# Series "In The Beginning...God" Day 1: The Creation of Light Genesis 1:2-5 Study-2

**God uses 10 words -** to sum up, the creation of the heavens and the earth. The book of Genesis is the **book of beginnings.** 

The Very First Words Recorded In The Bible That God Spoke! Genesis 1:3 Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light.! Psalm 33:9

**The Thought Of Our Passage:** God, Working With A Formless Earth, First Created Light; Separating Light From The Darkness.

- 1. Verse 2 God Works With A Formless Earth:
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## 1. Verse 2 God Works With A Formless Earth:

Genesis 1:2 The earth (Context) Note, how Verse 1 ends. Genesis 1:1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Question? "How long ago did God create the heavens and the earth?"

Nothing in observational science contradicts this.

Scientists use Radiocarbon dating to say Earth is 10 billion years old. I believe the world is about 6000 years old.

Genesis 1:1 <u>In the beginning God</u> created the heavens and the earth.

**Genesis 1:1-2** Is the declaration that God created the universe. The detailed explanation is the six days that follow which explain this creative work. **Job 38:4** 

The Word of God: 1 Thessalonians 2:13; 2 Timothy 3:16-17

**Genesis 5:1-32** gives the genealogy from Adam to Noah and his sons. It tells when People are born and when people die. The conclusion is that from Adam to Jesus it is 4,000 years.

The Gap Theory – the belief that between Genesis 1:1 & 2, there is a gap of time. Thousands, millions, or billions of years of time. C.I Scofield popularized this theory. Genesis 1:2 And the earth <u>was</u> (Became) formless and void,

Genesis 1:1 At the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. 2 The earth was formless and void, These two verses are connected together. Verse two is a written description of verse one. You can't put a break and place billions of years in between these verses.

Note God continues in verses three and four:

Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. 4 God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness.

#### Where Does A Week Come From? Exodus 20:11

1<sup>st</sup> day is 24 hours. The time it takes <u>for the earth to rotate on its axis</u>. A year comes from, <u>the time it takes for the earth to go around the sun</u>. A month <u>the relationship of the earth with the moon</u>.

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**The Day Age Theory –** Bible says days, but they were actually billions of years

Notice what God said to cover Himself

Genesis 1:5 was evening and there was morning, one day.

**Day -** yom This word is always translated to be 24 hours equals a day.

**Theistic Evolution** – This is a theory made by Christians, saying God created the earth, but after doing so, just let it go and let the evolution process take place. **Romans 5:12** 

# **Genesis 1:2 Three Point Description Of The Earth:**

**1. The Earth Was Formless & Void: was formless –** "emptiness, waste, lacked the order to facilitate life" There was no gravity and nothing to sustain life. A watery blob is what it was.

**and void,** (people-less) No oxygen. It means that there was no life. It was uninhabitable.

2. The Earth Was In Darkness: and darkness was over the surface of the deep; God choose to start creation with darkness and formless. Isaiah 45:7

and the Spirit of God The word Spirit in Hebrew meant "wind, breath" Psalm 33:6 "Spirit of God" is used 18 times in the OT.

Here, it is not wind, but breath. The Holy Spirit.

This is the first mention of the Holy Spirit in the Bible.

We have **Genesis 1:1 "God"** Elohim is plural (Trinity). God's nature, <u>unity</u>, and <u>plurality</u> now the Holy Spirit.

He brings power and energizes. He can meet us in our darkness.

This word **moving** – "fluttering, brooding, hovering, a mother hen over her chicks." **Deuteronomy 32:11.** (Holy Spirits Energizer) **Psalm 104:30** 

Gravitational forces, Electromagnetic spectrum set in by the Spirit:

moving over the surface of the waters.

2 Peter 1:21 Men moved by the Holy Spirit

#### 3. The Earth Was Covered In Water: the surface of the waters.

This goes against the evolutionist that teach the earth was red hot, molten rock. **2 Peter 3:3-10** 

## 2. Verses 3-5 God Creates And Separates Light:

Genesis 1:3 "Then God said," is used ten times in Genesis 1. Some call this "The 1st 10 Commandments" Exodus 20

### Then God said,

That is all God must do. Psalm 33:9; Hebrews 11:3

How did God create? Ten times the scriptures say "God said" We see it in verses 3, 6, 9, 11, 14, 20, 24, 26, 28, 29,

"Let there be light"; and there was light.

This is the 1<sup>st</sup> time that God speaks in Scripture and what does He say? "Let there be light";

## "Let there be light"; and there was light.

The sun and moon were not created until the 4<sup>th</sup> day **Genesis 1:14-19**John 1:5

In heaven, the light of the Lord will light the way. Revelation 21:23-24

Paul saw this as a great spiritual lesson 2 Corinthians 4:6

## John 9:5 I am the Light of the world."1 John 1:5

God gave a special light to Israel in Egypt **Exodus 13:21** 

# Genesis 1:4 God saw that the light was good;

After each time God creates, it then says that it was good. Six times it "was good" in verses 4, 10,12,17,21,25, 31.

good - Psalm 25:8; Psalm 34:8

# Luke 18:19 No one is good except God alone.

God is the source of all goodness.

# and God separated the light from the darkness.

We can do this to a degree.

**light** – speaks of truth, or that which is right. It is walking with God. Light is always associated with Jesus, the Word and His people, and God's blessings. **John 8:12** 

"I am the light of the world; (The world is a dark place)

**the darkness** – speaks of falsehood, deception, and walking in ignorance.

**God separated the light from the darkness** must be a separation between the two.

#### 2 Corinthians 6:14

**1:4** Light from darkness

**6-8** God would separate water above from the water beneath.

**9-10** The land from the water.

Based on this <u>first day of creation God teaches separation</u>, (Exodus 34:10-17; Deuteronomy 7:1-11) James 4:4

Genesis 1:5 God called the light day, God having all authority gave Light a name. God called the Light day.

Day – Hebrew yom outside of Genesis 1 yom is used 410 times (Ordinary day) This word can have different meanings depending upon context.

Context of Genesis 1 "evening and morning" all six days, Genesis 1:5, 8, 13, 19, 23, 31

The word "Day" can't be symbolic because **Genesis 1:5** is the first time it is used

The Bible also used the term "Day" to describe a longer period of time like "The Day Of The Lord" Isaiah 2:12 or "The Day Of Judgment" Matthew 10:15

and the darkness He called night. God having all authority gave Darkness a name. God called the Darkness Night.

1 Thessalonians 5:5

God Created The Day! And there was evening and there was morning, one day. The first 24-hour day. God creates order and starts to rotate the earth.

# Application:

- 1. The Bible Declares That God Is The Creator Of All Things. John 1:3
- 2. The First Day Of Creation Teaches Mankind The Great Truth Of Separation Through Light & Darkness. Our Lives Are Also Empty And Void, And Darkness Has Invaded Us. Jesus Is The Light Of The World:
- 3. We Must Let God's Word Speak To Us. We Should Not Attempt To Impose Our Beliefs Upon God's Word. The Choice Is Clear It Is God's Word Or Man's Word: