

GENESIS Lesson 2 – 11/11/18

Last week we spent a lot time on Genesis 1:2 and the implications of the wording found in this verse.

We read Ezekiel 28 and looked at this king of Tyrus who was none other than Lucifer.

God destroyed this king of Tyrus and he was cast out of Eden, the garden of God, this is not the garden of Eden. Jesus said in Luke 10:18: "...I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven."

I believe Jesus is referring to the fall of Lucifer from heaven. Let's turn to one more passage.

Isaiah 14:12-14

¹² How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!

¹³ For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north:

¹⁴ I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.

I believe this rebellion by Lucifer happened between Genesis 1:1 and Genesis 1:2.

This hidden catastrophe, this pre-Adamic rebellion of the angelic host, of the sons of God, was captured for us in Genesis 1:2.

I believe this cloaked catastrophe in Gen. 1:2 is connected with the apostasy of Satan. This pause between Gen. 1:1 and Gen. 1:3 is often referred to the Gap Theory.

What the Gap Theory is not.

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There are some that teach that this was a pre-Adamic earth, where a race of men, different than we have now, inhabited the earth with animals (perhaps even dinosaurs), and cities and civilizations. This civilization fell or went corrupt and God had to destroy it. Some go on further and say that these men died when God destroyed the original earth and their spirits now roam trying to find rest, and that these are the evil spirits we read of in the NT.

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Some will use this event and try to reconcile the geologic column with the Bible. They will use this gap and claim that it must have been billions of years between verse 1 and verse 10 when God called the dry land to appear. Some will go as far and say with the gap theory you can reconcile evolution and the Bible; we call this Theistic Evolution. This is not what I believe the Gap theory to be.

The Gap theory is not invented to reconcile evolution with its geologic time and the Bible. The geologic column appears intact in only one place, and this is the text books of evolutionary science fiction.

The Gap theory is needed to reconcile the wording in verse 2, with the character of God and what God tells us about the angelic host.

We are not done with verse 2 yet. As God watched this waste, this emptiness, this void, the Bible tells us that “...the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.”

And when the Spirit of God moved, He then said, “Let there be light.” And then God proceeds to remake this earth into something beautiful, into something good.

Why, my friends what have here in Genesis chapter 1 is a picture of the new birth.

Gen 1:31: And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good...

Arthur W. Pink says, “There was, then, a primary creation, afterward a fall; first ‘heaven and earth,’ in due order, the earth without a heaven—in darkness, and buried under a ‘deep’ of salt and barren restless waters.”

F.W. Grant said, “The wicked are like the troubled sea when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt.”

God did not abandon this earth without form and void and covered in darkness. He said, “Let there be light.”

God did not abandon His fallen creation. He said, “I am the light of the world.”

Matthew 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.

Jesus shows up, and He makes us into something new. Gal. 6:15: For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision, but a new creature.

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

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

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

Now we come to the first creative day, this was day one of God's six day creation. A lot has happened since Gen. 1:1.

In verse 2 the Spirit of God moved, and verse 3 God spoke. Arthur W. Pink says, "First the activity of the Holy Spirit and now the spoken Word."

The activity of the Holy Spirit and ministry of the word of God go hand in hand.

John 4:23 says, "...the true worshippers shall worship the Father in **spirit** and in **truth**: for the Father seeketh such to worship him."

It is interesting that God created light without first creating any objects that give out light.

If you have studied science you must have heard of the Law of Conservation of Mass, which dates from Antoine Lavoisier's 1789 discovery that mass is neither created nor destroyed in chemical reactions.

And from this discovery we developed the axiom that matter can cannot be created or destroyed, unless you're God.

But now science is experimenting with creating matter from light, which is a mathematical possibility.

Breit and Wheeler, two London physicists, proposed in 1934 that it should be possible to turn light into matter by smashing together only two particles of light (photons), to create an electron and a positron.

Recently experiments are being performed to prove this. Remember Einstein's formula $E=mc^2$?

Science is always catching up to the Bible. I believe God created light first, and then used the light to make the universe as we know it today.

But God was able to separate the light, to divide it from the darkness. So we had a 24-hr day and night before the sun and the moon show up. Only God can do something like this.

God is in the separating business. He separated the Israelites from Gentiles. He separated the Levites from the rest of the tribes. He separates the Christians from the unbelievers. He separates the sheep from the goats. He separates the clean from the unclean. He is always separating and dividing.

This is suggestive of God's nature. God is a divider, he rarely joins.

Matthew 10:34: Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword.

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.

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.

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

We now come to the second day of creation, and here for the first time we read that God made something, versus create. God made the firmament, and this firmament caused a separation of the waters found in verse 2. And we know what the firmament is, the Bible tells us.

The Firmament between the waters contains the sun, moon, and stars.

So what happened to the waters above the firmament? We know according to the Bible that the waters under the firmament God called “Seas” (Gen. 1:10). This is the water we have on our planet.

So according to the Bible there must be water over the firmament. Let’s read the verses 6 and 7 again.

Now some people believe this water over the firmament was the water canopy that covered the earth before the flood, then that would make our sky the firmament, but God makes it clear that the sun, moon and stars are in the firmament—what we call space.

The Bible declares that there is water above the heavens.

Psalms 148:4: Praise him, ye heavens of heavens, and ye waters that be above the heavens.

There are also a few verses in Revelation that indicate a body of water before the throne of God.

Rev. 4:6: And before the throne there was a **sea of glass** like unto crystal: and in the midst of the throne, and round about the throne, were four beasts full of eyes before and behind.

Rev. 15:2: And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire: and them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God.

So there is a sea before the throne of God, and Rev. 15:2 the tribulation saints are standing on this sea!

To establish that there is a sea before the throne of God we need to look no further than the tabernacle. Right before the tent of the tabernacle there was a large laver of water where the priest would wash before they served. And the tabernacle was made according to pattern God showed Moses is patterned of the heavenly tabernacle. So when you study the tabernacle you find out what heaven is like.

Exodus 25:40: And look that thou make them after their pattern, which was shewed thee in the mount.

Now I want to share with you an article from NASA where they claim to have found a massive body of water at edge of the universe.

<https://www.nasa.gov/topics/universe/features/universe20110722.html>

Could this be the waters above the firmament? One thing is for sure there is water, lots of it in our universe.

And one day those who remain will be rapture out and will go through that sea of glass on our way to heaven. This is the antitype of the Red Sea crossing.

Take note of all the hymns we sing that mention the Christian landing on the shore of heaven. Examples: *Crossing the Bar*, *On Jordan's Stormy Banks*, *I Won't Have to Cross Jordan Alone*, *In the Sweet By and By* (*We shall meet on that beautiful shore*), *Jesus, Lover of My Soul* (*Let me to Thy bosom fly, While the nearer waters roll*), *Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me* (*Over life's tempestuous sea*), *A mighty Fortress is our God* (...*Our Helper He amid the flood*), etc.

In the heart of the Christian there is a witness of the Holy Spirit that we will cross over waters and land on the shore of heaven; the waters over the firmament that separate space from Heaven, our future home.

Let's now recap the days of creation per Genesis 1:

Day 1: Light (Day) and Darkness (Night)

Day 2: The Firmament (Heaven)

Day 3: Dry land (Earth), gathered the waters (Sea), and vegetation

Day 4: The moon, sun, and stars.

Day 5: The water animals

Day 6: The land animals and man

Day 7: God rested

A few things to note:

1. God makes the vegetation before He creates the Sun, he has already made light, and established 24 hr day with 12 hours of light and 12 hours of darkness.

2. He made the stars also. I just recent read a science article on Forbes, and they were commenting on the new galaxies being discovered with the Hubble telescope. (<http://www.forbes.com/sites/startswithabang/2016/10/14/hubbles-latest-breakthrough-reveals-trillions-of-unknown-galaxies-in-the-universe/#469cd3764ddc>). The author had this to say, “Instead of 170 billion galaxies in the observable Universe, there are likely more than two trillion, each containing an average of 100 billion stars or so.”

Many have tried to reconcile evolution with the days of creation, but we are not going to that. I want to tell you that there is so much evidence for a young earth and so much evidence to poke huge holes in the theory of evolution that it takes more faith to believe in evolution, than to believe in a Creator.

I want to give you a few facts that support creation.

1. Human population growth
2. Polystrate fossils
3. Living fossils (crocodile, shark, mosquito, coelacanth, tuatara lizard, wollemi pine, etc.)
4. Index fossils are used to date rocks they are found in, some are still alive today (graptolites, mosses, stromatolites, etc.)
5. Moon’s rate of egression from earth
6. Moon dust accumulation
7. Radiometric dating
8. The Flood story – found in every culture!
9. The size of universe verse its evolutionary age

10. T-Rex soft tissue (discovered in the bone marrow, hidden for a decade!)
11. Ica stones
12. Acambaro figurines

1 Timothy 6:20: O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding profane and vain babblings, and oppositions of science falsely so called:

Gen. 1:1: In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. How true that is!

I want to leave you with this humorous poem, *The Cosmic Egg*:

*“Upon a rock yet uncreate, amid a chaos incohere,
an uncreated being sate;
Beneath him rock, above him cloud.
And the cloud was rock and the rock was cloud!
The rock then growing soft and warm, the cloud began to take a form:
A form chaotic, vast and vague, which issued in the cosmic egg!
Then the being uncreate, on the egg did incubate,
And thus became the incubator.
And of the egg did allegate, and thus became the alligator!
And the incubator was potentate, But the alligator was potentator!”*

You may think this silly, but there is nothing more silly than the theory of evolution that is taught to our children as scientific fact! A lie that has damned many to hell. Science method states that for an idea to be considered scientific it must be observable and repeatable.

Next week we look at Adam and Eve.