

Creation 2013-23 and 24
 The Gap is Not a Theory
 Part 5
 An Examination Of
 The First Chapter Of Genesis

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“How Readest Thou?”

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First—The Text

(v.3) "Then God said So the evening and the morning were the first day.

(v.6) "Then God said... there was evening and there was morning—day two"

(v. 8). (v.9) "Then God said... there was evening and there was morning—day three"

(v. 13). (v.14) "Then God said... there was evening and there was morning—day four"

(v. 19). (v.20) "Then God said... there was evening and there was morning—day five"

(v. 23). (v.24) "Then God said... there was evening and there was morning—day six" (v. 31).

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Second—The Light

"The events described briefly in verses 1 and 2 of the first chapter of Genesis are not a part of the work done by Almighty God during the specified "six days" of activity in making and forming the world because there simply cannot be a Biblical solar "DAY" without the existence of LIGHT!"

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Verse 1? Verse 2?

Third—The Voice Of God

Verses 3-

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Fourth—The Spirit Of God

1st Typology

"For it is God Who commanded the light to shine out of darkness,
Who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge
of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ" (2 Cor. 4:6).

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Fifth—The Six Days

The First Day, LIGHT is brought into existence and God separated the light from the darkness
AND THAT IS ABSOLUTELY ALL THAT WAS DONE!
Any additional factor added to this first day's work would ruin the simplicity and balance of the first three days and of God's distinctive revelation.

The Second Day, the FIRMAMENT or expanse (atmospheric heaven) was brought into existence and God separated the cloudy canopy of waters above from the waters on the earth allowing for the atmospheric heaven. Any additional factor would ruin the simplicity and balance of these first days.

The Third Day, the DRY LAND APPEARED and God separated the land from the waters. In addition God caused vegetation to grow on the land.
Any additional factor added to the specific revelation would do harm to the simplicity and balance of the three days' work.

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The first three days are therefore characterized by the act of separation.

The first day, God separated the darkness from the light.

The second day God separated the waters above (the cloudy heavens) from the water below (the great ocean).

The third day God separated the land from the waters.

God is thus making three spheres that will be filled on the second three days of activity.

The Jewish sages of old saw this pattern as well.

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"The Fourth Day, God made and ordered the functioning of the sun and moon in relationship to the earth. They rule over the day and night. God established the stars in their places as well. It is notable that the text is careful to not say that God "CREATED the sun, moon, and stars" on the fourth day. Their initial creation was stated in verse 1. Like the earth, they were already here. They were only made in the sense earth was made. The Fifth Day, God filled the air with birds and the seas with fish. Here the word "created" is first used in relationship to these six days (verse 21). The Sixth Day, God filled the dry land with all the animal kinds and "CREATED MAN in His own image." This concludes the "Six Days" of specified activity.

In times past when I have spoken on this subject I would test my listeners by asking questions. "On which day did God create the land?" I asked. Someone would invariably say, "The third day!" Of course, I would then point out that on the third day God did not create the dry land. The text says He only allowed the dry land to "APPEAR" on the third day. The land was already here!"

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Sixth—The Heavens

Whenever the Bible talks about the creation of the heavens and the earth, the HEAVENS will nearly always be mentioned first (see as examples Gen. 1:1; 2:4; Psalm 104:2, 5; 148:1-12; Neh. 9:6; Isa. 42:5; 45:18; 66:22; Rev. 10:6; 21:1). Why is this? Simply because the Heavens were apparently created first! Interestingly enough, in Gen. 2:4, as to the initial "creation" of the heavens and earth, the "heavens" are mentioned first. However, in the very same sentence where it continues to speak of God "making," as during the "six days," the "earth" is mentioned first because it was made/prepared during the first three days and the heavens were not made/prepared in relationship to the earth until the fourth day. should simply read Job 38:1-7.

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Ancient Testimony

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Modern Testimony

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Modern Confusion

"When the plain sense of Scripture makes common sense, seek no other sense; therefore, take every word at its primary, ordinary, usual, literal meaning unless the facts of the immediate context, studied in the light of related passages and axiomatic and fundamental truths, indicate clearly otherwise."

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What About Exodus 20:11?

¹¹ "For in six days יהוה made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day."

You can't get any clearer than that - 6 Days!

Right?

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Well, to paraphrase Bill Clinton: It depends on what the definition of "made" is.

There are 3 words commonly translated "Created" or "Made."

They tell the story....

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- 1. Bara
- 2. Yatsar
- 3. Asah

We see them all used together in Isaiah 43:7
"everyone who is called by my name,
whom I created [1] for my glory,
whom I formed [2]
and made [3]."

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Now, is The Holy Spirit trying to pile up synonyms, like Jesse Jackson, for effect?

Or, is He telling us something specific about the creation of Man?

Let's look at the 3 words and see if we can tell.

And then see how it relates to
Genesis 1 and Exodus 20:11.

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1. Bara

1254 בָּרָא, בְּרָא, בָּרָא [bara' /baw·raw/] v.

A primitive root; TWOT 278; GK 1343 and 1344 and 1345; 54 occurrences; .

1a (Qal) to shape, fashion, create (always with God as subject).

1a1 of heaven and earth.

1a2 of individual man.

1a3 of new conditions and circumstances.

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2. Yatsar

3335 יָצַר, יִצֹר, יָצַר [yatsar /yaw·tsar/] v. Probably identical with 3334 (through the squeezing into shape); 62 occurrences; AV translates as "form" 26 times, "potter" 17 times, "fashion" five times, "maker" four times, "frame" three times, "make" three "purposed" once. 1 to form, fashion, frame. 1a (Qal) to form, fashion. 1a1 of human activity. 1a2 of divine activity. 1a2a of creation. 1a2a1 of original creation.* 1a2a2 of individuals at conception. 1a2a3 of Israel as a people. 1a2b to frame, pre-ordain, plan (fig. of divine) purpose of a situation

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3. Asah

6213 עָשָׂה, עָשָׂה [asah /aw·saw/] v.

A primitive root;

1a (Qal). 1a1 to do, work, make, produce.

1a1a to do. 1a1b to work. 1a1c to deal (with).

1a1d to act, act with effect, effect. 1a2 to make.

1a2a to make. 1a2b to produce.

1a2c to prepare to make (an offering).

1a2e to attend to, put in order.

1a2f to observe, celebrate. 1a2g to acquire (property).

1a2h to appoint, ordain, institute. 1a2i to bring about.

1a2j to use. 1a2k to spend, pass. observed.

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Isaiah 43:7
 everyone who is called by my name,
 whom I created [1] for my glory,
 whom I formed [2]
 and made [3].”

[1] = Bara Created (The Soul).
 [2] = Yatsar Molded (The Body).
 [3] = Asah Appointed/Put in order (The
 Function - Physiology, Biochemistry, etc.).

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Now, how does this relate to
 Creation in Genesis 1 and Exodus
 20:11 (and Gen 2:4)?

*Gen 2:4 These are the births of the heavens
 and the earth when they were created [1],
 in the day [4] that Elohim made [3]
 earth and heavens.*

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First, let's go back to Exodus 20:11

“For in six days הוה' made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day.

What is the key word we need to know to understand this verse ?

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"Made"
 Made is our #3 Word - Asah.

3. Asah
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 1a1d to act, act with effect, effect. 1a2 to make.
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 1a2j to use.

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"For in six days הוה' made (attended to, put in order, appointed, ordained, instituted, acted on with effect) the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day.

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How about Gen. 2:4?

Gen 2:4 These are the births of the heavens and the earth when they were created [Bara - something new brought into existence], in the day [4] that Elohim made [Asah - (attended to, put in order, appointed, ordained, instituted, acted on with effect)] earth and heavens.

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4. *Yome* [4] - "In the Day"

3117 [*yowm /yome/*] n m. From an unused root meaning to be hot; AV translates as "day" 2008 times, "time" 64 times, "daily" 32 times, "ever" 17 times, "year" 14 times, "continually" 10 times, "when" 10 times, **1** day, time, year. 1a day (as opposed to night). 1b day (24 hour period). 1b1 as defined by evening and morning in Genesis 1. 1b2 as a division of time. 1b2a a working day, a day's journey. 1c days, lifetime (pl.). 1d time, period (general). 1e year.

1f temporal references. 1f1 today. 1f2 yesterday. 1f3 tomorrow.

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So, "in the day" does not necessarily mean "in ONE day" and we know it doesn't, because we have Six days mentioned in addition to the time "when" God created (Bara) the Heavens and the Earth.

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Threefold Separation

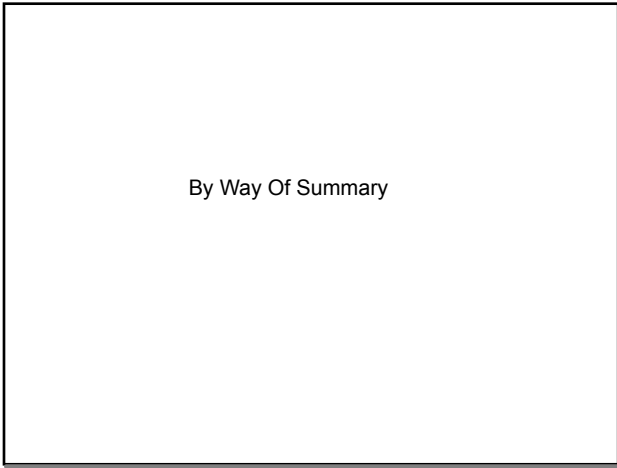
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The First Three Days

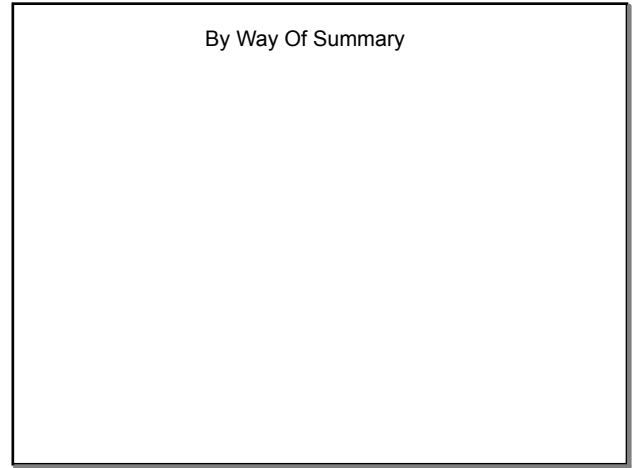
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The Second Three Days

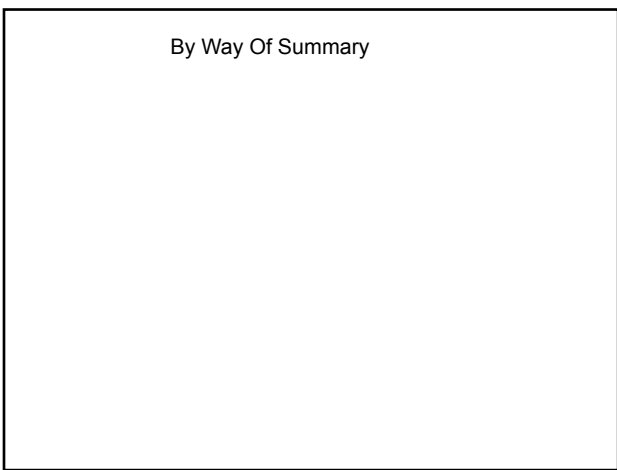
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