

## GENESIS –Lesson 3

Learn: And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth. John 1:14

Read: Genesis 1:1-2:3

In verse 1 the Heavenly Father was revealed as being the source of all things. Then in verse 2, we see the spirit of God (the Holy Spirit) moving, energizing all things.

1. Verse 3 is the first record of God speaking in the Bible. What did the Word of God bring?
2. Who is this Word that speaks and it is done? See John 1:1-3,10-18.

This light is not the light of the sun, which was not yet created, it is a general source of light fixed outside the earth by God.

3. When the light appeared, what did God do? vv 4, 5
4. What three phrases in these verses, 4 and 5, lead us to understand that God is here speaking of a 24 hour day?
5. How could a person come to the wrong conclusion that God is not speaking of a 24 hour day?

It can be seen from reading Genesis chapter 1 that the “day” is the “light” time, when God did His work; the darkness was the “night” time when God did no work—nothing new took place between the “evening” and the “morning” of each day. So we see, God worked, then it was evening, then morning again, day one was concluded, and so on for each day.

We see here the establishment of the cycle of days following nights—periods of light and periods of darkness. This clearly means that the earth is now rotating on its axis, with a source of light corresponding to what the sun will later do.

The Hebrew Old Testament “yom” without exception never means “period.” It normally means either a day (in the twenty-four-hour sense). Or else the daylight portion of the twenty-four hours (“day” is distinct from “night”). It is never used even in its indefinite sense except when the context clearly indicates that the literal meaning is not intended.

All the pagan nations of antiquity believed in some form of evolutionary origin of the world, which included vast eons of time before man and other living creatures developed from primeval chaos, so the writer of Genesis made sure to make what God did perfectly clear.

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6. We have been led to believe that the theory of evolution is fairly new, coming from around the time of Charles Darwin, but it has been around from early times. The Bible itself speaks to us concerning man’s ideas in Ecclesiastes 1:9-11. What does it say?

After the first day, the earth was no longer without form, but it was still void of inhabitants. The earth is truly a planet uniquely suitable for human habitation. Of special importance is its oxygen atmosphere and its hydrosphere of liquid water. Both are vital for man’s existence and both are unique to the earth, so far as all evidence goes. The first essential in God’s preparation of the earth was a carefully designed atmosphere and hydrosphere. –Dr. Henry Morris

7. What does Isaiah 40:12, 22 tell us?

8. What did God make on the second day? vv 6-8

9. What did God call the “firmament?” v 8

The waters of the earth are now separated into two parts with the Heaven being that which separates the two parts.

10. There are three particular “heavens” mentioned in Scripture. Use the verses below to define each one.

Jeremiah 4:25

Isaiah 13:10

Hebrews 9:24

NOTE: The term “firmament” is used in each of the same ways mentioned above, THE GENESIS RECORD in Genesis 1:17; 20; Ezekiel 1:22. The term “heaven of heavens” is also used often (see II Chronicles 2:6), referring probably to the entire universe, the space comprising all spaces.

In vv 6-8 the firmament is referring to the atmosphere. The “thin, stretched-out space.”

Many scientists believe that the water above the firmament was in the form of a vapor canopy, that would be a protection for the earth from ultraviolet radiation and generally promoting health and long life. At the same time allowing the sunlight through to nurture all life that God would create on the earth.

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10. The “waters under the firmament” were still a shoreless ocean. What did God do next? vv 9,10

11. What did God call what He had made?

12. What does the Lord tell us about His creation of the earth in the following verses?  
Job 38:4

Psalm 102:25

Isaiah 48:1, 13

Zechariah 12:1

13. Is there anything in these first verses of Genesis 1 that are especially interesting or helpful to you?