

Sharing Your Faith, With Courage

Christian Life and Witnessing

INTRODUCTION



The Bible begins: “***In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth... .***”

The Bible begins with belief in Creator God. It tells us that God created everything in six days, several thousand years ago. God created man, *not by accident after accident over m-i-l-l-i-o-n-s of years*, but, you are God’s deliberate, intentional act. God loves you. The Bible is, of course, much more than a logical statement of the universe around us. It is ***the account*** of God’s relationship with man. In it you find ‘life’ and the answers to the questions and problems of life. God gave to man the power of choice. Man chose sin. God responded with love. God wants you to be reconciled to Him and when this life is over to live forever with Him in heaven.

Evolution (masquerading as science) of this early 21st century imagines “the beginning” was 12 ½ to 20 ***b-i-l-l-i-o-n*** years ago. They allege the universe rapidly expanded (exploded) into existence from a spinning hot dot, on it own, via the ***big bang***. On earth, a living pre bacterium cell came into existence from non-living material (***which is against the laws of nature***). In *b-i-l-l-i-o-n-s* of years, they claim, a cell became . . . you.

God and the Bible each have withstood attacks for more than two thousand years. *Big bang* evolution has been around (in its present form) for less than a century. These two belief systems are contrary one to the other. We will look at other belief systems. When you finish this seminar, you will ***know*** how *other belief systems* stand up *against* the Truth of God and the Bible. You may be shocked to discover what you have been asked to believe has no basis in fact. But, before we begin, I have a question for you. It is the most

important question you will ever have to answer. Are you ready for it?

If you were to die this very minute, do you KNOW, without even the smallest doubt, that you would go to heaven?

I ask you to pray with me. But, before you do, ***you must realize that these are not magic words we are about to say. This is a Spiritual transaction***. Saying the words will only help you to pass from death unto life, if you mean them from deep within, as best you can. This is a holy and sacred time, It is not to be taken lightly. But, if you sincerely mean the words we pray, God will meet with you... and change you... forever.

You are about to pray the most important prayer of your life. Please repeat each phrase, after me. Please pray out loud.

Lord Jesus, I believe You are the Son of God. And I believe You came to Earth 2000 years ago and died for me on a cross. And I believe You shed Your blood for me. And I believe You died and were buried for three days. And I believe You rose from the dead and ascended into heaven. Now, You are seated at God the Father’s right hand. HE is the Lord of Lords and King of Kings. And I believe You are coming back again. Dear Jesus, I come to You now, because, I am a sinner. Forgive my sin. I am sorry for my sin. Cleanse me now with Your blood. Make me clean, and I shall be clean. I give up my right to sin. I surrender to You. I turn to You now. I give You my life, the best I know how. Dear Jesus, please take all of me. And right now, please come into my heart. *I now receive Jesus Christ as my Savior, my Redeemer, and my Lord, forever*. Right now I proclaim, Jesus Christ is my Savior. God Almighty is my heavenly Father. The Holy Spirit is my Comforter. I no longer belong to satan. I am a child of God. Forever I am His. I am born of the Spirit. I am born of God. This I pray and say in the Name of Jesus Christ, my Lord, God the Son. Amen and amen.

These were not magic words ***But, since you meant them with all of your being, God has met you.*** Your words were ***your covenant with God.*** Since you meant them ***from deep within as best you could, you are now a part of the family of God.*** And as His child, your life will never be the same. Old things will pass away and all things will become new.

Turn to someone and say, ***I meant those words, so, I have just been born again.*** Thank You, Lord.

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Okay, if you brought your Bible, please turn it to Hosea, Chapter 4. We are here to answer the question Is there any viable alternative to the Creation model and for the proposition: ***In the beginning God created the heavens and the Earth...*** . And if not, why are the people of God hiding out in the church instead of proclaiming the gospel?

The Bible says in Hosea, Chapter 4, verse 6: ***My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge:*** because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children.

That is fairly straight forward. God declares that those who are His seem to have forgotten or strayed from His Truth. They have replaced the Truth of God, with pretended truth. And God warns since you have forgotten me, I will forget your children. The ones you are not training well. Then God tells them what has happened.

7) As they were increased, so they sinned against me: [therefore] will I change their glory into shame. 8) They eat up the sin of my people, and they set their heart on their iniquity. 9) And there shall be, like people, like priest: and I will punish them for their ways, and reward them their doings.

10) For they shall eat, and not have enough: they shall commit whoredom, and shall not increase: because they have left off to take heed to the LORD. 11) Whoredom and wine and new wine take away the heart.

These verses are directed at God's people, God's chosen people, into which we are grafted through Jesus Christ. Thus, these verses are directed at you and at me. Although we will focus on the part that indicates we are being destroyed for lack of the knowledge of God and His Laws, let us explain to you what God has said to you.

My people in the church are destroyed because they do not have knowledge of God or because knowing, they have rejected God's knowledge and God's ways. Therefore, because the church, through its individual members, has rejected God, IF you continue and do not repent and forsake the ways that take you from God, God will also reject you and me. We can no longer serve God or be in His ministry (be priests of God). And because you have forgotten God's laws, God will also forget thy children. Verse 7) reminds us that at one time all we had was God. But, as the church grew and became something (or somewhat accepted) in and by the world, MY people compromised and sinned against God. So now if you persist, God will stop protecting you, me, us. The glory they thought they had in the world, will become their shame. The 8th verse tells us that we have compromised and partaken the sins of the world. These church people want to be just like the sin-laden world. Verse 9 tells of the consequences. God will punish both those in the congregation and the ministers. God will punish them for what they are doing. Verse 10 tells of people who will eat, without following my laws and not have enough nourishment: not physical nourishment, not Spiritual nourishment., The people of God shall be involved in sexual sin, and those things that were given as blessings for procreation and child bearing, but those sins shall not increase their population or families which is why God gave us that gift (and will not help Spiritually). The

church, people no longer listen to the life giving, life protecting ways of God. In the place of God honoring ways, the seek, the 11th verse tells us of Whoredom (Spiritual and physical) and wine and new wine take away the heart.

But, this backsliding from God, all starts with unbelief. WHY? What causes it? Most often the Christian church believes the lies imposed upon us and society by unbelieving evolutionists in schools of innocent children. If God exists, God did not leave any proof. But you must realize that they are deceiving you. If HE is God **and HE is**, you must realize HE would not leave you here Comfortless or without proof. You will see there is plenty of proof for Creator God.

What you will learn: You will learn today that every theory or explanation man has given for the existence of the universe is only another attempt to explain what man does not want to admit, but deep inside he knows: ***IN THE BEGINNING GOD CREATED THE HEAVEN AND THE EARTH... .***

By Faith Each of the man made theories is based upon faith. Not the faith to believe in God, but a more generic definition of faith. We define faith for the purpose of this discussion today as:

believing something to be true without the necessity of any further proof, usually because it is incapable of proof.

If a person 1)-believes something is true, something which can not be replicated, (done over and over) such as the origin of the universe; and 2)-if the person believes what he/she believes, without the necessity of any further proof, that person is said to have “faith” in that particular belief system. Okay? Okay!

In other words, every explanation of the universe by man has been man’s attempt to replace God’s Truth, to see you destroyed. (The evil one comes *to kill, steal and destroy*~ John 10:10) They try to explain

God’s creation, **without God**. Some ideas were around longer than others. Some were accepted as “the” teaching of the then known church, but all failed. They are all belief systems. And they are without credible proof.

The evolutionists are so without proof in their imagined world, that they allege we have the same problem. The best they can say to you is, “But you cannot prove God exists, either.”

That’s not true. Those who have received Jesus Christ into their heart and life, those who are born again know God, personally. It is the unbeliever who cannot prove God exists. He will not know God, until he acknowledges the God who created him.

But, without faith, it is impossible to please Him: for He that cometh to God must believe that HE is, and that HE is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him. -Hebrews 11:6

There are many fine Christian teachers who will strengthen your faith or belief that the Bible is the inerrant Word of God. But, there are those who say they are Christian, but depart from the Word of God or pervert the word of God. For example there was a seminar in Pennsylvania that was teaching there is a woman’s priesthood. It was based on the fact that women, in the Bible offered drink offerings, as priests, to the Queen of heaven in Jeremiah 44:17-19. But if you read verses 15-29, you will learn this provoked God. It was against His will. Thus, not all seminars are recommended as learning tools. There are good ones: Christian Science Evangelism; Institute For Creation Research, Answers in Genesis and Dr. Walt Brown and others. Attend these latter ones as you have opportunity, but check out the wolves in sheep’s clothing and beware.

It is our desire our ministry will strengthen your faith, but yet different in what we do not assume. (smile)

Assumptions: Most soul winning or Christian faith building classes assume you are born again, *have come out of* the world system, and have knowledge of the Bible. Also it's assumed you know how to be Spiritually intimate with GOD. They assume you know why to witness or "have a burden" for "the lost". As you can see from our opening, we assume none of these things.

For a person to be able to share his or her faith with courage, they must believe that the Bible is the Word of God, from Genesis, chapter one to Revelation, they must understand why they believe it to be true and the Bible states: you must be ready (and able) to give an answer to every one that asks you, why you believe as you do. In other words, you should *know basically what others believe* and why your belief system, which is based upon "***In the beginning God created...***" is superior to the other belief systems of the world today. OKAY? Okay. (Smile)

Let us commence with our study of man's explanations for the existence of God's created universe.

The Origin of the Universe: Dr. Kent Hovind the founder of Creation Science Evangelism stated "When you boil down all the theories of the universe, it comes down to whether you believe that God created the universe or the universe created itself."

There are, however, five (5) explanations for the existence of the universe given some acceptance by credible groups. Either:

1. The universe is an illusion. You just think I am here talking to you.

2. Eternal universe: The universe is eternal or has always existed.
3. Outer space seeding: The first cells (or life) came from outer space.
4. Big bang: Suddenly, spontaneously the earth and universe appeared out of nothing, without cause (*big bang*). Or
5. Almighty God supernaturally created: Some ONE or BEING outside of our universe, brought it into existence, created it, from nothing.

Illusion: The Illusion theory says we have all made the universe up in our minds or 'the universe is not real.' You and I are not real, we are all part of an illusion (hallucination, delusion, daydream). The illusion speculation was believed and taught by James Hutton (the man who influenced Darwin's fallacious belief in vast ages). But, if the universe is an illusion (made up in our minds), we know we would **not** all have the exact same illusions. Your sun might rise in the west. Your moon might be full and bright 42 days. Your future would be different from my perceived future. BUT, we can predict future events that we all share. The predictability of future events says the universe is no illusion.

The return of Halley's comet (which comes every 75 years) argues against illusion. In the 20th century the comet was seen twice and was seen as predicted. We know in advance the phases of the moon. We can predict the position of stars in the future and do it with pinpoint accuracy. Predictability speaks against the theory of illusion in our mind.

An example of a religion that embraced the theory is a group founded by Mary Baker Eddy: Christian Science. She taught when God caused the deep sleep to fall upon Adam in Genesis 2, Adam

never woke up. We are all a part of Adam's dream. It is important to remember that Adam fell asleep in innocence. He had never sinned. He did not **know** evil. How, then, could his mind (dream) make up all the evil reported in the Bible? As those of you who have read the Bible know, the Bible is a history of imperfect man. There is conflict, murder, adultery, rape, sodomy, wars and judgement reported in the Bible. How could the innocent mind of Adam fathom (imagine) such things?

Also as to the illusion theory, a major group (the Hindu faith) also teaches that matter is illusory. In other words, matter does **not** exist, we only think that it does.

Why do they so believe? If this is all an illusion, there is no reality. Those who so believe are responsible to no one, except to themselves. However, if they "are" or "do exist" how did they arrive here? Who/what created them?

As great a scholar as René Descartes struggled with the concept. He is said to have concluded: "Cogito Ergo Sum" ("I think, therefore I am.") Discours de-la Méthode (1637).

Your greatest proof that the universe is not an illusion is the truth you can experience. You **are** here. **I am** here. So find out Who created you and do things His way. (smile)

THE ETERNAL UNIVERSE: There was general agreement among theologians, philosophers and other great thinkers, that all that we see in the universe is an effect. Since every effect needs a cause, when we go back, back, back and back, we finally come to the first instant of time and the first existence. Logic and reason therefore, dictated the need for an outside Force, that could create time, space and matter and exist before this creation. In short Eternal God was

the necessary First Cause for the universe and all that is in it. This argument usually silenced the non believing critics.

David Hume, (1711-1776 A.D.) (who was considered an atheist) when answering the cosmological argument (God is the necessary *First Cause* to explain the universe) contended you do not need an eternal God, **IF** the universe itself is eternal. **IF** there had been any evidence to support the eternal universe that may have been a valid argument. Many pointed to the wearing out of the universe, the burning sun and the loss of other useable energy as evidence the universe was **not** eternal. If the universe was eternal, it would be replacing the energy as quickly as it was using it up. If it does not, it cannot be eternal.

In the 19th century (1800s) of Charles Darwin(1809-1882 A.D.), the common belief was that God created in six days, about six thousand years earlier. **[fn¹]** Yet, *unbelievers* used the David Hume fancy as an excuse to believe God had **not** created. But, it was with Albert Einstein (1879-1955 A.D.) that the eternal universe idea was extinguished as a theory or imagined idea.

Einstein's theories of special and general relativity were only hypothesis until a solar eclipse in 1919 A.D. resulted in proving his theory that light rays from distant stars were deflected by the sun's gravity, as predicted.

¹ William Shakespeare (1564 -1616 A.D.) was not a Bible believing, born again, Christian. He may be the greatest English playwright, ever. He wrote plays which contained the beliefs of the common man of his day. He wrote "As You Like It" and his heroine Rosalind, said ... **The poor world is almost six thousand years old**,... *As You Like It*: Act 4, Scene 1.

In 1922, the Russian physicist, Alexander Friedmann (1888-1925 A.D.) predicted the universe should be expanding. In 1927 the Belgian priest, Georges Lemaitre (1894-1953 A.D.), suggested galaxy movement revealed an expanding universe. In 1929, attorney turned astronomer, Edwin Hubble (1889-1953 A.D.) was said to have photographed a shifting (red shift) expanding universe. Thus, the eternal universe came to an end. After all, an expanding universe can be wound back to a place where it first began to expand, thus, you have a beginning. With a beginning, you cannot have an eternal universe. Yet, rather than convert to the Biblical position (God as *First Cause*) they came up with the *big bang* (a *spontaneous generation* of the universe from nothing).

Steady State Theory: Sir Fred Hoyle (1915-2001 A.D.), who opposed the Bible, evolution and the *big bang* speculation, tried to revive the *eternal* universe idea with his *steady state* theory in the middle of the 20th century. Steady state imagined that there was the production of new matter, somewhere, out there. And the new matter was supposed to be from natural causes. (This would, of course, be a violation of the **first law of thermodynamics**. [fn²]) However, when several of Hoyle's predictions did not come to pass, Hoyle and his fellows (Gold, Bondis, et. al.) finally abandoned their *Steady State* theory. Having rejected the *big bang* and evolution, as well as not wanting to adopt God's creation as an answer, those who followed Hoyle were left with nothing, not even the unproven speculations of a *big bang*.

Why do they so believe? If the universe had been eternal, then they asset, there would be no necessity to believe in God. But is that

² The *First Law*, an expression of the principle of conservation of energy. It states that energy can neither be created nor destroyed by natural processes.

true. We still have a universe filled with effects and they all need a Cause. Those who believe the universal eternal and that there is no God, are responsible to no one, except to themselves. However, if God "does exist" (HE does you know) every knee will bow to Him.

OUTER SPACE SEEDING: Sir Fred Hoyle (1915-2001 A.D.) and others, who had tried to use the *steady state theory* to revive an eternal universe, would not give up on their unbelief in God. Hoyle could see the universe was intelligently designed and so stated in his 1983 work *The Intelligent Universe*. In that work, he was highly critical of the *big bang* theory and of Darwinian evolution. Hoyle joined with Francis Crick (DNA helix strand co-discoverer) in proposing that life came about on this planet because it somehow got here from outer space (panspermia—life was transported to earth from somewhere in outer space). Although this may be a valid argument against the *big-bang theory*, this is not a valid argument against God as Creator. Although it is not true, the argument loses all of its power, the moment you 'grant it' as an argument. You say, "Okay, suppose that first life did come here from outer space, either a cell blowing here or from an advanced society of people." Who made that first cell or those advanced people? How did they originate? Who created their planet or place of abode? Again we are back at the necessity for an eternal God as *First Cause*.

Remember that the Mormon church believes in a form of outer space seeding with their teaching that Adam came here to Earth with **one** of his celestial wives. So if you are faced with that argument, merely point out this notion only moves the argument about God from earth to outer space. But, the arguments are the exact same arguments about God and Creation.

Why do they so believe? If this Earth and solar system had its life sent here from outer space then life (they reason) does not need a

Creator. How soon they forget that Pasteur showed that only life produces life. And they forget their mentor Darwin who admitted that the Creator first breathed life into life form of forms in the Garden. **On the Origin of Species**, Chapter 14

THE BIG-BANG: While the work of men of science (Francisco Redi [1626-1697 A.D.] and Louis Pasteur [1822-1895 A.D.]) had led to the rejection of *spontaneous generation* of living things, some others have now adopted a '*spontaneous generation*' of the universe, which is commonly called the "*big-bang*." It holds that 12 ½ to 20 *b-l-l-l-i-o-n* years ago, the universe produced itself, from nothing.

This non-God (atheistic) explanation of God's created universe says all the (energy and) matter were compressed into a small dot, no bigger than a period on this page. All of the matter?

Matter would include all that is liquid, gas or solid on our planet and our solar system and in the universe. Matter would include all the water in the oceans, all the air in the atmosphere and outer space, all the rocks of earth and moon. All the elephants in India, all of the camels in Arabia, all the skyscrapers in New York, all of New York, Tokyo, Shanghai, all the planets, all the moons, the sun and all the stars in the sky. AND they want you to believe that all of the *matter in the universe* was compacted in a small dot, not much bigger than a period at the end of this sentence. ". " < = all matter?

(It is little wonder that 86%-94% of people polled in the late 20th century and early 21st century believe God created.)

So, may we ask the source of all that matter? No? Okay.

This tiny, hot, dense dot of compressed (energy and) matter is supposed to have great heat and rapid expansion, (they do not want you to call it *big bang*). That small dot propelled all the matter (and

energy) into what? Since before the *big bang* they do not imagine an existing universe or space, this explosive dot of matter is supposed to have 'produced' the universe. The universe was imagined to have suddenly (time) appeared. There was rapid expansion of that suddenly appearing universe. (Faulkner, *Universe by Design*.2004 AD. p. 66)

May we ask how or from where did space, time, matter and energy originate? No? Why? The big bang cosmologists do not know from what or Who came before time.

Since they want you to believe that before the universe was, there was *nothing*, this logically indicates that the universe was produced from nothing. So, NOTHING produced the dot that produced the universe (on a bump on a log in the hole in the bottom of the sea).

This imagined idea is modified by some into an imagined *Oscillating universe* that expands and contracts. But, *big bang* leaves us the same problem of not having some logical *First Cause* (initial creation). Why should we believe the imagination of men's minds that wants to shatter your faith in God and the Bible?

So you have a choice.

1. In the beginning God created the heaven (space, the universe) and the earth (matter and life). . . OR
2. In the beginning NOTHING produced the small dot that rapidly expanded outwardly producing the universe

Okay, if "*NOTHING*" produced all the heavenly bodies, how did this happen? Evolutionists assert:

The sun, the earth and the rest of the solar system formed from a nebular cloud of dust and gas 4.5 billion years ago. (*Teaching about Evolution*, National Academy of Science, 1999 p. 52)

NEBULAR HYPOTHESIS: This idea of a cloud of dust and gas is also known as the *nebular hypothesis*. The nebular cloud is supposed to be the cloud of matter producing our solar system. It was alleged to be a pretended swirling cloud of matter. The imagination of the men involved (Swedenborg, Kant, La Place) visualized that the outer edge of matter swirled off from the main mass. It is later speculated to have collapsed and come together into the sun, the planets and the moons of our solar system. The nebular cloud hypothesis was around long before the *big bang* imagination. It was first proposed in 1734 A.D. by the Swedish mining engineer and mystic, Emanuel Swedenborg (1688-1772 A.D.). and was adopted and adapted by Pierre-Simon LaPlace (1749-1827 A.D.)

But, before you rest too much “faith” in this belief system, it may interest you to know a few facts about Mr. Swedenborg, the founder of the *nebular hypothesis*.

Emanuel Swedenborg (1688-1772 A.D.) was the son of a heretical, Lutheran pastor. Both of his parents were from well-to-do mining families. He himself was a mining engineer and assessor most of his life. That is until he said he had been appointed by the Lord to correct all of the Christian churches. After that, he wrote, that he was able to travel to heaven and hell and speak with angels and demons. He also contended there are men on the moon. And he had seen a sheep on Jupiter. <http://www.swedenborgstudy.com/articles/life-on-planets/aa96.htm>

Also, Mr. Swedenborg wrote that the *nebular hypothesis* was confirmed to him in:

“seances by men from Jupiter and Saturn.” Sarfati, Jonathan, PhD *Refuting Compromise* (*The Big Bang and Astronomy*. Master Books, Green Forest, AR 2004 A.D.) p.168 relying on (E. Swedenborg, *Philosophiae Retiocinantis de Infinito et Cause Creationis*, 1734 A.D.)

STARS: Later this *nebular hypothesis* was said to have continued on and created our universe and all the stars. Creationist astronomer, Dr. Danny Faulkner, commenting about the formation of stars, stated:

Stars supposedly condensed out of vast clouds of gas, and it has long been recognized that the clouds don’t spontaneously collapse and form stars, they need to be pushed somehow to be started. There have been a number of suggestions to get them started, and almost all of them require having stars to start with [e.g. shockwave from an exploding star causing compressions of a nearby gas cloud]. This is the old chicken and egg problem; it can’t account for the origin of stars in the first place. (*‘He Made The Stars Also’* - interview with Dr. Danny Faulkner, *Creation*, 19(4):42, September-November 1997.

Abraham Loeb (Department of Astronomy, Harvard University) wrote in a 1998 article in *New Scientist*, (a well known British publication) about the nebular hypothesis of star formation:

“The truth is that we don’t understand star formation at a fundamental level.”

http://www.noanswersingenesis.org.au/aig_on_star_formation.htm

Thus, it is true to say that unbelievers (*big bang* cosmologists) chose to believe in a *nebular hypothesis*, rather than God created. However, they cannot explain star formation.

But, back to our solar system for a moment.

Our Solar system: According to a scientific proven law of motion, all objects spun out from a swirling mass will continue spinning in the same direction until they run into a force that would change their motion. The **big bang** theory teaches all the matter in the universe was compacted into a small dot of energy. The small swirling dot suddenly expanded outward (exploded) into empty space or a void. Since there would be no friction or other force in the alleged **big bang** emptiness, there would be “nothing” to slow things down or to alter the spinning (rotation) of the planets. Thus if **big bang** produced our solar system, the sun, the planets and the moon should be spinning in the same direction. Are all the planets, and their moons spinning (rotating) in the same direction? NO! Not in our solar system. Of the planets, we can observe, two planets, Venus and Pluto, spin (rotate) backwards and Uranus is on its side. At least six moons of these planets also rotate in opposite directions. The observational evidence show **big bang** did not produced our solar system!

THINK about that. The scientific law says all planets and moons should all spin in the same direction if **big bang** constructed our solar system. Yet, some planets and moons spin in the opposite direction. The only logical explanation is: the **big bang** did not cause our solar system. What is most troubling is that evolutionists know this, but continue to teach **big bang** as the cause of our solar system.

Why do they so believe? Because, as many of them admit, there are only two logical possibilities, **big bang** or a super natural Creator. Thus, since **big bang** could not have produced our solar system, we are left with but one logical possibility: **IN THE BEGINNING GOD CREATED THE HEAVEN AND THE EARTH.** This, the unbeliever, will not (under any circumstances) accept! So he will believe in the flawed **big bang**.

How then was our solar system and universe created?

Open your Bible to Genesis, Chapter one.

“IN THE BEGINNING GOD CREATED THE HEAVEN AND THE EARTH... . This declaration by God indicates God existed before the beginning of time, as HE predates the beginning. God was existent as the beginning (of time) occurred. God, existing outside of time is eternal. God has no beginning and no end. God made the space (heaven) from what? It did not exist before and space, both near space in our skies and deep space, was created from the mind of God. God also created the earth (matter). Again, we inquire as to, or from where did this matter originate? God created (conceived and made form nothing) the Earth. God relates the order and time of all HE created on Earth in six days in Genesis 1:1-31.

IN THE BEGINNING... .

Golden Text: ¹⁾ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²⁾ The same was in the beginning with God. ³⁾ All things were made by Him; and without Him was not any thing made that was made. ~ St. John 1:1-3

The Bible begins with ten powerful words: ***In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.*** If you believe those ten words, as they are written, without trying to wrestle with their obvious, clear meanings, then the rest of the Bible, as it is plainly written and commonly understood, should not be difficult to comprehend and believe. God provides ample proof and it is in plain, honest belief one finds everlasting life.

Some try to tell us what God is really saying. They contend that God does not really mean what He says. Is God playing games and hiding the truth from us so that some man must tell us what God is saying or can we safely rely upon the plain meaning of God's simple, but powerful words? We can trust God and His communication. We do not need man to tell us. We do need to read the whole council of God (the entire Bible) to better and more deeply understand what God is communicating, but we do not have to wrestle with the Bible or the message. What do these first ten words then say? Do they communicate to us that there was a time, before the beginning of time? Yes. Who is God and did HE exist before "the beginning?" Well there HE is and the beginning of time is taking place. God is the uncaused, always existing, eternal *First Cause* of all in His universes. What does the word "created" denote? It tells us God made things from nothing that had existed before. God created that which did not exist. He created first time and then the heaven. What does God communicate with the word heaven? It is all of the space above earth and all the way out to deep space. Is there any indication God had yet created the sun, moon and stars? No. None. They are created on day four. Next in that first phrase we find the term Earth. Earth did not exist or have being before, so what is the only possible explanation for the word Earth? The planet on which man was created to live. Anyone (who has not been spoiled with indoctrination/education) would understand these words, the same way. Do not believe those who would add to the Word of God or those who would twist it to wring out of it an unusual meaning. We must just believe God and take Him at His plain Word. What did our Lord Jesus seek to communicate when HE said we must "receive" the kingdom of God, "as a little child" (Mark 10:25; Luke 18:17)? Just trust and believe the plain words of God. Do we realize that this is important because the Bible (and its narrative of creation) is the basis for our faith, our belief in the Almighty, Eternal, Creator God? Do we

need to know upon what our faith is based? Yes. Why? So we can go to heaven? Yes, but is that all? What did Jesus want us to do after HE left to go back to be with Father-God? Jesus said in prayer to the Father: (John17) ¹⁷⁾ *Sanctify them through Thy truth: Thy word is truth.* ¹⁸⁾ *As Thou hast sent Me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world.* John 17:17-18 Does Jesus expect us to go into the world of people and seek to bring them (reconcile them) to God? He did say, *Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel unto every creature.* I suppose He meant: *Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel unto every creature.* (Smile)

Prayer: **Heavenly Father, We Thy creation do not dare to come to You trusting in our own righteousness or in our own intelligence or wisdom, but instead we come to You asking You to forgive us of our sins, cleanse us from all unrighteousness, and impart to us Your knowledge, which (we confess) is perfect. Yours is the only Truth. Help us to rid ourselves of all false teaching we have heard on television, radio, in schools and yes, even sometimes in church. Help us as to hear and understand. Give us honest, child like faith. We want to KNOW YOU and YOUR TRUTH and nothing else. Teach us Your Ways. Teach us Your Truth. Help us to not depend upon our own understanding, but in all that we think or say or do, to only live by Your Truth. Establish us in Your Truth. YOUR WORD is TRUTH. Help me Lord, to be the man of God that You want me to be, this day and forever more. This I pray in the Name of Jesus Christ, the Eternal Word, our Lord. Amen.**

The Bible or Darwinism

Dr. J. Vernon McGee (1904 -1988 A.D.) continues to be heard daily on some radio stations today in his show entitled: *Through the*

Bible Radio. Dr. McGee states there are only two choices about the existence of the universe and all that therein is. Dr. McGee says, "One is Creation, the other: Speculation." Well, is he correct?

We have seen the five ideas about God's created universe and found four out of five, wanting or lacking credibility. The four are merely various ideas that try to explain away God as Creator of His universe. However, none of the imagined ideas for the production of the universe explained life. It was left to Charles Darwin to try to duel with God and the Bible over the origin of life.

Charles Darwin (1809-1882 A.D.) earned a degree in theology at Christ's college Cambridge. He was about to become an Anglican (Episcopal) pastor, when he was given the opportunity to take an around-the-world voyage on the HMS Beagle as an unpaid ship's naturalist (ship's scientist) in 1831.

When he began the voyage, the young theology graduate quoted the Bible as authority, but then read *Principals of Geology*, a treatise that falsely contended everything had happened by natural causes. It incorrectly argued that everything had happened by slow erosion type process, not by the flood of Noah. The young clergyman began to believe this and started to interpret all he saw in this new view. By the time he arrived back in England, his faith had been "shipwrecked" and he was no longer fit for service as a clergyman. Twenty-three (23) years later he published *On the Origin of Species, By Means of Natural Selection or the Preservation of Favoured Races in the Struggle For Life* (1859 - John Murray).

In *Origin of Species* he contended that all species are the result of natural processes and not by Creation of God as reported in Genesis, chapter one. Yet, Mr. Darwin, in his work, did not cite one example of one kind of organism changing into another. He stated

there should be chains of fossils leading from one species to another. He complained that the geologic record did not have any such chain of fossils to support his theory. There was not one.

Do you understand the import of these words?

Since Mr. Darwin admitted that he did not have the evidence to support his imagined ideas, the Darwinian evolution which the public schools dare to teach, as if truth, is not based upon the ultimate reality of the created order. There is no evidence for the ideas. What Mr. Darwin had proposed, was from his imagined ideas of what might be, if God had not created. This was in opposition to God's Truth. Mr. Darwin could not give us even one example of one kind of animal changing into another. The fossil record showed the sudden appearance of life forms. That is what one would find (sudden appearance, fully formed) when supporting the fact that God had created. Mr. Darwin said we should find thousands upon thousands of finely graduated chains of one organism changing into another if his ideas were true. Yet, he admitted that the record of death contained in the rocks of earth (fossil record) did not show any simple, slow, step by step progression as he contended. Not one, not any. He complained that the evidence was just the opposite of what he was proposing. He wrote in *Origin of Species*:

But just in proportion as this process of extermination has acted on an enormous scale, so must the number of intermediate varieties, which have formerly existed, be truly enormous. Why then is not every geological formation and every stratum full of such intermediate links? Geology assuredly does not reveal any such finely graduated organic chain; and this, perhaps, is the most obvious and serious objection which can be urged against my theory. The explanation lies, as I believe, in the

extreme imperfection of the geological record. (Darwin, Charles, *On the Origin of Species, By Means of Natural Selection or the Preservation of Favoured Races in the Struggle For Life; Chapter 10 - On The Imperfection Of The Geological Record.* 6th (Online) Edition John Murray London 1859 et. seq.)

“Geology assuredly does not reveal any such finely graduated organic chain” (leading from one kind of organism to another) “and this, perhaps, is the most obvious and serious objection which can be urged against my theory.”

It shocks most people to realize that Mr. Darwin clearly admitted that there was no evidence for his proposition that has come to be known as evolution; not ... any (such finely graduated organic chain). Years have passed, decades have come and gone, and a century and one half has elapsed and we find much evidence consistent with sudden, purposeful creation by God of “kinds” fully formed and functioning organisms, but there is not *any such finely graduated chain* of fossils leading from one organism to another to support the opposing false idea of evolution which the public schools dare to teach, as if it were truth.

Opposition to Darwin: The alleged *big bang* with the false *nebular hypothesis* tries to explain away God’s creation of the universe. Charles Lyell’s *Principles of Geology* (1830-1835) fought the Biblical world wide flood and now Mr. Darwin in *Origin of Species* (1859) is dueling God about being *First Cause* of life and Creator of the various kinds of life forms. Mr. Darwin does not fight with evidence, but with the speculation of evolution. And he admits that the record of fossils in the rocks (geology) “does not reveal any such finely graduated chain” leading from one kind of animal to another. Oh, Darwin does give God a small role as *First Cause* of one

or a few forms of life in Mr. Darwin’s *Origin of Species*. Yet, those who follow Darwin’s evolution give no such place to God, today.

No sane scientist opposes science such as: 2+2=4 or that water always boils at 212°F at sea level. But, many well-known scientists and many not so well-known, from the days of Darwin up to the 21st century have vehemently opposed Darwinism. Evolution is **not** accepted by all scientists as you may have been taught. When Mr. Darwin first proposed transmutation (evolution), all but one of the people Mr. Darwin called “chiefs” of the scientific community **rejected** his theory. Mr. Darwin’s mentor and head of the Geology Department at Cambridge declared he had read Charles Darwin’s *Origin of Species* and stated of the work:

... I have read your book with more pain than pleasure. Parts of it I admired greatly; parts I laughed at till my sides were almost sore; other parts I read with absolute sorrow; because I think them utterly false & grievously mischievous--
- Rev. Dr. Adam Sedgwick (1785-1873 A.D.)^[fn³]

When you realize this writer (Sedgwick) was one of Mr. Darwin’s mentors when Charles Darwin was a student, and he was one of the two most influential men that secured for the young Darwin his voyage on the HMS Beagle. Dr. Sedgwick had been chosen to head the geology department at Cambridge a most prestigious British university, then (and now). Sedgwick was fully aware of the geology of Earth and what evidence there was and was not for Mr. Darwin’s proposed ideas. This is the man who told Mr. Darwin **...parts I laughed at till my sides were almost sore; and that parts were utterly false.**

³ Sedgwick Letter to Darwin found at U of Cal. Berkeley: www.ucmp.berkeley.edu/history/sedgwick.html (8/ 2009 A.D.)

Also a Harvard professor, J. Louis Agassiz (1807-1873 A.D.), wrote of Darwinism:

But I consider it a duty to persist in opposition to the doctrine that today carries his name. I indeed regard this doctrine as contrary to the true methods that Natural History must inspire, as pernicious, and as fatal to progress in this science.

Also, later in that same article, Agassiz writes:

Darwin and his henchmen did not present facts which could prove that these organisms descended from unlike types which lived in a prior period. All the observations relative to domestic animals, among which there is so many and so numerous variations, again did not succeed in demonstrating a sufficiently large amplitude in these variations; never did they have as a result anything which manifests the indefinite tendency to a changeability without limit, (These last two quotes are found in 2009 A.D. on the internet at: <http://www.athro.com/general/atrans.html>)

Continued Opposition: Mr. Darwin not only published *Origin of Species* in 1859, but eleven years later published *Descent of Man* (1871). In this latter work, in the introduction, Mr. Darwin concedes that none of the “chiefs” (chief scientists of his day) has yet accepted his *theory* (his imagined ideas) that we now label evolution. Biologist Edwin Conklin (1863-1952 A.D.) of Northwestern, Pennsylvania and Princeton stated, “**The probability of life originating by accident is comparable to the probability of the unabridged dictionary originating from an explosion in a print shop.**” Professor Stephen J. Gould of Harvard, concluded in 1977 there was no fossil evidence for Darwin’s gradualistic evolution, but rather that admit it looked as if God had created, asked us to believe in punctuated or rapid evolution. Sir Fred Hoyle (1915-2001 A.D.) wrote in *Nature* in 1981 (updating Conklin) that the idea of life happening by chance would be more remote than

having a tornado pass through a junk yard and the wind assembling a passenger jumbo jet fully functioning, fueled and ready for take-off. In 2001 A.D. 50 PhD scientists wrote why they believe God created heaven and earth in a book entitled: **IN SIX DAYS** (Master Books).

Of course there are men who believe in evolution, even though they knew Mr. Darwin was wrong, since there was no fossil evidence. Not only was there none, but as Mr. Darwin admitted, the geologic record did not have even one CHAIN of fossils leading from one organism to a different kind of organism. But many grasp at anything to continue to oppose God. An example is Dr. Lawrence S. Dillon (-1999 A.D.) then a professor of Biology of Texas A & M. He said man is not an animal, but a highly evolved plant who arose from ‘brown seaweed.’ Another, upset that there was so little evidence for evolution, Dr. Lyell Watson, rather than recognize **In the Beginning God created.** .. decided also that we came from the water. (Dr. Lyell Watson, "The Water People," Science Digest, vol. 90 (May 1982), p. 44. This frivolous idea is updated a decade later. Meryl Davids, "An Evolutionary Urge to Submerge?" New Age Journal (January/February 1995), p. 19. So you have to ask yourself which speculation are you going to believe? Of course the real truth is that God was the actual Creator of His Creation and that HE did it, just as the Bible says.

GENESIS: Genesis is the foundational book that tells so much of God’s interpersonal relationship with man. Man sins. Man falls from his position of walking with God, every day. God responds with love and forgives man. God is seen blessing those who love God and keep His commandments. God makes a covenant with man. (Adam, Noah, Abraham)

Genesis is divided into two major parts. The first eleven chapters are one section, the Creation to Abraham. And these eleven chapters cover a period of more than one thousand years. That will

be the part we will first cover. It tells about creation, the fall of man and God's response to man and his continual sin.

As anyone who had lived for more than a few years knows, many books have been written that commented on the Bible or criticized the Bible. These books often commanded a great audience. Yet, the best selling book of all time was and remains the Bible.

Is the Bible just another book for entertainment? No! The Bible is the Word of the Only, Living God and will, therefore, speak to man in a much more definitive way than will any contemporary books that try to tell us what the Bible says or criticize the Bible.

Perhaps you should read the Bible and understand it, so that you too can meet the loving, purposeful, never failing, merciful Judge and Father who knows you have done wrong, but rather than wanting to punish you, waits and waits and waits patiently for all who will turn to Him, so HE can forgive them and give them His Peace, His Joy and His Love. God wants to restore you and have us be reconciled to Him. How does this happen? Well God loves you and was willing to take on the form of a man, live a sinless life and then pay for your sins by dying on the cross to pay for your sins.

Some men want to dethrone God. But God is waiting to forgive you and give you the abundant life now and life everlasting with Him in heaven.

Creation, man
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1. **God created:** Genesis (beginning; origin) tells of the beginning of everything, the heaven, the Earth, plants, sun, moon, stars, fish, fowls and animals, as well as God's highest and best creation: man. Before the beginning there would be a timeless state of eternity. Where did God exist? Was there time? No. Was there a universe? No. Does the universe all exist WITHIN the Only, Living, True God? Yes, heaven, earth, the universe and all that therein is, exists IN GOD! ~ **God created.** The word "created" is the Hebrew word "*bara*" which speaks of creating something out of nothing, a capacity that only God has. Man cannot "*bara*." 'Mother nature' cannot "*bara*." Natural Selection cannot *bara*. The Hebrew word "*asa*," speaks of the assembling together of existing materials. The word "*bara*" is used for God. *Elohiym* (El-o-heem) is a plural form of a noun that takes a singular verb. In the beginning (a plural form of the Word) God created. *Elohiym* is said to embody the concept of The Trinity of the ONE GOD Who was *First Cause*.

Also, this first verse refutes six heresies:

1.) Atheism: asserts there is No God. Here God proclaims His existence and HE is God. 2.) Polytheism: Some teach there are many gods (Hindus worship thousands of gods; Mormons teach: you can become a god). Here we have One God. HE alone creates (something from nothing). 3.) Materialism: This asserts **matter** is all that there is and matter is eternal. Here God declares HE made material matter (Earth). Matter is not eternal. 4.) Pantheism: Falsely teaches God is a part of and in everything. (All is God, you are God) But this verse shows us God is distinct from His creation. 5.) Naturalism: They teach and falsely allege all things happen because of natural processes. There is nothing else. Verse one tells us that this was a Supernatural act, not a series of natural processes. 6.) Special Revelation: Non believers say *IF* God exists HE would not reveal Himself to you or **me** or tell us what HE did. Is there special revelation? Here God revealed the Bible and the creation to Moses. That would be proof of Special Revelation.

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1) Those first ten words of the Bible answer the great questions of man. As man observes creation, he has questions. When did this begin? Where did it begin? How did it happen? And What or WHO made it all. When? At the beginning of time, space and matter. Where? God made space (heaven) into which HE placed Earth and later stretched out the heavens, adding sun, moon, stars and all the host of the universe (deep space and heaven) WHOM? God created. How? God made it from nothing. (Hebrew *bara* - shaped, formed new) from nothing.

2. First we note that verse two begins with a conjunction (a word that joins the thoughts together as one). Note that all the first five verses of the Bible are conjoined together as one thought and end with these words: *And the evening and the morning were the first day.* This period of evening and morning is one twenty-four-hour day. Why then do some Christians and denominations follow the teaching of a misguided Scottish pastor Thomas Chalmers (1780-1847 A.D.) who came up with the *Gap theory* between verses one and two? The *Gap* imagines that after verse one and before verse two there are *m-i-l-l-i-o-n-s* or *b-i-l-l-i-o-n-s* of years. The reason the Scottish minister came up with his idea was because of another Scottish fellow, James Hutton (1726-1797 A.D.) Hutton was a well-educated man (both a law degree and a medical degree but did not practice either). Dr. Hutton was a farmer (who had a farm manager) and developer of chemical processes. Hutton was able to spend much time, looking at dirt and streams. He decided Earth was very old. He proposed ***A Theory of the Earth*** including erosion and up-shifting of mountains. James Hutton made 'vast ages' notable. How old is Earth? Is the Bible time line true? OR is man's imagined time correct?

Age of Earth: Man (who is less than a speck of dust on a speck of dust, in comparison to God) wants GOD to conform to man's understanding of Earth's age. Is that arrogant and self-centered? Should we bring God down to us? Should we (would we) want to kill the Word and Truth of God? (*Crucify Him! CRUCIFY HIM!*) GOD Who loves you so much that GOD the Word came to Earth and died for you. But, men say, they must tell God's creation (you and I) what GOD really intended to communicate. If God cannot communicate with His creation, who can?

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2. (*continued*) A Hebrew scholar wrote that the plain meaning of Genesis and the Bible is that God created in six literal days, about six to ten thousand years ago. BUT, he added, we know that cannot be true. Men of science (evolution) proved the world is m-i-l-l-i-o-n-s if not b-i-l-l-i-o-n-s of years old.

There is ample proof Earth could not be billions of years old. Here a few ways you can quickly refute those who argue vast ages, then get back to telling them about Jesus and His death so they can have an eternal home in heaven.

By the Light of the Silvery Moon: The moon is moving away from earth a few inches a year. The moon's location indicates a relative young age of Earth. If the earth is six to ten thousand years old, the moving away is no problem; but if the Earth was b-i-l-l-i-o-n-s of years old, why is the moon so close? It should be much farther away and not have much effect on tides. And if it ever was too close it would disintegrate into rings. Speaking of rings: the rings of Saturn are slowly dissipating (scattering, breaking up) If the solar system was b-i-l-l-i-o-n-s of years old why does Saturn have rings that we see? The rings would all be gone. The life span of the comets is about ten thousand years old, according to most astronomers. Then why do we still see them in the sky? If the earth is m-i-l-l-i-o-n-s of years old, we would not see comets. The ten-thousand year life of comets would have long ago been over. The oldest desert (Sahara) is 4,000 years old. The oldest coral reef (Great Barrier in Australia) is less than 5000 years old. The oldest tree (bristle cone pine) is 4300 years old. IF the earth was millions of years old and if there was no world wide flood of Noah about 4400-4500 years ago, as evolutions assert, why do the oldest things on the planet date back to the time of Noah's Flood? No, the Earth cannot be b-i-l-l-i-o-n-s of years old or the moon & comets would be long gone and there would be older deserts, reefs and trees. So we really do not need a Gap!

2. Textual explanation: The Earth was originally made without being fully formed and the Earth was empty. Earth was yet dark and apparently covered with water. While this was the State of earth, God the Holy Spirit (*Ruwach*) (roo-awk) hovered over (floated, vacillated) the waters. Since Jesus said HE is the POWER disseminator (Acts 1:8) HE was most probably dispensing POWER into the waters.

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

3) **LIGHT:** The 1559 Geneva Bible notes, as translated: The light was made before either Sun or Moon was created: therefore we must not attribute that to the creatures that are God's instruments, which only belong to God.

The Hebrew for Light is Owr (ore). This word is the basic word for light. It comes from a primitive root that is also used in the phrase: *The Lord make His Face Shine (light) upon you.* Numbers 6:25. We learn Jesus proclaims *I AM the Light of the world.*~John 8:12. In contrast when God places the sun and moon in the heavens in Genesis 1:14-17 the Hebrew word used is a feminine word *maowr* (maor) meaning luminary. Is this a light bearer of "the LIGHT," that lighteth the world? In the thousand-year reign at the end of the age, there will be no need for the Light bearers, the sun and the moon for Jesus (the Lamb) is the Light (Revelation 21:23). So Who (or what) is this Light that "is" as soon as God (Elohiym) commands *Let there be light* in day one? It is not the sun, moon or stars. They are not created and put in place until day four. Was Father commissioning Jesus to illuminate the world? Was HE to be the separator from darkness? (*This is the condemnation, that Light is sent into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.*~ John 3:19).

Remember before the creation (*bara*) from nothing, there was no light as man knows it. There was darkness in an empty and uncompleted world that was covered with water. (The Spirit moved upon the face of the waters ~ Genesis 1:2). There was no light until Elohiym said *Let there be Light*. Immediately and instantly creation obeyed the Voice of God! LIGHT illuminated the world. (Does that remind you of anything? The disciples realized when Jesus speaks *winds and water and they obey Him* (Luke 8:25).

Here the eternal *Word* (Jesus) is involved in this process from before the beginning of creation. The Spirit moves, the Father speaks, The Word and The Light illuminate. We find the Trinity in the first three verses of Genesis. Also read: *There are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word and the Holy Ghost and these Three are One.* ~ **I John 5:7**

What a Mighty God we serve!

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

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4-5) *Elohiym* (God) perceived, considered, looked at, gave attention to the basic light HE had created by HIS WORD. After considering the Light, it was seen as pleasant, agreeable, a good thing, a thing to provide benefits, prosperity, bounty. Then GOD (*Elohiym*) separated, severed, set apart, (the same Hebrew word is used to separate the holy from the most holy (Exodus 26:33) to make a difference between holy and unholy (Leviticus 10:10). *Elohiym* (God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit) wanted to make a division and a difference. HE named the LIGHT-time) yown (yome) or Day, the portion of the day that is light was now separated from the darkness, obscurity. This same Hebrew word was used to describe the darkness that God placed in Egypt during the time of plagues. It was darkness that could be felt. (Exodus 10:21). Darkness that was thick (Exodus 10:22) It was used to describe the darkness that separated Egypt from Israel at the Red Sea crossing, when the Egyptians had pursued them. That period of darkness and that period of Light in the Genesis text were “the first day.” But how long was that day?

Day-age: First of all since days one through seven (1-7) are all qualified with the phrase “*the first day*,” . . . “*the seventh day*” can we pretty much assume all those days are all the same length? If YES, then I have a question. How long could plant life (crops) survive without sunlight? Plants were made on ‘the third day.’ The sun was created ‘the fourth day.’ Could the plants survive for one year without sun? No. Photosynthesis is a process God made where carbohydrates are synthesized from carbon dioxide and water using energy from the sun. Plants need the sun to work in that process. But, some men (day-age) want you to believe these days are “a thousand years” or a period of a m-i-l-l-i-o-n or more years. Would that be possible? No! The plants could not survive without the sun and photosynthesis. But they did survive! They are here in abundance. *The third day* was one day. And after the sun and moon came into existence, on day four, there could be nothing but 24 hour days as is dictated by the laws of the solar system.

5) . . . And the evening and the morning were the first day.

5) **Day-age:** (continued) Bible scholars from the *Institute for Creation Research* report reasons that "The Hebrew word for 'day' in Genesis one is an ordinary 24-hour day of night then light. When *yom* is used with a modifying number (as it is 358 times elsewhere in the Old Testament), it always means an ordinary day. 2. *Yom* is used with the defining phrase "evening and morning" 38 times in the Old Testament outside of Genesis one. Each time, it means an ordinary day. 3. Exodus 20:11 tells us God took six days to create everything, then rested on the seventh day. The all-Powerful God could have created everything instantly or in six seconds or six **nanoseconds** One billionth (10^{-9}) of a second. Instead, God worked for six days and rested for one, as a pattern for us to follow. Is this where we get our seven-day week?

Wikipedia states: **The differences between the Young-Earth interpretation of Genesis and modern scientific theories are non trivial: the Young-Earth interpretation says that everything in the universe and on Earth was created in six 24-hour days (with a seventh day of rest), estimated by them to have occurred some 6,000 years ago; whereas recent mainstream scientific theories put the age of the universe at 13.7 billion years and that of the Earth at 4.6 billion years, with various forms of life, including humans, being formed continually thereafter.**

The Day-Age Theory tries to reconcile these views by arguing the Creation "days" were not ordinary 24-hour days, but really lasted for long periods of time or as the theory's name implies: the "days" each lasted an age. According to this view, the sequence and duration of the Creation "days" represents or is symbolic of the sequence and duration of events that scientists theorize to have happened, such that Genesis can be read as a summary of modern science, simplified for the benefit of pre-scientific humans.

What do you as a Christian man believe? Do you accept the Bible time line or do you believe the *evolutionary big-bang* imagination of vast ages based upon *uniformitarianism*? This contends the universe happened by natural means, without God. They assert there was no flood. They falsely contend the Bible is just another book of myths and fables. Yet, God does not ask us to have blind faith. God says, 'Look at the real evidence of creation and believe what you see.'

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

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.

6) "*Let there be a firmament.*" The creation-work of the second day by God (Elohiym) is to provide a sky around Earth. "Heaven" and earth are not joined, but separated. The Hebrew word for *firmament* is *raqiya* (rakia). This includes the whole extended region or the atmosphere and space. This is the sky where fowls fly and it is also the word for deep space. All of the region is called "*firmament*" *raqiya* (rakia) without discrimination between the lower regions and deep space or the abode of heaven. There is water above firmament and below firmament. John Calvin (1509 – 1564 A.D.) writes: I know not why the Greeks have chosen to render the word *vtere>wma*, which the Latins have imitated in the term, "firmamentum"; for literally it means expanse. And to this David alludes when he says that 'the heavens are stretched out by God like a curtain,' (Psalm 104:2) What are the waters? Read on. (Smile).

7) God is now making *asah* (aw-saw - assembling) from that which is already there, as opposed to His earlier creation from nothing (*bara*). Deep space was present, (*In the beginning God created the heaven...*) Is God now populating space or dividing space into parts? Would it be similar to a house that is 'framed in,' then room divisions are added?

All parts of the planet, in day two, are overflowed by waters as dry *land* does not appear until day three. Now God divides the waters on Earth from waters '*above the firmament.*' Moses describes the use of this expanse, this firmament, to divide the waters from the waters. At first, that may seem to be opposed to common sense, water above the sky in which birds fly? (But massive passenger jumbo jets fly in the near heavens, daily). And how much more incredible does it seem that *Thou my God shouldst die for me.* (Amazing Love How can it be that Thou my God shouldst die for me!) So perhaps we should accept the Word of God that there were waters *above the heaven* that did not fall down until the flood, when *the windows of heaven were opened.* Genesis 7:11 Some resort to allegory and philosophize but the clear factual Word of God says waters were placed above the heavens. John Calvin states: Whence I conclude, that the waters here meant are such as the rude and unlearned may perceive. . . . And truly a longer inquiry into a matter open and manifest is superfluous. . . . Translation: *That is what the Bible undoubtedly says, so that settles it.*

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

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.

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*.

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.

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*. 13 And the evening and the morning were the third day.

8) Although Adam named all of the animals, God Himself named the expanse or region above Earth. God named it Heaven. **GOD called**. The Hebrew word for 'call' *qara'* (kaw-raw) denotes an utterance or a crying out, a (naming) proclaiming it: Heaven. (Hebrew would include: sky above and space and the abode of God). Verse eight ends with the phrase *were the second day*. Again we find the day has a definite modifying article: second, and that it is moreover defined as a period of time that includes the evening (dark) and the morning (light). Sounds like a regular 24-hour day, and night to me.

9) A flurry of activity as God speaks into existence dry land, which God designated Earth. God did this by telling water to come together into one spot. The Bible plainly states that there were two areas watery areas and dry land areas. One continent before flood?

10) God (*Elohiym*) named the land Earth. What is God doing? Is God preparing a place for the vegetation to grow and land breathing animals to roam and finally for God's highest and best creation, man who is made in His image, likeness? God separated dry land from the seas. It was good.

11) Yes, it appears as if God was preparing Earth. God commands this dry land that HE just gathered out of the waters and named Earth to do what? *Bring forth* grass and *herb yielding seed* (green plants that have seeds:(see Strong's Hebrew Words 6212 & 2232) *the fruit tree yielding seed* (trees that produce fruit) *whose seed is in itself* (trees that have seeds that will reproduce like kinds of trees inside of them (apples, peaches, oranges, etc.) The Earth immediately obeyed the command of God.

12) Earth produced grass (Hebrew=grass) and *herb yielding seed* (green plants that produce seed). They produced *after his kind* translates that the plants produced only similar kinds of plants. (They were no transmutations or evolving). And it had to be fruit that had in it seed that would produce a similar tree. God perceived it all *good* (agreeable, beneficial, virtuous). 13) This all occurred on the third day.

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

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.

17) And God set them in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth,

18) And to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness: and God saw that *it was good*.

19) And the evening and the morning were the fourth day.

14-15) Okay now we come to a battleground of Christianity, which I do not understand. The plain, clear Word of God says that on this fourth day God *called lights into being* to divide (separate daylight from darkness) and for *signs* (they are a miracle of God's creation~consider the heavens) *for days* (as Earth rotates, we have one day) *and for seasons*. As Earth tilts and rotates and the sun appears in different parts of the heavens, the seasons: spring, summer, fall, winter will occur. We will be able to see weather changes approaching and departing as we observe the location of the sun. The moon will mark the month with its reflection of the sun into a first quarter to a full moon to a last quarter. And then disappear and start again. The sun will mark both the daylight portion of the day as Earth rotates on its axis, then the revolution of Earth around the sun marks the year (approximately 365 days) What was the method God used to create? God said Let there *be* lights (things that illuminate) in the expanse above.

16) God made (assembled, from things already created) *two great* (large in magnitude and intensity) *lights*. *These lights rule* (have dominion over) day and night. They are the lights in the great expanse above earth. But this word light is not the same as the Word used in verse three for Light. That was the primary *owr* (ore) from the primitive root. Thus that LIGHT *owr* was already in the world. Is God making from the Light, these light bearers? *ma' owr* (luminaries) The sun (*greater light*), the moon (*lesser light*) *the stars also*. This is rendered star (Strong's No. 3556) It is the same word used in Deuteronomy 4:19 *stars, even all the host of heaven*) Star means star (once it was Star of Jacob or Messiah).

17-18-19) The stars, moon and sun are *set* into the firmament (includes space and deep space). Would God be able to set them out in deep space as the Bible says, *God set them...*) Does star include the planets (day-star: Venus)? Not in the definitional technical sense. They are placed there to divide the day (light time) from the night (darkness) *rule over day and night*. Their purpose is to divide light from darkness. This all happened on *the fourth day*.

~When I consider Thy heavens, the work of Thy fingers, the moon and the stars which Thou hast ordained. Psalms 8:3

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.

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*.

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

23) And the evening and the morning were the fifth day.

20) Again God speaks and commands His creation (*waters*) to do His bidding: God commands waters to *bring forth abundantly*: They are to allow life, living creatures, to come into existence, to swarm, to teem, abound, infest the waters with life. And the waters are to produce something that seems at odds with the water: *fowl* (flying things). Is God speaking to the water above the firmament (sky)? (Remember there was water placed above the firmament). Were these waters to bring forth *fowls* ~ (flying creatures, winged insects, bats, birds) to fly above the Earth in the *open firmament*, face area of sky. The near heavens are where fowl would fly.

21) God created (*bara* ~ made from nothing) large (in magnitude and extent) *tanniyn* ([tan-noon] ~ serpent, dragon, sea-monsters) The King James Version translates it 'whales.' I suppose they, being a sea-going nation of many fishermen, may have asked themselves what was the biggest fish-type in the sea and decided on whales, but the Hebrew is clearly *tanniyn* [tan-noon] which is clearly serpent, dragon, sea-monster. The Bible uses the word *tanniyn* 27 times in the Old Testament, as in Isaiah 27:1. *In that day the LORD with his sore and great and strong sword shall punish leviathan the piercing serpent, even leviathan that crooked serpent; and He shall slay the dragon (tanniyn) that [is] in the sea.* God is not communicating whales, (perhaps it is a plesiosaur). God made every *living creature* (Heb Word 5315~with life in the blood) which the waters produced and every *winged fowl*. God made them by His Word! God commands, creation obeys!

22) God pronounces a blessing on this creation and tells them to reproduce and fill (*male*) the seas and the flying things are to reproduce abundantly (*multiply*) in (or on) Earth.

23) That was *the fifth day*. And by the end of the fifth day all is done for the emergence of the land breathing animals and the most noble prince and princess of the land, the highest and best: Adam (male) and Eve (female) of man of our ONE human **race**. There is but one **race** of men, made by God, from one blood (Acts 17:26) **all** nations (all *ethnos* or ethnic groups) on Earth.

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.

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*.

24-25) God now commands Earth to *bring forth*. This phrase *bring forth* is used as to plants but it is there from a Hebrew Word that means *sprout, shoot out*. Then *bring forth* to the waters, but it means *teem or swarm* with life. Here *bring forth* is from the Hebrew (*yatsa'* [ya-tsaw']) which means *go out, come out or exit*. God is commanding *living* things to come out of Earth. **LIVING:** Remember the first time living is used is with the sea creatures and fowl. Here it is continued with these animals, cattle (animals including cows but it would include all land animals whom Adam named Genesis 2:20; Gen.7:23), and creeping things (includes things that walk along on the earth such as ants and what we now call lizards or tiny reptiles) and beasts (living animals).

25) God is creating from that which already exists. God is assembling ('*asah* [aw-saw]) the *beast* life on earth from Earth. God commands them to reproduce *after their kind*. We know that if we breed 1 million cows with 1 million different bulls we will get cattle. Pigs produce pigs, Chickens yield chickens. No one ever reported the birth of some new and different *kind* from two of the same *kind*. They are to produce after his kind, just as God commanded. The evolution idea of one *kind* producing another *kind* is like calling God into question. It is like the one who questions Eve in the garden. Why do we believe the fairy tale that some old, worn-out, bone found way down deep in the dirt did something that no living animal can do today? Evolution is an imagined, unproven, speculation... without any credible proof. Do you realize that Mr. Darwin even admitted in ***Origin of the Species*** (1859) that his imagined idea of evolution was contrary to the proof? I quote:

Geology assuredly does not reveal any such finely graduated organic chain; this, perhaps, is the most obvious and gravest objection which can be urged against my theory.

Charles Darwin admitted that there was not one chain of fossils that led from one species to another. Not ONE. NO EVIDENCE. The then head of Geology at Cambridge (Rev., Dr. Adam Sedgwick) read Darwin's book then wrote: "**parts I laughed at until my sides were almost sore.**" He thought Darwin's assertions and imagined ideas were totally, laughably, wrong and deceptive! Sedgwick's letter is at: <http://www.ucmp.berkeley.edu/history/sedgwick.html>

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.

26). Who was talking to Whom? God took counsel with God in the Three in One of God which we, in our finite minds, cannot really understand. But we do believe: **GOD IS THREE IN ONE.** Pastor Chuck Smith of Calvary Temple says: *The tri-unity of God is found in the first verse of the Bible, "in the beginning God," the word in Hebrew is "Elohim". Elohim is a plural word. Other places in the Old Testament it is translated Gods. "El" is God in Hebrew, singular. In Hebrew there is a dual tense, two, and the Hebrew "Elah" is God in a dual tense. But "Elohim" is the plural tense for God. And so, even the tri-unity of God is expressed in the first verse, "in the beginning God," Elohim. Not "El", but "Elohim" created the heavens and the earth.*

In Genesis 1:2 God the Holy Spirit, moved over the face of the waters. "And God said". The moment God spoke, you have the Word of God. "*And in the beginning was the Word, the Word was with God, the Word was God. And the same was in the beginning with God, and all things were made by Him*" (John 1:1). So with the Holy Spirit moving and the Father speaking, the Word, we have the Three in One God in verses 1&2. But if that does not convince you, next God says: "Let there be Light!" And we know Jesus is the Light of the world (John 8:12; John 9:5; John 12:35-36; Revelation 21:23). Here in these verses we have: Three in One (*Elohiym*) God making (assembling) man's body. So, now, God creates His crowning act of God's creation. God created the world, plants and many fish, fowls and animal life forms. God now creates one to rule over these life forms: "*man in our image, after our likeness.*"

Image: Well the only thing that my little mind can wrap itself around is Jesus. Jesus in the flesh was GOD the WORD made flesh and *in HIM dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily.* ~Colossians 2:9. So if Jesus (God in the flesh) appears as man outwardly then we too are in the image of the Godhead in our outward body. WE are not the Godhead. We are a poor transparency of the Body of Jesus. But as His Body was earthy, so is man's body. Our bodies are similar to His earthly body.

26 ¶ And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness:

26) **-continues- with a more difficult subject:**

LIKENESS: American Heritage Dictionary: like-ness (l^ok^un¹s) *n.*

1. The state, quality, or fact of being like; resemblance. **2.** An imitative appearance; a semblance. **3.** A pictorial, graphic, or sculptured representation of something; an image.

As stated God is three in One. God made man a trinity of: spirit, soul, body. God is a superior trinity. Man is an inferior trinity. God is preeminent and has dominion over His creation. God imparted to man dominion over Earth. God can think and reason. Man can think and reason. God is the essence of "love." Man can love. God has will. Man has will. God can make decisions. Man can make decisions. God is jealous. Man is jealous. God is merciful. Man can be merciful. God is a warrior. Man is a warrior. God is faithful. Man can be faithful. God is a leader. Man is a leader. God is an encourager. Man is an encourager. God is gracious [kind and courteous]. Man is gracious. God is angry. Man is angry. God assembles things. Man can assemble things. God is able to choose and to determine His own destiny. Man, being created in the image of God, was created with a capacity to choose and determine his own destiny. Yet, man often makes bad choices. But, since God created men with a capacity to choose. God allows man, a choice. God puts into the Garden of Eden (Genesis 2) the *tree of the knowledge of good and evil*. Man can choose to obey (good). Man can choose to disobey (evil). Having given the ability of decision-making to man, God offers Adam the choice. God is a good Father. "*Thou shalt not eat of it.*" The day you do, you will *surely die*. You will introduce death. God instructs Adam as to the proper choice. God also tells the penalty for the wrong choice (death). God gives man a beautiful distraction: Eve. Will Adam choose to serve, love and obey God? ~So man was made in the image of God and in the likeness of God.

MAN AND HIS WIFE: In past we have covered the fact that Adam was not deceived. Adam just watched and allowed the devil to deceive Eve (his Gift from God). That was not love. Adam was not loving God or the wife, God had given Adam. Do you guard, protect your wife from evil? Are you willing to protect her? How can you protect her Spiritually?

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.

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

26) **-continues- LET THEM HAVE DOMINION:** God decrees man will be in charge. Dominion (Hebrew Lexicon 7287~ to rule, tread down, subjugate,) In the next verse, man, the ruler, is to *subdue* (bring it into bondage or servitude, slavery). Man is above all other creation, over all things in the seas (fish); what ever things that fly above in the sky (fowl); the land breathing animals (cattle). God adds, *over all earth* and *over every creeping thing* (creeping, gliding, moving - Hebrew Lexicon 7431). There can be no sane, legal idea that man is an animal, or man is the 'problem' to earth. Earth+all that therein is, was created for man to be its ruler. It is for man, all were to be subject to man. God made man Kaiser.

27) **SO, GOD CREATED** God created (*bara* ~from nothing that existed) man in His own image. Recall God (*'asah*) assembled man's body from dust. The body is a place for the "real you" to reside. Thus, when we are absent from that body (of dust) the real you is (at once) present with the Lord. We are in a body on earth, but we are not a body. We become a living soul only after the breath of life from God (Genesis 2:7). God creates (*bara* ~made from nothing) man's inner, real being. Well, there goes evolution. If God has used something that existed to assemble the real inner man, God might have assembled (*'asah*) man from some animal. God chose to do a new work. God creates from nothing (that existed in the natural world) (*bara*) the inner, real man (of Adam and Eve). Man is a unique creation who carries God's image. God is a moral Being. Only man is a moral being. God is Spirit, man has a spirit. (Job 32:8; Psalms 32:2; Proverbs 18:14; Ecclesiastes 8:8; Isaiah 66:2; Zechariah 12:1; I Corinthians 2:11; I Peter 3:4) God has/is love and self-determination. God gives to man the ability to love, to have self determination, to reason, to know right from wrong, to truly think, to meditate. God gives man the ability to love and truly make reasoned decisions (and more) God did not give these to any animal. Man does **not** react as a trick dog or a chimpanzee. God also created real man in **two parts:** male and female, that are to become ONE. Your wife is a unique creation (Gift) of God. HE could have given man anything in the universe. God's gift was a wife for man. You cannot be the man of God, God intends, without your wife.

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.

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.

28) In this verse, obviously God is not taking things in chronological order, as Eve was not physically in existence. Before Eve is, God makes a garden. God specially populated the garden; brought the animals to Adam to name. After Adam was alone and lonely (for human companionship) God created a gift for Adam, a woman to be his wife and the mother of all living. This verse 28 already speaks as if Eve is in existence (and she was in existence in the mind of God long ago). Here God is blessing (barak [baw-rak'] you know, as in Blessing Obama). God pronounces a blessing on the male and female, the Adam man **and** the Eve Adam, wife. Be fruitful (bear fruit) and multiply (become great and numerous) and replenish (*male' ~[maw-lay'] to fill or be full*) the earth. (Note: In 1611 when the King James Version was translated, the primary definition of replenish was to fill, not fill again. English words change meanings such as conversation used to mean behavior and gay used to mean happy) But, filling the earth was not enough, they were to subdue (bring it into subjection, bondage, keep under) AND have dominion (to rule over, dominate) all of the other living things.

Note: **Life or Living:** God does not use the words **living** or **life** when speaking of plants. God first uses **life** in Genesis 1:20, when God commands the waters to *bring forth life*. God first used **living** in verse 21 when describing the **living** creatures in the water. Living things are named as those things in the sea, those that fly and everything that moveth (*ramas ~ [raw-mas']* creep, move, walk, glide) on Earth. Man was their ruler. God created Earth for man. (Despite what Green Peace or Animal Rights, or Global Warming advocates wish you to adopt as a non-God [atheistic] view).

29) Here in verse 29, God pronounces the diet for man. God gives man the herb, which has *bearing seed* (seed which can be sown) and every tree (tree or stalk) which had fruit that has *yielding seed*. (Again it must have seed that can be sown). This is to be man's meat or diet. Well then how could it have been an apple on the tree in the Garden, since an apple is a part of a proper diet given by God?

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.

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.

30) God now pronounces what we may consider a bit unusual. God tells *every beast of earth*, and fowls (including vultures and eagles) things on all fours (including lions and tigers) that they are to eat plants. WHAT? Why, we know that most animals do not eat plants or do we? Speaking of the last days, when Messiah shall reign, Isaiah writes and the lion shall eat straw like the ox (Isaiah 11:17; See Isaiah 65:25). So as it was before the sin of Adam, so it shall be again in the Millennial Reign of Jesus.

31) Elohiym perceived and looked upon everything HE had assembled and it was exceedingly *good*, pleasant and agreeable. This tells us that God approved in every way of everything that HE had made. This verse is often used as a proof text that there had been no sin in the world up to this point as God saw everything as *very good*. If that is true, then we can argue that iniquity had not yet been found in Lucifer, who was to later become known as the devil. This creation of land breathing animals and man, the giving of rulership and control of the Earth and the initial dietary pronouncements for man and all living things, all happened on *the sixth day*.

THE GREAT QUESTIONS OF LIFE. We completed Genesis 1. From this chapter Christians understand their view of the world. All views of the world, except Genesis 1, are a man's attempt to explain God's creation without admitting it is from God. Thus all other views (including big bang evolution taught in public school) are non-God, atheistic in character. All views of the world seek to answer these questions:

Who am I? Why am I here? Where did I come from? And Where will I go when I die?

From your understanding of Genesis 1, would you answer?

Who am I? Are you God's highest and best creation? Did God create Earth and all that pertains to it and is in it, for man? Is man to be a ruler?

Why am I here?

Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep His commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. Ecclesiastes 12:13

Where did I come from? Where will I go when I die?

GENESIS 2: 1) ¶ Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them.

2) And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made.

2:1) This is the end of the initial creation of heaven and earth and *all the host* (literal: army~ also troop, swarm, multitude) of earth and heaven.

2) We begin with the Sabbath day. Do not miss the importance of the Sabbath day. God finished the six days of creation (all of creation was accomplished, complete at an end). Now God rested (*shabath* [shaw-bath'] Hebrew Lexicon No. 7673) from His creation or ceased from His creation activity on Earth. And this verse seems to make it clear that ALL HIS creation work in *the heavens and the earth*, was accomplished or ended after these six days. God blessed (bestowed favor, consecrated) and sanctified (dedicated, set apart, honored, established) *the seventh day*. Again we see a 24-hour day.

LENGTH OF DAY: The sun was already created and set in its place in the firmament, heavens or space, on day four, so this “day” had to be 24 hours. The only reason church people have trouble with the periods of times is because since they were in first grade they have been told that the earth is m-i-l-l-i-o-n-s of years old. Do you remember your teacher saying, “Today we will learn about dinosaurs that lived millions of years ago?” But, let us look at other places in the Bible that talks of a seven-day week and a Sabbath to confirm the length of the period of time. In **Exodus 16:29-30** they were to gather manna for six days, but on *the seventh day* (Sabbath) there would be no manna. **Exodus 20:10** tells us that *the seventh day* is a Sabbath unto the Lord when man is not to do any work. (**Exodus 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.*) Exodus 23:12 *Six days thou shalt do thy work, and on the seventh day thou shalt rest: that thine ox and thine ass may rest, and the son of thy handmaid, and the stranger, may be refreshed.*) The people rested on *the seventh day*. Did the people rest one day or for a thousand years or a million years? We can all agree that it was one, 24 hour, day. These Scriptures then tell us two things: there is a Sabbath day of rest where no work is to be done and that Sabbath day is a regular 24-hour day in a seven-day week. Therefore, the *six days* of creation were, by analogy, six regular 24 hour days in a seven-day week. Creation week is not a long period, but a plain, seven day week with 24 hour days.

3) And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made.

4) ¶ These [are] the generations of the heavens and of the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens,

5) 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.

6) But there went up a mist from the earth, and watered the whole face of the ground.

3) God endows this seventh day with His favor and grace. God sets this day apart (dedicates it, sanctifies). God rested (shabath Hebrew Lexicon No. 7673) from His creation. Other Scriptures make it clear that God wants man to rest on the Sabbath.

4) This is the *generations (towldah [to-led-aw'] results, proceedings, account)* of the making of the heavens (sky, firmament, atmosphere, abode of God) and earth (whole earth, land). It is “the” creation record and is the period of time that LORD (Jehovah) God (Elohiym) assembled earth and heavens. NOTE: The use of Jehovah. But read Exodus 6:2-3) 2) *And God spake unto Moses, and said unto him, I [am] the LORD:* 3) *And I appeared unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, by [the name of] God Almighty, but by my name JEHOVAH was I not known to them.*

GENESIS EARTHLY AUTHOR? Wait!! The Bible tells us that by the Name Jehovah was God not known before God spoke unto Moses and revealed His Name JEHOVAH. But we read the Name JEHOVAH or LORD in the second chapter. What is the significance? Well there are some who say Moses did not write Genesis. Others wrote it. Yet we find the Name Jehovah (the Name God revealed unto Moses) used 141 times in the book of Genesis. This use of the Name revealed to Moses would only be used, IF Moses wrote Genesis, (of course under the inspiration of God the Holy Spirit).

5-6) Verse 5 continues the account with a conjunction “And.” This is similar to the joining together of verses in Genesis 1, as God gives an account of one day’s activities. Here God reviews that HE made heaven and earth, then plants and herbs. This happened before God made man. We also read God made *every plant, before it was in the earth*. Did God create in His mind or in some other place before things were placed on Earth? We read God made *every herb. . . before it grew*. It had not rained. Next, it appears God made man to be a farmer (*to till the ground*) with no rain. How long has man had to depend upon God to bring the rain? Yet, when there is no rain, God allowed Himself another way to give needed moisture to the growing things: *a mist* (in the Hebrew mist means mist) Mist is: A mass of fine droplets of water in the atmosphere near or in contact with the earth. **2.** Water vapor condensed . . .

7) And the LORD God formed man [of] the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

8) ¶ And the LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there he put the man whom he had formed. 9) And out of the ground made the LORD God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil.

Genesis 2:7 gives us some details as to how God formed Adam's body out of the dust (dry earth) of the ground (Hebrew for ground=adamah [ad-aw-maw]. When God breathed (blew into, blow, sniff) into the nostrils (Hebrew=nostril, nose, face) the breath (Hebrew=breath or spirit) of life and man ('adam [aw-dawm']) became. Only after God's breath, did man become a living soul. (Hebrew=soul, self, life, creature, person).

8-9) Now we shift from the initial creation of heaven and earth and all that is on earth, including man, to the Garden of Eden or *garden eastward in Eden*. In Eden, God places Adam. Here God is not creating (*bara* from nothing) nor is God assembling ('*asah* [aw-saw]) from that which is already in existence. Here God is using His method of reproduction, but is greatly augmenting it. He does not just plant a seed, but causes it to grow. Did Adam see what may have appeared to be time lapse photography as he saw the trees grow to full maturity before his eyes? Or did God plant fully mature trees and cause them to continue growing? God only placed in the garden trees *pleasant to the sight* (Hebrew= desirable in appearance) **and** *good for food*. (Hebrew=good or agreeable for fruit or meat) They were the trees bearing fruit with seed in themselves, since God later tells Adam he may eat of them all. God also placed two other trees in that garden: the *tree of life* (Hebrew literally=tree that is living. Are we allowed to wonder if the fruit on this tree was similar to the fruit that is to be on the trees in the book of Revelation 22:2) *In the midst* (middle) was the tree of *the knowledge of good and evil*. (Hebrew=*good*, agreeable, pleasant - and *evil* bad. (Evil is sometimes defined as consisting of corruption, depravity, sin, obscenity, wickedness) The tree of life, we later will learn would have given Adam everlasting life. Do we also learn that the tree of the knowledge of good and evil was to only teach Adam evil, since he was a creation of God Who is Good? But Adam would not yet know evil before sin. Adam was created before the close of God's creation. God then pronounced all that HE had made was *very good*. Genesis 1:31. The two trees are placed there so that Adam could choose good (God or to obey God).

10) And a river went out of Eden to water the garden; and from thence it was parted, and became into four heads.

11) The name of the first [is] Pison: that [is] it which compasseth the whole land of Havilah, where [there is] gold;

12) And the gold of that land [is] good: there [is] bdellium and the onyx stone.

13) And the name of the second river [is] Gihon: the same [is] it that compasseth the whole land of Ethiopia.

14) And the name of the third river [is] Hiddekel: that [is] it which goeth toward the east of Assyria. And the fourth river [is] Euphrates.

10) God tells us about the irrigation system of the garden of Eden. Note that “a” stream of water, **one river**, *went out* of the garden of Eden to irrigate the land. That one unnamed river was divided into four sets of ‘head waters.’

11) The name of the first (of the four) river was Pison. The only definition in the Hebrew (5437) is one of the four rivers used to describe the location of the garden of Eden. This ‘stream of water’ went around the land of Havilah. A land we can only speculate as to its location at that time, as this was before the world wide flood that destroyed the known world. In Havilah was “gold!!!”

12) The precious metal gold that is found there is said to be good. (Does this mean of high quality or high karat level?) There is also bdellium (Hebrew defines as gum resin) and onyx (precious gem) (Note: My class ring was of onyx, a black stone)

13) The second river is Gihon (bursting forth). That river goes about the land of Ethiopia (Hebrew=*Kush* [koosh]; Cush = “black”) At the historical time of the Genesis, there was no land of Ethiopia that was in existence, since there was no Cush (koosh) who was the father of the Ethiopians. But as to a location, must we speculate? Why? Where was the garden of Eden? Is that location on land somewhere? Is that location under water? WE do not know. What we do know is that GOD told Moses that the river goes around Ethiopia. God told Moses that more than one thousand years after the actual events of the garden of Eden and several hundred years after the flood of Noah.

14) The third stream of water is Hiddekel (rapid) Again how can we tell where it was in relationship to present post flood geography? We cannot know. We know that God told Moses to write that the river went toward the east of Assyria. (The Assyrians are from the second son of Shem (Noah’s ‘s son) whose name was Asshur. Asshur was to build Nineveh and he was to establish Assyria). The fourth river is named Euphrates. However, again this Euphrates would be a pre flood river’s name.

One commentator reports that it is error to believe it was the Euphrates of today. He said Euphrates of today may have been named after this ancient river. He used the idea of York of England being named New York in the US Continent. The flood destroyed the then known world. **Think!**

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

16) ¶ And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat:

17) But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

15) God has just described the irrigation system and a few facts about Eden. God takes man and places him into this location (Eden). The purpose was so that Adam could work, serve, till the land. (Remember the thorns and thistles had not yet been introduced. See Genesis 3) and to keep guard, protect the land. (We ask ourselves from what or whom and we immediately think of Adam when he did **not** protect the garden (or his wife Eve) from satan.)

16) Note the continued use of the Name LORD (Jehovah) God (Elohiym), Remember, by the Name Jehovah, God was not known until God revealed This Name to Moses at the burning bush (Exodus 3; see Exodus 6:3 as proof text). Thus we have continuing proof that this book was most assuredly written by Moses. For the use of this God revealed Name Jehovah declares Genesis could not have been written by the predecessors of Moses, as some contend. God tells Adam you can eat of every tree (of all these trees). Adam may freely eat them as his food. Therefore we know that they are of the trees God had given to eat in Genesis 1:29 (trees which have fruit with seeds in them.) Adam could eat oranges, apricots, apples. APPLES! I thought apples were the forbidden fruit. (The same Sunday School book that showed Saul falling from his horse (not in the text), showed apples on the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. WELL wrong again) Apples would be fruit given by God for man to eat. The forbidden fruit would not have seeds-Genesis 1:29).

17) HOWEVER, God warns Adam, although you may eat of every tree, there is one that I GOD must warn you about. IF you eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, you will *surely die*. (Death will enter) But, what kind of death? God, as a good father, warns his first creation, Adam who is known as the son of God, (Luke 3:38) death will result. What kind of death immediately resulted? What kind of death ultimately resulted?

18) ¶ And the LORD God said, [It is] not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him.

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. 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

18) God looks at his first creation Adam and states that HE, God, KNOWS it is not good or pleasant for (Adam) man to be *alone* (Hebrew 905 alone, by itself, besides, a part, separation, being alone); Jehovah Elohiym declares (to Whom?) that man needs a wife. *It is not good that man should be alone.* For the first time, God declares something is 'not good.' This is a deviation from all the *good* and *very good* God had seen. God said, I will make (assemble) for him an help (one who helps) meet (one who helps) for Adam. Note: That although there are two words help meet, the two words in the Hebrew have one meaning (one who helps). God will make Adam a wife. Marriage is honorable. Marriage is God's plan for man. This one he is to marry, this one who will make Adam, *not alone*.

Consider: *Whoso findeth a wife findeth a good thing, and obtaineth favour of the Lord.* Prov.18:22. Men if you have a wife, she is not supposed to be your financial support or the boss of you and the family, that is your role. You are to lead. You are to protect. You are to provide. She is your gift from God. Yes, men are the leaders, our Lord gives us His example of leadership.

25) But Jesus called them [unto Him], and said, Ye know that the princes of the Gentiles exercise dominion over them, and they that are great exercise authority upon them. 26) But it shall not be so among you: but whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister; 27) And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant: 28) Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give His life a ransom for many. Matthew 20:25-28

19-20) Before God makes Eve, God allows man to see every living thing that God had previously formed, (Hebrew *yatsar* can mean present or past~Guzik). All that walked on earth and everything the flew (fowl: birds, insects, bats) were brought to Adam. Since Adam was given dominion God asked Adam to name them. Did Adam name the plants? Not then. (Remember life and living does not come into being as a concept until day five with fish and fowl). Did Adam name the things in the sea (fish, whales, clams, oysters)? Not then. Adam named all the land breathing animals and every thing that flew, "Cow, pig, dragon, crocodile, robin, fly, bat." (Of course it was in God's language~before the Tower of Babel).

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

21) ¶ And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof; 22) And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man.

20) As he was naming them, did Adam see that they were all in pairs? Then the phrase: ***for Adam there was not found an help meet for him.*** There was not found one to help and complete Adam. We can all agree that would rule out Adam marrying an animal. Also we can agree no animal was to be his helper or could provide the companionship to take away the loneliness. Did God deliberately have Adam name the animals so Adam would understand and comprehend his need for a partner (help meet)? God already knew Adam needed Eve. But, did Adam? Did God use this to prepare Adam to receive the gift of woman? Would Adam have appreciated Eve as much before he realized how alone and lonely was he (man)?

21-22) BUT GOD has everything under control. GOD knows what Adam needs. God causes Adam to fall more asleep than if Adam had been given a 21st century anesthesia. When Adam was in this state. God operated and opened his flesh and took out one of Adam's ribs (yes, a real rib). How do we know God opened Adam's flesh? Because we are told that God closed the flesh. (*so ought man to love their wives as their own bodies.*~Eph. 5:28) Did God use Adam's own body to create Eve to forever remind him of their essential oneness? As Adam came to know Eve, he must have seen many ways that they were different, but he would never forget that they are essentially one and that they are made of the same substance? They are more alike than they are different. What exactly did God take from Adam's side to make Eve, just bone; or bone, sinew and muscle? Did God use some of Adam's *hidden substance* (DNA)? We don't really know, and does it really matter? Cloning and genetic replication shows every cell in our body contains the body's entire genetic blueprint. If God took some of Adam's cells or DNA, God had to make necessary changes, to make and sustain the vast differences of the woman, with whom God would procreate *all living* mankind. Nevertheless, the story that women have one more rib than men because of the way Eve was created is a myth. If Adam's rib did not grow back or was not otherwise replaced by God, Cain, Abel, Seth and the other boys would have been born with all twelve pairs of ribs.

21) ¶ And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof; 22) And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man.

23) And Adam said, This [is] now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.

21-22) **-continued-** 22) Then God did a marvelous thing for which most men have been “forever appreciative” God made life worth living in a new way. God made a perfect counterpart for man. God could have made anything in the universe or out of it, God was unlimited as HIS Mind would guide Him. Of all that God could have made, God made Eve, a woman to be your wife. ~ *There is a beautiful Jewish tradition saying God made woman, not out of man’s foot to be under him, nor out of his head to be over him, but “She was taken from under his arm that he might protect her and from next to his heart that he might love her.”* (Donald Grey Barnhouse) **God** made a rib of man into a woman: It is important to realize that there are not two beginnings to the human race, one in Adam and one in Eve. There was one beginning of the human race: Mr. and Mrs. Adam. God presented her to the man. 23) God brought Eve to Adam, having created Eve out of Adam. Adam awoke (or was awakened by God or Eve?) Adam looked. What did his marveling eyes behold? His wife. Perfect in every way! Adam KNEW what had happened. (Had God told him? Or is it because in the pre sin [before the sin and fall of Adam] and post sin body [fully redeemed heavenly body] things will be very, very, very different?) Adam must have been excited as he beheld his Eve in all her natural, unspoiled, beauty. Adam said (and I do not suppose that he spoke in a monotone) **WOW!!!!** She is of my bone and she is identified as Woman. (Hebrew=*ishshah* (ish-shaw) This is the feminine of *iysh* ([eesh]=*man*). He was first - the source (*bone of my bones*). She was created to be a helper perfectly suited to him. Thus a subordinate role of wives to husbands is found *before* the sin and fall, not only after it. BUT Adam was not interested in discussing theology at that moment. (Remember your wedding night?) He was excited! What did Adam do next? Adam identified her as Woman. I believe what Adam really said in his heart or inner being was... **Hallelujah!** And ... **amen!** Perhaps the first man had the first dance in the Spirit, even though, he was not a Pentecostal. He was no longer lonely or alone! He was no longer without a companion. ...*so husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself. For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it*(Ephesians 5:28-29)

24) Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.

24) Who spoke the prophetic word that has gone forth to every married couple since this first marriage? Man is to leave father and mother. (Who was Adam's father?) God gives His first *created* son of God (Luke 3:38) to be father of the human race. God gave His daughter (Who was Eve's father?) They were to become One flesh. Father-God does not have flesh. (God is Spirit John 4:24) Adam and Eve (these two) were to cleave (cling, stick, stay close) and become one (in number) flesh (body). God institutes monogamous marriage and family as the basic medium for the one human race. It is the only place provided for by God for the training of the young. It has been so common to human history people seldom think or realize that is of God.

Many want to say the monogamous, two-parent family was invented by man, so they say they can change it. But God instituted Adam and Eve as husband and wife in the original family. This is God's ideal and only family. This isn't polygamy (or 72 virgins). This isn't the keeping of a mistress, nor adultery. This isn't homosexual cohabitation. Nor is it living together outside the marriage bond. Not even marriage, divorce, marriage, divorce (serial adultery). God's ideal for the family is one man and one woman together for nine hundred (900) years.(Gen.5:5) And the idea of **one flesh** is not just a way of expressing sexual union. Sexual union is certainly related to the idea but is only one part of what it means to be **one flesh**. There are also Spiritual dimensions to **one flesh**. Love is the key. Love of the other as one loves his/her own flesh.

Husband and wife become "one flesh" under God's blessing. In extramarital sex or any other kind of union, the partners come under God's curse. (Adulterous couples are both to be put to death (Leviticus 20:10); divorce without cause is adultery (Matthew 5:32; 19:19) With God, there is no such thing as "casual sex." Every sexual relationship at least begins a one-flesh bond. It depends on whether the bonding takes place in a relationship with the right conditions: committed love, demonstrated by the marriage commitment, and a pursuit of true intimacy. Sex in marriage doesn't guarantee a true *one-flesh* relationship, but this bond is impossible outside of marriage. *They shall become one flesh*: (A **one flesh** relationship takes time to **become**).

25) And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.

25) Adam and his one wife, Eve, were not wearing any clothes naked (Hebrew=naked) and they did not feel shame or disappointment. The two of them were bare, without any clothes, but as innocents they felt or experienced no shame. They were husband and wife. The idea of “nakedness” of course means nudity. And these two were as innocent as a new born. New born children would not even be concerned about the other’s body parts. Nakedness embodies that idea of being totally open and exposed as a person before God and man, but neither the one who is naked, nor the one who is looking at the nakedness feels at all unusual. To be **naked . . . and not ashamed** means you have no concept of the unrighteousness or wrongness or the things that may make it wrong. Adam and Eve knew they were physically naked - nude - before the fall. They did not know what was a sinful state as they had not yet sinned. They were not in a sinful condition before disobedience and sin.

Naked: When we want to be most attractive to someone else, we bathe, perhaps get a hair cut or a good shampoo. We change our day to day appearance. We think, “If I really want to impress this person, I have to fix myself up.” None of this feeling was present with Adam and Eve. They were not trying to impress the other. What you see, is what you get. They were at peace one with the other. No need to try and impress. BUT, remember also this is a youthful strong man and a perfectly created woman of young child bearing years. (Except for a few of us, here, it may be appropriate to ask: Do you remember?)

In closing chapter two, if you get nothing more from this chapter, **REMEMBER Your wife is a gift from God**. And as God’s gift, if you dishonor or disrespect her, you also dishonor and disrespect the Gift Giver. PROTECT her! Learn from Adam’s sin, disobedience and lack of taking his leadership role. The result was disastrous for them and their family to come.

GENESIS 3:1-24

1) ¶ Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?

1) **FAILURE ~ IN THE FACE OF EVIL:** As we look in on Chapter 3, God provides man everything. Man is at peace with God. God loved him and met all man's needs. Adam is the ruler of all he sees on Earth and all of God's creation. He has, as his wife, the most beautiful woman in all the world, a direct creation by God, a gift from God. Man had all the land in the world. It was paid off and was not taxable, no school, property or sales taxes. His garden grows without thorns and thistles. On the property God has given him, is every fruit tree that exists and is good for food. There is a natural irrigation system for plants. The flies, ticks and mosquitos do not bite. There is no crime. There is no sickness, disease or death. The animals have plenty and they feed and water themselves. No animal fears man, nor does man fear any animal. All in all, not bad. Not bad at all.

But, we must realize man was **not** created, unable to sin. Man is able to sin. Man is able to make a decision; able to choose right or wrong, evil or good. How will man react when confronted with evil? Will he become righteous when faced with evil? Will he do right or wrong? Will he obey or disobey?

And then, along comes the evil one. The devil was created as Lucifer, an angel of light, son of the morning, who wanted to be God (Isaiah 14:12-14). God cast him out of heaven. This son of the morning, angel of light, comes as a serpent creature into the garden. **ser-pent** (sûr"p...nt) *n.* **1.** A reptile of the order Serpentes; a snake. **2.** Often **Serpent.a.** The creature that tempted Eve. **b.** Satan. The serpent (devil Revelation 12:9) could not have been the hissing evil treacherous, looking animal we see today. The evil one often transforms himself *into an angel of light*. (II Corinthians 11:14). The devil must have chosen a beautiful, likeable animal and wise animal (*wise as a serpent* Matthew 10:16), an animal that was friendly with Eve and Adam; one that communicated with man. Eve was a direct creation of God. She was not stupid or simple as Charles Darwin asserts in *Descent of Man* (1871 Chapter19). She was intelligent. Yet, the devil was able to deceive Eve. The devil is shrewd to do evil. Adam, who is *with her* (Genesis 3:6) watches this all happen. Adam was not upset at the appearance of the evil one. We must realize how shrewd is he today with your Eve and you.

Genesis 3: 1) ¶ Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?

2) And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: 3) But of the fruit of the tree which [is] in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.

1)-*continued*- Who was this serpent? God says he was *more subtil* (subtle, shrewd, crafty). This was a very cunning, ingenious creature. Why else would the devil have chosen him? This animal was one man would accept in his garden and not be upset.

A TALKING SERPENT? First the evil one tempts Eve by asking her a question? DOING WHAT? TALKING TO HER? An animal talks!?! What is the reaction of Adam and Eve? Are they surprised? NO, not at all. Why? Is it because man and animal could communicate before the fall? All we know for certain is: he spoke and they did not seem to be surprised.

The serpent asked, Hasn't God said you may eat of **every (all)** of the trees? Was he really asking Isn't it true that God wants to restrict you from doing that which you are fully able to do? Isn't that unfair of God? If God did not say all of the trees, you should wonder why? Is God trying to restrict your full pleasure?

2-3) What does Eve answer? She may even begin in a rather defensive posture, defending God. We may eat of the fruit of the trees, but, she concedes there is one tree God has told us to leave alone as it will bring death. Eve replies we may eat (Hebrew=eat, devour, feed) of the fruit of the trees that are in the garden, but there is one tree that is in the middle of the garden that God (Elohiym) has told us not to eat of it neither shall you touch (Hebrew=touch, reach, strike) it, for if you do, you shall die. (Hebrew = die, kill, have one executed). Eve knew what God had said. Some say Eve added to God's word, but from where did she come up with her information? Was it when God was talking with them in the garden? We know God came to talk to them in the cool of the day (Genesis 3:8). By their reaction, (hiding) they must have expected God. Perhaps God talked with them regularly. Eve either talked with God OR Eve received her (perhaps incorrect information) from her husband or she may have embellished. We know it was different from what God told Adam. How that occurred is speculation. Some commentators (in an attempt to make Adam look good) contend that he was not here in the beginning. But that can only be asserted by wrestling with Scripture. Again, we note Adam was with her (Genesis 3:6) and did not correct her or protect her.

4) And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: 5) For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.

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4) **FATHER OF LIES:** Who is the father of all lies? Jesus tells us the devil is a liar and murderer *from the beginning* (John 8:44). Here the evil one lies and says, God is a liar. (The serpent is talking again and no one is astonished). The devil says, in effect, HEY! GOD IS LYING TO YOU. You won't die (Hebrew=be killed or executed)! But, God cannot lie (Numbers 23:19) Because of a lie that was not challenged by Adam, the fall takes place. God hates lying (Prov. 6:16-17). Do we protect our wife from sin, by challenging all lies told to her in our presence? **Note:** But when obeying God rather than man, deceiving is allowed (Rahab lies to protect the spies.) But the last word in the Bible on lying is: all liars *shall have their part in the lake of fire.* (Rev. 21:8). Those who continue and love lying are without, they have no right to the tree of life. (Rev. 22:14-15)

5) **YE SHALL BE AS GODS.** Where did this desire to be as God emanate? The devil, wished to replace God (Isaiah 14:12-14). A paraphrase of the verse: NO! WHAT GOD FEARS is that YOU will become gods (gods Hebrew= become Divine, a part of Deity, rulers). WAIT, THINK, God had already made man ruler of Earth. They were not God, but they were God's direct agents, they were rulers. Yet, neither Adam nor Eve stands with or defends God. How about you? How often do you defend or fail to defend God? Not that God needs your defense, BUT you need to defend Him, for your own GOOD and so that you will know on whose side you are.

Either God is good and right and wants what is best for you or God is evil, just as the serpent-devil asserts. If you agree with the devil, do not defend God, after all, if the devil speaks the truth, God is not your Friend, God is not your Provider and Sustainer. However, if you correctly believe that in God we live and move and have our being; if HE is the Creator and Preserver of all mankind; if HE is your Friend, One who sticketh closer than a brother, if HE is the One Who died in your place, Who paid your death penalty and offered you a 'legal pardon' (greater Love hath no man than to lay down His life -St.John 15:13) and if HE has gone to prepare a place for you that where He is, there you may be also (John 14:1-3) then you need to defend HIM. You need to declare, how Good, how Great, how Wonderful is our God. We either join the devil and want to be gods or we acknowledge that God Only is God. We are to fear (reverence, respect, worship) God and keep all of His commandments, for this is the whole duty of man. (Ecclesiastes 12:13).

6) ¶ And when the woman saw that the tree [was] good for food, and that it [was] pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make [one] wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.

6) **AND HE DID EAT!** Okay what does Eve (and Adam who was with her) do? She looks at the tree. Now, I assume the evil one waited until they were in the vicinity of the tree so they could see it, before he tempted them. I do not believe the woman and her husband had to walk any great distance to see it. She looked at the tree which God said was not to be eaten. The consequence of eating it was death. She is listening to this *angel of light* figure in a talking animal. She is being tempted to sin. What do her eyes behold as she looks on this forbidden (to eat) fruit tree? She sees a tree. It is *good* (pleasant and agreeable) and *pleasant* (desirable) to her eyes. She may think, 'Will my eyes be opened?' Now Eve begins concluding it is *a tree to be desired* (coveted after) to *make wise* (prudent and understanding). Would she have new knowledge? Would she have the wisdom of this world? (I Cor. 3:18-20) Would she become a god? Suddenly she yields to temptation. She takes the fruit. She **is** deceived and does not realize the gravity of her sin. WAIT! Adam **is not** deceived (I Timothy 2:14). Adam will come like the 'Lone Ranger' in days of old (or 'Cavalry') to her rescue. (Hi-Ho Silver) BUT NO! He stands there. He allows her to eat (Hebrew=eat, consume, devour) Why? And why do we desire that which is forbidden? (Porn industry, prostitution, things illegal or dangerous)

I cannot imagine how Adam had come to disregard Eve so much that Adam allowed her to take the first bite of forbidden fruit, which God had told him would bring forth death (Gen. 2:17). Why would this husband allow his wife to take of the fruit and perhaps drop over dead? Aren't we sorry that we were not Adam? Surely "I" would have protected my wife. (We are but a **bad** copy of Adam)

But the sin is not yet completed.

Eve gave to her husband Adam who was not deceived. Okay here is where Adam will rescue Eve. Adam knows this is sin. He will refuse. And by his actions will redeem Eve from sin (if that be possible). NOPE! The big man sees the fruit, opens his mouth (not to speak and command the evil one to go). Adam opens his mouth to participate in the sin. **And he did eat.** Now the sin is complete. What are the results of sin when it is complete? DEATH! (Separation from God) What are the three deaths?

7) And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they [were] naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.

7) I WILL REDEEM MYSELF. They had looked with their eyes. And our eyes often get us into trouble yet today. (Books, magazines, television, internet, a new car, or combine, a shapely woman). *If thine eye offends thee, pluck it out ... rather than... be cast into hell fire.* (Matthew 18:9) Suddenly they both realized their sin. Shame had entered the world. Their understanding and eyes were opened.

It is not totally bad to know your sin. It is how you deal with it. Do you confess and forsake your sin striving to never do it again? Do you say, well we all sin, God expects it, so we will continue in our sin? What should we do? Jesus warns us to repent or perish. (Luke 13:2-5) Here we see **innocence** lost. They *knew* (Hebrew=perceive, learn, discern), now they understood they were naked (nude, exposed, stripped). When sin is exposed we find our first Earthly parents tried to “cover” (their sin with leaves). Some commentators believe Adam and Eve were covered with the righteousness of God in the form of light perhaps as the transfigured Christ (*and His Face did shine and His raiment was white as the light.* Matthew 17:2). If that is true, the covering of righteousness was gone also. They had disobeyed God (that is sin). The childlike admiration for his wife (and Eve for her husband’s body) was broken. The child like innocence of being created (without knowing evil) was gone. They knew good from God and they now knew evil from the devil. They were naked before each other and naked before God. They had sinned (disobeyed). Did they now realize the foolishness of their actions? What to do? ‘OH! I have a great idea,’ man thought. ‘Let us hide our sin.’ ‘Let us cover over that which tells us we are sinners.’ ‘Let us make it right.’ ‘Let us redeem ourselves’. So they took fig leaves and they sewed fig leaves together and made aprons (Well there goes the false idea of a *stone age*, where men did not know how to use tools. Here Adam and Eve are sewing ~using tools). They made aprons (Hebrew=girdles, belts, loin cloths) of the leaves of a fig tree to cover those parts of difference, those parts meant by God for good, for the procreation and pleasure of the man and his wife and for the filling of the Earth with images of God. (Genesis 1:26-28)

But without shedding of blood is no remission of sin. (Hebrews 9:22)
Man’s best efforts, man’s solution, ...cover what now had been exposed. and then . . . (read Genesis 3:8) . .

8) And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden.

8) **BUT THE GIFT OF GOD.** Adam and Eve heard the audible voice (Hebrew=voice, sound, noise) of Jehovah, Elohiym. God often speaks to our inner understanding in a still small voice which is not audible. (I Kings 19:12) but here it seems God spoke audibly. This is rare. We only have two reports of the audible voice of God when Jesus is upon Earth. (Baptism, Transfiguration)

Now we come to the word: *walking*. Was God walking? Was the voice walking or were Adam and Eve walking when they heard the voice of God? (Probably man, but if it was God walking then it could be none other than the pre-incarnate Lord Jesus Christ as He is the only one of the God Head with a body capable of walking as a man). What was the response? Did they say, "Here am I Lord?" NO! They withdrew from the place where they thought the Lord could see them. They hid in the forested part of the garden. Before sin, they would have run to the voice of God. He was their Friend, Father, their Creator. When sin is exposed we find our first Earthly parents tried to "cover" their nakedness with leaves and hid. Some commentators believe Adam and Eve were covered with the righteousness of God in the form of light perhaps as the transfigured Christ (*and His Face did shine and His raiment was white as the light.* Matthew 17:2). If that is true, the covering of righteousness was gone also. Adam tries to hide from an all Knowing, all Seeing, all Powerful Creator God. Does it seem foolish? Do you think it seems foolish when we try to hide (or hide our sin) from God? If you *have sinned against the Lord, be sure your sin will find you out* (Numbers 32:23). Psalms 69:5 reports ***my sins are not*** hidden from God. Yet, we do things contrary to God's law and we think God does not know or care. But the eyes of the Lord are every where. *II Chronicles 16:9; Proverbs 5:21; Proverbs 15:3; Zechariah 4:10.* Since God's eyes are everywhere it does no good to hide! Can we hide behind objects like trees **or in a church building** where we tolerate and practice sin.

What is the solution? *If we confess our sins, HE is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.* (I John 1:9) Sin had entered and death by sin (Romans 5:12). *For the wages of sin is death, BUT the gift of God is eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord* (Romans 6:23). *Neither is there salvation in any other, for there is none other Name under heaven, given among men, whereby we must be saved.* (See Acts 4:10-12)

9) ¶ And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where [art] thou?

10) And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I [was] naked; and I hid myself.

11) ¶ And he said, Who told thee that thou [wast] naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat?

9) WHERE ART THOU? God, Who knew exactly what had happened, and exactly where they were hiding. HE called out to Adam asking him to reveal himself. “Where are you, Adam?” Asked the all seeing, all knowing God. It was not an inquiry, but the heart-felt cry of a father for a prodical son. But, God was also their righteous Judge. And this was the first stages of their trial. They were going to be arraigned and asked to enter their plea. Were they guilty or innocent? First God must call them into Court.

10) I WAS AFRAID. Adam comes to his Father, Creator and Righteous Judge. Adam acknowledges the call to the court. Adam says he had heard the voice (which Adam knew and recognized as God’s audible voice). But Adam (as one who is guilty might be) admitted he was afraid of God. Afraid of God? When and why are we to be afraid, (terrified, horrified) of God. *Fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul, but rather fear Him which is able to destroy both body and soul in hell.*(Matthew 10:28) So Adam may have been showing the beginning of wisdom (Prov. 1:7). And Adam was afraid (in fear) of God for the first time. Why? Adam had disobeyed God’s command and sin had come into the world. Adam said, I realized that I was naked. So, “I” tried to hide from YOU. The evil one, that old serpent had promised them pleasure, knowledge, equality with God. They saw that the sin looked good. It was going to taste good and make them wiser, they were told. But the consequences had left them naked and afraid. How do you react after you sin?

11) THE TIME FOR A PLEA. God said naked? Who told you about being naked? I, God, created you with only good thoughts. You had no concept of naked. I, God, gave you everything you needed and only pure thoughts. Have you broken my one commandment and eaten of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil which I, God, commanded you not to eat? How do you plead? God is asking Adam to confess his sin to God.

The Bible tells us that if we confess our sin (and guilt with remorse to Him) He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. How do you plead?

12) And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest [to be] with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat.

13) And the LORD God said unto the woman, What [is] this [that] thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat.

14) ¶ And the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou [art] cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life:

12) **ADAM PLEADS** It's not my fault. In fact it was the woman and YOU gave her to me. So it is the fault of my Father. (Upbringing and environment) There were two soldiers who had served in the same conflict. Neither was the same after they returned home. The one became a responsible family man who held a steady job and worked every day for the next twenty (20) years. He said the war had strengthened him. The other could never stay married and went from job to job. He said the war had messed him up. Here we have Adam with excellent heredity (God was his father) And he had a perfect environment (the garden of Eden) If it was (as sociology teaches) a question of heredity or environment, Adam and Eve would never have failed but here they stand before the righteous Judge as sinners. Adam pleads: It's not my fault, it's the woman YOU (God) gave me. I am not responsible for my sin. What should a loving husband, a responsible son have said? It was me, Lord. Please forgive.

13) **EVE SAYS.** The Lord turns to Eve and asks her, how do you plead? She realizing that Adam's plea did not work, pleads, "The devil made me do it." That old serpent beguiled (Hebrew=deceived, Thesaurus=misled, tricked, charmed me.) And it was only then that I did eat. So perhaps I can plead guilty with an explanation as to why I am *not* guilty. **Notice:** Adam and Eve did not confess their sin.

14) **GUILTY:** God knew who was the instigator all the time. It was the same one who wanted to be like God (Isaiah 14:12-14). The devil (old serpent) was in Eden and was perfect *til iniquity was found in thee*. Ezekiel 28:15 God finds him guilty without arraignment or preliminary hearing or trial and passes sentence. After all God is God. God pronounces a sentence of cursing on him. He is cursed above all animals (domestic and wild) and every beast (other living land breathing animal), You are sentenced to go on your belly (belly of a reptile type animal) and you will take in dust all the days you live. If he had legs or wings or other ways of locomotion, they were lost. He would crawl from that day forward. Notice the curse is pronounced on the one accessory with the devil (the serpent). When we sin, we are a partner with the devil. If we confess our sin in Godly sorrow (with sorrow and remorse) intending to lead a new life without that sin, God will forgive.

15) And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

15) **GOD DECLARES WAR AND VICTORY IN JESUS.** Some commentators consider this to be “the pivotal” verse in all of Scripture. Here is the first prophecy. Here is the declaration of war between the devil and man. God will be in control. God will put enmity between thee (serpent, evil one, devil) and the woman (Eve to the virgin Mary) between thy seed and **her seed**. The Messiah is the seed of the woman. Seed is always through the man, (eggs are of women) but here God declares a supernatural act. It is fleshed out in Isaiah 7:14. Where the Holy Spirit declares *The Lord Himself shall give you a sign. Behold a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call His Name Immanuel.* And then HE reports *For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and His Name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.* Isaiah 9:6 These two verses when taken with the Genesis 3:15 establish the Messiahship of Jesus Christ. HE is *the Word was made flesh, that dwelt among us.* John 1:14 HE had to be of the line of David, the son given (Joseph, legal adoptive father to whom *the son is given*) and a child born. The virgin Mary, who is in the line of David, an inheriting daughter (Zelophehad’s daughters). Mary is *not* in the line that comes through Solomon and Jecohiah that is cursed, but through David and Nathan. Unto her *a child is born*. The seed of the woman (*her seed*) given by the Holy Spirit (without a man) is Christ Jesus.

The declaration of war calls for total victory and annihilation of the enemy. God says the seed *shall bruise thy head* and all you, devil, will do is *bruise his heel*. Jesus was the Word Who was with God and Who was God. God comes and takes on the form of a man (Christ Jesus) *Emmanuel God with us.* Matthew 1:23. When the old serpent the devil is bound (and released for a season) then cast again into the lake of fire, the WORD, Immanuel or Emmanuel is ruling in the Millennial (1000) year reign and then for ever and ever and ever and ever and *ever and ever*, and ever *and ever* and ever *and ever* and ever. Amen and amen . . . and . . . amen.

16) ¶ Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire [shall be] to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.

17) ¶ And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed [is] the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat [of] it all the days of thy life; 18) Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field; 19) In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou [art], and unto dust shalt thou return.

16) **Sentencing Phase:** The Righteous Judge has not really believed or accepted the excuses offered by the man and his wife. But God first deals with the devil and then comes back to the woman. God says to Eve, God will multiply her sorrow (Hebrew 6093=pain, labor, hardship, toil) and will multiply her ability to conceive. In *sorrow* (Hebrew6089=pain, hurt, toil, sorrow, labor, hardship) you will *bring forth* (bear) *children* (son, grandson, child 1c children plural -male and female). You will love, long crave after your husband. And you (who was deceived and acted independently) your husband shall *rule over* (Hebrew=rule, have dominion, reign) you. Husbands are protectors, leaders and caretakers Jesus' led as a servant-king. A husband is to be the head, to lead, guide, protect, direct, *even as Christ is the head of the church*. We are to have God love (*agapao*[ag-ap-ah'-o]) toward our wives *as Christ loved the church and gave Himself for it Ephesians 5:22*.

17-19) **900 YEARS OF HARD LABOR:** Now God turns to the one HE created first to be the head, to have dominion, with his wife over all creation. God says you made the mistake of loving the gift (woman), more than the Gift Giver (God). And I, God said "Do not eat." Your wife gave you of the forbidden fruit. You joined her and ate that which you knew I had forbidden. Because you have disobeyed My Word, I, GOD pronounce a curse on the *ground* (Hebrew=ground, land, as general, tilled, yielding substance) because of what you have done. In sorrow (Hebrew=pain, labor, hardship) will you obtain your food from it. *And all the days that Adam lived were nine hundred thirty years: and he died Genesis 5:5*

18) In the ground where crops grown, there will be thorns (barbs, prickles, stickers can be bushes or trees) plus thistles (the common name of a group of flowering plants characterized by leaves with sharp prickles. Prickles often occur all over the plant - on surfaces such as those of the stem and flat parts of leaves. These discouraging animals from feeding on the plant and make it tough to pull them by hand). These will now grow where your food (plant life) grows. They will grow together.

19) Therefore it will now take much effort for you to obtain wheat for bread. This is how it will be until you, Adam, return to the ground (*adamah*) from which I, GOD, assembled your body, (your covering of the real you). You see your body is from the dust and when I, GOD, remove the 'breath of life,' your body will eventually bio-degrade and once again become the dust from which I, GOD, assembled your body.

20) ¶ And Adam called his wife's name Eve; because she was the mother of all living.

21) ¶ Unto Adam also and to his wife did the LORD God make coats of skins, and clothed them.

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:

20) **MOTHER OF ALL LIVING.** Adam gave his wife the name Eve (Hebrew = *Chavvah* [khav-vaw] life or living) as she was mother to all living. Hmm! What about the claim of a pre-Adamic race of men? If Eve is mother of all that have life, then a pre-Adamic race is in direct conflict with this verse. If there can be no pre-Adamic race, you lose the reason for a *gap* or a *day age*, *progressive creation* or time lapse creation. You are back to six twenty-four-hour days and rest on *the seventh day*.

21) **WITHOUT THE SHEDDING OF BLOOD.** God does not accept man's attempt to cover his sin. God makes them both clothing (*coats* Hebrew=tunic, under garment. A long shirt like garment..) The clothing or covering (for their sin and shame that came with the knowledge of evil) is made from *skins* (hide, of animal). Well, so much for 'save *the whales and kill the humans*,' (babies, elderly, severely disabled) God slays an animal for man to cover his shame and sin. Animal were made for man. Man is not the problem. Man is God's highest and best creation, made *in His image*. God *clothed* (dress, wear, put on clothing) them. Some contend God had first clothed them with righteousness. Is this a second covering? God gives the covering. Was the animal a lamb? Was it slain to cover the sin until the Lamb of God (Lord Jesus) came and died in their place? *...without the shedding of blood is no remission of sin* (Hebrews 9:22)

22) **ONE OF US** Now the Lord declares that man now has the added ability of knowing evil. (Note: But they did not become God-like as the evil one misled them to believe.) But, since man has taken from the forbidden tree, he will also take of the **tree of life**. The Hebrew would lead us to believe that this was a real tree and eating from it would give life. God says that if he eats from it he will *live forever* (have life everlasting) as a sinner. Is this a foretelling of the tree of life in Revelation (Revelation 2:7; 22:2; 22:14) and trees for healing? Will the tree of life in the Millennium prolong life or give us everlasting life? Will we have to eat of it in heaven? Is one fruit enough or will we have to eat more often (*give us this day, our daily bread*)? Only God knows. But we can trust that we will have everlasting life.

23) Therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken.

24) So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.

23) **CONSEQUENCE OF SIN.** Because man had become a sinner, he would no longer be entitled to the **tree of life**, Jehovah Elohiym sent man away from Eden (the paradise of God) to become a farmer, to work the ground that would also now bring forth thistles, thorns and weeds. It would take effort to get food for himself, his wife, and (God only knows) how many children, Eve, the mother of all living bore. We know she was still bearing children one hundred thirty-five years later. (Genesis 5:3). Let me see, no planned parenthood or other agency to control population. And they were told to fill the earth by God. Then God multiplied Eve's ability to conceive. Let's see, on the low count we give them a child every three years. $130 \div 3 = 43$ children by the time of Seth in Genesis 5? (Could have easily been twice that amount.) Adam had to work hard. Eve would be busy, busy, busy. And they would have to work and raise a huge family outside of God's paradise and will. (Creator-Father, who loved them, sent them out). What would have happened had they repented?

24) **MAN DOES NOT WANT TO LEAVE.** Clearly man did not go easily or willingly, God *drove out* (drive out, expel, cast out, drive away) Adam. God then set guards: Cherubims (cherub, Cherubim, an angelic being). How many were there? Was it two? Do we think two, because two were in the Tabernacle in the holy of holies on the ark's Mercy Seat? (Exodus 37:7) Were Cherubs guarding (*keep* = guard, observe) as they were the same class of angels as was Lucifer, the old serpent, the devil (Ezekiel 28:14-16)? (Ezekiel recognized cherubims when he saw them. John the Revelator does not indicate he did). Cheruims were armed with *a flaming (angelic) sword* to protect the road or pathway to the tree of life. (WARNING: Some like to twist this verse (and others) and give it an alternative interpretation. But that is so they can tell you what God really meant. Those people usually disdain your intellectual ability and God's ability to communicate with you. If you believe them then, you will have to get all of your Biblical information from them. That is, IF, they really are the only way you can understand what God is really saying.

Here man dies Spiritually. So, he is a dead man, dead in trespasses and sins. A dead man needs to be born again. Is this a picture of a man who was elected to be saved eternally who gave up his salvation?

GENESIS CHAPTER 4

1 ¶ And Adam knew Eve his wife; and she conceived, and bare Cain, and said, I have gotten a man from the LORD.

4:1) **BE FRUITFUL AND MULTIPLY.** You will recall that God gave man the decree to fill the earth with little images of God (Genesis 1:28). The compatible differences given to the wife are primarily for procreation/development/nurture of children (womb, breasts). Sexual intercourse was not an afterthought or the fruit of sin, as some contend. Your Wife is an intentional gift from God. Adam *knew* (Hebrew =includes the idea of intimate carnal or sexual knowing) his wife. That *knowing* is the idea here, since the context says she conceived (Hebrew= pregnant) and had a son and named him Cain. Some state the first two were twins, but here the verse plainly says Eve bare Cain, *a man* (Hebrew= male) from the LORD.

MESSIAH OR MADMAN? Eve makes a statement, *'I have gotten a man from the Lord.'* Was she remembering back to the prophecy of God that the coming one the seed of woman, would bruise the head of that old serpent? Of course, Cain was not the *seed of a woman*. He was seed of Adam. Could Eve and Adam have been hoping the struggle will not be long? This first born will become their Messiah? (*Mary did you know? This child that you've delivered, will soon deliver you*). But Cain was to be a huge disappointment to his parents. Cain was not the Messiah, the one prophesied of, in Genesis 3:15. Who was Cain?

CAIN: (Cain= possession). Cain followed his father's occupation of a crop farmer. Cain was one who made offerings to the Lord. Cain was the first one to try to offer his works, rather than that which God required. Cain was the first murderer (note the progression, self-righteous disobedience, anger, jealousy, murder). Jesus, in the sermon on the mount, links murder and anger (Matthew 5:21-22) (Note: Barabbas, a murderer, was freed instead of Jesus [the Prince of Peace]) Cain was following the advice of the devil (1 John 3:12) Cain was the first son to be driven from the family. Cain began the ungodly line. Cain is referred to as an example of those who despise authority (dominion) and do not have a true knowledge of God (as brute beasts ~ Jude 1:8-11)

2 And she again bare his brother Abel. And Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground.

3 ¶ And in process of time it came to pass, that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto the LORD.

2) This verse tells us that Abel was a second pregnancy and birth. Abel (*Hebel* heh'-bel= breath) (Abel is mentioned in the New Testament and the GREEK LEXICON STRONG'S NUMBER 6 Abel {ab'-el} of Hebrew origin [1893]; Abel meaning "breathe, vapour, transitoriness," probably because of the shortness of his life. The second son of Adam, murdered by his brother Cain. Gen. 4:1-16. Abel was a keeper or feeder of sheep. Our Lord spoke of him as the first martyr, Mat. 23:25, and so did the early church. Abel was the first *keeper of sheep* (*keeper* kept in the pasture) (*sheep* small cattle, sheep, goats, flocks) mentioned in the Bible. May we assume his father also kept sheep and goats? How would Abel learn? Did Abel keep sheep and goats as he knew God was pleased and that these were required for sacrifice? (Noah took animals, clean and unclean, when Noah left the ark he sacrificed the clean (Genesis 8:20). Here in the next verses we see Abel and Cain knew to bring offerings unto the Lord. But, Cain planted crops. (That must have been a revelation of God to put seeds in the ground and cover them with dirt so that they would die and then resurrect some sixty fold, some, one hundred. Cain had no fancy equipment with which to plant, cultivate or harvest). Cain, like farmers since that time to now, had to primarily rely upon God to provide water and nourishment to grow the crops. Abel would have a more 'hands on' job and saw the birth of animal life, these natural miracles that God performed daily.

3) ***IN PROCESS OF TIME*** (Hebrew = at the end of days). Some commentators believe this means the offering was at the end of six days, that this was the Sabbath. While it may have been a Sabbath, there is no clear indication of that. Also, we know it could not have been the first Sabbath after the driving out of Adam and Eve, since Cain was not born for (at least) nine months. Then Cain would have to grow up to a sufficient age to be able to do his own work, without Adam. So Cain was, at the least, a teenager, an older one, since his second brother Abel to grow to be a sheep herder. But we are told that the two of them were offering in verses three and four.

3) . . . Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto the Lord.

4) And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And the LORD had respect unto Abel and to his offering:

3) **FRUIT OF THE GROUND.** Some say Cain's offering was of the left overs, damaged, or defective. But would his pride have allowed that? More probably it was the best first fruit, the most beautiful offering of *fruit of the ground* (produce of the land, tilled land) ever. It may have won First Place-Gand Champion at the most prestigious and discriminating State Fair in the world. More likely, it was his best effort, (his self-righteous, religious effort). What does God think of "my best" offered to Him? *But we are all as an unclean [thing], and all our righteousnesses [are] as filthy rags; ...* -Isaiah 64:6. I believe Cain, true to his prideful self and the evil one he was following (I John 3:12), brought the best "he" had to offer. Yet, did Cain KNOW God either would not be pleased with an offering from the land or that Cain's heart of pride would displease God? Cain may have thought that unfair. God had not been satisfied with Adam's fig leaves. God covered sin with an animal sacrifice. Can we infer from the obedience imputed to Abel in Hebrews 11:4 that God had instructed directly (God does speak directly to Cain later in this chapter) or through the parents to offer an animal sacrifice?

4) **RIGHTEOUS ABEL.** Abel is labeled righteous (Matthew 23:35) and a slain prophet (Luke 11:50-51) Are we to conclude Abel was a prophet? Yes! Abel brought of the *firstlings* (feminine of first born) of his sheep or goats and the *fat* (Hebrew includes choicest, best part). JEHOVAH looked with regard and favor on Abel and his gift. We see the offering was made in obedient *faith*. *By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaketh.* Hebrews 11:4. Do I offer God "my best?" Do we obey God and give of myself (offer) as God directs? Do we become as Abel (or David, a man who walked in uprightness of heart before God -I Kings 3:6; I Kings 9:4; I Kings 14:8; Acts 13:22) a man after God's heart to do God's will?) Abel was doing it God's way, obeying and pleasing God. What about you? Do you "do it my way?" Do you pray (ask God?) ***Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not to your own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge God and HE shall direct your paths.*** Proverbs 3:5-6

Who offered *the* eternally acceptable sacrifice? (Jesus)

5) But unto Cain and to his offering he had not respect. And Cain was very wroth, and his countenance fell.

6 ¶ And the LORD said unto Cain, Why art thou wroth? and why is thy countenance fallen? 7) If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? and if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door. And unto thee *shall be* his desire, and thou shalt rule over him.

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5) **GOD SAYS NO!** However God was not happy with Cain, nor with Cain's gift. God did not look with favor, pleasure upon it. Some authorities see no problem with the type of offering, since there is offering of first fruits which is not an animal. Others insist it should be blood sacrifice. But you and I can agree that it was at the least, a 'heart problem.' Cain did have a heart problem which manifests itself soon in murder. Cain was not an obedient, transformed believer (born again, saved from eternal death). Cain did believe in God. But, Cain did not want to do it God's way. Cain had a better way. God would not respect and accept Cain's offering, Cain was *very wroth* (furious, infuriated, raging, wrathful) His face showed it. His initial pleasure he may have had about his offering, changed from happy to vehement anger!

6-7) **WILL YOU REPENT?** The all knowing, Creator God *said* (Hebrew = speak, utter) to Cain. "Why are you so angry you can hardly contain yourself and why does your face even communicate how angry you have become?" God comes to Cain and is concerned about Cain's Spiritual and emotional condition. God is, in effect, saying there is a problem to deal with here. Why not admit the problem and repent and do God's will? (Is God asking *come let us reason together?* Isaiah 1:18) Does Cain repent? NO!

Notice: God comes to the one who is sinning. (Jesus said, I have *come to seek and to save that which was lost.* Luke 19:10)

7) God says to Cain that if he repents (from Cain's evil or self righteous way) and does right Cain (not just his offering) will be accepted. BUT, God warns Cain if you will not repent *sin* is lying (like an attacking animal) and sin will get you. If you repent, you will rule over the sin that wants to control you.

Unrepented of furious anger (being wroth) leads to murder: (sons of Jacob murder the men of Shechem -Genesis 34) *But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. ¹⁵ Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.* James 1:14-15 What must we learn? How about **REPENT** and agree with God, even if you think you're right.

8 ¶ And Cain talked with Abel his brother: and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother, and slew him.

9 ¶ And the LORD said unto Cain, Where *is* Abel thy brother? And he said, I know not: *Am I my brother's keeper?*

8) **MURDER!** Cain leaves God without repenting. His fury at not being accepted by God (and the one whom God accepted) drives Cain to murder his brother. (Anger, Jealousy, Hatred, Murder) First Cain talks with Abel. Did Abel remind him of what God expected and anger him more? Cain had refused to repent, to change. So the evil one, who was to bruise the heel of man, here tempts the first man child to murder the second man child. Cain will see come to pass that which God warned against. He had been tempted. He has been drawn away to serve sin and the evil one. And what follows is: murder. Cain is the first man in the Bible who is a murderer and he murders his family member. The first born man, murders the first prophet. Vehement anger will lead to hatred and that to murder. Repent! *There is a way which seemeth right unto a man*

9) **WHERE IS ABEL?** God comes to ask Cain another question. Where is Abel your brother? Did God know the whereabouts of Abel? Of course! Righteous Abel (who made it into the *HALL OF FAITH* ~ Hebrews 11) was in paradise (Luke 16:22-26). (Luke 23:43) God knew where Abel was and what had happened to him. Is God giving Cain another chance to repent? (In the garden of Gethsemane Jesus asks His betrayer, Judas: *betrayest thou the Son of Man with a kiss?* Luke 22:48 Jesus gives Judas a last chance to repent? Here, Cain lies, "I don't know." Then Cain dares to flippantly ask God: **AM I MY BROTHER'S KEEPER?** *Am I my brother's* (Hebrew=son of same parents) *keeper* (guard observer)? Who is your brother? *Have we not all one father? Hath not one God created us? Why do we deal treacherously every man against his brother, by profaning the covenant of our fathers?* Malachi 2:10. Is God our Father? Jesus said, *When you pray, say, Our Father, which (Who) art in heaven. Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done.* (Eve was the mother of all living). All men are your brothers. Does this remind you of the question, 'Who is my neighbor?' These were questions by men who wanted to justify sinful actions. Both have the similar answers. YES, you are to be your brother's keeper! All men are your brothers. And all men are your neighbors. Are you to keep your brother? Much more. You are to join God in His work of reconciliation. (Raising your 'brother' who is dead, from being dead in trespasses and sins. (John 17:18; Ephesians 2:1)

10) And he said, What hast thou done? the voice of thy brother's blood crieth unto me from the ground.

11) And now *art* thou cursed from the earth, which hath opened her mouth to receive thy brother's blood from thy hand; 12 When thou tillest the ground, it shall not henceforth yield unto thee her strength; a fugitive and a vagabond shalt thou be in the earth.

13 ¶ And Cain said unto the LORD, My punishment *is* greater than I can bear.

10) **GOD KNEW ALL ALONG.** God asked what did you do? Is God asking him again to confess the sin? God declares your brother's blood *crieth unto Me*. Crieth (Hebrew=voice, sound, cry out for help). (Note: The same word is used for Esau's bitter crying out for a blessing when Esau realized Jacob, his brother, had deceived their father and gotten the blessing. And it describes the crying out of the people of Egypt, during the drought of Joseph's day, as they cried unto Pharaoh for bread). Can God hear the blood? Does blood have a voice? (for the life is in the blood~ Leviticus17:11) (What about stones? Luke 19:40). God is indicating HE knew about the death of Abel and God knew when the blood left Abel

11-12) **CURSED AGAIN.** The land opened up and received the blood that ran from your brother when you killed him. That land that drank the blood of the first martyr has cursed you, also. So, when you farm, you will not get a good bushel per acre yield. NO! When you farm the land, it will not give what it normally could yield.

Fugitive. Furthermore you shall be a *fugitive* (Hebrew=one who quivers, shakes, staggers, wanders) and *vagabond* (Hebrew= although a different word, the meaning is similar to fugitive. Cain shall wander over all of the Earth God created. **REMEMBER:** God has not yet given to man the right to take life for life. It was not until after the flood, more than a thousand years later that man was to shed the blood of another man (Genesis 9:6). One has to wonder if God was not only protecting Cain, but also protect those who might wish to kill Cain (in retribution for killing Abel) from doing so and thereby sinning. "One of the first signs of new life is that the individual takes sides with God against himself." (Barnhouse, Donald)

13) **YOU CANNOT CHOOSE YOUR PUNISHMENT.** Wait! Complains Cain. Your sentence is too harsh. I am going to call the ACLU and bring an action against you for this cruel and unusual punishment. Did Cain confess his sin and repent? No! He was sorry he was caught. He was sorry he was being punished. There was no sign of repentance. If the punishment is too great, why then did Cain not repent? And when you look at the law of Moses (Numbers 35:31) or the death penalty after Noah's flood, this was indeed a light punishment. I marvel at God's patience.

13) ... My punishment *is* greater than I can bear.

14 Behold, thou hast driven me out this day from the face of the earth; and from thy face shall I be hid; and I shall be a fugitive and a vagabond in the earth; and it shall come to pass, *that* every one that findeth me shall slay me.

15 And the LORD said unto him, Therefore whosoever slayeth Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold. And the LORD set a mark upon Cain, lest any finding him should kill him.

13) **MAN'S PATIENCE.** God's patience was much greater than that of a Criminal Court Judge in Detroit, who had presided over a trial of a man, but who had been convinced in a meeting in chambers between the Prosecuting Attorney, the Defendant's attorney and the Judge that perhaps the man who was about to be sentenced *may not* have been guilty. He was going to go light and give him two years for violating a parole he was already on as he had been out after his curfew in a questionable area with a questionable person. Defendant's attorney told the Defendant the good news as he was facing a 15 year maximum and he had already been in state's prison once. But the man at his sentencing began to give Jail house speech number 38. The attorney tried to quiet the man down, but he was going to speak. As he spoke, one could visibly see red coming up on the neck of the Judge. When the redness reached his ears, the Judge shouted, "I'VE HEARD ENOUGH!" He gave the man a short speech, in return and then sentenced the one who was going to be given two years, to "TEN TO FOURTEEN YEARS IN THE STATE PENITENTIARY!"

14) Now Cain has another complaint: God you have driven me away from my people and from Your Face (Hebrew=presence, person) I will be *hid* (concealed) and I shall be a wanderer. And besides that if any of the family finds me (since all that were on earth were the descendants of Adam and Eve, related to Abel) they will slay (kill, slay, murder, destroy) me.

15) **GOD PROTECTS CAIN.** God protects a murderer, who has killed his righteous brother who is called a prophet. AMAZING! But God declares if one kills Cain, I, God will take vengeance (avenge him and punish) seven times worse. Jehovah placed a *mark* (sign, signal, distinguishing mark) on Cain so that any who found him would not *kill* (strike, smite, kill) Cain. Does God want to give him more chances to repent? Does God see some people in the line of Cain that are necessary for God's ultimate plan the redemption of all souls who will repent?

Is this a picture of God's grace; a chance to repent later?

15) ... And the LORD set a mark upon Cain,

16 ¶ And Cain went out from the presence of the LORD, and dwelt in the land of Nod, on the east of Eden.

17 And Cain knew his wife; and she conceived, and bare Enoch: and he builded a city, and called the name of the city, after the name of his son, Enoch.

18 And unto Enoch was born Irad: and Irad begat Mehujael: and Mehujael begat Methusael: and Methusael begat Lamech.

19 ¶ And Lamech took unto him two wives: the name of the one was Adah, and the name of the other Zillah.

15) **MARK OF CAIN:** There are bunch of weird ideas about the mark of Cain. These include: A single horn in the middle of his head; Black skin and rise of the black population (but if that was true, wouldn't all of Cain's blackness have died in the flood? YES! Only Noah, his wife his three sons and their wives survived. So that idea that black came from/through Cain, is a silly theory) All we know is that there is a mark that was put upon Cain to warn brothers or sons or family that killing Cain would provoke God to wrath. Why God would protect Cain is not known and there is not much speculation about why, when teaching of Cain. It's not in the Bible.

16) **CAIN'S LINE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS:** Now we follow Cain for a few hundred years (some teach only one hundred thirty five [135] years). Cain *went out* (go out, exit) from the place where he had known the LORD to be and Cain remained in a place called Nod (*wandering*). It was east of the Garden of Eden.

17) Their Cain had relations with the sister that he had taken to be his wife. She became pregnant and *Enoch* (Hebrew=dedicated). Cain built a *city* (a place of dwelling for many people, usually with a fence around it). Cain named the place after his son Enoch.

18) Cain's son Enoch had *Irada* (fleet). Irad had *Mehujael* (smitten by God) and his son was *Methusael* (who is of God). Now Methusael was daddy to *Lamech* (powerful). This was the fifth lineal descendant of Cain. He is not to be confused with Noah's father born to Methuselah more than eight hundred years later.

19) Lamech is the first man mentioned in the Bible who has two wives. So this is the first written record of polygamy. Lamech married *Adah* (Hebrew=ornament)(Adah was also the name of a wife of Esau hundreds of years after the flood. That was of course, a different woman). Lamech also married *Zillah* (shade).

20 And Adah bare Jabal: he was the father of such as dwell in tents, and of such as have cattle.

21 And his brother's name was Jubal: he was the father of all such as handle the harp and organ.

20) Okay Adah was the mother of *Jabal* (stream of water) Jabal was apparently the first tent nomad who was a herder also. As Jabal was father of those who kept *cattle* (cattle, livestock). Jabal's descendants of course all died in the great world wide flood, but you see today nomads who herd animals as in Tibet and some in the USA who travel the county in RVs and have no permanent home. (You can smile) Jabal. This is the beginning of problems for those who teach that man was here for hundreds of thousands of years without the ability to make tents (cave dwellers) or keep herds (hunter-gatherers). We have skipped those two stages and just knocked off at the least a quarter of a million years of made up evolutionary time. And it gets worse for them.

21) Jabal's brother was *Jubal*(stream) He was the first musician and father of those who played *harp* (lyre, harp) and *organ* (flute, reed pipe). **LYRE.** The lyre is not known until the times of the Greeks only hundreds of years before Christ Jesus. But they had to learn from someone. And it appears lyres were here a thousand years before the flood and within one hundred thirty-five years of the time of man's creation by God. So much for the imagined m-i-l-l-i-o-n-s of years of struggle in 'pre historic' times without music. It was here all the time. And that should not surprise us. These people were very smart and had close contact with God. The devil has been called the heavenly worship leader.

FLUTES: There are Neanderthal flutes (pronounced Nee-ander-tall') flutes, early American Native flutes. I remember that my older brother learned how to whittle a flute of sorts, a wooden whistle, from farmers who were immigrants from Sweden and Norway. Notice that this is the unGodly line of Cain that accomplishes all this. And although we have no ages, if each of these men bore sons at the age of 30 this could have been accomplished in 180 years. If we make it 100 then we would have 600 years. Many think this all happened before Adam and Eve gave birth to Seth and that would be in one hundred thirty years.

But if you think that was tough on the evolutionary time scale wait until you see what is coming next. DECISION TIME COMING!

22 And Zillah, she also bare Tubalcain, an instructor of every artificer in brass and iron: and the sister of Tubalcain was Naamah.

22) **TUBALCAIN**: The meaning of the name is unknown, but the definition is: son of Lamech by his wife Zillah and the first worker in metal. Note: To obtain copper and zinc we must know how to mine things from the ground. Brass needs a process of smelting (melting the two ores and combing them) the heat needed would have to be sufficient to melt cooper (1985° F) and zinc 788° F). This kind of technology that could make flutes, harps, lyres and smelt copper would have to be much more advanced than your biology teacher was told to tell you. *Big bang evolutionists* now have a real time problem. They teach vast ages of primitive man on Earth before metal. (These ages of primitive man have been taught ONLY since the 1820s, less than 200 years).

THE THREE-AGE SYSTEM Christian Jüürgensen Thomsen (1788-1865 A.D.) was a Danish archaeologist, who lacked academic training. In 1816 he was appointed head of some collections in the predecessor of the National Museum of Denmark in Copenhagen. While organizing and classifying the collections, he proposed the three-age system about 1820. He proposed an alternative to the Bible time line; periods of human prehistory in three consecutive time periods, named for respective primary tool-making.

The Stone Age is supposed to be the time when humans used crude stone tools. Only when it ends is there supposed to be the development of agriculture and the domestication of animals. This imagined stone age was split in three: *Palaeolithic* (2.6 m-i-l-l-i-o-n years ago-10,000 B.C. or years ago); the *Mesolithic* (11,600 to farming -middle stone age of hunter-gatherers moving into transition to agriculture; the *Neolithic* (9500 B.C. - farming and metal age).

The Bronze Age 3000 B.C. or B.C.E. - 1200 B.C. or B.C.E. There was smelting of copper and tin. But in Mesopotamia (Tigress-Euphrates area), they find evidence of early bronze, according to their dating of 2900 B.C.E. This would place it some time after Tubalcain and the Bible.

The Iron Age (1200 B.C. or B.C.E. ~ 900 B.C.) When weapons and tools were mostly iron. This is before Jesus Christ, our Lord, took on flesh; before Rome was in charge of the 'Mediterranean' world. Yet, we find Tubalcain was instructing in both brass and iron within one hundred thirty-five years after creation as it was just before Seth was born.

Well which are you going to believe? 1- the imagined ideas of James Hutton (1726-1796 A.D.) who attacked the Bible time line with his **A Theory of the Earth** (1795)? (He taught the earth was very old, perhaps eternal and that everything we can see on earth, craters, seas, canyons, could be explained by natural uniform causes of erosion). Or 2- will you believe the Bible? This is important as most who lose their belief can trace it to their belief in the false vast age of earth.

23 ¶ And Lamech said unto his wives, Adah and Zillah, Hear my voice; ye wives of Lamech, hearken unto my speech: for I have slain a man to my wounding, and a young man to my hurt.

24 If Cain shall be avenged sevenfold, truly Lamech seventy and sevenfold.

25 ¶ And Adam knew his wife again; and she bare a son, and called his name Seth: For God, *said she*, hath appointed me another seed instead of Abel, whom Cain slew. 26 And to Seth, to him also there was born a son; and he called his name Enos: then began men to call upon the name of the LORD.

23) **JUSTIFIABLE HOMICIDE!** Lamech confesses to the second murder in the Bible. He thinks it is justifiable homicide. This other guy was trying to kill me, so I killed him. But mine is justifiable homicide. Why do you suppose the deadly fight began? Since Lamech does not say the confrontation began all because of the other guy, can we assume that perhaps Lamech may have had a chance to walk away and not kill? If you saw the old movie ***BACK TO THE FUTURE*** (Michael J. Fox) his character was always getting into trouble because he would not back down when called yellow. It takes a big man to walk away. Lamech does say the other guy was trying to kill me, so I acted in self defense.

24) Since my murder was justified, then I should be justified and protected (by God). He refers back to his great-great grandfather Cain who killed his brother Abel and God protected Cain. He refers also to the sevenfold vengeance God promises. Lamech expects seventy and sevenfold protection. (Remember Peter asked, '...how oft shall...I... forgive?' Jesus said, *...seventy times seven.*) Which should you and I strive toward? The right to say God should avenge us, since our bad act is justified, or should we forgive and forgive and forgive and forgive and forgive and forgive and forgive and forgive? Remember, the one Lamech killed was his cousin, was family. The great, great, great-grandfather of all (ADAM) still living with his wife Eve. They were producing children.

25) Adam had relations with Eve and she gave birth to a bouncy, baby, boy named Seth (Hebrew= compensation). Again Eve believed this son was to replace Abel. Was she looking again for the Messiah to crush the head of the devil? Seth's birth took place one hundred thirty years after God placed Adam on Earth (Genesis 5:3).

26 And to Seth, to him also there was born a son; and he called his name Enos: then began men to call upon the name of the LORD.

26) **Train up a child** in the way he should go and when he is old, he will not depart. Prov. 22:6. We read little about Seth, except that his son (Adam's grandson) was Godly. Isn't that the best testimony any man (or parents) could have, that his son (and Adam's son's son) walked with and called upon God? Seth named his son Enos (mortal man). Men *began* (profane, defile, pollute, begin) to *call* (call out, recite, read, proclaim) the name of God. The word LORD means Jehovah (the I Am). But remember that by this name Jehovah, was God not known to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. (Exodus 6:3) How could Abraham and descendants not have known the Name Jehovah if these early men did? It seems clear God was saying that by this Name Jehovah God was not known to any man, until God revealed it to Moses. What is the Name Jehovah doing here, then? Since the human author God the Holy Spirit used to write Genesis is Moses. The use of the Name Jehovah in Genesis testifies that Moses wrote the entire book of Genesis.

Here endeth the fourth chapter of Genesis. In it we learn the imagined ideas of vast ages, a Stone Age, a Bronze Age and Iron Age are the product of the imagination of men who place their imagination above the clear knowledge of God. These offspring of Cain were working in brass and iron soon after creation. There are no primitive ages. Remember there is no way to ascertain the ages of the implements they found. They can date some rocks in which they are found. Yet, evolutionists reject more than half of those dates, as not accurate. There is no written history. (They label it prehistoric=before written history). These ideas were used to support the idea we are evolving and becoming better and more advanced. It is an attack upon the Bible that clearly teaches the offspring of the perfectly created (but fallen from Grace) Adam were working in iron and brass.

When you hear of ancient feats, realize it was pre flood brilliant men made in the image and likeness of God who did them. The Greeks knew about and studied about civilizations and inventions "before a great flood."

GENESIS CHAPTER 5

1 ¶ This *is* the book of the generations of Adam. In the day that God created man, in the likeness of God made he him;

2) Male and female created he them; and blessed them, and called their name Adam, in the day when they were created.

3) And Adam lived an hundred and thirty years, and begat *a son* in his own likeness, after his image; and called his name Seth: 4) And the days of Adam after he had begotten Seth were eight hundred years: and he begat sons and daughters:

5:1) This is the record of the first family of Adam. God created, named Adam (dirt or ground has the same name). In the period in which God created the family Adam. How or what model did God use to create man? God fashioned man in the *likeness* (Hebrew=similitude, Resemblance= similitude, congruity, parallel) of God. Man in three parts: body, soul, spirit; man able to reason, love, hate, lead, protect, guide, teach) Man then has offspring, as God designed and mandated.

2) God created (*bara* made up from nothing) a male and a female. God *blessed* (Hebrew=to bless) (favored, sanctified) them to be procreators, with God, of a human race (red, brown, yellow, black and white). God called their family name ADAM. God so named them when they were created. ('I would like you to meet Adam Adam and Eve Adam.)

3-4) Now these verses take some explanation. Not that they are to be questioned, but since we do not live this long today, why did man live more than one hundred twenty-nine years and he (and his wife of about the same age) have children. All we know for certain is that it happened. Men lived to be nine hundred years old. What happened? What was different? First of all we recall that when God drove Adam and Eve out of the garden HE declared that they might eat from the tree of life "and live for ever." The body God made from the dust of the earth was able to live forever. But to do so, they must eat fruit from the tree of life. What about oxygen levels; and sun or ultra violet rays which shorten life?

Evolutionists know life cannot begin spontaneously in an oxygen rich atmosphere, so they teach oxygen levels must have been lower. But in *Nature* in 2006 they admitted there may have been oxygen almost as early as they predict life arose by chance. <http://www.abc.net.au/science/news/stories/2006/1722945.htm?ancient>. Also, they found high levels of oxygen in amber. "Analyses of the gases in these bubbles show ... earth's atmosphere, ...contained nearly 35 percent oxygen compared to present levels of 21 percent. <http://www.sciencemaster.com/jump/earth/amber.php>

3) And Adam lived an hundred and thirty years, and begat a son in his own likeness, after his image; and called his name Seth: 4) And the days of Adam after he had begotten Seth were eight hundred years: and he begat sons and daughters:

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

3-4) *-continued-* With that amount of oxygen CO₂ exchange, the prediction is that plants and animals would be much larger. When they find pre-flood life, it is generally much larger. And of course higher levels of oxygen would advance the age of man and animals. Dinosaurs (which are nothing more than giant lizards) could then have lived for hundreds of years and gotten to be very large. As you know, lizards are not like humans who have stop growing. As lizards get older and older, they continue to grow. What would you call an Iguana Don that was two hundred (200) years old and had not stopped growing? A dinosaur! There may also have been a canopy over the earth. Evolutionists and creationists who find large plants and animals in the fossil record, have reasoned that there must have been something causing a 'greenhouse effect.' But, the loss of the canopy causing the greenhouse effect has quite different explanations. Creationists *know* that it was when the windows of heaven were opened at the time of the great flood of Noah. The evolutionist believes it was a natural cause such as a huge meteorite that broke a large hole in it and it thereafter disintegrated. What ever the belief about the cause and effect, we know the evidence strongly suggests a time when there was much more oxygen and CO₂ exchange and some kind of protection from ultra violet (UV) rays or a greenhouse effect. If this is true, you would expect to find vegetation all over the earth, including in the polar regions and animals all over the earth. That is precisely what they have found, vegetation under the polar ice caps and large animals at the edges of today's polar regions. (Thus, it is logical for us to believe in a canopy).

5) Adam lived to the age of one hundred thirty and had a son named Seth, who looked and acted just like Adam and was Godly. Adam lived eight hundred more years and Eve continued to have many children (hundreds of them). Adam then lived to be nine hundred thirty (930) years old and he died. Those of us who believe, will come back and live on earth with Jesus in His millennial reign. Will we experience this again?

- 6 ¶ And Seth lived an hundred and five years, and begat Enos:
- 7) And Seth lived after he begat Enos eight hundred and seven years, and begat sons and daughters:
- 8) And all the days of Seth were nine hundred and twelve years: and he died.
- 9) And Enos lived ninety years, and begat Cainan:
- 10) And Enos lived after he begat Cainan eight hundred and fifteen years, and begat sons and daughters:
- 11) And all the days of Enos were nine hundred and five years: and he died.
- 12) And Cainan lived seventy years, and begat Mahalaleel:
- 13) And Cainan lived after he begat Mahalaleel eight hundred and forty years, and begat sons and daughters:
- 14) And all the days of Cainan were nine hundred and ten years: and he died.
- 15) And Mahalaleel lived sixty and five years, and begat Jared:
- 16) And Mahalaleel lived after he begat Jared eight hundred and thirty years, and begat sons and daughters:
- 17) And all the days of Mahalaleel were eight hundred ninety and five years: and he died.
- 18) And Jared lived an hundred sixty and two years, and he begat Enoch:
- 19) And Jared lived after he begat Enoch eight hundred years, and begat sons and daughters:
- 20) And all the days of Jared were nine hundred sixty and two years: and he died.

6-20) Seth (Hebrew=compensation) had a son named Enos (Hebrew=man) then he had more children and died at 912. Enos had Cainan (Hebrew=possession) at 90. Then he lived until he was 905 having children. Cainan lived 70 years and had Mahalaleel (Hebrew=praise of God). Cainan continued to have children and died at age 910. Mahalaleel lived 65 years and his son's name was Jared (Hebrew=descent) he had more sons and daughters and he died at age 895. Jared lived to age 162 then was born Enoch (Hebrew=dedicated) Jared continued to have sons and daughters and died at age 962. These genealogies are important as a chain of evidence backward to Adam who fell from God's perfect state when sin entered the world and forward to the Messiah who would (and now has) crushed the head of the serpent by His death in our place and His resurrection from the dead. Oh yes, the devil still rages on, but look at the history of World War II. Most German generals knew that without a quick victory in Russia, they would not be able to sustain the war and be victorious. There was no quick victory in Russia. They knew that they had lost the war. Oh they hoped for the Japanese to siphon off enough of the resources of the western allies to perhaps help Germany. But, they knew victory and world conquest was not to be theirs. However, they kept raging on killing people in England, France, Italy, North Africa, the middle east. They were defeated but they fought on. The devil has been defeated. We have been given power over him in the Name and Authority and Power of Jesus. Let us not forget and neglect to use our God given power over him in the Name of Jesus. ***(And these signs shall follow them that believe; In My Name shall they cast out devils;... Mark 16:17)*** You are now of your Father-God; Jesus Christ is your Savior and Lord. The Holy Spirit is your Comforter and Companion. HE will lead you into all Truth.

21 ¶ And Enoch lived sixty and five years, and begat Methuselah:

22) And Enoch walked with God after he begat Methuselah three hundred years, and begat sons and daughters:

23) And all the days of Enoch were three hundred sixty and five years: 24) And Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him.

21) Enoch (Hebrew=dedicated) lived for sixty-five years and he had a son named Methuselah (Hebrew=man of the dart).

22) **ENOCH WALKED WITH GOD.** LOOK AT THIS! (*And HE walks with me and HE talks with me. And HE tells me, I am His own*). If anyone can honestly sing the words to *In the Garden*, it would be Enoch. The New Testament cites Enoch twice. Hebrews 11:5: *By faith **Enoch** was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God.* Jude 1:14 *And **Enoch** also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints.* True believers walk with God. Those outside are contrary to God. Going to church, saying "magic words" or being baptized is not enough. It's a Spiritual transaction. Be careful to walk with God.

23-24) The compilers of *Bible Link* state: 1) Enoch meaning "dedicated", was the son of Jared and father of Methuselah. He is not the one who was of the line of Cain hundreds of years earlier. In the Epistle of Jude, he is described as the "seventh from Adam;" and the number probably noticed as conveying the idea of divine completion and rest, while Enoch as himself a type of perfected humanity. After the birth of Methuselah, it is said that he "walked with God three hundred years ... and was not for God took him." The phrase "walked with God" is elsewhere used only of Noah and is to be explained of a prophetic life spent in immediate converse with the spiritual world. Like Elijah, he was translated (taken) without seeing death. In the Epistle of the Hebrews the spring and issue of Enoch's life are clearly marked. Both the Latin and Greek fathers commonly coupled Enoch and Elijah as historical witnesses ... Rev 11:3 The Book of Enoch is first mentioned in the Epistle of Jude. An Apocryphal book called Enoch was known at a very early date, (Jude quotes from it) but was lost sight until 1773, when Bruce brought with him on his return from Egypt three MSS containing the complete Ethiopic translation. In its present shape the book (brought back by Bruce) consists of a series of revelations supposed to have been given to Enoch and Noah, which extend to the most varied aspects, and are designed to offer vindication of the action of Providence (God). Notwithstanding the quotation in Jude, ... (The book of) Enoch was uniformly and distinctly separated from the canonical Scriptures. Its authorship and date are unknown. He did not walk as the rest. He did not die as did they. He was taken home after a walk.

25 ¶ And Methuselah lived an hundred eighty and seven years, and begat Lamech: 26) And Methuselah lived after he begat Lamech seven hundred eighty and two years, and begat sons and daughters: 27) And all the days of Methuselah were nine hundred sixty and nine years: and he died.

28 ¶ And Lamech lived an hundred eighty and two years, and begat a son:

29) And he called his name Noah, saying, This *same* shall comfort us concerning our work and toil of our hands, because of the ground which the LORD hath cursed. 30) And Lamech lived after he begat Noah five hundred ninety and five years, and begat sons and daughters: 31) And all the days of Lamech were seven hundred seventy and seven years: and he died.

32) And Noah was five hundred years old: and Noah begat Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

25-27) **OLD AS METHUSELAH** Methuselah (Hebrew=man of the dart (sending forth) (or Matthew Henry states it means 'he dies') was 187 when his son Lamech (Hebrew=powerful) was born. After Lamech, Methuselah had other children. Methuselah lived to be 969. He was the oldest man in recorded history: in the Bible or elsewhere. Some state, as long as Methuselah lived, there would be no flood of Judgment. That may be believed as the year he died came the flood (or the next year) ???

28) Lamech (not the earlier Lamech of Cain who was the first polygamist) this Lamech lived hundreds and hundreds of years later. This Lamech lived to age 182 before he had a son named Noah of Noah and the flood.

29-31) Noah (Hebrew=rest) This was that Noah who built the ark and saved his family. Lamech the father of Noah prophesied that this one shall *comfort* (Hebrew=to be sorry, console oneself, repent, regret, comfort, be comforted) about all of our labor or work of our own *hands* (Hebrew=hand, also strength, power) and the ground or land which God cursed. Does this indicate that once again they thought they had the seed that was Messiah? Was it a hope of loving parents? We know that it is in the Bible for some reason and yet cannot be certain without some speculation. I personally believe that since Adam had just died Enoch had just been taken and that Seth was alive (as were all the others after Seth except Enoch) that this is a prophetic word about Noah and the grace of God. And Lamech had sons and daughters and finally died at the age of 777, slightly before Methuselah.

32) Noah waits until he is 500 years old before having his first. It sounds as if they may have been all born at once. (Were these triplets?) Noah begat Shem (Hebrew= name). Shem was the first son of Noah. Ham (Hebrew=hot) Ham was the second son; and Japheth (Hebrew=opened) Japheth the third son of Noah. It does not say Noah had sons and daughters. It appears Noah only had three sons, not as many as each of his ancestors. GOD is in control.

Genesis 6

1 ¶ And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them,

2) That the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they *were* fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose.

3 ¶ And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also *is* flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years.

4 ¶ There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare *children* to them, the same *became* mighty men which *were* of old, men of renown.

5) And GOD saw that the wickedness of man *was* great in the earth, and *that* every imagination of the thoughts of his heart *was* only evil continually.

6 ¶ And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart.

7) And the LORD said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them.

6:1-7 This begins a brand new subject. Up to this time we have been talking about the Creation of God and the early descendants of Adam. As a matter of fact, Adam was still alive when Lamech (the father of Noah) was on earth. With the father of Noah on Earth God sees fit to bring to a close the early years on Earth. (Approximately 1700 years to the flood) But God has given us two lines, the line of Adam and the line of the first murderer, Cain. That mentality of the murderous line seems to have prevailed as we see God is growing weary of striving with man. And in verse 3 it appears that God announces that man has only one hundred twenty years left to repent (as all men were living several hundred years, the youngest to be 'taken' was Enoch at 365 and he did not die.) Noah was having sons at five hundred (500) years, as we saw at the close of the last chapter. Although the weather seems to have been more favorable and the lives longer there were some men who were much larger than others as we open Chapter 6 and God declares that there were giants in the earth. But, there was also wickedness of mankind. Men were hard hearted and evil. Although God knew that this was going to happen, when it did occur God was sorry that He had made man to dwell on the earth. God decided to start over. God would destroy the earth and with it man and beast and the fowls of the air. God is announcing the doing away of the old world, as it was known. Perhaps it was made up of a single connected mass of land (Genesis 1:9-10) and all was covered by a canopy (or green house effect) which allowed plants to grow large and animals to roam over the entire old Earth. But God would send the world wide flood and with it, unthinkable destruction. Beside the flood, other catastrophes would be triggered from the water and the cracks in earth. The crack in the earth would open up earth and cause perhaps thousands of volcanic actions with hot molten rocks at 2000⁰ degrees F. Blasts of flying debris each equal to the force of an atomic bomb. There would be tidal waves, torrents of water containing ripped up forests crashing about destroying, killing everything. It would be horrifying, shocking, heinous, cataclysmic destruction.

1 ¶ And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them, 2) That the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they *were* fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose.

2) That the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they *were* fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose.

1) **DAYS OF NOAH.** Jesus stated “As the days of Noah were, so shall the coming of the Son of man be. Matt 24:37 Thus it’s essential for us to understand Noah’s days and these present days. **And it came to pass.** The creation period was over. We had learned about two lines of mankind. The Godly line of Adam through Seth to the promised Messiah who would bruise the serpent’s head and the unGodly line of the first murderer Cain and all of his offspring. **When men began to multiply.** One writer has estimated that if Adam, during his lifetime, saw only half the children he could have fathered grow up, and if only half of those got married, and if only half of those who got married had children, then even at these conservative rates, Adam would have seen more than a million of his own descendants. Using these calculations, we can say that by the time of the flood, there could have been seven billion people on the earth. Most commentators believe the word *men* in this verse means the unGodly line of Cain. This makes sense when you consider we have just studied line of Cain and the line of Seth. We see a clear distinction between the Godly line and the murderer’s line. *Men:* The Hebrew word for men is ‘adam [aw-dawm]’ and that denotes all mankind. There were female children born to this unGodly line.

2) **SONS OF GOD:** There are two beliefs about this phrase, one found in the Dakes Study Bible and one found in the Scofield Bible. One teaches these are sons of the Godly line of Seth as opposed to the unGodly line of Cain, which makes sense as we have just learned of both of those lines in the two chapters that precede this chapter. The other belief is that Sons of God were fallen angels or demons. If the latter were true, that would mean when the sons of God rebelled against God they somehow retained the title of sons. And it would mean that angels (who are not sexual beings: Matt. 22:30) must have grown male genitalia when they were cast out of heaven. If someone wants to believe that, they may, but there are so many problems created by those who espouse this position. God having made man to fill the earth, it would not be left to the devil to create for himself or his followers maleness and grow all of the organs and structures necessary to procreate. And why would this have been? As a punishment for being cast out of heaven. (I don’t think so) It is our belief the sons of Seth’s line married the daughters of Cain’s sons. But if you grant those who believe the demon argument, the flood wipes them out. Giants after the flood (as Goliath) are from Noah’s line.

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4 ¶ There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare *children* to them, the same *became* mighty men which *were* of old, men of renown.

2) (*As many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.* Rom 8:14) The sons of the Godly line of Seth (Hebrew: sons *ben* of Elohiym) looked at the daughters born to the sons of *men* (Hebrew=*men*) (of Cain) they looked good, agreeable, pleasant, so these so spiritual, heavenly minded men married their erotic cousins. In a few hundred years, came the flood and total destruction of man. There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof is the way of death Prov.14:12)

3) God said, My Spirit (Ruwach [roo-akh]) shall not *always* (for a long duration) *strive* (Hebrew =judge, contend, plead) with *man* (Hebrew= man, mankind). The word shall selected by the King James translators has a legal meaning. The use of will was seen as sometimes permissive in a contract depending upon the circumstances, but the word *shall* or *shall not* was given a literal, mandatory meaning of the purpose being set and fixed. Since, at that time, the law was admitted to be based upon the Bible, we can know that the translators intended to convey a meaning that God was fed up. This was a mandatory thing. HE had made up His mind. Than God says an obvious he (is) *also flesh* these terms in the Hebrew mean *also* (to go astray, err, commit sin/error) *flesh* (of the body) He is given one hundred twenty years to repent. (Man's age at death at this time was 365 to 969 and after the flood it was much longer than 120 years at the first. Noah: 950; Shem 600; Arphaxad:438)

4) At that time there already were giants (Hebrew =nphyil [nef -eel'] giants) on earth. There is a teaching these giants were from perverse offsprings and they continued down to the days of Goliath of Gath (David and Goliath). However if they were offspring of perversity (which is not stated in the Scripture) they would have all died out in the flood. Noah and his sons were all that was left. So, we conclude that there were giants already. And that after the flood, the line that led to Goliath came from Noah. Also the Scripture is clear that it was *also AFTER THAT*, (Hebrew, indeed following the time when there already were giants in the earth) when the sons of Seth's line married their appealing looking cousins from the line of Cain. The predictable occurred: they had children. These (children) became mighty men (strong, brave, mighty) men; which for a long duration were men of good_reputation on the earth. But a worldly reputation does not make one right with God.

5) And GOD saw that the wickedness of man *was* great in the earth, and *that* every imagination of the thoughts of his heart *was* only evil continually.

6 ¶ And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart.

7) And the LORD said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them.

5) Although they had great reputations for good on earth, God looked, considered and perceived that they were evil, (displeasing, disagreeable, malignant [or deadly]) This was the condition in most of the earth. God saw through their politically correct exterior to what they thought in their minds. The whole framework of their inner being was altogether and always evil.

6) When God saw what HE saw occurring, even though HE knew what was going to happen, the sight so grieved God, HE was sorry and regretted HE had placed Adam and his offspring on Earth. *It grieved Him at His heart.* God was hurt, pained, displeased, vexed, tormented all the way to HIS inner most being or core. WOW! This loving God is about to destroy all men and the land breathing animals. What had they done to deserve this? First, they are not primitive cave men. There were an estimated several billion, very intelligent people on Earth. Their evil wrong doing, their sin and wickedness was more terrible than we can imagine. It was so evil, it hurt God so deeply, to drive Him to the position where. God has no choice but to destroy man and animals off the face of the Earth.

7) God decrees He will destroy (Hebrew=wipe out) His highest and best creation *man* (mankind). The Earth will be emptied of all men and *beasts* (Hebrew=beasts or all animals, cattle or domestic livestock, animals or wild beasts) and *creeping thing* (those creatures which creep on earth or glide on water) and *fowls* (all things which fly above the earth). All these things which God made for (and to support) man on Earth will be destroyed. God, Who knows all, and foresaw all is (after seeing it happening) sorry (regretful). How can God who knows all be sorry? I do not know, but I know that HE was/is. Do you have an opinion based on the Bible?

8 ¶ But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD.

9) These *are* the generations of Noah: Noah was a just man *and* perfect in his generations, *and* Noah walked with God.

10) And Noah begat three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

8) **HALLELUJAH!** By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith. Hebrews 11:7.

Noah found *grace*. Thank You, Thank You Jesus. God must have examined every man upon the face of the earth (HE is a just God). Only one NOAH was seen to be one who would merit HIS *grace* (favor or acceptance) in the sight of God. Noah was chosen a vessel of God's mercy. God did not chose a religious leader (or at least Noah is not so identified) or a politician or a great thinker, just Noah, a childless man for the first 500 years of life. **But Noah also walked with God.** Noah was righteous, an heir of *righteousness* to come. Let this be our purpose in life to be one who finds grace in the eyes of the Lord. When the rest of the world around you is calling evil good and becoming more and more corrupt, strive to be one who will find favor in the eyes of God. Look to the life of Noah and live with God eternally. Be men of integrity. Be a Promise Keeper of God. Trust and obey!

9) **NOAH WALKED WITH GOD.** God tells us those born to Noah. God labels Noah as: *just* (Hebrew=lawful, righteous) Righteousness comes only from God. (Our righteousness is in Christ). Righteousness refers to the way one acts when not in church or with Christians. Are you a righteous *just* man? *man* (Hebrew male, husband) *perfect* (Hebrew=complete, whole, entire, sound) as compared to those who lived when Noah lived. And Noah, (like Enoch) walked, or went about with Elohiym God. He walked with God and he talked with God.

10) Noah was the father of three sons. *Shem* (name); *Ham* (hot); *Japheth* (opened). That is all we can know of a certainty. Who was the oldest? Was Shem to carry on the name? Shem was 100 years old, two years after the flood, when he became father to Arphaxad. Although there is a dispute, it is generally agreed Shem was oldest, next Ham and Japheth the youngest. (Genesis 10:21 refers to Japheth as the elder, (the Hebrew seems to indicate status, rather than genealogy). (The New American translates it as Eber, the elder brother of Japheth) Were they triplets? Noah was said to have been 500 when they were all born. What we do know is that these three sons fathered Earth after the flood. Therefore, triplets or not: one of them is your "father."

11) The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence.

12) And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth.

13 ¶ And God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth.

11) **CORRUPTION AND VIOLENCE**. The land also had been ruined, corrupted *before God* (Hebrew=in the eyes of, or before the Face of God) the land was full of cruelty, wrong, injustice (riot, disorder). Were animals also caught up in the evil and killing? Man obviously did not worship God as Creator God. This was true, even though Seth, son of Adam, was alive until just before the flood. Adam was alive in the days of the fathers of Noah. Since Jesus tells us that the last days are going to be like the days of Noah, the more vile and corrupt this world becomes, the more we can understand what justly angered God and drove Him to the point of destruction of man off of Earth. Without fear of God and God consciousness, man is only wicked. _____

12) God continues to explain why HE is justly driven to His decision. All *flesh* (Hebrew=human and animal) had *corrupted his way*. There must have been murder, rape, sodomy, men and woman with beasts and with members of the same sex or gender. This was the general way of all men on Earth. Everything had corrupted (perverted, defiled, violated) their natural way or mode of behavior all over Earth. _____

13) **DECREE OF DESTRUCTION**: Elohiym Creator God announced to Noah: It is time. With all I have seen, the violence, the depravity, the corruption all over the Earth, I am forced to one resolution by the continual evil, I, GOD, am forced to destroy them *all flesh* (human and animal) God will destroy them along with the Earth. God announces a few verses later that it will be by a flood. What do you imagine Noah was thinking? Me too Lord? My family also? But will God allow the righteous to perish with the wicked? Abraham asked perhaps only ten righteous shall be found there? God said, I will not destroy Sodom "for ten's sake." Here there is Noah, his wife, his three sons and their wives, eight total. Just as at Sodom, God destroys, but God spares those who are righteous, (who have right standing before God). Those who teach the rapture of the church before the Judgment of God point to this example of the righteous or saved being lifted up (taken up) in the ark of safety, from the destruction of the unrighteous who were upon the face of the Earth. _____

14) Make thee an ark of gopher wood; rooms shalt thou make in the ark, and shalt pitch it within and without with pitch. 15) And this *is the fashion* which thou shalt make it *of*: The length of the ark *shall be* three hundred cubits, the breadth of it fifty cubits, and the height of it thirty cubits. 16) A window shalt thou make to the ark, and in a cubit shalt thou finish it above; and the door of the ark shalt thou set in the side thereof; *with* lower, second, and third *stories* shalt thou make it. 17) And, behold, I, even I, do bring a flood of waters upon the earth, to destroy all flesh, wherein *is* the breath of life, from under heaven; *and* every thing that *is* in the earth shall die. 18) But with thee will I establish my covenant; and thou shalt come into the ark, thou, and thy sons, and thy wife, and thy sons' wives with thee. 19) And of every living thing of all flesh, two of every *sort* shalt thou bring into the ark, to keep *them* alive with thee; they shall be male and female. 20) Of fowls after their kind, and of cattle after their kind, of every creeping thing of the earth after his kind, two of every *sort* shall come unto thee, to keep *them* alive. 21) And take thou unto thee of all food that is eaten, and thou shalt gather *it* to thee; and it shall be for food for thee, and for them. 22) ¶ Thus did Noah; according to all that God commanded him, so did he.

14) **GOD MAKES A COVENANT.** But God instructs Noah how to save himself and his family that God had given to him from the destruction to come. God makes with Noah (and his family) a *covenant*. (Hebrew=*briyth* (ber-eeth') alliance, pledge 1b between God and man alliance of friendship; Divine ordinance with signs or pledges) The word covenant is used 261 times in the Old Testament. The last time in Malachi 3:1 it is the covenant of the Messenger of God to come, Messiah, Jesus, the Lord. Here God tells Noah, HE, God will save Noah and his family from the destruction of the Earth by a flood of waters. Note that to enter into the covenant God requires Noah trust God, obey God and follow God's instructions. As in the covenant of salvation, God wants to save us from the destruction to come upon all men who do not accept God's gift of eternal life. We must know God loves us, but that our sins separate us from God and God's love. Our sins have earned us eternal death in the lake of fire. We must realize that Christ Jesus came to die in our place. BUT this is not enough. Man (you and I) must be sorry for our sinful way of life. Knowing we are guilty, that we deserve eternal death in hell and the lake of fire. We then have to take action. We have to be willing to turn from our sins, repent and accept the legal pardon of a guilty man. He paid our death penalty in our place, we must accept Christ's death in our place.

The *Dictionary of Cultural Literacy* reports: **covenant** *The Bible* Literally, a CONTRACT. In the BIBLE, an agreement between God and his people, in which God makes promises to his people and, usually, requires certain conduct from them. In the OLD TESTAMENT, God made agreements with NOAH, ABRAHAM, and MOSES. To Noah, he promised that he would never again destroy the earth with a flood. He promised Abraham that he would become the ancestor of a great nation, provided Abraham went to the place God showed him, and sealed the covenant by CIRCUMCISION of all the males of the nation. To Moses, God said that the ISRAELITES would reach the PROMISED LAND, but must obey the MOSAIC LAW. In the NEW TESTAMENT, God promised SALVATION to those who believe in JESUS.

Here Noah does all that God commands and Noah and his family is saved.

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15) And this *is the fashion* which thou shalt make it of: The length of the ark *shall be* three hundred cubits, the breadth of it fifty cubits, and the height of it thirty cubits.

GOD'S INSTRUCTIONS TO NOAH. 14) ***Make an ark.*** Ark (Hebrew = 1a vessel which Noah built) This ark was apparently one of a kind. It was the size of a great ship. It was not a sailing ship. There was no place to navigate or sail. The ark was to float upon the most tempestuous waters ever to be upon Earth. A world wide flood with total destruction. God could have spoken the ark into existence, perfect in all its ways in a second. God could have had holy angels build the ark. But God (for Noah and all who watched) chose to use Noah in building the ark which was to save Noah, his family and 'kinds' of animals. It was an act or trial of Noah's faith and obedience. Noah had to trust and obey God. None shall be saved by Christ except those who trust and obey. We cannot do it without God, and HE will not save an unwilling man. Here in the ark we see the power and promise of God, the grace of God for Noah and his family. God gave Noah very clear, very particular instructions concerning the ark. God was the architect, Noah was the general and sub contractor and most likely he and his sons had little help in the gathering of material and the building. **Gopher wood.** The exact type is not known. Whether the type of wood survived the flood is not known. Some commentators believe it was like cypress wood. **Rooms** or cells to hold man Noah and his family and animal kinds. **Pitch:** The pitch was a type of sealant pitch that was water proof, perhaps like pine pitch, but we do not know for sure, nor do we know if that pitch exists today.

15) **DIMENSIONS:** The ark was to have exact proportional dimensions (probably for stability in the water). The ark of Noah was to be 300 hundred cubits long. A cubit is the length of the forearm from the elbow to the tip of the longest fingers. They believe it was 18 inches. That means the ark was 450 feet long. The average city block is one tenth of a mile or 528 feet. The ark was a 78 feet shy of a city block long. It was to be fifty cubits or 75 feet wide (how wide is a football field? NFL=160 feet). The ark was to be thirty cubits or 45 feet high. Three stories high. Fifteen feet per story. So imagine a boat that is almost a city block long (football field and one half) more than one half a football field wide and taller than a three story school house. The dimensions were to be exact and the proportions exact. Why? God knows why. Ours is not to ask, but to obey. Noah obeyed and survived. Do you always obey God?

16) A window shalt thou make to the ark, and in a cubit shalt thou finish it above; and the door of the ark shalt thou set in the side thereof; *with* lower, second, and third *stories* shalt thou make it.

17) And, behold, I, even I, do bring a flood of waters upon the earth, to destroy all flesh, wherein *is* the breath of life, from under heaven; *and* every thing that *is* in the earth shall die.

18) But with thee will I establish my covenant; and thou shalt come into the ark, thou, and thy sons, and thy wife, and thy sons' wives with thee.

19) And of every living thing of all flesh, two of every *sort* shalt thou bring into the ark, to keep *them* alive with thee; they shall be male and female. 20 Of fowls after their kind, and of cattle after their kind, of every creeping thing of the earth after his kind, two of every *sort* shall come unto thee, to keep *them* alive.

21) And take thou unto thee of all food that is eaten, and thou shalt gather *it* to thee; and it shall be for food for thee, and for them.

16) A window (place for light to shine in) but how was it to allow light in? We are not sure. It had to also keep out the water, wind, volcanic dust that would be falling back to Earth. It was only to be eighteen inches and it was to be above (Hebrew=higher part, upper part). There was to be a door (Hebrew=opening, entrance) placed in the side. It was to be divided into three parts (*stories* is an added word, it is to assist our understanding, & not a part of the Hebrew.)

17) **FLOOD:** If Noah was wondering why an ark God announces to this man who found grace in the eyes of God, this man who walked with God. That God was about to destroy the earth and all human and animal flesh in which there is the *breath of life*. Man was the first and only creature to be made alive with the breath (*ruwach*) of life. All things in earth shall end or perish.

18) **COVENANT.** But God promises that Noah will be preserved. Where? Noah shall be preserved from the destructive flood, when he comes into the ark. Parents are to bring up a child in the way he should go. Noah must have satisfied God as God would also save his children and their chosen wives. Did Noah warn those of the flood to come? Peter (2 Peter 2:5) calls Noah "a preacher of righteousness." So we can trust that he did preach.

19-20) God says to Noah bring in to the ark, at least *two* of each and every *living* thing. Remember the words *life* or *living* first refers to those things created in the water on the fifth day and the flying things and the animals of the sixth day, and two of every creeping (creeping or gliding) things. Perhaps grasshoppers and crickets types and smaller, but Noah did not have to bring fish types from the water or plants to preserve them. God told Noah that two of every kind *shall come unto thee*. Noah did not have to go round up or herd them in. They came to the ark. That in itself is a mighty miracle Noah has become the Messiah type of the old world. Noah will save and preserve life. Man and animal.

21) **FOOD:** Noah is to take food (remember that God has given every green plant and herb for food for man and animal~ look up Genesis 1:29-30). Noah is to gather (Hebrew=gather, receive, gather in) food for his family and all the critters

22 ¶ Thus did Noah; according to all that God commanded him, so did he.

22) **OBEDIENCE:** Noah's must have obeyed God explicitly since you and I are here considering this today. No obedience. No ark. No ark. No one to repopulate the Earth. Also the ark must have been built with care and due diligence. Noah believed God totally and completely. God told him God would shortly drown the world in a world wide flood. In that belief and Godly fear, Noah prepared the ark. (See Hebrews 11:7) But just as our faith, without obedience, is not really faith, Noah avoided the wrath of God to come by his obedience. Just as a much later generation did when they applied the blood to the lintel and door posts of their house so that the death angel passed over. God's warning of His wrath to come is not to be taken lightly. God's threats are not false. Man may have reasoned that the wise God and good and merciful God, (Who made the world, and man as HIS highest and best creation) would not destroy man and Earth. And if Noah warned them specifically about the world wide flood, they might have been scoffers asking from where would sufficient water be found to flood Earth? Or why should notice be given of it to Noah only? Noah believed God. As an act of obedience Noah built the ark for himself and his family and the animals. His neighbors may have mocked him But that did not discourage him. Noah, by faith, obeyed God, in the face of all opposition. Having begun the ark, he finished the ark for himself, his family and the animals to be safe from the world wide flood.

Other warnings: Look up Exodus 9:20-25; Ezekiel 3:17-19). Are you and I obeying God. We must prepare to meet the Lord, especially prepare to meet him at death and in the judgment of the great day. Have you fled into the ark of safety, called Jesus Christ? Have you built upon Christ the Solid Rock (Matthew 7:24-27)? Every blow of Noah and his family's axes and hammers "was a call to repentance, a call to them to prepare arks too."-Matthew Henry.

Note: Do you believe God? Has he warned you of the wrath and judgement to come on all who do not accept Him before they die? We must prepare to meet the Lord, individually or at the rapture. Have you prepared an ark for your family? Those not ready will not go Jesus but be Left Behind!

GENESIS CHAPTER 7

1 ¶ And the LORD said unto Noah, Come thou and all thy house into the ark; for thee have I seen righteous before me in this generation.

7:1) In this chapter we have the accomplishment of what was foretold about the destruction of the world and the saving of Noah and his family. This first verse is a great verse. Notice what it tells us. God is inviting Noah and his family into the ark, into a place of safety to avoid the wrath to come in the world wide flood of waters coming. And if God asks Noah to *Come thou* (not go into or get on the ark) he is inviting Noah into the ark, as God is already inside with them in the storm. The ultimate ark of safety, of course is the salvation found in Jesus. And as Lutheran Brother Mike Wangren stated a Lutheran, baptized as a baby, can reject or accept the salvation that was offered to him at his baptism. As a person old enough to make a decision, he must again accept that offer of salvation by God. He can reject it. That is not the exact belief of the fundamental church. We have a baby dedication. It is not believed the baby is then made an heir of salvation, it is a service for the parents and others who agree to bring up that child so that he will accept Jesus. But we, as the Lutheran, believe God keeps the child until the age of reason. Once that child is old enough, he must accept the salvation offered by God. So we must accept God's invitation. Here God invites Noah into the ark of safety. God also invites us into **THE** ark of safety. His Name is Jesus. HE died on the cross, so I could accept His offer to come unto Him. Then God is with us always. He will never leave you nor forsake you. (Look up: Deuteronomy 20:4; 1 Chronicles 22:18; 2 Chronicles 15:2; Zechariah 8:23; Matthew 28:20; 2 Corinthians 1:21) King David said even if he made his bed in hell, God will be there. Psalms 139:8. So we should not be surprised that God is in the ark and invites Noah into the ark and is to be with him in the storm. Wherever we are, what ever the troubles or problems, God has promised to be with us. It was this that made Noah's ark, more than a shelter. God was there. A oasis for Noah and his family. (I'm so glad to be a part of the family of God).

Note: One of Noah's sons was Ham, who proved afterwards a bad man, yet he was saved in the ark, which intimates, that wicked children fare better because of Godly parents. That is often some bad with good. In Noah's family there was a Ham, and in Christ's family there was a Judas. ~ Matthew Henry

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1) **continued** God invited Noah in, God tells us He invited Noah and his family into the ark of safety and protection from the judgement to come. God had *seen* (Hebrew=looked at, perceived) *Noah* (rest) righteous (Hebrew=just, lawful) before God in a wicked generation. (Those that keep themselves pure in times of common iniquity God will keep safe in times of common calamity; those that partake not with others in their sins shall not partake with them in their plagues-MH) Ever since the Darwinian revolution against God took hold in the major universities in the late 1800s with the changing of way of transportation (the automobile replacing the horse) in the early 1900s and communication: radio, then the advent of “talking movies” in 1927, then a Godless Supreme Court (educated in those Darwinian colleges) began to make laws (instead of enforcing laws based on our Constitution and Christian values) then also with television, we have seen our standards being lowered and eroded at an alarming rate. Now we call homosexuals good and Bible believers, who want to live by the Bible, are told they’re evil. Wickedness of man is great and the thoughts and intents of the heart are only “*evil continually.*” We are rapidly approaching those “days of Noah.” Please read: Matthew 24:33-39. In this age: divorce and remarriage are common in the church that is supposed to believe the Bible and live by it. We see a terrible erosion. Churches welcome families that have been severed by divorce. Both the offending spouse and the innocent one are now equally welcomed. Ought this to be? “*Go and sin no more*” Read Luke 17:26-30. We have seen that a major division of the church of Luther (the great reformer) now allows those to preach and teach, whom God said should not be allowed to live because their sin tore at the fabric of God’s creation order. Read also Isaiah 5:20-25. Any comments? Read Joshua 23:11-16. Are we serving other gods in this land? How long will God wait? Will God take from us our prosperity? Has God already begun to judge, by allowing abortion, the murder of that next generation? Has He given us over to godless leaders? As in the days of Noah, “*so shall also the coming of the Son of Man be*” ~ so said Jesus of Nazareth, the WORD made flesh Who dwelt among us.

Your job: be a Noah, a righteous man, in this evil generation.

2) Of every clean beast thou shalt take to thee by sevens, the male and his female: and of beasts that *are not clean* by two, the male and his female.

3) Of fowls also of the air by sevens, the male and the female; to keep seed alive upon the face of all the earth.

4) For yet seven days, and I will cause it to rain upon the earth forty days and forty nights; and every living substance that I have made will I destroy from off the face of the earth.

2) **MEANWHILE BACK AT THE FLOOD.** We come to a description of the loading of the Ark which was to preserve alive Noah, his three sons and their wives, along with the animals. (The animals could not build their own ark. Noah, as a righteous man, was charged with their care and preservation) Notice also (although the law of Moses was not to be given for several hundred years) God made a distinction between the clean and the unclean animals. These animals were not for human consumption. Man did not eat the flesh of animals until after the flood. They were to be animals of sacrifice unto God. (Genesis 8:20) They had been sacrificed since the days of Abel. There are to be seven pairs of every *clean* (Hebrew= pure, clean) *beast* (Hebrew=beast, cattle, animal, 1b] domestic; 1c] wild). But of the beasts that are not clean only one pair for preservation of that kind of living animal. (Dr. Henry Morris reports there was enough room on the ark for 125,000 sheep sized animals. Yet, he says there are not more than 25,000 kinds land animals (what we now call amphibians, reptiles, mammals, birds).

3) The same is true of the *fowls* (Hebrew=flying creatures, insects, birds) seven breeding pairs. Part of their job was to keep *seed* (Hebrew=seed, sowing, offspring) *alive* (live, have life, remain alive) on the face of all Earth. Does this mean that fowls (flying insects, birds) are to pollinate and to fertilize seeds and to carry seeds from one spot to another? How about mulberry trees? _____ 4) **RAIN:** God announces that in seven days (Hebrew=seven days and it is the same Hebrew word used for days as is used in Genesis, chapter one) God will generate rain on earth for forty days and nights. When that rain occurs, God announces that HE will *destroy* (Hebrew=wipe out; 1a3 blot out, exterminate) every (Hebrew=all, the whole) *living substance* (Hebrew=that which stands or exists) on Earth. Rain? We see the word rain used once before this announcement. *God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, ... there went up a mist from earth, and watered the whole face of the ground-Gen.2:5-6).* The next time the word rain is used is here in this verse 4. (Some commentators teach that there was no rain before this world wide flood, yet Noah does not inquire, nor does God explain what is rain.) What a mighty, powerful judgment. Do you believe Noah warned them of the judgment to come in one week? Since God judged Earth once, can HE do it again? Are you ready? Is your family ready? Are you in **THE ARK** of safety? _____

5 ¶ And Noah did according unto all that the LORD commanded him.

6) And Noah was six hundred years old when the flood of waters was upon the earth.

5) **CONTINUAL OBEDIENCE:** Here we have another example from Noah. Noah obeyed God and continued to obey for more than a century. Whether or not he preached a sermon, the people had to see the animals lined up and Noah and his family loading them into their cells or rooms, or pens or cages. That was a living sermon. Then we have Noah, his wife and his three sons and their wives. That is it. (Though men were to be reduced to so small a number, and it would be very desirable to have the world speedily repopled, yet Noah's sons were each of them to have but one wife, which strengthens the argument against having many wives; for from the beginning of this new world it was not so: as, at first, God made, so now he kept alive, but one woman for one man. See Matthew 19:4, 8.-MH (Matthew Henry). Here we see the animals, at God's urging line up to go onto the ark of safety, but man does not obey God. (See Isaiah 1:1-4). As Michele Hughes was to say, "And they call **them** dumb animals?!?" But Noah obeyed God. Remember King Saul? He was told to go to war against the Amalekites, slay all the people and all the animals. Saul told Samuel the prophet, *I have performed the commandment of the LORD.* King Saul had gone to war. He had slain almost all of the Amalekites and all of the animals, except the clean animals which Saul said he saved to sacrifice unto the Lord. Saul had obeyed 85% of all that God commanded him. What does God label 85% obedience? Disobedience, rebellion, sin, witchcraft. (Read I Samuel 15:18-26).

Here we see Noah obeyed God. Noah did *all that the LORD commanded him*. It was 100% obedience? How should we obey God? Can you imagine if Noah had decided to build the ark different dimensions or with different material you and I might well not be reading this? (Read Proverbs 3:5-6) Would God ask us to do that which we could not do?

6) How old was Noah when the world wide drowning (flood) of the earth took place that destroyed all the living things (animals and humans) on earth? Noah was six hundred years old.

7) 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. 8) Of clean beasts, and of beasts that *are* not clean, and of fowls, and of every thing that creepeth upon the earth, 9) There went in two and two unto Noah into the ark, the male and the female, as God had commanded Noah. 10) And it came to pass after seven days, that the waters of the flood were upon the earth.

7-10) **THE MOVING PICTURE SERMON:** Many people have been indoctrinated to believe God's Bible is partly in error (part a lie) believe that these men of Noah's day were crude men in skins, with perhaps stone or maybe a few iron tools. But, for those who believe God and His Bible, we see in Genesis, Chapter 4:21-22 that men have made musical instruments and were metal craftsmen working in brass and iron. Brass means copper and a copper alloy or a combining of copper and another metal usually zinc or tin to make bronze. To obtain copper and zinc we must know how to mine things from the ground. Brass needs a process of smelting (melting the two ores and combining them) the heat needed would have to be sufficient to melt copper (1985° F) and zinc 788° F). This kind of technology that could make flutes, harps, lyres and smelt copper would have to be much more advanced than your biology teacher was told to tell you. These are the men who watched the events unfold as the last preparations were made. They apparently went in but also came out as they were reloaded on the last day. Perhaps it was like a new barn or milking parlor where the animals got used to it, but went outside during the day to eat and take care of other biological functions. But can you imagine enough animals and birds to fill up a three story building where the floors could have been as much as 15 feet high or higher if the upper floors were not as tall. The ark was almost a city block long (a football field and one half) and it was as wide as one half a football field and it was forty five feet tall. Today with floors of ten feet that would be taller than most four story buildings. There were seven sets of what we call clean animals (ceremonially pure with no blemish or fault from their type or kind of animal). They went in, *the male and the female, as God had commanded.* What a living moving picture that had to be of the thousands of animals, for the unsaved men of earth. What were they thinking?

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.

12) And the rain was upon the earth forty days and forty nights.

13 ¶ In the selfsame day entered Noah, and Shem, and Ham, and Japheth, the sons of Noah, and Noah's wife, and the three wives of his sons with them, into the ark;

14) They, and every beast after his kind, and all the cattle after their kind, and every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind, and every fowl after his kind, every bird of every sort.

15) And they went in unto Noah into the ark, two and two of all flesh, wherein *is* the breath of life.

16) And they that went in, went in male and female of all flesh, as God had commanded him: and the LORD shut him in.

11) **AND GOD SHUT THEM IN.** Now we have a precise length of time being set out. It was in the 600th year, the 2nd month, and 17th day when *all the fountains* (springs of water) of the *great deep* (deep1a> (subterranean waters) 1b> deep, sea, abysses <of sea>) were *broken up* (split, cleave, break open, divide, rip up). And as if waters shooting up from the cracks in the earth, was not enough the *windows* (openings) of heaven (sky, visible heavens, 1a1>abode of the stars) *opened* (to open, be let loose, be thrown open). Also the rain came. (The flood waters were on the earth until the 601st year, the 2nd month, 27th day the earth was dried up. So the flood experience lasted one year and ten days). Yet on this very seventh and final day, it began to rain. It rained continually for 40 days and nights. After Noah and his family went aboard the ark, animals were loaded or reloaded and went to their assigned places. They must have again lined up in a long lines two by two, a male and a female. (Remember these animals were listening to and obeying God) They were all going into the ark because the world-wide flood was upon them. Verse 14 tells us only kinds went. Thus you would not have 250 breeds of dogs, but only two of the dog kind. And for some to say 'the ark was not big enough,' if they are sincere, are not thinking. There was no rush in building the ark. God could had made it three blocks or a mile long. No. This ark was going to be sufficient to hold all the "kinds" of animals "wherein is the breath of life." There were seven sets of clean animals (ceremonially pure with no blemish or fault for their kind of animal). They went in, *the male and the female, as God had commanded*. There were also non ceremonial animals, but they all had a purpose. Some were scavengers, who eat dead things to keep the land free of rotting flesh. Some could go for long periods without water. They all had a purpose. The same was true of flying things. There were bees for honey. There were bats to clean up annoying insects at night. Humming birds to carry out pollination. There were creeping things grasshoppers, crickets and the like. There all went in two and two. They went in where Noah and his family had prepared the ark (as God instructed). And as God had warned, the flood was upon them. Perhaps billions of people on earth, saw the waters of the flood coming upon the earth: rain, fountains of the deep eruptions, the collapse of overhead waters from the canopy above. Man watched. It was too late. No longer would God *strive* with man. God shut the door of the Ark. God shut the saved in and the unbelievers God shut out. It was the beginning of a new earth.

17 ¶ And the flood was forty days upon the earth; and the waters increased, and bare up the ark, and it was lift up above the earth. 18) And the waters prevailed, and were increased greatly upon the earth; and the ark went upon the face of the waters. 19) And the waters prevailed exceedingly upon the earth; and all the high hills, that *were* under the whole heaven, were covered. 20) Fifteen cubits upward did the waters prevail; and the mountains were covered. 21 ¶ And all flesh died that moved upon the earth, both of fowl, and of cattle, and of beast, and of every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth, and every man: 22) All in whose nostrils *was* the breath of life, of all that *was* in the dry *land*, died. 23) And every living substance was destroyed which was upon the face of the ground, both man, and cattle, and the creeping things, and the fowl of the heaven; and they were destroyed from the earth: and Noah only remained *alive*, and they that *were* with him in the ark. 24) And the waters prevailed upon the earth an hundred and fifty days.

17-24) DESTRUCTION & DEATH: The flood was upon the earth as the earth fractured and cracked open to release the great fountains of the deep. There was an immediate, immense world wide flooding as tons of water came from inside the earth, from fountains erupting from the great deep (which God [who foreknows everything] had prepared for this use when HE created Earth). Huge, powerful stratosphere-reaching geysers of scalding hot water must have shot up from the fractured earth. The fracture would have triggered tens of thousands of powerful earth shaking, volcanic, disintegrating, vaporizing blasts. Hot molten magma (liquid rocks) at 2000°F spewed out. Each volcanic explosion carried the strength of an atomic bomb with all of its latent destruction. Enormous, property- crushing, people killing, land slides would smother all in their path. There would be gigantic, out-of-control tidal waves. There were vicious, building pulverizing and animal man drowning floods. Every man, (except Noah and his family) every animal and every fowl (flying thing) not in the Ark was destroyed or drowned. If they had survived the other catastrophes that would be triggered by the earth fracturing. This cracking of the Earth is still seen in the *ring of fire* or 'fault seams' around the globe. After 40 days and nights of continual rain together with the fountains of the great deep opening, (and the heavenly canopy of water or ice falling) and the resultant destruction from the other catastrophes, the ark of God (the only place of safety on Earth) was floating on the top of the waters. The waters became so deep the highest hills and mountains were covered with 15 cubits or 22 ½ feet of water. With these conditions prevailing, everything made of flesh, that had in them *the breath of life* (normally breathed through their nostrils) and all that lived on the dry earth died. This is how the whole population of man on earth (that would not repent), all land breathing animals and all the flying things were destroyed.

23) And every living substance was destroyed which was upon the face of the ground, both man, and cattle, and the creeping things, and the fowl of the heaven; and they were destroyed from the earth: and Noah only remained *alive*, and they that *were* with him in the ark. 24) And the waters prevailed upon the earth an hundred and fifty days.

23-24) ~ **continued** ~ The miracle is two fold: the supernatural destruction of all and the supernatural preservation of one man and his family who obeyed God. One family on the Ark (of safety). The flood conditions and the resultant catastrophic events, the entire flood lasted upon the earth for 150 days (five months). Destruction and death as had never been seen before or since.

Note, (1.) Desolating judgments come not till God has provided for the security of his own people; see Gen 19:22, I can *do nothing till thou be come thither*: and we find (Rev. 7:3) that the winds are held till the servants of God are sealed. (2.) When good men are removed judgments are not far off; for they are *taken away from the evil to come*, Isa. 57:1. When they are called into the chambers, hidden in the grave, hidden in heaven, then God is *coming out of his place to punish*, Isa. 26:20, 21.-MH

Our Saviour tells us that till the very day the flood came they were *eating and drinking* (Luke 17:26, 27); they were drowned in security and sensuality before they were drowned in those waters, crying *Peace, peace*, to themselves, deaf and blind to all divine warnings. Now they see and feel, and are convinced of their folly when it is too late; now they find no place for repentance, though they seek it carefully with tears. (2.) We may suppose that they tried all ways and means possible for their preservation, but all in vain. ...the flood reaches them, at last, and they are forced to die with the more deliberation. Some, ... cling to the ark, and ... Perhaps some get to the top of the ark, but ...they perish. Thus it will be at the great day. Neither climbing high in an outward profession, nor claiming relation to good people, will bring men to heaven, Matt. 7:22; 25:8, 9. Those that are not found in Christ, the ark, are certainly undone, undone for ever;...(3.) We may suppose that some of those that perished in the deluge had themselves assisted Noah, ... and yet were not so wise as by repentance to secure themselves a place in it. Thus wicked ministers, though they may have been instrumental to help others to heaven, will themselves be thrust down to hell.

Let us now pause awhile and consider this tremendous judgment! Let our hearts meditate terror, the terror of this destruction. Let us see, and say, *It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God; who can stand before him when he is angry?* Let us see and say, *It is an evil thing, and a bitter, to depart from God.* -(Matthew Henry)

GENESIS CHAPTER 8

1 ¶ And God remembered Noah, and every living thing, and all the cattle that was with him in the ark: and God made a wind to pass over the earth, and the waters asswaged;

1) ...and God made a wind to pass over the earth, and the waters asswaged; 2) The fountains also of the deep and the windows of heaven were stopped, and the rain from heaven was restrained; 3) And the waters returned from off the earth continually: and after the end of the hundred and fifty days the waters were abated.

1) **GOD REMEMBERED NOAH:** Elohiym *remembered* (Hebrew=remember, recall, call to mind) all on the ark. God now *remembered* (Hebrew=called to mind) focused on Noah, all with him, family and animals. We know this does not mean that God had left or stopped thinking of Noah. God, Who changes not (Malachi 3:6), will never leave us (Hebrews 13:5) and is with us (Deut. 31:6; Joshua 1:9; Isaiah 41:10; Acts 18:9-10) (Where two or three are gathered together in His Name there am I in the midst. -Matthew 18:20) What beautiful words to our fathers Noah Shem Ham and Japeth to know God was with them. We know God never forgets or misplaces one of us, but perhaps Elohiym (God the Father, God the Word and God the Holy Ghost) was also mourning the death of His creation gone bad, from Cain to the flood. How could men who were in the righteous line of Seth have taken wives from the line of Cain? These men were corrupted like King Solomon, centuries later. (Solomon was one of the wisest men to have lived, but when he married wives who worshiped other gods, he became corrupted to the point that Solomon made places for the most detestable gods of the heathen and he worshiped them, those false gods whose followers would have children be burned as a sacrifice. ~ Read 1st Kings 11:4-11) What are we to learn? We are not to join ourselves to unbelieving spouses. Or conceivably God was busy joyfully saving hundreds, thousands or millions of those who now realized they had been wrong and were repenting and being reconciled with God. God now focused on the new world to come.

1-2-3) God caused a wind to pass over the earth. A wind was used to send back the waters of the Red Sea. That took all night. How long was this process of wind assuaging the water off the entire earth that were 22 ½ feet above the mountains? Well, the build up or prevailing of the waters continued for 150 days. Then God stopped the rain and the flowing fountains of water from inside the Earth also. The assuaging (assawging) of the waters was for a period of 261 days. It was a continual returning (Hebrew=to return, turned back) of the waters.

4 ¶ And the ark rested in the seventh month, on the seventeenth day of the month, upon the mountains of Ararat.

5) And the waters decreased continually until the tenth month: in the tenth *month*, on the first *day* of the month, were the tops of the mountains seen.

4) **RESTING IN JESUS**. Of all the disastrous places where the ark could have landed, finally in the seventh month, the 17th day, the ark stopped its floating back and forth. The bottom of the ark beached on the mountain range of Ararat. (Hebrew= 'Ararat. Strong says this describes *a mountainous region of eastern Armenia, between the river Araxes and the lakes Van and Oroomiah...*). In fact Armenia and mountains are east of Turkey (some say these mountains are in east Turkey, some say they lie partly in Iran). **God provided a resting place for the ark and a resting place for you.**

5) The waters continue to decrease or go down until they apparently settled into their basic places of abode on the tenth month and the first day of that month, the tops of mountains seen. Since the ark was beached there, this had to be the mountains of Ararat with heights now of 12-16,800 feet.

In the book, *Antiquities of the Jews*, Josephus wrote: the ark rested on the top of a certain mountain in Armenia ... 'The Place of Descent'; for the ark being saved in that place, its remains are shown there by the inhabitants to this day. Now all the writers of barbarian histories make mention of this flood, and of this ark; among whom is Berossus the Chaldean. For when he is describing the circumstances of the flood, he goes on thus: "It is said there is still some part of this ship in Armenia, at the mountain of the Cordyaeans; and that some people carry off pieces... which they... use chiefly as amulets for the averting of mischiefs." Hieronymus the Egyptian also, who wrote the *Phoenician Antiquities*, and Mnaseas, and a great many more, make mention of the same. Nay, Nicolaus of Damascus, in his ninety-sixth book, hath a particular relation about them; where he speaks thus: "There is a great mountain in Armenia, over Minyas, called Baris, upon which it is reported that many who fled at the time of the Deluge were saved; and that one who was carried in an ark came on shore upon the top of it; and that the remains of the timber were a great while preserved. This might be the man about whom Moses the legislator of the Jews wrote." (1.3.5-6, trans. William Whiston)

6 ¶ And it came to pass at the end of forty days, that Noah opened the window of the ark which he had made:

7) And he sent forth a raven, which went forth to and fro, until the waters were dried up from off the earth.

8) Also he sent forth a dove from him, to see if the waters were abated from off the face of the ground;

9) But the dove found no rest for the sole of her foot, and she returned unto him into the ark, for the waters were on the face of the whole earth: then he put forth his hand, and took her, and pulled her in unto him into the ark.

6-7-8-9) Was this the first 40 days, I rather doubt that, it is more likely another 40 days after the ark rested on the mountains of Ararat. Noah opened the *window* (Hebrew=piercing of the wall) Noah sent out of the ark two birds, first a *raven* (an unclean bird, *an abomination* among fowls *not to be eaten*-Leviticus 11:13-15) and also a dove (Hebrew=also classified with or as pigeons. Thus they are of the bird type offered as a sacrifice, are known as one that mourns Isaiah 38:14; Isaiah 59:11; Ezekiel 7:16. It may have been the bird brought as an offering at the Lord's baptism. Luke 2:22-24) Noah sent them out to see if the land was yet dried up and was it safe to leave the ark). The raven never comes back. The dove does return. Why did the raven (black bird or crow) never come back. The raven eats dead flesh. All he would have to do is land on a dead floating body (perhaps a bloated rotting dinosaur and eat and eat and eat his fill. Dove is a clean bird, he does not eat dead flesh and apparently is not comfortable sitting on it for any period or making its abode there.

The dove is an emblem of a gracious soul, which finding no rest for its foot, no solid peace or satisfaction in this world, this deluged defiling world, returns to Christ as to its ark, as to its Noah. The carnal heart, like the raven, takes up with the world, and feeds on the carrions it finds there; *but return thou to thy rest, O my soul, to thy Noah*, so the word is, Ps. 116:7. *O that I had wings like a dove, to flee to him!* Ps. 55:6. And as Noah put forth his hand, and took the dove, and pulled her in to him, into the ark, so Christ will graciously preserve, and help, and welcome, those that fly to him for rest. -MH (Matthew Henry)

What kind of bird are you?

10) And he stayed yet other seven days; and again he sent forth the dove out of the ark;

11) And the dove came in to him in the evening; and, lo, in her mouth *was* an olive leaf pluckt off: so Noah knew that the waters were abated from off the earth.

12) And he stayed yet other seven days; and sent forth the dove; which returned not again unto him any more.

10-11) Noah waited another week (was it always on the Sabbath day of rest or perhaps the day after, on the first day of the week, *very early they came unto the sepulcher* where Christ had been laid?-Mark 16; Luke 24) Noah again sent forth the dove from the ark. The dove returned in the evening with an olive leaf plucked off. Can you imagine the joy that greeted that return with evidence the flood waters were decreasing and that trees were once again uncovered to the extent that a bird could land there and bring back an olive leaf. Noah and his family *knew* (Hebrew=to know, learn, perceive) that very soon the Lord would allow them to return to the life of seed time and harvest that they had known. But a new world would face them. Gone were the familiar rivers, high hills, valleys, lakes, seas. The animals which had been multiplied into abundance and their fellow man who had been continually evil with sin so rampant that it grieved God, would be gone. There would be peace with God. Peace on earth and good will toward men.

12) Noah waited another week, then *sent forth* (send, send away, let go) the dove. (Brother JR wonders if Noah sent both the male and the female) as the dove never *returned* (Hebrew = turned back). Once you have set your course do you return or turn back or as the dove here sent out, have you decided to follow Jesus? No turning back. No turning back. YES, what kind of a bird are you?

13 ¶ And it came to pass in the six hundredth and first year, in the first *month*, the first *day* of the month, the waters were dried up from off the earth: and Noah removed the covering of the ark, and looked, and, behold, the face of the ground was dry.

14) And in the second month, on the seven and twentieth day of the month, was the earth dried.

15 ¶ And God spake unto Noah, saying,

13) **OBEYING GOD**. Okay it was in the 601st year of Noah, the first day of the first month (**Happy New Year!**). The waters (waters of the flood, rain, fountains of the great deep, collapsed canopy) were *dried up* (Hebrew= to be waste, lay waste, make desolate, be in ruins) off of the earth. Noah then removed some kind of covering (Hebrew= covering on ark; covering of the skins of the tabernacle) and the ground was dry. His human senses must have said, it is dry, go out, but Noah obeyed God and it was fifty-seven days later, Noah was waiting on the ark. Then God spoke unto Noah, then Noah obeyed. (*Trust in the Lord with all thine heart and lean not unto thine own understanding-Proverbs 3:5*).

WORLD WIDE FLOOD: Some ask, 'Was this really a world-wide flood?' Well it was over the mountains 22 ½ feet. That is not a local flood. And with a world-wide flood event that lasted a total of 371 days, what would we find? Hundreds of thousands of animals and plants buried suddenly all over the earth. They would show it was a sudden, unexpected event. It is reported we have unnumberable amounts of remains of dead animals (fossils). The fossil record was for centuries used as clear evidence of a world wide flood. The fossil record shows billions (Morris, Gish, Schwartz) of plants and animals, suddenly buried by catastrophes. As to wide dispersals, Dr. J.E. Shelly tells of the animals found in unusual places such as Siberia. In Utah there are thousands of dinosaurs suddenly buried. In southern Alberta, Canada there is another great deposit of dinosaurs. There are more moderate finds of dinosaurs suddenly buried in Arizona, New Mexico, Texas, Mexico, Australia, China and Europe.

As to climate changes: Thousands of herds of mammoths were found drowned, suffocated, and suddenly frozen to death with no signs of decomposition in the most northern regions in Siberia, northern Canada, northern Alaska. . Explorers have eaten the flesh of frozen mammoths. They are found with trees that do not grow in these regions now. Food (found in them undigested) is not grown in an extremely cold climate. It was sub tropical plant life. This vegetation is found in Arctica and Antarctica. It could not have grown there in the last two-thousand years.

- 15 ¶ And God spake unto Noah, saying,
- 16) Go forth of the ark, thou, and thy wife, and thy sons, and thy sons' wives with thee.
- 17) Bring forth with thee every living thing that *is* with thee, of all flesh, *both* of fowl, and of cattle, and of every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth; that they may breed abundantly in the earth, and be fruitful, and multiply upon the earth.
- 18) And Noah went forth, and his sons, and his wife, and his sons' wives with him:
- 19) Every beast, every creeping thing, and every fowl, *and* whatsoever creepeth upon the earth, after their kinds, went forth out of the ark.

15-19) **GOD SPEAKS, NOAH OBEYS!** The ark had arrived at its final destination. Noah waits for God's direction. (*Trust and Obey*) God (*Elohiym*) declares to Noah it is time to *Go forth* (Hebrew= to go out, come out, exit) everyone and all the animals, birds and other creatures. Note: The go forth command is from the view point of ONE Who was still on the ark. But, can you imagine how the people, the birds, animals must have felt after three hundred seventy one (371) days on the ark in the storms and being cooped up on a beached ark for the last month? God says it is time for all passengers to disembark. These were most likely younger animals, selected by God and mandated to repopulate the earth with its 'kind' of creature. If younger more playful, more rambunctious, (hyperactive) no TV, no radio, no video games they want to go, run, play, explore and now the door in the side of the ark is opened. God had *shut him in* (Genesis 7:16) but now God is charging Noah to *bring forth* (the same Hebrew word is identical to the Go forth mandate: Hebrew=go out, come out, exit. This phrase was also used to command plant life to come out of the earth Genesis 1:12 and the same phrase when God commanded earth to bring forth the living creature after his kind) Is God reestablishing or confirming the dominion of man over the animals and the earth? So all the passengers on the ark left the craft. (Note: Brother JR sees a playful group of animals frolicking around the ark. Perhaps some running around the ark, using running legs that were held captive for more than a year. Fowls (birds and flying insects) all that flew cavorted through the air. The earth was coming alive with the sound of the music of God.) Noah and his family were bringing them forth. They must have been smiling and laughing at some of the antics, helping the slower turtles or creeping things to find their way. Birds perhaps flitting about these people they had come to know and depend upon. It must have been a wonderful experience of sight and sound. (Of all God had given him, *I have lost none.* See John 17:12; John 18:9)

20 ¶ And Noah builded an altar unto the LORD; and took of every clean beast, and of every clean fowl, and offered burnt offerings on the altar.

21) And the LORD smelled a sweet savour; and the LORD said in his heart, I will not again curse the ground any more for man's sake; for the imagination of man's heart *is* evil from his youth; neither will I again smite any more every thing living, as I have done.

20) **THANK GOD FIRST**: It is notable and commendable that the first recorded act of Noah, (the man who walked with God ~Genesis 6:9) was: he *builded an altar*. *Builded* (Hebrew=to build, rebuild, establish, cause to continue. Now we say built) an *altar*. This is the first use of the word altar in the Bible. (We know there was a place of offering to God being practiced by Cain and Abel, first two sons of Adam-Genesis 4:3-5). On Noah's altar, does He give thanks for deliverance, make an atonement for the sin of the world; a dedication of the new earth? We see a preview of the Tabernacle/Temple sacrifices of the clean, pure, undefiled, and innocent. It also anticipated Messiah and His sacrifice of Himself on the cross. Noah sacrificed of *every clean beast* and *every clean fowl*. The animals and creatures and flying things which were clean were known to Noah. God confirmed it when God brought in two-by-two, **seven** sets of clean land dwelling creatures and **seven** sets of flying things (Genesis 7:2-3) to the ark. Noah offered them as a *burnt offerings* (Hebrew= whole burnt offerings) on the altar. _____

21) Jehovah *smelled* (Hebrew=to smell, scent, perceive odor) a *sweet* (Hebrew=soothing, quieting, tranquillizing) *savour* (sent, fragrance, aroma, odor). (Psalm 94:10 reminds us things God creates and puts in us, shall HE not also have the same ability?) Jehovah spoke in His inner being (not to Noah) and agreed with Himself that HE would not *again* (Hebrew=to add to, increase, do again) curse the ground *anymore*. Though the curse on Adam, (he had to work *in the sweat of thy face* to eat after 'the fall') was to continue, as was the curse on Cain of thorns and thistles. (Note: Ask the farmer the curse of the ground on Adam and Cain's thorns and thistles remains). God was not going to add to that curse. God sadly saw *man's heart* (mankind's inner most being) remained evil from his youth. But, despite that, God agrees with Himself: HE will NOT again slay and destroy, every living thing, as HE had done. **MH-God's acceptance of his sacrifice, and the promise he made thereupon not to drown the world again (v. 21, 22). And thus, at length, mercy rejoices against judgment.**~ If thou does well, shalt thou not be accepted?

22) While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease.

22) As long as this planet *remaineth* (has days) there will be a time to plant seeds and a time to *harvest* (Hebrew=process of harvesting) all that God has done (after man put a seed in the ground and buried it so it would die). The seasons would continue as would day and night. But, there is coming a time when that shall all change. (Read 2nd Peter 3:9-12 and Revelation 22:-5). Will the earth be destroyed again? After the Lord comes back, in Revelation, what curse will be removed? Will there be night? Then will this earth remain as it is described here in Genesis 8, verse 22?

What a contrast! The last time Noah was on the firm ground of planet earth, God had been forced to destroy the world of unbelievers. Here God accepts the (rather meager) offering of His believers and is at peace with them, and causes His Rest, His Peace, His Joy, His Love to be on them and in them. So God does yet today to all that who will call upon the Name of the **Lord**.

*If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the **Lord** Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. ... For whosoever shall call upon the Name of the **Lord** shall be saved. ~ Romans 10:9-10,13.*

God's mercy, God's salvation is far more powerful than man's sin. Man sinned and earned eternal death in the lake of fire. That is bad news. God responded by showing His love to His creation. God the Word took on the body of a man. He then pled guilty to your sin crimes and paid the death penalty that you owed. HE died on the cross for your sins. Jesus offers you a legal pardon for you sin crimes. If you have sinned and you want to avoid eternal death in the lake of fire, you must accept the legal pardon that is offered

to you by Jesus: His death in your place. Believe and repent of sin and turn to the God Who loves you and died in your place.

Knowing, I am a sinner, who has earned eternal death and torment, I now accept the death of Jesus to pay for my sins. I confess that I am guilty. I admit the God loved me so much, HE died in my place. I ask You, Lord Jesus to forgive me of my sins. Cleanse me of all unrighteousness. I turn from sins to You, Lord. I ask You to please come into my heart and life and be my Savior and my Lord. I give You, Lord Jesus, permission to come into my heart and my life and change me totally and completely. Being guilty, I accept the legal pardon offered by Jesus. I now receive Jesus Christ into my heart and my life. I accept His death in my place. I accept His total Lordship to change me and my life completely. I accept His deliverance from all evil, which I renounce. Come into my heart Lord Jesus. You and You alone are my Lord and my God. With Your help, I will live for You.