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## "The Six Days Of Creation"

### Days 2 and 3

#### Genesis 1:6-13

**Introduction:** Before we get started today we need to do a little review of the first 2 messages which we have already looked at from Genesis 1.

We have looked at Day 1 of the 6 days of Creation. On the 1<sup>st</sup> day God created the earth which was covered with water and He also created light. He then separated the light from the darkness and the darkness He called night and the light He called day.

**Light** - In our last study we discussed the "light" we find created on Day 1 with the Creation of the sun, moon and the stars which were created on Day 4. There are many ideas about what this light was on Day 1. Some say it was the glory of God but we know that the glory of God existed in eternity past. Some say that it was a source of light that was replaced by the sun on the 4<sup>th</sup> day.

Let me explain to you quickly what is happening here. The light that was created on Day 1 is the very light that exists in our world today. God created all light on Day 1 and then on Day 4 it was assigned to the sun and the stars. On Day 1,2, and 3 there was morning and evening so therefore light existed and the earth was rotating. Then on Day 4 the light was assigned to the heavenly bodies. The very light we see today is the very light which was created on Day 1. Just as the earth we walk on is the same earth that was created on Day 1 so the light we enjoy is the same light. Why did God chose to create the sun, moon and the stars then if the light already existed?

#### **Notice Genesis 1:14**

They were created for signs and seasons. They were also created to magnify the glory of God and this is seen in the beautiful sunrises and sunsets that we are privileged to see throughout our lives.

**Gap Theory** - We also talked about the Gap Theory which falsely teaches there is a huge time gap between verses 1 and 2 of Genesis 1. This teaching says that because of sin God's first creation was destroyed and then God "recreated" everything and that "recreation" is recorded in Genesis 1. This teaching has come about because of the teaching of evolution that says the earth is millions of years old. Biblical scholars did not

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know what to do with the evolutionists teaching so they forced a gap between verses 1 and 2 and they decided that gap would contain the millions of years.

But that teaching is completely contrary to the Bible. The use of the word "and" makes it impossible to place a gap between any of the verses in the Genesis account.

### **Romans 5:12**

*<sup>12</sup> Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:*

**Purpose of the Genesis Account** – Now the last time we were together I told you there are many details about the Creation account that we are not told. There are things which we could never understand on this side of eternity about Creation. So therefore, the focus in Genesis 1 is not so much about what God Created or about how He created it. The focus is upon God and the fact that He and He alone created the heavens and the earth and all that is in them.

### **I. Day 2 (1:6-8)**

#### **Notice Genesis 1:6-8**

Here in these verses we see that God creates a space between 2 bodies of water. The space He calls heaven.

This seems to be a canopy of water that was suspended over the earth.

Let me first of all explain that the when the word "heaven" is used here it is used to describe the space that is around us today as well as the space where the planets are located.

There are 3 heavens:

1. **1<sup>st</sup> Heaven** - From earth to the atmosphere.
2. **2<sup>nd</sup> Heaven** - Outer space where the planets are positioned.
3. **3<sup>rd</sup> Heaven** - The place of God's abode.

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## 2 Corinthians 12:1-2

*It is not expedient for me doubtless to glory. I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord.*

<sup>2</sup> *I knew a man in Christ above fourteen years ago, (whether in the body, I cannot tell; or whether out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) such an one caught up to the third heaven.*

The "heaven" referred to here speaks of the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> heaven. The canopy of water would have been suspended above the earth but below the atmosphere and this canopy would have been over the entire globe.

The canopy would have worked as a filter system for the rays of the sun after the 4<sup>th</sup> day. It would have created a greenhouse effect over the entire earth. You see there was no rain on the earth until the flood of Noah's day.

## Genesis 2:5

<sup>5</sup> *And every plant of the field before it was in the earth, and every herb of the field before it grew: for the LORD God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was not a man to till the ground.*

We cannot understand all the effects of this canopy because it no longer exists today. This canopy collapsed when the flood of Noah's day took place. Before the flood one of the effects would have been the long life span of the human race.

Let me show you the difference.

## Genesis 5:27

<sup>27</sup> *And all the days of Methuselah were nine hundred sixty and nine years: and he died.*

## Genesis 11:32

<sup>32</sup> *And the days of Terah were two hundred and five years: and Terah died in Haran.*

As the years went on the human life span grew shorter and shorter. The canopy had much to do with the life span.

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The canopy would have actually made the earth a huge "hyperbaric chamber". A hyperbaric chamber to make it simple is a chamber where the atmospheric pressure is increased and it speeds up the healing of the body. It makes a healthier environment.

Now let me give you something else to consider. Henry Morris believes this canopy will be restored during the Kingdom Age here on earth. Let me show you some verses.

**Psalm 148:1-6**

*Praise ye the LORD. Praise ye the LORD from the heavens: praise him in the heights.*

*<sup>2</sup> Praise ye him, all his angels: praise ye him, all his hosts.*

*<sup>3</sup> Praise ye him, sun and moon: praise him, all ye stars of light.*

*<sup>4</sup> Praise him, ye heavens of heavens, and ye waters that be above the heavens.*

*<sup>5</sup> Let them praise the name of the LORD: for he commanded, and they were created.*

*<sup>6</sup> He hath also stablished them for ever and ever: he hath made a decree which shall not pass.*

Let me show you some verses that pertain to the Millennial Kingdom of Jesus Christ.

**Isaiah 65:20-23**

*<sup>20</sup> There shall be no more thence an infant of days, nor an old man that hath not filled his days: for the child shall die an hundred years old; but the sinner being an hundred years old shall be accursed.*

*<sup>21</sup> And they shall build houses, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and eat the fruit of them.*

*<sup>22</sup> They shall not build, and another inhabit; they shall not plant, and another eat: for as the days of a tree are the days of my people, and mine elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands.*

*<sup>23</sup> They shall not labour in vain, nor bring forth for trouble; for they are the seed of the blessed of the LORD, and their offspring with them.*

*<sup>24</sup> And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear.*

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*<sup>25</sup> The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, and the lion shall eat straw like the bullock: and dust shall be the serpent's meat. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain, saith the LORD.*

## II. Day 3 (1:9-13)

### A. Dry Land

#### Notice Genesis 1:9-10

When the earth was created on Day 1 it was covered completely in water. Here on Day 3 God gathers all the water together into the seas and exposes the dry ground.

Now I want you to know that the surface of the earth then was nothing like it is today. The flood changed everything and so we can only imagine what it must have been then.

But one thing we do know is that all the water was in one place and all the land seems to have made one large continent. One of the Biblical supports for this would be the animals which came to the ark in pairs. If there were different continents as there is today then some of the animals would not have been able to get to the ark. But the Bible tells us there were 2 of every kind on the ark.

#### Genesis 7:7-9

*<sup>7</sup> And Noah went in, and his sons, and his wife, and his sons' wives with him, into the ark, because of the waters of the flood.*

*<sup>8</sup> Of clean beasts, and of beasts that are not clean, and of fowls, and of every thing that creepeth upon the earth.*

*<sup>9</sup> There went in two and two unto Noah into the ark, the male and the female, as God had commanded Noah.*

### B. Vegetation

#### Notice Genesis 1:11-13

After the dry land was exposed God then commanded that the earth be filled with all vegetation.

The order of Creation is so very important. When God created everything in these 6 days He already knew of the attacks that would come through the different "theories" in an attempt to make people question the Creation account.

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**The Day Age Theory** - One of the "theories" which God knew would be formulated in man's sinful mind was the "Day Age Theory". Those who believe this theory teach that the days of Creation are not literal 24 hour days but they are instead periods of time. They believe the days are possibly thousands or millions of years but with that belief there comes several Biblical problems. You see God knew of these attacks and so the order of Creation has completely defeated the Day Age Theory.

Let me explain.

Here on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day we find the creation of all vegetation and it is not until the 4<sup>th</sup> day that we have the creation of the sun. If these plants were created millions of years before the sun they would never have survived.

Then on the 5<sup>th</sup> day we find the Creation of insects. There are certain plants that need insects for the purpose of pollination and since the insects were not created until 2 days after the plants and if the days were millions of years or even thousands of years the much of the plant life would never have survived.

Let me give you something else to consider. Plants need carbon dioxide in order to survive. Carbon dioxide is produced when animals exhale and animals were not created until 2 days later. It would be no problem for plants to survive 1 day without carbon dioxide but not for thousands or millions of years.

So we can see that the order in which God created the earth and all that fills it is very important.

Also the words "morning and evening" tell us these were 24 hour days and not periods of time that lasted thousands or millions of years.

**Conclusion:**

**Law of First Mention** - There is something that I have passed over that I want you to see. It is the mention of the Spirit of God in Genesis 1:2. This is the first time the Spirit is mentioned and there is a "law" in God's Word that tells us the first time a word is used in the Bible determines the meaning behind the Word throughout the Bible.

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So here we have the Spirit of God stirring and shaking the waters which covered the earth in preparation of what God was about to do. The Spirit of God was preparing an empty earth for the Creation of life.

**Application:**

This is a marvelous picture of the work of the Holy Spirit all through the Bible as well as today.