference to the abundant swift movement of many creatures who jostle one another as they proceed criss-cross in all possible directions. God willed that in to the midst of the waste and inanimate waters, from one end of the sea to the other there should now enter a living being and that there should be borne in their midst, moving animate beings subject to no limitation of numbers or intermission of movement."

The Swarms of Living Creatures

- The Hebrew says literally, "Let the waters swarm with swarming things." "Swarm" is chosen because it has the idea of movement. The distinctiveness of living creatures is that they move. Plants are not called living creatures because they are immobile, they don't move. Living creatures move.
- Again it pictures a large population of these creatures in motion. Casudo, the Jewish commentator, writes, "The primary significance of the stem, *sherets* in Hebrew, is movement with specific reference to the abundant swift movement of many creatures who jostle one another as they proceed criss-cross in all possible directions. God willed that in to the midst of the waste and inanimate waters, from one end of the sea to the other there should now enter a living being and that there should be borne in their midst, moving animate beings subject to no limitation of numbers or intermission of movement."

Living Creatures and Birds

- The term "living" is *nephesh* which speaks of soul, or being, or life (used here for the very first time). This is the first time we really have a living creature that moves on its own. Plants have no such life because plants can't move and they are not conscious. Though animals are conscious, they are not self-conscious, i.e., they do not know they are alive, or dead, they do not know one another, they do not communicate with one another in personal, self-conscious ways, although instinctively they are under tremendous control by the DNA codes that have been given to them for the preservation of their species and the function of their species as God has designed it. They operate by instinct but they are distinguished from plants by the word *nephesh*. Literally, *nephesh* means that which breathes.
- One reason why God doesn't use "swarms of" in relation to birds is because there isn't such a dense creation of birds. We know that today. If you look in the depths of the sea where it hasn't been polluted significantly, you will find that almost uncountable and limitless amount of life. You look into the air and, of course, there are less birds.

The Great Sea Monsters

- “And God created the great sea monsters, and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarmed after their kind, and every winged bird after its kind; and God saw that it was good.” (verse 21). Why introduce the great sea monsters? The Hebrew word is *tannin*. If you search the Old Testament you find several Old Testament references to sea creatures: Leviathan, a massive, powerful sea creature who seems to be able to breathe fire (Job 41), the fleeing serpent, the twisted serpent (Isaiah 27:1) and Rahab or the dragon (Isaiah 51:9).
 - Isaiah 27:1 In that day the LORD will punish Leviathan the fleeing serpent, With His fierce and great and mighty sword, Even Leviathan the twisted serpent; And He will kill the dragon who *lives* in the sea.
 - Isaiah 51:9b Was it not Thou who cut Rahab in pieces, Who pierced the dragon?
- Why does He mention the great sea monsters?

The Great Sea Monsters

- In ancient mythology, in Egypt, Mesopotamia, and Canaan, the ancient pagans believed that the gods were sea monsters. The Philistines had a god, Dagon, who was half man, half fish. You can read some of their epics, for example, Ugaritic epics with regard to the enemies of Baal, one of whom is this god Mott who was called the lord of the sea and can take the form of a great sea monster. In this ancient world, they saw the sea monsters as gods in rebellion against the good gods.
- The Jews were apparently influenced by these pagan myths and so the Spirit of God inspired Moses to write down "And God created the sea monsters." They aren't false gods or symbols of evil. They're creatures that God made just the way He made all the rest. The sea monsters are as natural as anything else God created, and they were formed in their proper time, in their proper place by the word of the creator. He looked at them He said they are good."

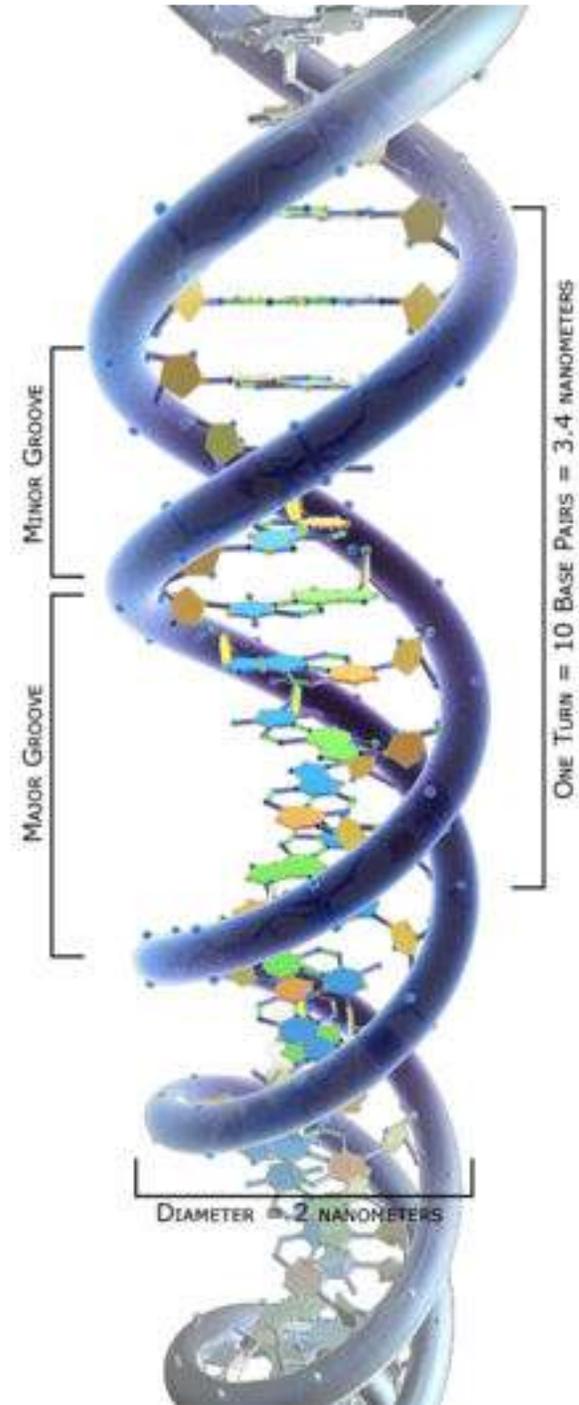
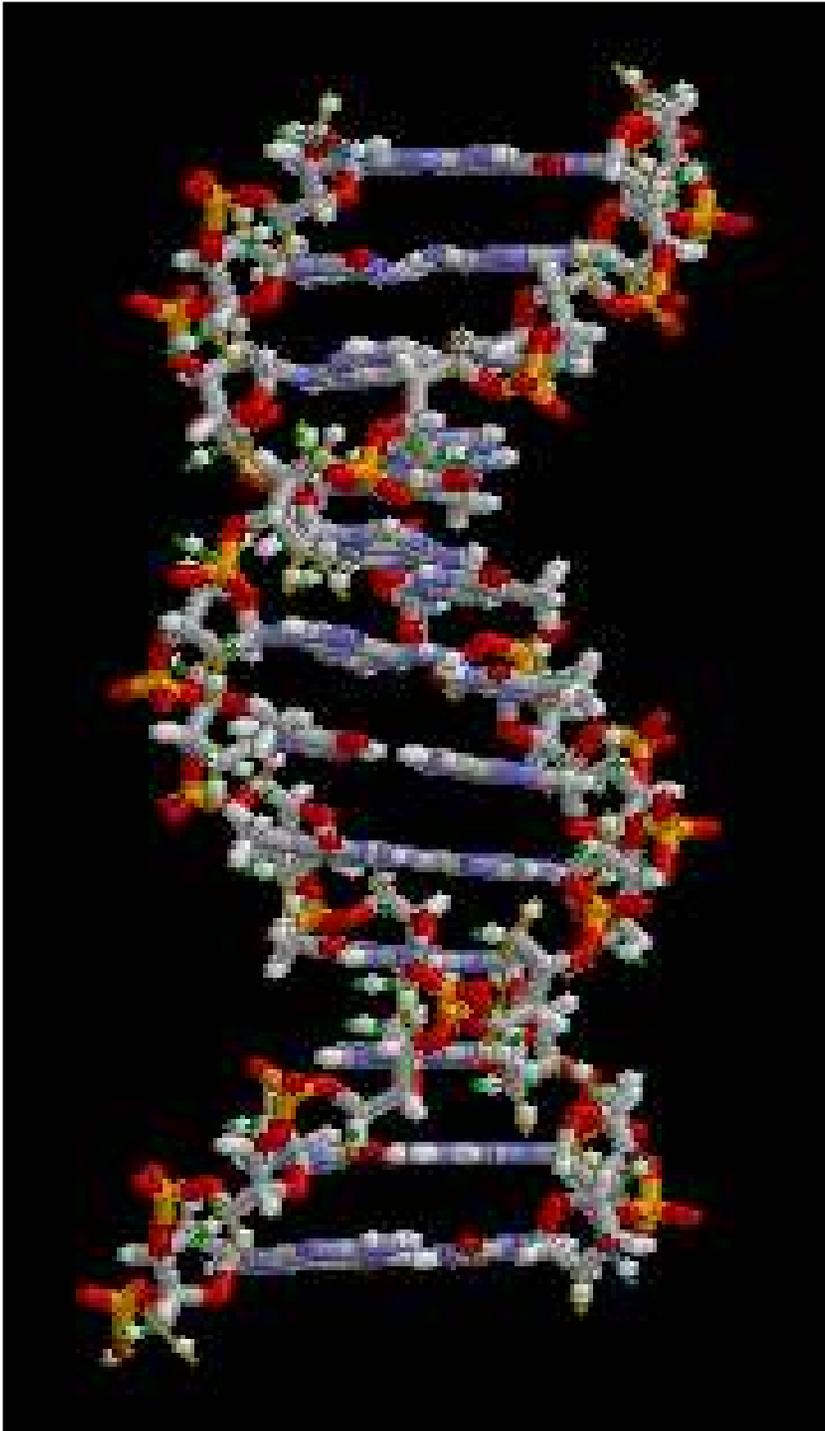
– **Psalm 148:7 - Praise the LORD from the earth, Sea monsters and all deeps;**

After their Kind

- In verse 21, "after its kind...after it's kind" is used twice. There is no evolution of species from kind to kind to kind to kind, He created them after their kind. There can be variation within the species but there's no moving outside that DNA, the information that is coded in each species.
- Henry Morris says, "The first introduction of animal life was not a fragile blob of protoplasm that happened to come together in response to electrical discharges over a primeval ocean as evolutionists believe." God just made them all after their kind.
- There couldn't be any progress, any mutation, any natural selection because God saw it all and it was good and there was no death in the universe at all. There was no death in the world at that time. The whole creation was made by God and was originally good.

Be Fruitful and Multiply

- **"Be fruitful and multiply" is a common Old Testament phrase for reproduction. So God gave this created order in the sky and in the sea reproductive capability. All living creatures are complex machines.**
- **All living organisms characteristically have three properties. They are self-sustaining, they are self-repairing and they are self-reproducing. We can't create a machine like that because the complexity is too vast and too complicated. If we could get something complicated enough to do that, it would be in disrepair all the time. And yet every single cell that exists is just that. This amazing capability, biochemical reproductive systems being placed in every little DNA strip in every cell of every creature and with that comes the capability to be fruitful and multiply. This is an assurance of permanence and propagation. It has nothing to do with evolution. Each kind will multiply and reproduce its same kind with some slight variation, of course, within the kind.**



Be Fruitful and Multiply

- **So, man's house is built. It's now ready for his occupancy. And the crown of creation comes on day six. The crown of creation is man.**
- **What is so sad is that man refuses to see God in creation. Man refuses to see God in creation, and refuses to hear God in conscience, suppresses the truth, plunges into deeper darkness and hopelessness.**
- **Yet that which is most grievous are people who say they're Christians who believe the Bible, and then claim evolution. There's no way to exegete Genesis chapter 1 and come out with evolution. You have to suppress the truth to do that. Why blaspheme God or dishonor God in order to honor a godless evolutionist or in order to buy some scientific credibility? We take Scripture at its face value and start believing the Bible from Genesis 1:1 onwards till Revelation 22:21.**

Be Fruitful and Multiply

- **Donald Barnhouse once wrote, "God gives man brains to smelt iron and make a hammer, hammerhead and nails. God grows a tree and gives man the strength to cut it down and the brains to fashion a hammer handle from the wood. And when man has the hammer and the nails, God will put out His hand and let man drive nails through it and place Him on a cross in the supreme demonstration that men are without excuse." They reject the Creator to the degree that when He was incarnate they killed Him.**
- **The whole creation was made by God and was originally good. To make matter self-creating, to make the complex diversity of this created universe the product of chance is to give chance more credit than God, and chance doesn't even exist, it's a non-existent reality.**

BREAK TIME

Introduction

- **Satan is the archenemy of God and is an incurable liar and a deceiver and the father of lies. Satan hates the truth of God and he dominates the world with falsehood. Romans 1 says that civilization in general has exchanged the truth of God for the lie, i.e., the world lives under pervasive deception and falsehood. Satan's lies literally pervade all human thought, governing all intellectual work, all science, all philosophy, all sociology, all psychology and everything else.**
- **But there are two lies in particular that provide the basic paradigm for modern culture. Lie number one is that life is random - it sort of evolved that way thus there is no purpose, no reason and no God.**
- **The second lie is that truth is relative which means that the Bible cannot be the Word of God and that there is no authority beyond yourself.**
- **These two lies are so established in our society that people hate the Christian world view which opposes those lies. We don't believe life is random. We believe the universe was created by God, sustained by God and ruled by God. We do not believe the truth is relative, we believe truth is absolute and it is absolutely revealed on the pages of Scripture, which is the revelation of God.**

Introduction

- **Two great ideologies rule. No creator and no moral law. And that dispossesses man of any accountability.**
- **Satan has been extremely successful in getting his evolutionary lie out. So much so that most professing Christians would deny the simple straightforward testimony of Genesis 1 that God created the entire universe in six 24-hour days, and that it occurred about 6,000 years ago. Why would they deny the clear teaching of Scripture and tamper with the veracity and integrity of the Word of God and bring themselves into such jeopardy?**
- **No part of the evolutionary lie is more loudly proclaimed or more widely believed than the evolution of man. In fact, when most people think about evolution, they think about man, they think about the picture in National Geographic of the ape-like creature on fours and all of a sudden the sequence of about ten different pictures as this four-legged creature all of a sudden becomes erect and takes the posture of a man, and they tell us that's the progression of human evolution.**
- **But we have in Genesis the true account of the creation of man and woman.**

The Sixth Day (Genesis 1:24-31)

1:24 Then **God** ~~said~~, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures **after their kind**: cattle and creeping things and beasts of the earth **after their kind**"; and it was so.

1:25 And **God** made the beasts of the earth **after their kind**, and the cattle **after their kind**, and everything that creeps on the ground **after its kind**; and **God** ~~saw~~ that it was good.

1:26 Then **God** ~~said~~, "Let **Us** make **man** in **Our** image, according to **Our** likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

1:27 And **God** created **man** in **His** own image, in the image of **God**. **He** created him, male and female. **He** created them.

The Sixth Day (Genesis 1:24-31)

1:28 And God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

1:29 Then God said, "Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the surface of all the earth, and every tree which has fruit yielding seed; it shall be food for you;

1:30 and to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the sky and to every thing that moves on the earth which has life, *I have given every green plant for food*"; and it was so.

1:31 And God saw all that He had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

The Creation of Land Animals

- **Cattle is a word that speaks of animals which can be tamed and domesticated for man's use, like goats and cows which produce milk and animals that could be ridden.**
- **Creeping things refer to anything that creeps or crawls on the ground, (insects), small animals with short legs who appear to be scurrying across (like rabbits) and as animals with short legs whose bellies are not far from the ground (rodents, snakes, amphibians).**
- **The beasts of the earth would be four-legged animals of some size which are generally not tamed, e.g., lions, bears, elephants, rhinos, hippos, tigers, etc. This groups would be the large mammals that roam the earth in an untamed or wild form.**
- **There are domestic animals and there are non-domestic animals. There are those that are above ground and there are those that are creeping and crawling around on the ground.**

The Creation of Man

- **God has spent a little over 5 days preparing the house that man would live in. Man was the apex of God's creation. Man will be part of God's redemptive purpose in the mind of God. Everything else in the universe will perish. The stars will fall, the sun will go out, the moon will come to an end. The whole universe will roll up like a scroll. The whole creation will melt with fervent heat. Everything that lives on this earth, every green thing, every plant, every tree, every occupant of the sea, every occupant of the sky and every land animal, every creature anywhere in the universe will die at the end of its life and go back to dust and go out of existence. But not man.**
- **Man is the main character and the whole unfolding of creation is to create a theater in which the great redemptive saga can be played out as God seeks a bride for His Son, as God seeks to demonstrate His grace and mercy and compassion and saving power to a universe of angels as well as men.**

Man Made In the Image of God

- **What is the image of God? The root of the Hebrew word for image, *tselem*, appears to mean to carve or to cut off, i.e., he was created on a heavenly pattern. That means we are created on a divine pattern that is not true of anything else that was created in the time-space universe.**
- **We do share biological features with the rest of the creatures. We are all designed by God to live together in a biological environment. We have a certain biological reciprocity with plants? We create carbon dioxide for them and they create oxygen for us. We have a reciprocity with the plants because we eat them. We have a reciprocity with the animals, with the water, the sun and the moon and all the other features of our world. We must fit into the same biological environment and therefore we are made out of the same stuff physically. But we are not highly evolved apes. We are transcendent in our significance because we have been literally cut off and carved as in the image of God.**

Man Made In the Image of God

- **Now this must describe some aspects of human nature which are not shared by animals...such as self-consciousness. Animals are conscious, but they're not self-conscious, i.e., they react to their environment, but they don't know they do, for they do not reason (the ability to think abstractly) something that has been proven repeatedly. They don't have the appreciation for beauty, and aesthetics as humans do. They don't feel emotion humans do, such as being morally sensitive, morally aware and morally conscious. But above all else, the image of God indicates the ability to personally relate to someone else, especially to God Himself. Being able to know Him, being able to love Him, being able to obey Him, being able to worship Him.**
- **. The core of the image of God can be summed up by the word "personal". We are persons. We live and move on the basis of relationships. We understand fellowship, love, communion, and conversation. We understand sharing thoughts, attitudes, ideas and experiences with others. And that is why when God created man He immediately said it is not good for man to be alone. Why? Because the image of God is personhood and personhood can only function in relationship.**

Man Made In the Image of God

- **The image of God is the capacity for personal relationships, and most importantly, for a personal relationship with God. When God said, “Let us make man in Our image”, we learn that He is a God of relationship and creates us so that we are also creatures of relationship.**
- **God Himself has never existed as a single, lonely, solitary isolated individual. He has always existed in a family, Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.**
- **As a person who is self-conscious there are ethical features. I know right from wrong. I understand virtue and morality, righteousness, holiness and sin, disobedience and rebellion. I have the capacity to do what is right and what is wrong, what’s good and what’s bad. I also have a capacity to know God, Christ, and the Holy Spirit.**
- **I am made up of the same atomic material, the same raw elements as the animals but what makes me distinct is my invisible part, not found in my DNA or chromosomes. It's that true person that makes me like God, that is capable of relationship with you and with God.**

Man Made In the Image of God

- One question that has been asked through the centuries is does the body of man bear the image of God?
- The answer is “No, not in the purest and truest sense”. We are dust to dust, and that's not like God. The personhood is eternal and that's like God. And we are capable and shall enjoy personal relationships forever with one another in the Kingdom of God and with God Himself. But while the body is not so much the expression of the image of God, the body does serve as a vehicle through which the image of God is manifest.
- To put it this way, if I didn't have a body I'd have a hard time relating to you. So while the body is not the image of God, because God is a spirit and has not a body, my body gives me the vehicle in a physical world, for the image of God to manifest itself.
- Augustine used to say, "Man's body is appropriate for his rational soul, not because of his facial features and the structure of his limbs, but rather because of the fact that he stands erect, is able to look up to heaven and gaze upon the higher regions."

Man Made In the Image of God

- **Henry Morris wrote, "We can only say that although God Himself has no physical body, He designed and formed man's body to enable it to function physically in ways in which He Himself could function without a body. God can see, hear, smell...according to Genesis 8:21...He can touch and He can speak whether or not He has actual physical eyes, ears, nose, hands or mouth. Furthermore when He has designed to appear visibly to men He has done so in the form of a human body, such as in Genesis chapter 18 and the same would be true of angels. They are spirits and there are occasions when they take on bodies. There is something about the human body therefore which is uniquely appropriate to God manifesting Himself on occasions. He must have designed man's body with this in mind. Accordingly He designed it not like the animals but with an erect posture, with an upward gazing countenance, capable of facial expressions corresponding to emotional feelings and with a brain and a tongue capable of articulate symbolic speech. He knew, of course, that in the fullness of time even He would become a man. And in that day He would prepare a human body for His Son and it would be made in the likeness of men just as man had been made in the likeness of God."**

Man Made In the Image of God

- **"And God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them" (v27). God created mankind but He created mankind by creating male "man", and then a female "man", and the two of them multiplied to make the rest of the human race.**
- **The four things that are distinct about man's creation.**
 - **First of all, he was made in the image of God, and he was made for personality and relationship.**
 - **Second, he was made as king of the earth, to rule and subdue creation.**
 - **Third, he was made as propagator of the human race, to populate the earth.**
 - **Fourth, he was made to be the recipient of rich and plentiful bounty all around him, far above the animals.**

Man Made King of the Earth

- **Man was designed by God to be the sovereign of the earth - let them rule (v26) and subdue it and rule (v28). Man as a species is created in God's image and given the responsibility to be the sovereign over the whole creation.**
- **His first responsibility was to identify & classify creation. "And out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the sky, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called a living creature, that was its name" (Gen 2:19). He had the capability to look at the characteristics of a given creature and give it a fitting name, which he did.**
- **His second responsibility is to see that the garden of God was cultivated and flourished. "Then the LORD God took the man and put him into the garden of Eden to cultivate it and keep it." (Gen 2:15). Man's responsibility was to learn about God's creation and glorify God by the wonder of what he saw and then to classify the creation and then somehow to shape the creation so that it was an honor to its creator in every way. Note, there was no fear, no death, no bloodshed. But man, nonetheless, had the responsibility to attend to the garden of God.**

Man Made Propagator of Human Life

- **"And God blessed them and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth'" (v28) and that's why God made them male and female, for that was His design for marriage and procreation. We'll deal with this in Chapter 2.**
- **God blessed them with personhood, dominion, with a divine image, being able to live eternally. He blessed them with the ability to have relationships and to understand His creation and best of all to know Him and other human beings. He also blessed them with the ability to reproduce themselves and fill the earth with others made in the image of God. One last blessing in Genesis 1 is blessed them with "every plant yielding seed that is on the surface of all the earth, and every tree which has fruit-yielding seed" to be food for them v29).**
- **Adam and Eve were created to be vegetarians and so were the animals. Why? Because there was no death, nothing died.**
- **God established this as the original fixed pattern. It was permanent at that time. "It was so" indicates its permanence.**

Genesis 2

2:1 Thus the heavens and the earth were completed, and all their hosts.

2:2 And by the seventh day God completed His work which He had done; and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done.

2:3 Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made.



The Seventh Day

- **The seventh day is a special day, set apart from the other days and elevated. God made it specially to be holy, and then He declared it to be holy. So it is doubly set apart by His making or design and by His declaration.**
- **There are three reasons why it is unique, as indicated by three verbs in this passage. The verb "completed" (v1), "rested" (v2), and "blessed" (v3). Each of these three verbs was associated with the seventh day explicitly and with .**
- **Also, each of those three verbs is associated with the work of God (repeated 3x in v2-3).**
- **“By the seventh day, God completed His work which He had done.” It is clear by the language here that the entire work of creation was completed - that's what the Hebrew term means. The entire work of God was completed. So that on the seventh day, it had been already completed and God rested.**

The Seventh Day

- **Three times it has said God was finished creating everything that has existence. Now, the verb "rested does not imply any kind of weariness. It is not that God was worn out after a tough work week. Isaiah 40:28 says: "He faints not, neither is weary." When God works - whether He is working in creation or whether He's "upholding the creation by the word of his power," or whether He's accomplishing any particular task - there is no dissipation of energy. There is no law of entropy. There is no breaking down of matter. There is no disintegration in the absolute ineffable, pure, holy power of God. That's why Psalm 121:4 says He doesn't "slumber" and He doesn't "sleep." He needs no replenishing. He needs no refreshing, because He never gets weary. He never gets tired.**
- **What does the Hebrew verb mean? "Rested" is a word that we could misunderstand. The Hebrew word simply means not to do work. It is a negative connotation primarily; not to do work. He ceased to work. He ceased to do the work of creation.**

The Seventh Day

- **Exodus 20:9-11 - 9 "Six days you shall labor and do all your work, 10 but the seventh day is a sabbath of the LORD your God; in it you shall not do any work.... 11 For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and made it holy." So that the seventh day was rest; not in the sense of replenishing lost energy, but in the sense of not doing any work.**
- **Exodus 31:17 - "for in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, but on the seventh day He ceased from labor, and was refreshed." The idea of "refreshed" is the idea of satisfaction or delight. It's the response of God to Gen 1:31 : "He saw everything He made; it was very good." And as a result of that, He was satisfied, He found joy, delight and the satisfaction of accomplishment; not unlike a master painter when he finishes his masterpiece and steps back to delight in what he has accomplished; not unlike a sculptor who molds the perfect image of a man and steps back, having concluded his work, to enjoy the finished product.**

The Seventh Day

- **The third verb in verses 3 says "God blessed that day" or "God hallowed" the day, i.e., God identified it with some unique, holy character. God set it aside as a memorial, as a remembranceAll of creation occurred in six days. And then on the seventh day, God took that day and said I am going to bless this day and set it apart as a reminder that in six days He created the universe.**
- **There is no rational reason, no philosophical, mathematical or scientific reason, for "weeks". Why in the world do we occupy our lives in weeks? Why seven days? Nobody in their right mind would purposely divide 365 days into sevens because you can't divide 365 by seven. Weeks don't even fit well into months. There's only one reason, and that's because God established that order, because of creation. And every week of our lives we go through a cycle that is intended by God to remind us that He created the world in six days and rested. Every time a seventh day passes, we should be acknowledging God as our creator. That's a memorial to a completed creation.**

The Seventh Day

- **To reject God as creator and to reject a six day creation is to unbless the seventh day. It's therefore to deny God His true identity as creator. It's to rob Him of glory due His name. But if we believe what the Bible says, then every seventh day that passes is a memorial and a reminder that God created the entire universe in six days and was finished. And for that glorious accomplishment, He deserves our praise. No week goes by without a reminder that God is creator.**

Psalm 90:4

“For a thousand years
in Thy sight
Are like yesterday when
it passes by,
Or as a watch in the
night”

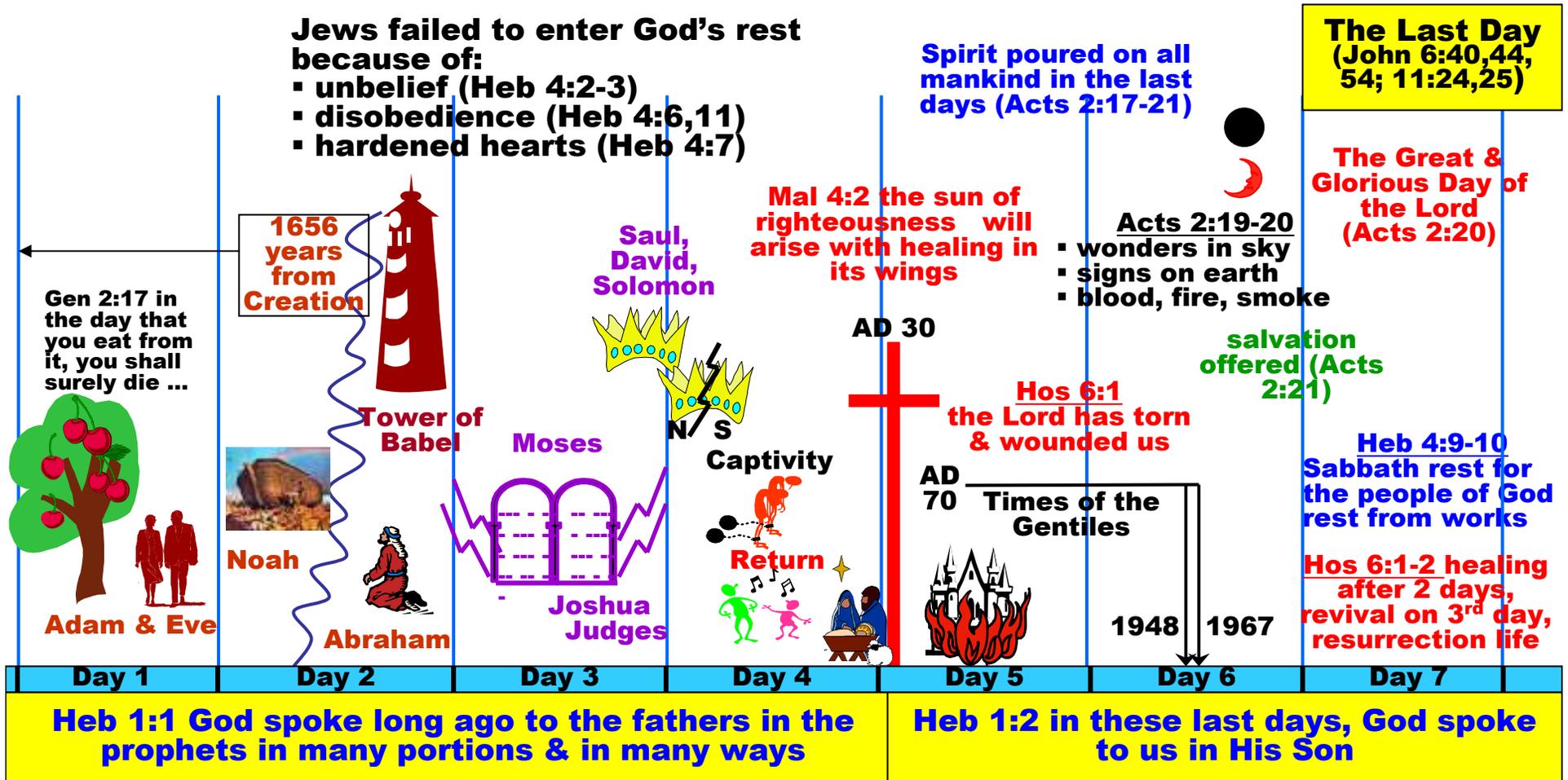
2 Peter 3:8

“with the Lord one day is as a
thousand years, and a thousand
years as one day.”

Hosea 6:1-3

- 1 “Come, let us return to the Lord.
For He has torn *us*, but He will heal
us;
He has wounded *us*, but He will
bandage us.
- 2 “He will revive us after two days;
He will raise us up on the third day
That we may live before Him.
- 3 “So let us know, let us press on to
know the Lord.
His going forth is as certain as the
dawn;
And He will come to us like the rain,
Like the spring rain watering the
earth.”

one day = a thousand years (Ps 90:4; 2 Pet 3:8)



Instructions

Heb 4:1 let us fear lest any come short of entering God's rest

Heb 4:7 do not harden your hearts

Heb 4:11 let us be diligent to enter that rest lest any fall thro' following the same example of disobedience & unbelief

Who Enters

- those who believe (Heb 4:3; Jn 6:40)
- those given by the Father (Jn 6:39)
- those drawn by the Father (Jn 6:44)

Who Didn't Enter

- disobedient (Heb 4:6,11)
- those with hardened hearts (Heb 4:7)

- Resurrection for Believers (John 6:39, 40, 44, 54; 11:24,25)
- Judgment for unbelievers (John 12:48)

Matthew 24:29-31

29 But
immediately
after the tribulation of those days
the sun will be darkened
& the moon will not give its light
& the stars will fall from the sky

& the powers of the heavens will be
shaken,
30 and then
the sign of the Son of Man will
appear in the sky,
and then
all the tribes of the earth will
mourn,

& they will see the Son of Man
coming on the clouds of the sky
with power & great glory
31 And
He will send forth His angels
with a great trumpet
& they will gather together His elect
from the four winds,
from one end of the sky
to the other

Mark 13:24-27

24 But
in those days,
after that tribulation,
the sun will be darkened,
& the moon will not give its light,
25 & the stars will be falling from
heaven,
& the powers that are in the
heavens will be shaken
26 And then

they will see the Son of Man
coming in clouds
with great power and glory
27 And then
He will send forth the angels,

& will gather together His elect
from the four winds,
from the farthest end of the earth,
to the farthest end of heaven.

Luke 21:25-28

25 And
there will be signs in sun
& moon
& stars,

& upon the earth
dismay among nations,
in perplexity
at the roaring of the sea
& the waves,
26 men fainting from fear
& the expectation of the things
which are coming upon the world;
for the powers of the heavens
will be shaken

27 And then
they will see the Son of Man coming
in a cloud with power & great glory

28 But
when these things begin
to take place,

- straighten up &
- lift up your heads,
because your redemption
is drawing near

Light

- **Gen 1:3,18 “light”** - H216 אֹרֶךְ 'owr {ore} א AV - light(s) 114, day 2, bright 1, clear 1, flood 1, herbs 1, lightning 1, morning 1, sun 1; 123 א 1) light 1a) light of day 1b) light of heavenly luminaries (moon, sun, stars) 1c) day-break, dawn, morning light 1d) daylight 1e) lightning 1f) light of lamp 1g) light of life 1h) light of prosperity 1i) light of instruction 1j) light of face (fig.) 1k) Jehovah as Israel's light
- **Gen 1:14,15,16 “lights”** - H3974 מְאֹרֹת ma'owr or מְאֹרֹת ma'or also (in pl.) fem. m@'owrah {meh-o-raw'} or m@orah {meh-o-raw'} א AV - light 18, bright 1; 19 א 1) light, luminary
- **Gen 1:15,17 “to give light”** - H215 אֹרֶךְ 'owr {ore} א AV - light 19, shine 14, enlighten 5, break of day 1, fire 1, give 1, glorious 1, kindle 1; 43 א 1) to be or become light, shine 1a) (Qal) 1a1) to become light (day) 1a2) to shine (of the sun) 1a3) to become bright 1b) (Niphal) 1b1) to be illuminated 1b2) to become lighted up 1c) (Hiphil) 1c1) to give light, shine (of sun, moon, and stars) 1c2) to illumine, light up, cause to shine, shine 1c3) to kindle, light (candle, wood) 1c4) lighten (of the eyes, his law, etc) 1c5) to make shine (of the face)

Acts 2:17-21

- 17 'And it shall be in the last days,' God says,
'That I will pour forth of My Spirit upon all mankind;
And your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
And your young men shall see visions,
And your old men shall dream dreams;
- 18 Even upon My bondslaves, both men and women,
I will in those days pour forth of My Spirit
And they shall prophesy.
- 19 'And I will grant wonders in the sky above,
And signs on the earth beneath,
Blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke.
- 20 'The sun shall be turned into darkness,
And the moon into blood,
Before the great and glorious day of the Lord shall come.
- 21 'And it shall be, that everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

In the Last Days

Isaiah 13:13 - Therefore I shall make the heavens tremble,
And the earth will be shaken from its place
At the fury of the LORD of hosts
In the day of His burning anger.

Revelation 6:12-17

12 And I looked when He broke the sixth seal, and there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth *made* of hair, and the whole moon became like blood; 13 and the stars of the sky fell to the earth, as a fig tree casts its unripe figs when shaken by a great wind. 14 And the sky was split apart like a scroll when it is rolled up; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places. 15 And the kings of the earth and the great men and the commanders and the rich and the strong and every slave and free man, hid themselves in the caves and among the rocks of the mountains; 16 and they said to the mountains and to the rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the presence of Him who sits on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb; 17 for the great day of their wrath has come; and who is able to stand?"

BIRTH PANGS

GOSPEL PREACHED INTO WHOLE WORLD

SAINTS WILL BE PURGED, PURIFIED & REFINED

And then... **BIRTH**
the End shall come!

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE TIMES

- religious deceivers
- wars, rumors of wars, disturbances
- famines, earthquakes, plaques
- terrors, great signs from heaven
- **persecution of believers**
- apostasy
- false Christs & false prophets
- lawlessness increased
- **love of many grow cold**

Michael shall arise

THE GREAT TRIBULATION or THE TRIBULATION

Days cut short for the elect's sake

Little horn will devour, tread down, crush the whole earth, He wages war with saints overpowers them wears them down alters time and law

Dominion will be annihilated Destruction is decreed
• destroyed without human agency

RESCUE FOR JEWS (Dan 12:1)

TIME OF GREAT DISTRESS

THRONES SET UP ANCIENT OF DAYS SON OF MAN

- Rescue
- Resurrection
- Reward

TRIBES MOURN

elect gathered

Stone cut without hands

God's eternal indestructible Kingdom

- the Highest One
- saints
- people of the saints

10 horns Little horn

- uproots 3 horns
- battles with kings of the South & the North other countries, the Beautiful Land, & Egypt
- Edom, Moah & Ammon rescued
- destroys many who are at ease

Covenant made for one week

ISRAEL BECOMES A NATION
ISRAEL TAKES BACK JERUSALEM



1948 1967

3 1/2 years

3 1/2 years

1290 days

1335 days

Power of Holy People Shattered (Dan 12:7)

Complete destruction on one who makes desolate (Dan 9:27)

Sacrifice & Grain Offering stopped
Abomination of Desolation set up