

Creation 2013-25 and 26
The Gap is Not a Theory
Part 5
An Examination Of
The First Chapter Of Genesis

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“How Readest Thou?”

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).

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!"

Verse 1? Verse 2?

Third—The Voice Of God

Verses 3-

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).

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.

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.

"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!"

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.

Ancient Testimony

Modern Testimony

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."

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?

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....

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]."

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.

1. Bara

1254 בָּרָא, בָּרָא, 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.

2. Yatsar

3335 יוֹצֵר, יוֹצֵר [*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)

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.

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.).

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.*

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 ?

"Made"

Made is our #3 Word - Asah.

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1a2h to appoint, ordain, institute. 1a2i to bring about.
1a2j to use.

*"For in six days יָהוָה
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.*

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.*

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.

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.

Now, back to
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Threefold Separation

The First Three Days

The Second Three Days

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Summary of Creation
From Creation, Chaos and Restoration by R.B. Thieme, Jr.
1. The Creation of the Universe Did Not Occur over a Long Period of Time, I.E. the Archaeozoic through Cenozoic Ages of Geology. Original creation was instantaneous from the hand of God [voice of God] and occurred as rapidly as you can pronounce the word "creation" or snap your fingers. (Psalm 19:1; 33:6; Hebrews 11:3; 2 Peter 3:5)

2. The six-day period recorded in Genesis 1:3 through 31 is not a description of the original creation. This refers to the preparation of the earth for [human] habitation.

3. The time of creation is unknown. The antiquity of the universe is unknown. But what is known is that God did it! You will notice in Genesis 1:1 that there is no argument for the existence of God. God does not have to justify His existence to anyone!

Look again at Isaiah 45:18 —

For thus saith the Lord that created¹ the heavens; God himself that formed² the earth and made³ it; he hath established⁴ it, he created⁵ it not in vain, he formed⁶ it to be inhabited: I am the Lord and there is none else.

For thus saith the Lord [Jehovah - Jesus Christ] that created¹ the heavens*

* Col. 1:6 - "He is the God, the Elohim himself that FORMED the earth."

1 - Bara in the qal stem = "Something out of Nothing"

God himself that formed² the earth...

2 - Yatsar = fashioned, like a potter with clay. Refers to the topography and environment.

and made³ it;

3- Asah = to manufacture out of existing materials. Refers to plant and animal life, including Adam's body.

he hath established⁴ it,

4 - Literally - "He stabilized her [the earth]". Refers to the mechanics of rotation, orbit, geology, weather, etc.

he created⁵ it not in vain⁶,

5 - *Bara* in the *qal* singular, i.e., created, out of nothing, the earth not in vain⁶

6 - *Lo Tohu* = waste and desolate.

he formed⁶ it to be inhabited⁷

6 - *Jatsar* = sculpted the topography.

7 - to be inhabited by Mankind.

"In a beginning that was not a beginning (Eternity Past), Elohim (The Trinity) created out of nothing the entire universe, including the earth."

But the earth had become⁸ desolate⁹ and empty¹⁰; and darkness¹¹ was on the face of the deep¹². And the Spirit of God¹³ moved¹⁴ upon the face of the waters¹⁵.

But the earth had become⁸ desolate⁹ and empty¹⁰

8 - qal perfect of Hajah

9 - Tohu = desolation. Refers to the original animal life.

10 - Bohu = empty. Refers to the original plant life.

Why had it become Tohu vav Bohu?

The Angelic Rebellion of Satan and the 1/3 of Angels:

Ezek. 28:15-16; Isaiah 14:12-17

and darkness¹¹ was on the face of the deep¹².

11 - choshek = darkness that keeps out light (and heat).

12 - tehom = raging or stormy waters.

And the Spirit of God¹³ moved¹⁴ upon the face of the waters¹⁵.

13 - Ruach Elohim = The Holy Spirit.

14 - Rachaph = to incubate

15 - Hamajim = melted waters.

Next came the Restoration, as we studied from "THE GAP IS NOT A THEORY."

We'll just look at Verse 3 to see how important the original language is to understanding the Bible.

And God said¹⁶ "Let there be light¹⁷"

16 - Amar (singular) "to communicate with a voice."

17 - Hajah (qal imperfect) = a command - "Light be!"

Science and the Bible (R.B. Thieme Jr.)

1. The pre-chaotic earth, which abounded in animal and plant life, was apparently the headquarters for Satan.
2. The fall of Satan and the resultant angelic conflict led to the destruction of planet Earth with its animal life (tofu) and its plant life (both who). The earth was empty and desolate: no animals and no plant life.
3. The earth, for a time, was covered by an ice pack. The ice pack was the result of freezing waters by darkness (the complete absence of light and therefore, heat).

4. With regard to the antiquity of the earth, neither science nor the Bible gives us a clear picture. We have some methods of measuring age, such as carbon dating and carbon-14, but these are not accurate in determining the antiquity of the earth.

5. There is never a conflict between what the Bible says in the original languages and the true observations of such sciences as cosmology, geology, astronomy, chemistry, anatomy, anthropology and even psychology.

6. However, actual scientific data and information in the Bible is extremely limited. The Bible is not a scientific textbook, nor was it designed to be one.

7. Being a book of God's doctrines and filled with spiritual phenomena, it is obvious that the Bible will occasionally allude to or comment on what we classify as scientific subjects.

8. Wherever the Bible comments on scientific subjects, the Bible is always accurate in the original languages. God is the origin of all the laws and all the phenomena which science seeks to categorize and classify.

9. Therefore, science does not confirm the Bible, even though the Bible does confirm some scientific data or classification.

10. If scientific speculation does not line up with the Bible, then such speculation is inaccurate. If there is a true conflict between scientific speculation (not observation, but speculation) and what the Bible says, THE BIBLE IS RIGHT! Just as when there is a conflict between some historical interpretation and what the Bible says, the Bible is right. In other words, where the Bible comments on science, science must agree with the Bible; the Bible is not required to agree with science!

THE DOCTRINE OF SCIENTIFIC LAWS IN THE UNIVERSE (R.B. Thieme Jr.)

1. The continuation of the universe and the earth, including Homo sapiens, animal life, plant life, the stable state of our atmosphere with its various components, all depend on the omnipotence and immutability of Jesus Christ (Colossians 1:17; Hebrews 1:3).

2. "Scientific laws" is a misnomer. Scientific laws, as such, do not exist because science did not develop these laws and science cannot enforce them. For example, in chemistry, God promises that when certain elements are combined, certain results will follow. This is a divine law, not a scientific law!

3. So-called scientific laws are based on the statistical assumption that the universe, which operates according to a fixed norm, will continue to do so. Science can observe, and science can apply. Learn to distinguish between observation, classification and the speculation of science. Science can observe and classify certain divine laws and then apply them productively, but only God in his sovereignty can't guarantee the continuation of these laws.

4. The universe, with its function of matter and energy, will not always exist as it does at the present time (2 Peter 3:10-12; Revelation 20:11).
5. Known "scientific laws" and phenomena which man has been able to observe, classify and apply, depend entirely upon the faithfulness of God. Jesus Christ at the present time is guaranteeing the function of every bona fide scientific law (Colossians 1:17).

6. The reason for preserving the universe is to resolve the angelic conflict in human history and to bring many sons unto glory (Hebrews 2:10).
7. The Word of God will survive the destruction of the universe (2 Peter 3:10), for the Word of God and Bible doctrine will exist forever!

8. Regenerate man and resurrection body will live forever and survive the changes in the universe, even surviving the destruction of the present universe (Hebrews 12:26-28).
9. It is Jesus Christ who holds the universe together by the power of His Word (Hebrews 1:3). At the same time He is holding back eternity in order for the human race to have the opportunity to appropriate the grace of God. This begins at the point of faith in Jesus Christ, so that the angelic conflict will be resolved and ultimately God will be glorified forever and ever and ever! Amen

The End