

# Genesis - Lesson 01

## Genesis Chapter 1

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Memory verses for this week: *Prov 30:7 Two things have I required of thee; deny me them not before I die: Prov 30:8 Remove far from me vanity and lies: give me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with food convenient for me: Prov 30:9 Lest I be full, and deny thee, and say, Who is the LORD? or lest I be poor, and steal, and take the name of my God in vain.*

**Introduction:** We begin a new study on the book of Genesis this week. This is going to be one of our longer studies with a great amount of time going into the first chapters in particular. We are going to explore the verses in depth, and take into consideration some of the numerology of the bible. I pray the lessons will be a help and blessing to you. These are in a slightly different format as they are based off of a study outline by E.L. Bynum of Tabernacle Baptist Church in Lubbock Texas.

## GENESIS - THE CREATION AND THE CREATOR

### I. INTRODUCTION - Its Author And Purpose.

*Gen 1:1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.*

*Gen 1:2 And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.*

1. Moses was the human writer.

Jesus spoke to the two men on the road to Emmaus after coming forth from the grave.

*Luk 24:25 Then he said unto them, O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken:*

*Luk 24:26 Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory?*

*Luk 24:27 And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself.*

*... Luk 24:44 And he said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me.*

2. The Holy Spirit is the author of the entire bible.

*2Pe 1:21 For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.*

*2Ti 3:16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:*

*2Ti 3:17 That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.*

3. The purpose of Genesis is that we might know the true history of God's creation, and further that we might learn the spiritual lessons.

**1Co 10:1** Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea;

**1Co 10:2** And were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea;

**1Co 10:3** And did all eat the same spiritual meat;

**1Co 10:4** And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ.

**1Co 10:5** But with many of them God was not well pleased: for they were overthrown in the wilderness.

**1Co 10:6** Now these things were our examples, to the intent we should not lust after evil things, as they also lusted.

... **1Co 10:11** Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come.

## II. Seven Special Beginnings, In Genesis "The Book Of Beginnings."

1. The beginning of the material universe: The sphere of the divine revelation of grace.
2. The beginning of the human race: The subject of the divine revelation of grace.
3. The beginning of sin: The cause of the divine revelation of grace.
4. The beginning of divine redemption: The character of the divine revelation of grace.
5. The beginning of the nations: The scope of the divine revelation of grace.
6. The beginning of the Hebrew nation: The channel of the divine revelation of grace.
7. The beginning of the life of faith: The outcome of the divine revelation of grace.

## III. "In The Beginning God" Versus Six "Isms"

1. It denies atheism with its doctrine of no God.
2. It denies polytheism with its doctrine of many Gods.
3. It denies fatalism with its doctrine of chance.
4. It denies evolution with its doctrine of infinite becoming.
5. It denies pantheism with its doctrine that makes God and the universe identical.
6. It denies materialism with its doctrine of the eternity of matter.

## IV. God's Stamp Of Perfection in Gen. 1:1 · 2:4.

1. "Good" appears 7 times. v. 4, 10, 12, 18, 21, 25, 31
2. "Made" appears 7 times. v. 7, 16, 25, 26, 31; 2:2, 3
3. "Heaven" appears 7 times. v. 1, 8, 9, 14, 15, 17, 20
4. "God" is referred to 35 times. That is  $7 \times 5 = 35$
5. There are 7 Hebrew words in v. 1. There are 28 Hebrew letters in v. 1. Four is earth's number.  $4 \times 7 = 28$
6. There are 7 activities: --a. Activity of the Holy Spirit. v. 2-- b. The word of God calling into existence light. v. 3-- c. The making of the firmament. v. 6-9-- d. The bringing forth of the vegetation. v. 11-- e. The arranging of the heavenly bodies. v. 14-19-- f. The storing up of the waters. v. 20-21-- g. The stocking of the earth. v. 24

## V. GOD THE CREATOR AND HIS WORLD.

**Gen 1:1** In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

God did not go into great details about himself, he declares in verse 1 that He is a Reality. The three part Godhead was there in the creation of the world.

1. "God." v. 1.-- a. Before all things.-- b. The cause of all things.-- c. The explanation of all

things.-- d. The destiny of all things.

2. "In the beginning."-- a. Birth of time.-- b. Birth of matter.-- c. The birth of revelation.

3. This verse assumes:-- a. The being of God.-- b. His eternity.-- c. His omnipotence.-- d. His absolute freedom and sovereignty.-- e. His infinite wisdom.-- f. His essential goodness.

4. "God" of Gen. 1:1 is "Elohim" a uni-plural noun.

5. "Created" is a singular verb and requires a singular subject.

6. The New Testament reveals Christ as Creator.

We just studied this in our recent study on the book of John.

**Joh 1:1** *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.*

**Joh 1:2** *The same was in the beginning with God.*

**Joh 1:3** *All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.*

**Joh 1:4** *In him was life; and the life was the light of men.*

**Heb 1:1** *God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets,*

**Heb 1:2** *Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds;*

**Heb 1:3** *Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;*

**Heb 1:4** *Being made so much better than the angels, as he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they.*

**Col 1:15** *Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature:*

**Col 1:16** *For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether *they be* thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:*

**Col 1:17** *And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.*

## VI. Atheism Is A Hoax.

You sometimes meet people who claim that there is no God, but it is not by facts that they have established their position. *"The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God."* **Psa. 14:1.** Atheism and evolution are both foolish. Can anyone prove there is no God? NO!

1. Biblical history of creation proves atheism a folly. God's word sets forth the only plausible, plain and believable record of creation. Look at all the myths of other religions on this subject.

2. The existence of a beautiful world about us reveals the existence of an all wise God. Just walk outside at night and the heavens above you declare the existence of God.

**Psa 19:1** *To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David. The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork.*

3. The universal belief in God or gods, reveal His existence.

4. Matter is not eternal.

## VII. The Teaching Of Gen. 1:2.

**Gen 1:2** *And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.*

There was no world as we know it today as the earth was "without form and void," and in darkness. The Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

1. A tremendous revelation of truth.
  - a. This may be true of matter. Matter is not God and without God it is meaningless, dark and useless.
  - b. This may be true of minds. The mind is nothing without God. Too many worship the intellect.
  - c. This may be true of the soul.
2. A tremendous opportunity for change. Under the brooding power of the Spirit.
  - a. Matter can be changed.
  - b. Our minds can be changed. (The mind may have knowledge and yet be in utter chaos).

*2Co 4:3 But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost:*

"We that are saved have the mind of Christ. The difference is that we that are save have a "Sound mind. "

c. Soul can be changed. We can go from being lost and alienated from God to being a child of God by faith in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

3. The earth:-- a. Without form.-- b. Without light.-- c. Without life, but not without God.
4. We can see the results of The Spirit of God:-- a. Removes darkness.-- b. Imparts beauty.-- c. Gives life.

NOTE: "Created" is the Hebrew "bara" and it is used only of God.

## **VIII. The Gap and Day Age Theories Disproved**

These two theories were adopted by Bible believers in order to reconcile the geological ages claimed by many scientists, to the creation account found in Genesis. These two theories are now losing ground with Bible believers. This is due in part to the efforts put forth by scientists who are truly Christian. There are now over 500 scientists with degrees in science, who believe and teach the Genesis account of creation. They are members of the Creation Research Society.

The Gap Theory generally states that there is a long gap between Gen. 1:1 and 1:2. Some who believe this theory, believe that there was a prehistoric race of people and animals that perished in a catastrophic judgment, which came as a result of Satan's fall. This leaves room for the long geological ages claimed by scientists. Some who hold some form of this view are: Gaebelain, Pink, and Neighbour. We do not mean to be critical of these men, but we do think that they were wrong.

The theory is refuted because it contradicts Scripture. Ex. 20:11. This verse is very obviously referring to Gen. 1:1 and 2. When it comes to believing man or God, I know we should believe God.

*Gen 1:1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.*

*Gen 1:2 And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.*

*Exo 20:11 For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.*

Sin entered this world as a result of Adam's sin. This contradicts the theory that the fossil remains predate Adam and his fall. One day carbon dating will be proven false. Already they have found fossils intermixed in the same strata that was supposed to have been thousands of years apart. The simple reality is that this earth has only existed for a few thousand years, not the millions or billions that some scientists claim.

*1Co 15:21 For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead.*

*1Co 15:22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.*

*1 Co 15:23 But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming.*

*Rom 8:20 For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope,*

*Rom 8:21 Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.*

*Rom 8:22 For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now.*

*Rom 5:14 Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression, who is the figure of him that was to come.*

*Rom 5:15 But not as the offence, so also is the free gift. For if through the offence of one many be dead, much more the grace of God, and the gift by grace, which is by one man, Jesus Christ, hath abounded unto many.*

If a "pre-Adamic" race lived and died, they died without a Saviour. No Scripture really teaches this theory, including Ezek. 28:16-17 and Isa. 45:18. The verses here in Ezekiel speak of Satan, the most beautiful of all the created beings in heaven.

*Eze 28:15 Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee.*

*Eze 28:16 By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with violence, and thou hast sinned: therefore I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God: and I will destroy thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire.*

*Eze 28:17 Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: I will cast thee to the ground, I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee.*

*Isa 45:18 For thus saith the LORD that created the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it; he hath established it, he created it not in vain, he formed it to be inhabited: I am the LORD; and there is none else.*

The Hebrew words for "create" and for "make" are often used interchangeably in Scripture when referring to God's work.

*Gen 1:21 And God created great whales, and every living creature that moveth, which the waters brought forth abundantly, after their kind, and every winged fowl after his kind: and God saw that it was good.*

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*Gen 1:25 And God made the beast of the earth after his kind, and cattle after their kind, and every thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind: and God saw that it was good.*

*Gen 1:26 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have*

*dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.*

*Gen 1:27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.*

The Day-Age Theory says that each day of creation was a long period of time, perhaps thousands of years. Some are misled by the fact that God was never limited by time and existed in eternity past before there was time. Also the verse in II Peter is misused to backup their thinking.

*2Pe 3:8 But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.*

A lesser number of evangelicals and many liberals believe that each day of creation represented long periods of time rather than 24 hour days. This would involve some form of theistic evolution.

This theory is disproved by Exodus 20:9-11. It is obvious that this Scripture speaks of literal days.

*Exo 20:9 Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work:*

*Exo 20:10 But the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates:*

*Exo 20:11 For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.*

The Hebrew word for "days" is "YAMIN" and for "day" it is "YOM." "YAMIN" is used 700 times in the Old Testament and always means literal days. "YOM" sometimes refers to an indefinite time, but never when it is accompanied by a definite number.

God pronounced His work to be very good. Gen. 1:31. This certainly does not refer to millions of years of struggle upward through pain, suffering and death, as claimed through the fossil record.

*Gen 1:31 And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.*

God told Adam to have dominion over everything. If the day-age theory is correct, then much that God had created would have already been extinct.

*Gen 1:28 And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.*

Adam lived to the age of 930 years. Gen. 5:5. If each day is an age, then Adam lived through the 6th day and the 7th day. Would he not have been thousands or millions of years old?

*Gen 5:5 And all the days that Adam lived were nine hundred and thirty years: and he died.*

"Evening" and "morning" are used to describe each day. These words are not figurative and are never used that way in the Scriptures. How could these words be used to describe an age or a long period of time.

Those who adopt this theory usually end up denying that Adam was an historical person. This leads to a denial of the fall of man and the end result is, there is no need for a Saviour. See how a little sin or disbelief will lead to large disbelief. A little leaven will leaven the whole lump. Leaven in the bible always speaks of sin.

**Gal 5:9** *A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump.*

## **IX. The First Day of Creation**

The First Day of creation was typical Of The Salvation Of A Soul.

*Gen 1:2 And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.*

We see the moving of the Spirit of God in verse 2.

*Joh 3:5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.*

*Joh 3:6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.*

*Joh 3:7 Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.*

*Gen 1:3 And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.*

The word of God spoke and light came into existence. "And God said." God spoke in the New Testament about the gospel and how we as Christians should never be ashamed to share the gospel with others.

*Rom 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.*

*Rom 1:19 Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them.*

*Rom 1:20 For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:*

*Rom 1:21 Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.*

*Rom 1:22 Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools,*

*Rom 1:23 And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things.*

The Son of God enters and we see the relationship to "Let there be light." in verse 3.

*Joh 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.*

*Joh 1:2 The same was in the beginning with God.*

*Joh 1:3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.*

*Joh 1:4 In him was life; and the life was the light of men.*

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*Joh 1:9 That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.*

*Joh 1:10 He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not.*

*Joh 1:11 He came unto his own, and his own received him not.*

*Joh 1:12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:*

*2Co 4:3 But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost:*

*2Co 4:4 In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.*

*2Co 4:5 For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake.*

*2Co 4:6 For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.*

*Gen 1:4 And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness.*

*Gen 1:5 And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.*

The entrance of the Light. New Testament is clear that the light of this world, Jesus Christ brings division. Light and darkness were divided in verses 4-5.

*Joh 3:19 And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.*

*Rom 13:12 The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light.*

*2Co 6:14 Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?*

*2Co 6:15 And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel?*

## **X. The Second Day of Creation**

*Gen 1:6 And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters.*

*Gen 1:7 And God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament: and it was so.*

*Gen 1:8 And God called the firmament Heaven. And the evening and the morning were the second day.*

The Firmament means an expanse or atmosphere. This is the first heaven where the birds fly, etc. Waters under the firmament, refers to water on the earth in verse 7. Waters above the firmament, refers to water suspended in space. There must have been much more of this before the flood. This explains why it could rain for 40 days and nights.

*Gen 7:11 In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month, the same day were all the fountains of the great deep broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened.*

*Gen 7:12 And the rain was upon the earth forty days and forty nights.*

We have some water suspended in this manner in the clouds, but not the tremendous amount of vapor as before the flood. Remember that it did not rain until the flood.

Matthew Henry said this about the creation of the firmament:

We have here an account of the second day's work, the creation of the firmament, in which observe, 1. The command of God concerning it: *Let there be a firmament, an expansion*, so the Hebrew word signifies, like a sheet spread, or a curtain drawn out. This includes all that is visible above the earth, between it and the third heavens: the air, its higher, middle, and lower, regions - the celestial globe, and all the spheres and orbs of light above: it reaches as high as the place where the stars are fixed, for that is called here the *firmament of heaven* (Gen 1:14, Gen 1:15), and as low as the place where the birds fly, for that also is called the *firmament of heaven*, Gen 1:20.

## **XI. The Third Day of Creation**



This third day is typical Of The Fruitful Life.

*Gen 1:9 And God said, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry land appear: and it was so.*

*Gen 1:10 And God called the dry land Earth; and the gathering together of the waters called he Seas: and God saw that it was good.*

The seas formed. The seas stood as barriers of separation for thousands of years. Ships and planes have narrowed this barrier of separation. The dry land appears in verses 9-10. Think of the erosion, etc. that may have come about through this sudden division.

*Gen 1:11 And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth: and it was so.*

*Gen 1:12 And the earth brought forth grass, and herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed was in itself, after his kind: and God saw that it was good.*

*Gen 1:13 And the evening and the morning were the third day.*

The fruitfulness of the earth was typical of the resurrection. Note that each thing was to bring forth after its kind. This refutes evolution. Man did not start as an ameba and evolve to a fish and then to a man. Each thing God created brought forth fruit after his kind.

NOTE: The following types should also be considered.

1st Day, typical of incarnation - Holy Spirit broods.

2nd Day, typical of crucifixion - Cross divides, separates.

3rd Day, typical of resurrection - Life came forth from dying world.

John Wesley in his commentary said this about the third day of creation.

**Gen 1:9-13** The third day's work is related in these verses; the forming the sea and the dry land, and making the earth fruitful. Hitherto the power of the Creator had been employed about the upper part of the visible world; now he descends to this lower world, designed for the children of men, both for their habitation, and their maintenance. And here we have an account of the fitting of it for both; the building of their house, and the spreading of their table.

Observe, 1. How the earth was prepared to be a habitation for man by the gathering of the waters together, and making the dry land appear. Thus, instead of that confusion which was, when earth and water were mixed in one great mass; now there is order, by such a separation as rendered them both useful. (1.) The waters which covered the earth were ordered to retire, and to gather into one place, viz. those hollows which were fitted for their reception. The waters thus lodged in their proper place, he called Seas; for though they are many, in distant regions, yet either above ground or under ground, they have communication with each other, and so they are one, and the common receptacle of waters, into which all the rivers run. (2.) The dry land was made to appear, and emerge out of the waters, and was called Earth.

## **XII. LIGHTS IN THE FIRMAMENT OF THE HEAVEN – The 4th Day of Creation**

*Gen 1:14 And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years:*

*Gen 1:15 And let them be for lights in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth: and it was so.*

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

*Gen 1:17 And God set them in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth,*

While this was the setting of the sun and moon for light, this was not the beginning of light.

*Gen 1:3 And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.*

*Gen 1:4 And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness. Gen 1:5 And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.*

Whether light came forth from the sun in verse 3 is not clear. John Wesley in his commentary simply stated that earlier there was light, but not organized light as it became when God created the sun, moon, and stars. I am not sure of how there was light earlier, but I know that there was light upon the earth on the first day of creation.

John Wesley's commentary:

**Gen 1:14-19** This is the history of the fourth day's work, the creating the sun, moon and stars. Of this we have an account, In general, verse 14, 15. where we have, The command given concerning them. Let there be lights in the firmament of heaven - God had said, Gen 1:3 Let there be light, and there was light; but that was, as it were, a chaos of light, scattered and confused; now it was collected and made into several luminaries, and so rendered both more glorious and more serviceable. The use they were intended to be of to this earth. They must be for the distinction of times, of day and night, summer and winter. They must be for the direction of actions: they are for signs of the change of weather, that the husbandman may order his affairs with discretion. They do also give light upon the earth.

The purpose of the two great lights was to divide the day from night and for signs, seasons, days, and for years. These heavenly bodies are to guide and to be navigational aids to man. Also it divides the seasons Summer, Fall, Winter, and Spring. They are not for astrology, the signs of the zodiac and for fortune telling as many try to lead us to believe today. The sun's purpose was predominately to give light and heat upon the earth. Life as we know it, could not exist without the sun.

There is a spiritual lesson of the two great lights. The sun is certainly typical of the Lord Jesus Christ.

*Mat 4:16 The people which sat in darkness saw great light; and to them which sat in the region and shadow of death light is sprung up. Mat 4:17 From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.*

**Joh 1:1** *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.*

**Joh 1:2** *The same was in the beginning with God.*

**Joh 1:3** *All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.*

**Joh 1:4** *In him was life; and the life was the light of men.*

**Joh 1:5** *And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.*

**Joh 1:6** *There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.*

**Joh 1:7** *The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe.*

**Joh 1:8** *He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light.*

**Joh 1:9** *That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.*

**Joh 1:10** *He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not.*

**Joh 1:11** *He came unto his own, and his own received him not.*

**Joh 1:12** *But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:*

This will certainly be true at His Second Coming, when He shall appear as the Sun of Righteousness.

*Mal 4:1 For, behold, the day cometh, that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yea, and all*

*that do wickedly, shall be stubble: and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the LORD of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch.*

*Mal 4:2 But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings; and ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall.*

*Mal 4:3 And ye shall tread down the wicked; for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet in the day that I shall do this, saith the LORD of hosts.*

*Rev 21:22 And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it.*

*Rev 21:23 And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof.*

While the sun typifies Christ, the moon is typical of the Church. It is like the sun, but a lesser light as described of the moon in verse 5. The moon's light is borrowed from the sun just like the church is a reflection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

*Joh 9:5 As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.*

*Mat 5:14 Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.*

*Mat 5:15 Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house.*

*Mat 5:16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.*

*Eph 5:8 For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light:*

The moon rules in the night of darkness. This world is in spiritual darkness during the Church age.

### **XIII. THE CREATION OF LIVING THINGS. 5th & 6th days of Creation.**

*Gen 1:20 And God said, Let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving creature that hath life, and fowl that may fly above the earth in the open firmament of heaven.*

*Gen 1:21 And God created great whales, and every living creature that moveth, which the waters brought forth abundantly, after their kind, and every winged fowl after his kind: and God saw that it was good.*

*Gen 1:22 And God blessed them, saying, Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let fowl multiply in the earth.*

*Gen 1:23 And the evening and the morning were the fifth day.*

*Gen 1:24 And God said, Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth after his kind: and it was so.*

*Gen 1:25 And God made the beast of the earth after his kind, and cattle after their kind, and every thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind: and God saw that it was good.*

Up until the 5th day, God has been preparing the earth for the living things and man. Now on the 5th day He begins the creation of living things. On the fifth day, we find Fish, Birds, And Whales were created.

Verse 20 records the creation of fish and ocean life and the birds that fly in the sky. Verse 21 gives record of the creation of whales. As we studied about plants, the animals were each to bring forth after its kind. While there is variety within each species or kind, nevertheless there is no evolution here. One kind does not produce another kind.

Verses 23 and 25 are the account of the 6th Day Creation where cattle, beasts and creeping things

were created. The cattle of the earth were created as records verse 24 as well as the beasts and creeping things. This means reptiles as well as insects that crawl and leap.

*Lev 11:20 All fowls that creep, going upon all four, shall be an abomination unto you.*

*Lev 11:21 Yet these may ye eat of every flying creeping thing that goeth upon all four, which have legs above their feet, to leap withal upon the earth;*

*Lev 11:22 Even these of them ye may eat; the locust after his kind, and the bald locust after his kind, and the beetle after his kind, and the grasshopper after his kind.*

*Lev 11:23 But all other flying creeping things, which have four feet, shall be an abomination unto you.*

#### **XIV. THE CREATION OF MAN, the LAST PART OF THE 6th DAY**

*Gen 1:26 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.*

*Gen 1:27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.*

*Gen 1:28 And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.*

*Gen 1:29 And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat.*

*Gen 1:30 And to every beast of the earth, and to every fowl of the air, and to every thing that creepeth upon the earth, wherein there is life, I have given every green herb for meat: and it was so.*

*Gen 1:31 And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.*

Most of the creation was similar in pattern until man. His Creation was different than all others. Man was made in the image of the triune God. Image does not necessarily mean a physical likeness, and in this case it does not. Here is where the difference was made, and it forever separates man from the animal world.

Here are some of the major differences in man and animal.

Man is a spiritual being with body, souls, and spirit. Animals do not have souls, but bodies and spirit only.

*1Th 5:23 And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

*Joh 4:24 God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.*

*Heb 12:9 Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live?*

*Pro 20:27 The spirit of man is the candle of the LORD, searching all the inward parts of the belly.*

*Ecc 12:7 Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it.*

Man has knowledge and can reason.

*Gen 2:19 And out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought them unto Adam to see what he would call them: and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that was the name thereof.*

*Gen 2:20 And Adam gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field; but for Adam there was not found an help meet for him.*

*Col 3:10 And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him:*

Man has a spiritual nature, and can sin or live in uprightness and holiness after accepting Christ as Lord and Savior.

*Ecc 7:29 Lo, this only have I found, that God hath made man upright; but they have sought out many inventions.*

*Eph 4:21 If so be that ye have heard him, and have been taught by him, as the truth is in Jesus:*

*Eph 4:22 That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts;*

*Eph 4:23 And be renewed in the spirit of your mind;*

*Eph 4:24 And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.*

Sin caused man to fall from this condition. In fact, sin has changed to some extent, all of these.

Man has a conscience and a free will. Unfortunately after sin, man now has a will but it is not free but under the bondage of sin.

*Rom 2:14 For when the Gentiles, which have not the law, do by nature the things contained in the law, these, having not the law, are a law unto themselves:*

*Rom 2:15 Which shew the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and their thoughts the mean while accusing or else excusing one another;)*

*Rom 2:16 In the day when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ according to my gospel.*

Sin has separated us from God and worship and communion with God.

Man has a dignity of presence.

*Gen 9:2 And the fear of you and the dread of you shall be upon every beast of the earth, and upon every fowl of the air, upon all that moveth upon the earth, and upon all the fishes of the sea; into your hand are they delivered.*

*1Co 11:7 For a man indeed ought not to cover his head, forasmuch as he is the image and glory of God: but the woman is the glory of the man.*

Because of sin, man now has immortality of his soul.

*Gen 3:22 And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever: Gen 3:23 Therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken.*

Man, unlike the animal kingdom, has capacity for marriage. And he labors apart from struggle for existence.

*Gen 2:15 And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it.*

Man also has power of speech. These things are not true of any animal. The physical similarity between man and some animals can best be explained on the basis of having a common designer and creator, much more so than by the theory of evolution. Also, there may be a similarity between creatures that share a common environment.

*1Co 15:39 All flesh is not the same flesh: but there is one kind of flesh of men, another flesh of beasts, another of fishes, and another of birds.*

*1Co 15:40 There are also celestial bodies, and bodies terrestrial: but the glory of the celestial is one, and the glory of the terrestrial is another.*

*1Co 15:41 There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars: for one star differeth from another star in glory.*

*1Co 15:42 So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption:*

*1Co 15:43 It is sown in dishonour; it is raised in glory: it is sown in weakness; it is raised in power:*

Though sin has marred man's image, it can be restored through redemption and then will be completely restored through the resurrection.

*1Co 15:42 So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption:*

*1Co 15:43 It is sown in dishonour; it is raised in glory: it is sown in weakness; it is raised in power:*

*1Co 15:44 It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body.*

*1Co 15:45 And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit.*

*1Co 15:46 Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual.*

*1Co 15:47 The first man is of the earth, earthy: the second man is the Lord from heaven.*

*1Co 15:48 As is the earthy, such are they also that are earthy: and as is the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly.*

*1Co 15:49 And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.*

God established the dominion of man. Of all creation, man was the climax of creation. Man to rule over the earth and animals. But sin came and Adam and Eve were separated from God by spiritual death. But God provided a way of reconciliation through the Lord Jesus Christ.

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*Prov 4:18 But the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day.*

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