

# The Creation of Eden

## PART 1

### Chapter 1 Read It For Yourself

First of all I would like to firmly state that the Bible says that God created everything....

“All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.” (John 1:3)

Our God is an eternal creator. He has been around forever and He has always been creating. The Bible tells us that everything we see was created by God.

However, there is an ancient tradition (over 3,000 years old) that the beginning of the Bible, Genesis chapter 1, is a description of how, when and where God created everything.

I disagree.

I do not believe that the beginning of the Bible is a description of how God made the planet earth or the universe.

I think that the beginning of the Bible is a description of how God made a specific place, a place called Eden.

I get this idea simply by reading the account the Bible gives.....the entire account.

And this is where I would like to begin.



The starting point I suggest is for you to read it for yourself. Begin in Genesis chapter 1, but do please read the entire account! I think that the creation account continues through chapter 1 and ends in Genesis chapter 2, verse 15.

Again I ask you, read it for yourself. The Bible is one long interconnected narrative. It is the

covenant between man and God, and every bit of it is important. We ought to give everything in the Bible equal weight, and not simply emphasize one or two words or phrases.

Fact: The Bible did not have chapters or verse numbers until around the year 1560, when it was published on some of the first printing presses. It is a fact that the chapters and verse numbers were added in by people. Yes certainly, the chapters and verse numbers are handy for reference, but they can make us stop in certain places, and sometimes miss the complete message. I have always found it helpful, when doing any Bible study to always read the context of what I am studying. Read before and after any Bible teaching. Decide for yourself what the full context of the Bible is saying.

I just want to encourage you to read it for yourself. You do not need a scientist to interpret it for you! Take it at face value, just the way you read any other part of scripture. I come from the standpoint that no one needs a scholar or a scientist to understand God's Word, they only need an open heart to listen to God.

### Day 1



“In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. And God said, Let there be light: and there was light. And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness. And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.”

## Day 2



“And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters. 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. And God called the firmament Heaven. And the evening and the morning were the second day.”

## Day 3



“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. And God called the dry land Earth; and the gathering together of the waters called he Seas: and God saw that it was good. 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. 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. And the evening and the morning were the third day.”

#### Day 4



“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: And let them be for lights in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth: and it was so. 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. And God set them in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth, 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. And the evening and the morning were the fourth day.”

## Day 5



“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. 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. And God blessed them, saying, Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let fowl multiply in the earth. And the evening and the morning were the fifth day.”

## Day 6



“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. 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. 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. So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. 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. 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. 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. 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. Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them.”

### Day 7



“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. 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. 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,”

### **Day 6 (More information about Adam)**



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

## Eden



“And the Lord God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there he put the man whom he had formed. 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. And a river went out of Eden to water the garden; and from thence it was parted, and became into four heads. The name of the first is Pison: that is it which compasseth the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold; And the gold of that land is good: there is bdellium and the onyx stone. And the name of the second river is Gihon: the same is it that compasseth the whole land of Ethiopia. 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. And the Lord God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it.”

(Genesis 1:1-2:15)

I would like to ask you....do you think the account continues into chapter 2? Notice that the first chapter of Genesis only tells us about 6 days of creation. In chapter 2 we read about the seventh day, but we also are given more information about the creation of Adam on the sixth day. I think there certainly is more “creating” going on in chapter 2.

And then in Genesis 2:8 we read that “in the eastern part of Eden, God planted a garden”. And in Genesis 2:10-14 we are given a clear specific description of the boundaries of this place called Eden. Eden is not the entire planet earth, it is bounded by rivers (some of which are known to this day) and other nations (Assyria, Ethiopia). The Bible gives us a specific boundary for Eden. It is located in a clear specific area of the planet, which is the Middle East, the area in and around Israel.

The area of the world where just about every other event described in the Bible takes place!

Now there is a lot more information I would like to share with you...Biblical information, not scientific information. This book is not about science, it is about the Bible. It is about allowing the Bible to define itself. We are going to study Genesis chapters 1 to chapter 11. Feel free to read ahead if you like.

But at this point I would like to ask you: Do you see that perhaps, this account is not a description of how the planet earth was created, or how the universe was created, but rather, a description of how a specific place was created, a place called Eden?

Some of you might see this already.

However I am sure that many of you do not see it. I am sure you already have many questions. I hope to address them as we continue. Perhaps you have been taught from very respected people in your Christian community, that this is the story of how everything was created. I understand that it can be difficult to see a different point of view from what you have been taught.

What I hope to do is to give you some more information about this account, again, not scientific information, but information that is found in the Bible. Much of this information has been pointed out by well respected Bible scholars over the years. So let's allow the Word of God to lead us, and ask the Lord Jesus Christ and His Holy Spirit to guide us into all understanding.

I hope you will continue in this Bible study with me.



## Chapter 2 What Exactly Are, “Heaven and Earth”?



The question we are exploring is: what exactly is God creating at the begin of the Bible?

Once again I will state that yes, absolutely, the Bible tells us that God created everything. This fact is stated clearly in many other places in scripture. But it is a very long-standing tradition that the beginning of the Bible is an account of *how* God made everything, and the basis of this tradition centers on the two words, “heaven and earth”.

Traditional creationism tells us that heaven, is the universe, and earth, is the entire planet.

I disagree. I believe, that in this context, the word heaven is the firmament, and the word earth is the dry land.

Why do I say that? Because God defines heaven and earth, directly in the context in which we are reading.....

“And God called the firmament Heaven....” (Genesis 1:8)

“And God called the dry land Earth;....” (Genesis 1:10)

Right here in context, God defines heaven as the firmament, and earth as the dry land. This is God speaking! There are actually very few places in scripture where God Himself speaks and clearly defines specific words.

God is telling us, that in this account, the word heaven is a reference to something called the firmament.

God is telling us, that in this account, the word earth is a reference to the dry land.

So my next suggestion to you, is to look at Genesis chapter 1-2 once again, but this time use God’s definitions of these words. When you see the word heaven, realize that He defines this word as the firmament. And when you see the word earth, understand that God defines earth as dry land.

What does this mean? Well I think these two words, as God defines them, lead us strongly to the idea that this is the creation of Eden. I think it is Eden that is the “dry land” that is being created.

Did you notice these two definitions when you read Genesis chapter 1-2? I remember it was a very long time before I ever even saw Genesis 1:8 and 1:10! I read Genesis chapter 1 many many times, and finally I noticed God’s definition of these words. At a certain point I realized I had been using my own definitions for heaven and earth, and completely skipping over what the Bible says! When I finally used God’s definitions, it changed everything, and made it very clear that this was the creation of Eden.



### Chapter 3 Earth, Earth, Earth...What Is It?

A statistic: The word “earth” is used in this account 26 times!

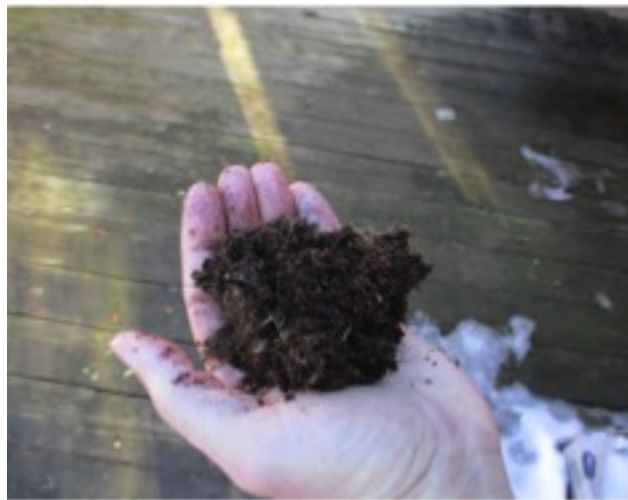
It is absolutely clear that “earth” is what God was creating in Genesis chapters 1-2. When anyone reads Genesis today we will repeatedly read the word earth, and certainly how we define that single word, is very very important to understanding what is going on in this part of scripture.

Now, stop and ask yourself, what is *your* definition of the word earth?

In our day and age we would probably think of the entire planet earth.



Words certainly can have more than one meaning. Words (whether in English or Hebrew) are defined by the context in which they are used. If I were to hold out a handful of dirt I could rightfully call that “earth”.



If we were to look at the Hebrew definition of this word we would see that it has multiple meanings in the Bible. It could be a reference to the entire planet, but it could also hold the meaning of a region or territory of the planet.....

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1a) earth 1a1) whole earth (as opposed to a part) 1a2) earth (as opposed to heaven) 1a3) earth (inhabitants) 1b) land 1b1) country, territory 1b2) district, region 1b3) tribal territory 1b4) piece of ground 1b5) land of Canaan, Israel 1b6) inhabitants of land 1b7) Sheol, land without return, (under) world 1b8) city (-state) 1c) ground, surface of the earth 1c1) ground 1c2) soil 1d) (in phrases) 1d1) people of the land 1d2) space or distance of country (in measurements of distance) 1d3) level or plain country 1d4) land of the living 1d5) end(s) of the earth 1e) (almost wholly late in usage) 1e1) lands, countries 1e1a) often in contrast to Canaan

But in this case we do not need a Hebrew dictionary, because God defines this word for us right in the context. In Genesis chapter 1, earth, is the dry land.

This by itself contradicts the idea that we are talking about the entire planet. In the Bible, the vast majority of the time, the word earth is a reference to the area in and around Israel.



Do this: open up your Bible to any page, and ask yourself the question “where?” Where does this event take place? The answer is almost always somewhere in and around Israel. Where was Jesus born? Where did Abraham, Isaac and Jacob live their lives? Where did the Old Testament prophets of God live? Where did Jesus do His ministry? Where will Jesus return to at the end times?....the answer is always in the Middle East, in the region in and around Israel. This is God’s land, and this is a strong Biblical pattern. God moves in this part of the planet, and then His Word and His knowledge and His Gospel is meant to be spread to all the corners of the planet earth.

On the other hand, today we have a great deal of knowledge about the planet earth, and this is one of the reasons why we look at the word earth and immediately think of the entire planet.

We need to undo or perhaps repent of our modern scientific ideas and our modern experiences. I think that most of us, when we hear the word earth will think of the photos of the planet we have seen from outer space. Today we enjoy instantaneous worldwide communication, and satellite transmission of information. We can sit in our living room and see nearly every part of the planet, the land, the seas, the mountains—yes this is all God’s creation and we ought to marvel at every bit of it...



But here in this context, God says earth is the dry land. A limited, specific land. An area where He will create the first man who was made a living soul. Eden.

## Chapter 4 What Is The Firmament?

Short answer.....nobody really knows for sure.

When we are reading the Bible, there are certain things that God does, that are not familiar to us...

"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts" (Isaiah 55:8-9)

God does things differently than we do. Some things in the Bible that God does, are not easy to understand. The firmament is one of them. I have read many a Bible scholar's interpretation of the firmament, and it seems as if no one fully understands what exactly it is.

We need to realize that what we are reading is a supernatural miracle of God. The account in Genesis chapter 1-2 is an amazing incredible miracle of God, and like many miracles it goes outside our complete understanding. Remember the Bible is not obligated to tell us exactly how God does things. Think about Jesus walking on the water. It is amazing. It is a miracle. It shows us God's power, and it shows us that He can overcome any problem we have! But exactly *how* did Jesus walk on water? No one knows!

In this context the word heaven is the firmament. When we think of the word heaven in the Bible we probably would think it refers to the place where God lives, His eternal kingdom....and yes, many times in the Bible this is what the word heaven means.

But it can't hold that meaning here. Why? Well because we know that God's kingdom is eternal (Psalm 145:13—and others). God's Heaven has been around forever. It had no beginning (and it will have no end—praise God!)....and Genesis 1:1 clearly states that this creation is happening in the "beginning" a Hebrew word that simply means "first", and of course an eternal God with an eternal kingdom has no "first" thing. Heaven, the place where God lives, has just always been there and always will be there—wow.

But here in Genesis we are reading the first action of the covenant that God is making with mankind. This is the "beginning" we are reading about, the beginning of our blessed covenant.

And right here we see that God calls the heaven, in this context, the firmament. So what is the firmament?

Well we can read about it and make a guess. In Genesis we may not know exactly what the firmament is, but we can clearly read about what the firmament does.....

"And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters. 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. And God called the firmament Heaven. And the evening and the morning were the second day" (Genesis 1:6-8)

God creates the firmament, and it has a specific purpose. It divides the waters from the waters. In verse 2 we read that there were waters, and what is happening is that the firmament acts to divide, to separate the water. It seems as if the firmament is something that is solid, that God creates in the middle of the water, to lift some of the water upward. The result is that there is water below, and water that is held up above.



To make it simple (I like simple) God created a firmament in the middle of the water, He lifted it upward. And by removing some of the water, God created dry land.

And this is what is most important. The firmament exposed dry land. There had to have been solid land under the water. In verse 9 we read that God gathered together the water that was below, to form the dry land.

“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.” (Genesis 1:9)

Notice the Bible states that the dry land “appeared”. It makes perfect sense that by gathering water into specific areas, the higher areas of land would appear.

So here is God doing exactly what Genesis 1:1 states: “In the beginning, God created the heaven (the firmament) and the earth (the dry land).” The action of the firmament, to lift away some of the water, created dry land.

Why else would God lift water up into the sky?

Well it may have had something to do with how He needed to control the environment of what He was going to create on the dry land. Perhaps there had been a flood, and God was removing some of the water to bring back dry land (some scholars believe this idea).

I see in the Bible, another very compelling reason He had. It’s found in Genesis chapter 7...

“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. (Genesis 7:11)



About 1500 years later, God was going to bring a great flood. The Bible says that at that time, one of the things that brought the flood was that “the windows of heaven were opened”. Remember, that God has defined in this context that heaven is the firmament. And we have seen that the firmament was this solid structure that had lifted water up into the sky. At the time of the flood of Noah, the firmament opened and the waters that had been held up above were now released.

My guess is that God had a good idea that He might need to bring about a flood in order to control the sin that might come through the descendants of Adam. After all God does know the end from the beginning (Isaiah 46:10).

So the firmament had a specific purpose in the Bible.

But according to the Bible, the heaven that God created in Genesis 1:1 was not the universe.

### Where Did The Water Come From? And The Light?

One more time let’s look and think about what happened on the first two days of this creation event. First God made the heaven (the firmament) and the earth (the dry land). Verse one is telling us these are the first two things that God is going to create.....but what a minute, where did the water come from? Look carefully. In verse 2 there is already water....

“.....darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.” (Genesis 1:2)

Where did it come from? Why doesn’t the Bible say: “in the beginning God created the water, the heaven and the earth”?

The only explanation is that the water was already in existence, and God (the Creator of everything) had already created it at some other time in the past.

Look again, on day one, it looks as if God also creates light.....

“And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.” (Genesis 1:3)

Genesis 1:1 could read : “in the beginning God created the light, the water, the heaven and the earth”....but it does not. The first two things that God created, in His creation of Eden, was to create the firmament and the dry land. Just exactly in that order.

It is a reasonable explanation that the light and the water were already in existence, and God (the Creator of everything) had already created them at some other time in the past. This is just one of many other clues we will find that tell us that the world and the universe had already been in existence.

## Chapter 5 When Did This Creation Happen?

In the year 1650, archbishop James Ussher calculated that the creation event described in Genesis occurred in the year 4004 BC. He used the information that is found in the Bible. He used Biblical genealogies and timelines to come up with this date. This timeline is almost universally accepted by Bible scholars.

So the creation described in Genesis occurred about 6,000 years ago.



I have absolutely no problem with that.

Unfortunately, the traditional concept of creation has huge conflict with this date.

The simple fact is that over the last few hundred years science has found literally thousands of pieces of evidence that point to the idea that the planet earth and the universe are much much older than 6,000 years.

I am not here to argue science, and I don't think Christians ought to waste their time conflicting with science.

But I also know that there are many many people who believe that the Bible has been proven wrong, because of this conflict.

As I said, I don't have any problem with the fact that the Bible dates Genesis chapter 1 to have happened 6,000 years ago. The simple idea that the creation at the beginning of the Bible is the creation of Eden, (and not the universe!) solves this problem completely.

If Eden was being created in Genesis chapter 1, created into a planet earth that already existed, the Bible is completely removed from any kind of scientific scrutiny.

If Eden was the region being created, if it was "dry land" and "the firmament".....then the Bible is not giving us the age of the planet earth or the universe.

There is no way that science could disprove that the amazing, transformative event that is described, actually, factually, physical happened, if this event occurred in a specific limited region of the planet earth.

And this is a huge Biblical pattern!

## Question: Where and When Did All God's Miracles Happen In the Bible?

Think about it. I am sure you know the answer already.

Where did Jesus walk on the water?.....Where did God part the Red Sea?.....Where did the walls of Jericho fall down?.....(oops I gave it away).....Yes, it is a Biblical pattern that God's miracles occur in and around Israel.

In the Bible, God's miracles are all local events, and events that happened in the past.

And this makes them impervious to anyone trying to prove them wrong.

This makes God's miracles, His supernatural actions in the earth, safe from scientific scrutiny.



In the Bible God does not do worldwide miracles. He is prophesied to do them at the end times, but that has not happened yet! It is a very big fact that God's kingdom in the earth is hidden, mysterious, until the end times when His rulership, His actions, become apparent to everyone.

God's miracles in the Bible are all recorded in the past, in a local place—they are NOT worldwide miracles and they do not leave a trace. They are like His kingdom, something like a mustard seed that is almost invisible, something that must always be believed by faith.

If we see this event in Genesis 1-2 as the creation of Eden, a miraculous place of supply for God's first people who were created with living souls, there is no way for anyone to hold it up to scientific scrutiny.

All the miracles of God are hidden from science simply because they occur one time, in one place, and are NOT scientific explanations of nature.

Jesus walked on water.....God parted the Red Sea to save Israel....Jesus death and resurrection...all miracles of God that occurred in one place at one time. These things were witnessed, recorded, by people, but they are God temporarily breaking natural laws (which He created!) for a brief period of time, and then His laws of nature are restored.

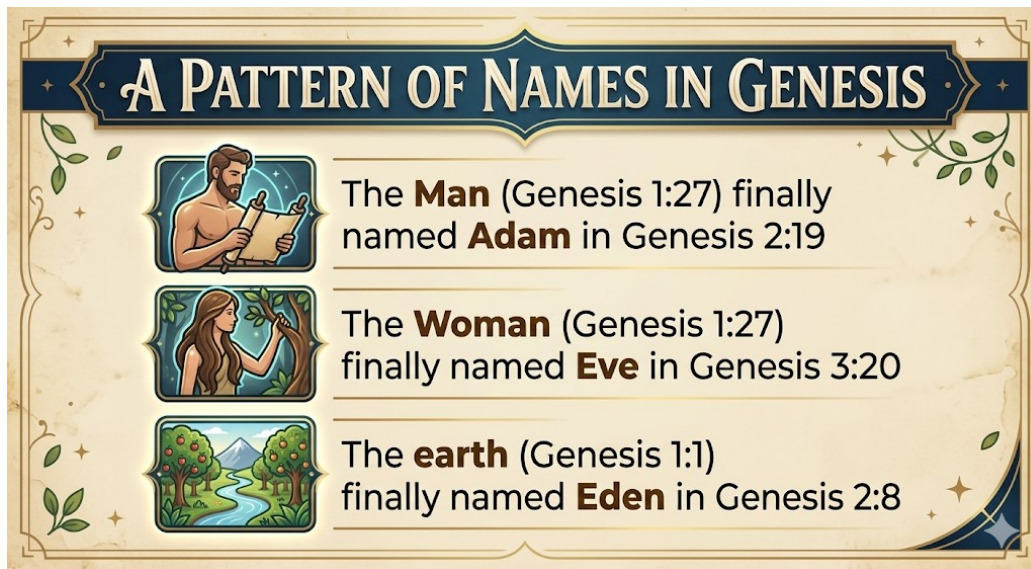
This is the pattern for every miracle in the Bible.

God hides His miracles, as they are a part of His kingdom,....something unique, almost invisible.....recorded in the Bible to be believed by faith, and not by scientific evidences.

I ask you to weigh this fact from the Bible, against the traditional view of the Genesis account. If it is the creation of Eden, and not the creation of the universe, the first chapter of Genesis now fits into the rest of the Bible.

We should not have to go to great extents to defend the Bible, the Bible defends itself!

## Chapter 6 Why Doesn't Genesis 1:1 Say: "In The Beginning God Created Eden"?



For a long time I wondered if God was creating Eden in Genesis 1, why doesn't the Bible say this right away in verse 1?

But then I noticed a pattern in the Biblical language that is found in the context of Genesis.....

Let's ask a question.....Where in the Bible was Adam created?....I am sure you would know the answer.

On the sixth day, Adam was created...

"So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them." (Genesis 1:27)

As we can see, Adam was created in Genesis chapter 1, verse 27.....but.....notice something.

Adam doesn't have his name yet. He is referred to as "man" or "the man".....

"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. And the Lord God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there he put the man whom he had formed." (Genesis 2:7-8)

A little further on in Genesis chapter 2 Adam still does not have his name. He is still called "the man". Adam is referred to in a general term, he is not specifically named/defined.

The pattern continues...

“And the Lord God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: 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. And the Lord God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him.” (Genesis 2:15-18)

All the way to Genesis chapter 2, verse 18, Adam is not named, but rather he is referred to as “the man”. He is named in general terms. Until verse 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.” (Genesis 2:19)

Finally Adam is called Adam!

What about Eve?.....When was Eve created?

Well we could say that she is first mentioned along with Adam on day 6...

“.....male and female created he them.” (Genesis 1:27)

The creation of Eve is described in detail in Genesis chapter 2...”

“And the rib, which the Lord God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man. 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.” (Genesis 2: 22-23)

But here again we have the same pattern. Eve is not called Eve. She is called “woman” or “the woman”.

And the exact same pattern happens with Eve.....

“And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden:” (Genesis 3:2)

“And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die:” (Genesis 3:4)

“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.” (Genesis 3:13)

“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. (Genesis 3:16)

We are into Genesis chapter 3, and Eve continues to be referred to as “the woman” through most of chapter 3 until finally...

“And Adam called his wife's name Eve...” (Genesis 3:20)

All the way until Genesis 3:20 Eve is finally named specifically.

So it is a pattern found in this context, in Genesis, that the Bible first defines something in general terms for quite some time, and eventually gives a specific name.

Why?

I believe it may be because this is a creation. When something is forming, just beginning, it is correctly referred to in general terms. Adam is not Adam and Eve is not Eve until God says so. He is the Creator and He is doing and naming things the way He wants to!

But we have already seen this pattern when it comes to Eden.

While Eden is first being created, it is (quite correctly) referred to as “earth” (dry land).

Eden is not Eden until all 7 days of creation have taken place.

It is not Eden without the specific land forms and seas and plants and animals and people who live there.

Eden is not complete in Genesis 1:1, it is only dry unformed land. After the 7 days of God's miraculous creation, it is then called Eden.....

**“And the Lord God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there he put the man whom he had formed.”** (Genesis 2:8)

It's a pattern in the beginning of Genesis.

## PART 2

Continuing Our Bible Study In Genesis.....The World, The Universe And People Were Already There!

### Chapter 7 Some Clues In Genesis Chapter 1

The creation miracle at the beginning of the Bible occurred over 7 literal, real days. This event occurred roughly 6,000 years ago. When we read the entire event, (which goes into chapter 2, up to about verse 15) we see that God is creating a specific place called Eden. The boundaries of Eden are clearly delineated. It is a region of the planet in what we today call the Middle East. There are rivers that run through it which can be seen on any map today. Eden borders nations that have existed and still exist. All this is noted in the Bible text.

Let's note some other things that suggest a pre-existing planet earth.....

#### Water



This points to the fact that the world already existed before this creation event. Eden was created into a planet and a universe that was already in existence. Let's look at more proof of this.

In Genesis 1:2 the Bible tells us that there was water. This is noted by many scholars, since it seems as if the water pre-existed the dry land and the firmament.

Where did the water come from? The simple explanation is that God created the water at some earlier time.

## Sunset and Sunrise



Each of the 7 days of creation are marked by this phrase...”the evening and morning were the first day”....”the evening and morning were the second day”....etc.

The words evening and morning mean sunset and sunrise. Each of the 7 days of creation is marked by a sunset and a sunrise. Sunset and sunrise is caused by the earth spinning on it’s axis. (This is not some kind of advanced science, this is just a plain simple fact, a law of nature that God created.)

When it is morning in one part of the earth it is evening in another part of the planet. When it is morning in New York City, it is evening in Tokyo. The terms evening and morning can only be applied to a specific part of the planet. The references to evening and morning prove this is a local creation event.

This is a creation miracle that God is doing in one particular region of the planet earth.

### Were The Sun And Moon Created On Day 4?

“ 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: And let them be for lights in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth: and it was so. 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. And God set them in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth, 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. And the evening and the morning were the fourth day.” (Genesis 1: 14-19)

According to Scofield’s Bible (and other sources) the word translated as “made” (verse16), is a Hebrew word that holds the meaning “to reveal”. It is not the same word used in the context of this event which is translated as “created”.



If we read the story in context (please do!) we see that on day 1 God had created a firmament that separated the waters above from the waters below. We might presume that the waters which were above might have obscured the sun, moon and stars from being directly seen, until day 4 when God made the firmament clear.

We also read that on day one, the area is described as “without form and void, and darkness was upon the face of the deep” So first there was darkness on the surface of the water, and then the top part of the water was lifted into the sky. Therefore the darkness was in the sky. This darkness was obscuring the light from the sun and moon. On day 4 God “revealed” the sun moon and stars, He cleared away the darkness.

Why? The Bible does not give us this specific information. My simple guess is that on day 3, we see that God had created plants, (Genesis. 1:11-12) which certainly would need the sun to grow well. God was just taking care of what He had made—He’s good at that!

## Chapter 8 The Earth Was Already There



“And a river went out of Eden to water the garden; and from thence it was parted, and became into four heads. The name of the first is Pison: that is it which compasseth the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold; And the gold of that land is good: there is bdellium and the onyx stone. And the name of the second river is Gihon: the same is it that compasseth the whole land of Ethiopia. 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. (Genesis 2:10-14)

Remember this boring stuff that I asked you to read?

All this dull, descriptive geographic stuff?

Well I'm not going to ask you to draw a map or take a test on it. What I am going to do is tell you that these are real places and locations, that clearly existed when Eden was created. The Bible clearly draws us this map of Eden and the surrounding nations.

There are 4 rivers mentioned. Two of the rivers are still known today, the Euphrates, and Tigris (Gihon). These rivers have been known for thousands of years and it is clear that the Bible tells us they run through, and outside of Eden.

The Bible tells us about specific resources (gold, bdellium, onyx) that are found in the lands that exist around Eden. Again more specific, pre-existing information.

All of these landmarks delineate Eden as a specific limited region. Located (where literally everything is located in the Bible!) in the Middle East, in and around Israel—God's holy land. Most scholars would say that Israel was not located specifically in Eden, and I agree. All I am saying is that Eden certainly is in the same area of the world that is the setting for literally everything else in the Bible!

Then there are the nations which are mentioned. The first is Havilah, which is not clearly known today, yet it is named as a nation. The next is Ethiopia. This is a nation that exists to this day although ancient Ethiopia may have been located in a different region than it is today. The third nation is Assyria. This is no longer a nation but its people still exist.

You might read elsewhere in the Bible that the descendants of Noah founded the nations of Assyria and Ethiopia. This is something that is debated by scholars. It is difficult to understand whether the Bible is saying that they began these nations, or rather that they lived in these nations.

Both Ethiopia and Assyria are known by science to have very ancient evidence of civilization. But we don't need science, God is telling us this in the Bible.

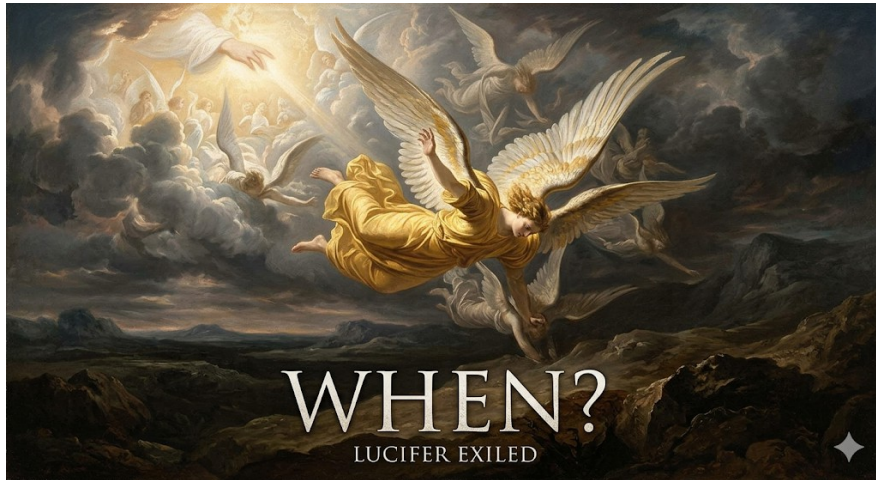
And if there was a place called Ethiopia, there were Ethiopians.

And if there was a place called Assyria, there were Assyrians.

And if there was a place called Havilah, there were people living there too.

This is the first suggestion that there are other people living in a pre-existing planet earth. We will see more evidence as we continue to study Genesis.

## Chapter 9 Next Comes the Serpent—But When Did the Serpent Get There?



In Genesis chapter 3 we read about a very important event, the fall of Adam and Eve to sin.

I'm sure you know this event. Eve is tempted by the serpent to disobey God. Adam goes along too, and so sin enters into them and their descendants. Spiritual death now overshadows these first two people who were created with living souls. (Genesis chapter 3)

And we all know the serpent is Satan....

But I have a question about Satan: When did he get there?

The serpent is already in the earth, ready and waiting to tempt Adam and Eve. Most Bible scholars believe that this temptation occurred almost directly after the 7 days of creation.

*“Most Biblical interpretations suggest it was a very short period, likely less than a week possibly even just one day or less after creation, with some theologians suggesting a few days to a few years at most, as they (Adam and Eve) had no children and Cain’s birth followed the expulsion, pointing to a brief time before their eviction from Paradise.”*

Do you know the history of the devil?

The Bible tells us about Satan’s history. He was not always a bad guy and he lived in Heaven before he was cast into the earth. Satan was originally called Lucifer, and he was an angel of God in Heaven. Apparently a very important and powerful angel. He was called “the anointed cherubim” that covered the throne of God. But Lucifer was not satisfied. He thought himself to be equal with God, and he and 1/3 of the angels rebelled against God, a war that he lost....and Lucifer’s punishment was to be cast into the earth.....

“Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone was thy covering, the

sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the

emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold: the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was

prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created. Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee. By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with violence, and thou hast sinned: therefore I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God: and I will destroy thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire. Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: I will cast thee to the ground, I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee. Thou hast defiled thy sanctuaries by the multitude of thine iniquities, by the iniquity of thy traffick; therefore will I bring forth a fire from the midst of thee, it shall devour thee, and I will bring thee to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all them that behold thee. (Ezekiel 28: 13-18)

**Isaiah 14:12-15:**

"How you have fallen from heaven, O morning star, son of the dawn! You have been cast down to the earth, you who once laid low the nations!" (Isaiah 14:12-15)

"And he (Jesus) said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven." (Luke 10:18)

"And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him." (Revelation 12: 7-9)

### Into the earth.

But now here in Genesis chapter 3, is the serpent, Satan, Lucifer, is already in the earth.....but according to traditional creationism the planet earth was created only a few days or a week ago.

Now, yes it's possible that Lucifer rebelled, made war with God was cast into the earth, and then, immediately he transformed into a serpent and tempted Eve.

But on the other hand, if this event was the creation of Eden, a region within a planet that had already been in existence for some unknown number of years....then it seems to me that this would be a much greater punishment for Lucifer and the fallen Angels.

Earth was their prison camp. They were cast into the planet earth, a tiny little dot in a giant universe. Lucifer was exiled from God's Heavenly kingdom. It doesn't seem like much of a punishment if literally days after his rebellion, Satan gets a huge victory over God's new creation.

Now again, the Bible does not give us dates and times of these events. The Bible does not contain the record of everything God has ever done.....

“And there are also many other things which Jesus did, the which, if they should be written every one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that should be written. Amen.” (John 21:25)

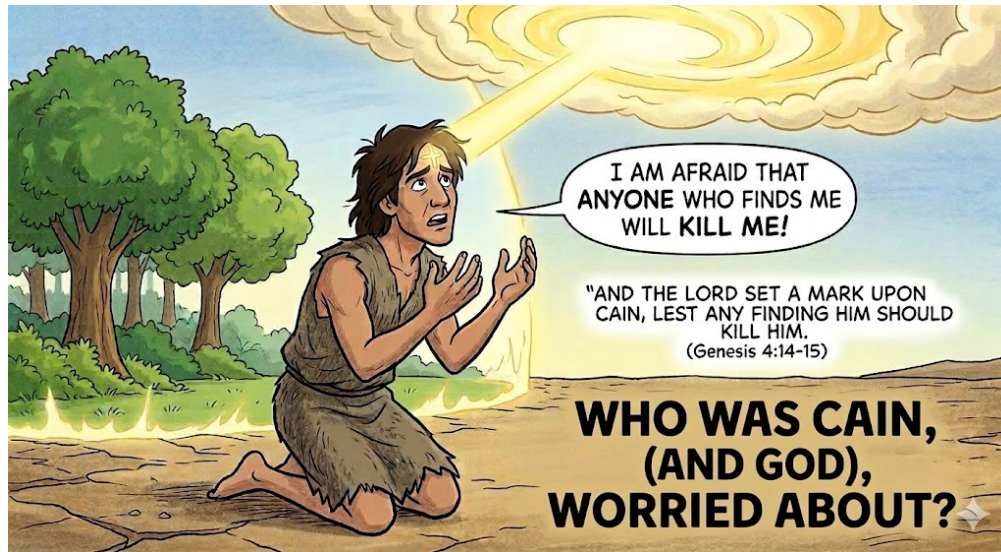
The Bible is not the book of all history (or science)...but did you know that for centuries this is exactly what the organized Christian church believed?

So...it is possible that Lucifer was cast into his earthly prison for millions of years before Eden was created. And perhaps he had some kind of kingdom or influence in the earth, a place that God had created earlier. Many Bible scholars point out suggestions that Satan ruled a kingdom (with some type of people) that pre-existed the 7 days of creation. And maybe he influenced this world into violence and demonic manifestation (those are his hobbies)..and the world was extremely dangerous, a place in which humans, small creatures that are made in the image of God, could never survive. And perhaps God had to send a flood, or an asteroid....or whatever, to cleanse Lucifer's wicked creations, so He could finally come to a time when He could then create a man and woman who were made with a living soul, who could communicate with God, who could have fellowship with God, and who could then bring salvation by faith in the Son of God to the earth.

Well now I have gone on too much, the Bible does not give us this specific information. But I hope you can see it makes much more sense that there was more time than a few days between the creation of the planet earth, and the fall to sin.

The creation of Eden solves the whole problem.

## Chapter 10 Who Is Cain (And God) Afraid Of?



As we keep reading through the book of Genesis (and again I am here to encourage you to do so) we come to a familiar event.

Adam and Eve conceive two sons, Cain and Abel. And I am sure you know that Cain murders his brother Abel. The sin he has inherited from his parents comes to its' awful fruition.

This event occurs in Eden. After the fall to sin, Adam and Eve were cast out of the Garden, but they were still living within Eden itself (remember that the garden was just a small part of the land of Eden). God is aware of what has happened and we read this conversation between God and Cain....

“And he said, What hast thou done? the voice of thy brother's blood crieth unto me from the ground. And now art thou cursed from the earth, which hath opened her mouth to receive thy brother's blood from thy hand; 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. And Cain said unto the Lord, My punishment is greater than I can bear. 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. 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. And Cain went out from the presence of the Lord, and dwelt in the land of Nod, on the east of Eden.” (Genesis 4: 10-15)

God knows what Cain has done and He casts Cain out of Eden. But notice Cain’s first reply...

“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.” (Genesis 4:14)

There are two things I notice in this verse. One is the use of the word earth. Remember that word, (that is used so many times in Genesis chapter 1) is traditionally considered to hold the meaning of the entire planet earth.....but here, in this usage.....it absolutely must be a reference to Eden! Cain is going to be driven out “from the face of the earth” ....what does this mean? He certainly is not being cast off the planet earth! You see, in this instance everyone agrees that the word earth is a reference to Eden, the home that he has lived in with his family.

Notice something else. Cain goes on to say that he will be “a vagabond in the earth”. In this sentence it is of course a reference to the entire planet earth. Do you see how words are defined in the context they are used? (Let’s remember that in Genesis chapter 1 God clearly defines the word earth, in that context, as “the dry land”....Eden)

But there is one more mystery in this same verse.....

“....and it shall come to pass, that every one that findeth me shall slay me.”

Cain is afraid. He knows something. He knows that someone is outside of Eden, and if they find him, they will kill him.

Who can this be?

There are only 2 possibilities. These other people must either be the sons and daughters of Adam and Eve who have left Eden and live outside in the wilderness, or there are other people who pre-existed Adam and Eve. Other people who live in other regions, who were created in some way by God, at a previous time in the past.

I tend to favor the idea that there are pre-existing people. If Eden was being created in Genesis 1-2, created into a world that already existed, there certainly could be other people

living in the world. I also favor this idea because there is other evidence that verifies this. The Bible directly states that there are 2 different types of people in the earth (Genesis 6:2, 6:4). We will study that in depth, shortly.

In any case, Cain is afraid—but is he just lying to God? Is he just crying wolf?

No...

“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.”

(Genesis 4:15)

God agrees with Cain! This is not a fantasy that Cain is having, it is a fact, and it is a fact that God is aware of and He takes action to protect Cain from the people who live outside of Eden. God sets a mark on Cain, to stop anyone he meets outside of Eden from killing him.

Who were these people?

Cain was obviously aware of them, and so was God, and they seem to be a real threat. Perhaps Adam and his family had had contact with people who lived outside Eden, and had already had some trouble with them. Perhaps these other people were jealous or angry because Adam and his family lived in this amazing, bountiful land of Eden, and were protected by a very present and active miracle working God. And it also sounds as if the lands outside of Eden were much more barren and desolate. This would be the case if it was Eden that had been recently created miraculously by God, while the rest of the world was much older.

If God had recently created the whole world wouldn't it all be bountiful and filled with resources everywhere? What would be the punishment if Cain is being banished to a newly created, bountiful world?

It also seems to me that there must have been many people out there. Cain seems sure he will run into people right away when he leaves Eden. Imagine a relatively barren desolate area of the world, and suddenly, in 6 days a region of this place is recreated into a paradise. Certainly any people in the area would be aware of it, and very interested in living there and using its' resources. Perhaps God was preventing those other people from coming into this area (there were flaming cherubim guarding the gate of the garden— Genesis 3:24—that certainly would attract attention!)

Something else to consider.....the Bible says that the Garden in Eden was enclosed by a wall. Why? The idea that there were possibly hostile people outside of Eden seems a good answer.

Traditional creationism states that the people Cain was afraid of were the siblings and children of Adam and Eve. However, so far in the Bible narrative, the only people who seem to exist are Adam, Eve, and Cain. There is no mention that Adam and Eve have had other children. The Bible does tell us that they did have other children, but it does so after this event (Genesis 5:4), after another son was born, Seth.

There are a few reasons why I disagree with the idea that the people outside of Eden were Cain's siblings.

Why were these other children of Adam living outside of Eden? Living outside of Eden is a punishment for Cain, so why would these other offspring be living in the same place? Were they being punished too?

Also, why would they be so much more dangerous for Cain—if they were his siblings? If Cain stood in Eden he would have faced the wrath of his father and mother (and any other siblings that lived with Adam and Eve in Eden). When he is cast out of Eden, there would be other siblings, who would, as far as we know, represent the exact same threat.

Cain and God are definitely afraid of the people who live outside of Eden, and not afraid of the people who live in Eden.

Finally, how many siblings could possibly be out there? It is hard to find exact dates of these events. Scholars guess that this event happened about 100 years after Adam was created. Even if Adam and Eve had already conceived 100 children, not all of them would be old enough to live on their own, outside Eden. They would have to be paired up (with their own brothers and sisters) and even if they had been actively having more children, the population of the whole world would only be few hundred people at most. A few hundred people scattered over all the face of the planet earth—that's is not much to be afraid of! The chances of running across one of them would be very very slim. It would be very much safer for Cain to leave Eden than to stay in Eden. How would the siblings who lived outside of Eden have known that Cain had killed Abel? His parents and siblings in Eden obviously knew of his crime, and they would be much more likely to find Cain and seek vengeance.

No. It seems much more reasonable that Cain was afraid of people who populated the nearby lands. Sizable populations of people. People who he (and God) already knew were hostile to him and his family. People who pre-existed the creation event, who already were living across the planet earth.

And as we continue studying Genesis, we will see there are more people.....

## Chapter 11 Cain Finds A Wife And Builds A City

### Cain built a city....all by himself?



“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.” (Genesis 4:17)

As we are reading through the book of Genesis (and I hope I am encouraging you to do your own Bible study of Genesis chapters 1-11) we see that Cain, after he had been banished from Eden, finds a wife.

This simple statement is a great big problem for traditional creationism. Where did Cain find a wife? He was banished from Eden, the Bible has not mentioned that Adam and Eve have yet had other children beside Cain and Abel...so where did she come from?

Well, if the creation event described in Genesis chapters 1-2 is the creation of Eden, there is really no problem with this statement at all. If it was only a region of the planet earth which God created in 7 days, a region created on an already existing planet, and it is reasonable to presume that there were other people who pre-existed Adam and Eve.

We have so far seen that other nations have been suggested (in Genesis 2). We explored the question of when Lucifer had fallen (Chapter 3). We have seen the suggestion that other people existed in Cain and God’s concern that “someone” would kill Cain if he left Eden (chapter 4). And now we have another clue that leads us to believe that other people pre-existed Adam and his offspring.

The only explanation available to traditional creationism is the idea that Cain married his sister.

**Leviticus 18:9:** “Do not have sexual relations with your sister, either your father's daughter or your mother's daughter, whether she was born in the same home or elsewhere”.

**Deuteronomy 27:22:** “Cursed is anyone who sleeps with his sister, the daughter of his father or the daughter of his mother”

Marrying your own sister is clearly against the law of Moses. I suppose one might argue that Cain was already a law breaker since he murdered his own brother.

But the exact same problem happens for Adam and Eve's other son, Seth.....



“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. 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.” (Genesis 4:25-26)

Again we have the same question, where did Seth find his wife?

This is yet another suggestion that there are two kinds of people living on the planet earth. There are the descendants of Adam and Eve, and there are other people who were living on the planet earth for some unknown period of time before the creation of Eden. These people certainly were created by God since God has made everything, but the Bible is not obligated to give us the entire history of the planet earth. Remember John 21:25—‘all the books in all the world could not contain all the things that Jesus has done’—praise our eternal God!

Seth's wife is actually a greater concern for traditional creationism. Seth's lineage is the one that goes through Noah, Abraham, and David, and leads to Jesus. It is hard to understand Biblically how any man can marry his own sister.

Oh and one more question in this part of the Bible, let's go back to the verse we started with.....

“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.” (Genesis 4:17)

So Cain, after he is banished from Eden and dwells in the land of Nod...builds a city!

Who did Cain build this city for?

Once again, traditional creationism has a problem here. Why would Cain build a city if only he and his wife and son are living outside of Eden? Who did he build this city for? How would he build a city by himself?

It might be suggested that there were other children of Adam and Eve living outside of Eden. But the Bible has not said this directly. The Bible does not tell us that Cain, and his brothers and sisters built a city. But it is just as reasonable to suggest Cain organized the pre-existing people he met outside of Eden and built a city for himself and those who worked with him.

So far we have read of a number of places in Genesis that lead us to believe there were pre-existing people.

If only the Bible would clarify this!

If only the Bible would clearly tells that there were 2 different kinds of people living in the earth at this time!

## Chapter 12

### The Bible Says There Are Two Kinds Of People Living In the Earth At This Time!

“That the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose.” (Genesis 6:2)

“.....the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to them.....” (Genesis 6:4)

Yes there it is! The Bible does tell us, right here in context that there are two different types of people in the earth at this time.....“sons of God” and “daughters of men”.

This explains where Cain got his wife.

This explains where Seth got his wife.

This explains how Cain built a city and who lived in it.

This explains why Cain and God were afraid of people who might be hostile toward him outside of Eden.

This means that Lucifer was not cast into the earth literally at the same time as the earth was being created.

This explains the references to nations that were near Eden.

This verifies that there were pre-existing people who lived before Adam and Eve, and that the planet earth was created by God at some time before the 6,000 years that the Bible dates Genesis chapter 1.

And I think the best and simplest explanation is that Genesis chapter 1 is a description of how God created Eden, and not a description of how God made the planet earth and the universe.

But let's continue our study in the context of the Bible....

## Sons of God marry Daughters of Men... (Gen 6:2)



“And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them, That the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose. 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. 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. 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. And it repented the Lord that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart. 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. But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord.” (Genesis 6:1-8)

This is a pivotal point in time in the Bible narrative. God is going to act soon. He sees what is going on with His creation and He needs to make some changes and do some miraculous intervention.

There is a lot here and it's very good to study everything that is going on. These verses give us a lot of information, and I think you will see that it verifies much of what we have been studying earlier.

The descendants of Adam were multiplying, and once again the word “earth” is used. Let's remember that in chapter 1 God defined earth as the dry land. By this time Adam's children are living outside of Eden, however there is no indication that they have moved out across the

entire planet earth. If you look back at the Hebrew definition of this word we see that earth holds the meaning of a region or territory. And I believe this is the correct definition at this point in time (I will show you some proof of this soon).

In verse 2 we see that the Bible clearly tells us that there are two types of people at this time. “Sons of God” and “daughters of men”...we could say people of God and people of the earth. Now don't let the words make you jump to conclusions! I want to say right away that it is my opinion that these different types of people are very similar, and one is not somehow better, or superior, or inferior than the other. I think this will be proven as we study further.

For now let's just see that these two types of people are spoken of twice in these verses, and there is a very clear delineation between them. One of them are the descendants of Adam, and the other are the pre-existing people. And as I have already said this clears up a lot of confusion about what we have read so far and makes it clear that the planet earth existed for some unknown amount of time before the creation event in Genesis chapter 1.

Let's look at what is happening here.....

“.....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. 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.” (Genesis 6:4-5)

### The Renowned Offspring (Genesis 6:4)



The two types of people were intermarrying and producing offspring, with some interesting results.

Two results:

Result 1. Their offspring were mighty and are well known and accomplished (renown) in what they are doing. We can easily look back on what we have already read in the Bible (Genesis chapter 3) and see this fact.....

“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. And unto Enoch was born Irad: and Irad begat Mehujael: and Mehujael begat Methusael: and Methusael begat Lamech. And Lamech took unto him two wives: the name of the one was Adah, and the name of the other Zillah. And Adah bare Jabal: he was the father of such as dwell in tents, and of such as have cattle. And his brother's name was Jubal: he was the father of all such as handle the harp and organ. And Zillah, she also bare Tubalcain, an instructor of every artificer in brass and iron: and the sister of Tubalcain was Naamah. (Genesis 3:17-22)

In chapter 3 we read about Cain and his offspring. Remember that Cain was a descendant of Adam, and Cain's wife was one of the pre-existing people. (A son of God marrying a daughter of the earth). Note what the Bible tells us about their descendants. One of them (Jabal) had children who taught and understood how to raise cattle and live in tents...his brother (Jubal) had children who used (perhaps invented) the harp and the organ.....And Tubalcain was in instructor of using and creating things with brass and iron.....these were smart people! These were intelligent people...”mighty men of old, men of renown.”

However, let's remember that sin had infected these descendants of Adam (we all know for sure Cain had sinned).

Result 2. Yes the descendants of Adam were mighty and accomplished...but at the same time they were sinners, and their sin was growing rapidly. They were smart, intelligent people, but they were sinning continuously. God was literally upset that He had even created them (Genesis 6:6).

So God took action.

First He limited their lifespan (Genesis 6:3). If we read back to the genealogies in Genesis chapter 5 we will see that Adam and his descendants lived much longer lives than we do today. Many lived 700-900 years. It seems that the longer the life span the greater the sin was growing. Limiting their lifespan did not eliminate sin, but curbed it.

So people were sinners, yet they did have a living soul, the breath that God had breathed into Adam, the ability to communicate with God, to have faith in God.

This is us! This is who we are...capable of great achievement, but also great sin.....we sin yet we can find repentance and forgiveness through faith in God. Only today, we have the Word of God, His laws that show us our sin, and the solution to sin, which is faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

But at that time in the past, without the knowledge of good and evil, without Jesus, the sin would have run rampant and destroyed everything God has started. So God had to put an end to these people at that time, to bring forward Noah's lineage. "Noah found grace"—forgiveness in God—the remedy for sin.



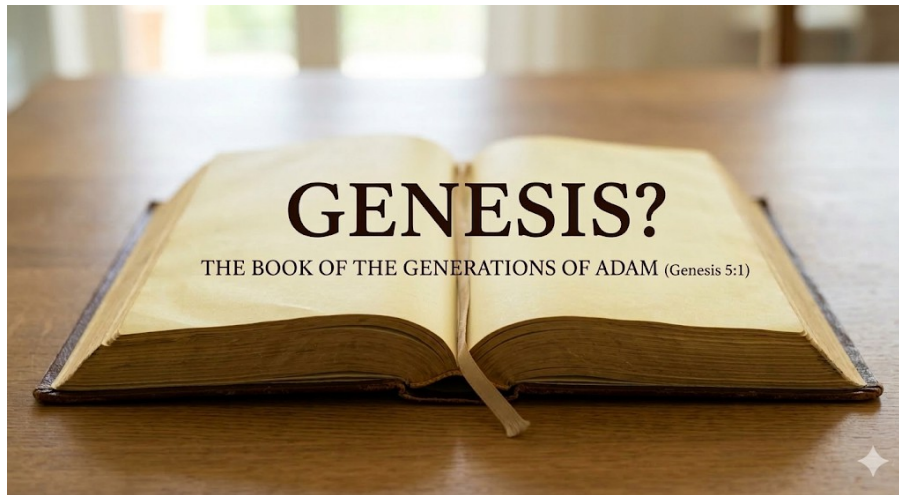
“And the Lord said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them. But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord. (Genesis 6:7-8)

What about the giants?

“There were giants in the earth in those days.....” (Genesis 6:4)

Well if the Bible says it I believe it! And this might be another proof that there were 2 types of people living in the earth at this time. We don't see giants any more today (that's because today everyone is a descendant of Adam). We read later in the Bible about Goliath (the Bible says he was 9' 9" tall). It is possible that giants were a trait of the pre-existing people. This is one of the facts that point to the idea that the pre-existing people were still alive after the flood of Noah's time. Goliath lived 1,300 years after the flood of Noah, this is just one of the proofs that the flood was not a worldwide event.

## Chapter 13 Oops I skipped chapter 5...And A Small Question



Before we continue with the next big event in the Bible which is the flood of Noah, let me just mention one small point.

Genesis chapter 5 is one of the chapters that nobody ever reads. After all the whole chapter is just about the names of Adam's descendants, and how long they lived.....kinda boring.

This information is actually quite important. From this scholars can trace back the timeline and it is part of the reason they can date the creation event in Genesis 1 to have happened about 6,000 years ago.

But I would like to point out one small bit of information given in Genesis 5:1....

“This is the book of the generations of Adam.....” (Genesis 5:1)

A very small statement, and yes I understand that we can understand it to mean that: “the following is a list of the generations that followed after Adam.”

But it gives me the opportunity to point out that the title “Genesis” is not found in book of Genesis.

There are many other books of the Bible where we can see the given title within the framework of that book. We know that Luke wrote the book of Luke. We can see that most of the letters that Paul wrote clearly state that Paul is the earthly author.

But right here we have the book of Genesis stating that this book, is the book of the generations of Adam. And I think this is a better title than Genesis. The overarching point of this book is to tell us about God's plan of salvation coming through the lineage of Adam.

Adam, the first man made a living soul.

Question: Does the Bible say that Adam was “alone”?

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And the LORD God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him.” (Genesis 2:18)

Traditional English Reading ❌

Literal Hebrew Understanding ✅

Implies “alone” means total isolation/loneliness.

Translates “for the man’s benefit, I will fashion one who helps him.” Focus is on needing a compatible partner/ally.

*Eve: A Beneficial Partner,  
Not just “One to fill loneliness.”*

**THE BEGINNING OF MARRIAGE:  
A WONDERFUL BLESSING  
GOD GAVE US.**

“And the Lord God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him.” (Genesis 2:18)

Was Adam literally alone? Was He the only person on the planet earth? Actually no. If we read the Hebrew of this verse, the literal translation is: "And the Lord God said, for the man's benefit, I will fashion one who helps him." There is no Hebrew word that suggests that Adam was alone. Eve was created to be a beneficial partner for Adam. This is the beginning of marriage, a wonderful blessing that God gave us.

## Chapter 14 The Flood Of Noah, A Local Event



I am sure you know the story of Noah and the flood. This event begins in Genesis chapter 6, verse 11, and continues to the end of chapter 8. Please read it for yourself. I know that every time I read the Bible, even a very familiar part, I always learn something new.

But just as with Genesis chapters 1-2, I will ask you the very same question....WHERE?  
....Where does this event occur?

The very quick and simple answer is one word.....earth.

In fact the word earth is used about 30 times in this account! It is very very clear that the flood occurred on "the earth".

Take a look at the first few verses of the story and God's reason for bringing the flood....

"The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence. And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth. 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. (Genesis 6: 11-13)

“The earth was corrupt...the earth was violent...God looked at the earth.....all flesh was corrupt upon the earth....the earth is filled with violence.....God will destroy them with the earth.....!”

Just reading these few verses will make anyone believe that the flood must have been all over the planet earth.

But remember, that is how we think today. This is us, in the 21st century, with the knowledge and science and understanding of the planet earth that all of us have today. In our day and age the word earth just about always means the entire planet. We should not apply science to the Bible. We should not interpret the Bible by our own understanding...

“Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. (Proverbs 3:5)

When anyone reads the story of the flood today, they will be reading the word earth over and over and over again, and it will certainly convince them that this is a worldwide event.

Once again I say, please try not to think about your own (scientific) understanding of the word earth!

This part of the Bible was received by Moses. It is one of the most ancient parts of the Bible. It was originally written in Hebrew, an ancient language, about 3,400 years ago. People back then knew a whole lot less about the earth than we do today. When people of that day referred to the whole earth, they were probably talking about only a small region that they knew and understood. The Hebrew was translated into English about 500 years ago, and again, 500 years ago people knew much much less about the planet earth than we do today.

### Tradition



We should realize that the idea that Genesis chapter 1 and the flood of Noah were worldwide events, goes back to when the Bible was first given by God. A worldwide flood has been a tradition for a long, long time, well over 3,500 years!

I will remind you once again that the Hebrew word translated as earth, holds these meanings....

Ura 'erets eh'-rets from an unused root probably meaning to be firm; TWOT - 167; n f KJV - land 1543, earth 712, country 140, ground 98, world 4, way 3, common 1, feld 1, nations 1, wilderness + 04057 1; 2504 1) land, earth

1a) earth 1a1) whole earth (as opposed to a part) 1a2) earth (as opposed to heaven) 1a3) earth (inhabitants) 1b) land 1b1) country, territory 1b2) district, region 1b3) tribal territory 1b4) piece of ground 1b5) land of Canaan, Israel 1b6) inhabitants of land 1b7) Sheol, land without return, (under) world 1b8) city (-state) 1c) ground, surface of the earth 1c1) ground 1c2) soil 1d) (in phrases) 1d1) people of the land 1d2) space or distance of country (in measurements of distance) 1d3) level or plain country 1d4) land of the living 1d5) end(s) of the earth 1e) (almost wholly late in usage) 1e1) lands, countries 1e1a) often in contrast to Canaan

Notice that this Hebrew word is most often translated as “land”. The Bible might say “the land of Canaan”. Certainly this does not mean that Canaan was the entire planet! Let’s remember that words are defined by the context in which they are used.

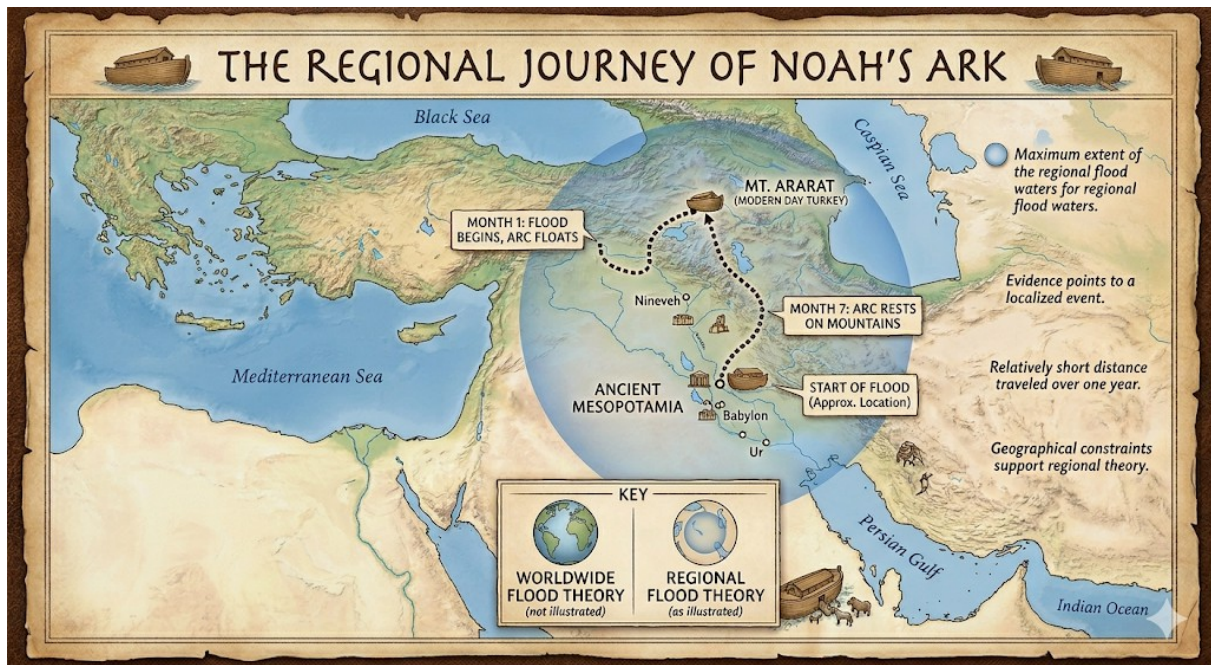
Remember that in Genesis 1:10 God defines earth as the dry land. And here in the account of the flood we see this definition one more time...

“All in whose nostrils was the breath of life, of all that was in the dry land, died.”- (Genesis 7:22)

Remember the context that we have been studying. When we have read all the other information that these chapters of Genesis gives us, it seems that this event, like the creation in Genesis 1-2, is a reference to a region of the earth. Again, the same general region we have been studying—the Middle East, the land in and around Israel.

How big was the flood? The Bible does not give us exact measurements. But please notice that the ark was built in this region, and it ended up its journey in “the mountains of Ararat” (Genesis 8:4) which is in modern day Turkey.

The map below shows us a good estimate of a local flood based on the beginning and end points the Bible gives for the ark's journey. Compare this local flood to the entire planet. The ark did not travel very far—it was over a year from the time Noah entered and exited the ark!



We see in these verses that God's reason for bringing the flood was to stop the progression of sin that was happening through the descendants of Adam. There is no indication that these people had spread all over the planet earth.

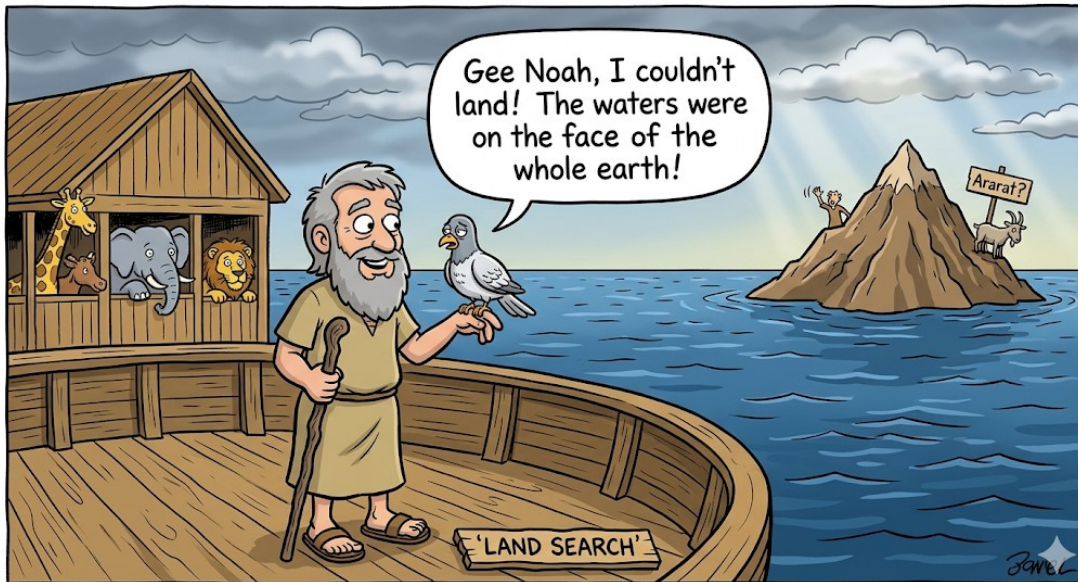
We do have the exact size of the Ark. It was big boat, but it was not nearly large enough to fit 2 of every creature on the entire planet earth (and how did they all migrate there—from all over the planet?). A local flood makes the limited size of the ark seem reasonable. The animals Noah was taking were the local types of living things that were needed for the survival of he and his family.

The very tired bird, and the mountains that don't count...

“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. And it came to pass at the end of forty days, that Noah opened the window of the ark which he had made: And he sent forth a raven, which went forth to and fro, until the waters were dried up from off the earth. Also he sent forth a dove from him, to see if the waters were abated from off the face of the ground; 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:...” (Genesis 8: 5-9)

After about 5 months on the water, we read in Genesis 8:5 that the tops of the mountains could be seen. Noah sends out 2 birds. The raven did not return, but the dove could not find rest for her foot and returns, because: “the waters were on the face of the whole earth:” .....if

we read the word earth as the entire planet we certainly have a contradiction here! 40 days earlier the mountain tops could be seen, yet now the water is said to be “on the face of the whole earth”.



The truth is that we see the way the language and translation is used. These are ancient words, and we are looking at them through our modern day science and knowledge. It is much more reasonable to understand that the word earth is a reference to the dry land, a territory, a region of the earth.

And that poor tired bird! She found “no rest for the sole of her foot” since “the waters were on the face of the whole earth”. If we take the word earth as the entire planet, that dove somehow flew over all the planet earth, all 196.9 million square miles!

## Chapter 15 Finally, The Whole Earth



“And God blessed Noah and his sons, and said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth.” (Genesis 9:1)

After the flood God told Noah and his sons that they were to multiply and replenish the earth. And at this point I do believe that this is a reference to the entire planet earth. But as time went on, it seems as if the descendants of Adam were still not listening. After a number of generations, they did not go out and spread across the world, and were still living in the same region as their ancestors. They were afraid of going out and being sent by God.....

“And they said, Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.” (Genesis 11:4)

The people still did not want to go out to all the rest of the world! So they came up with a crazy sinful plan. They built a tower to try to reach up to Heaven, and I am sure you know the result. God had to stop them. At that time everyone in the region spoke the same language, and this gave them power to work together, but rather than serving God, they were going to serve sin, and “nothing would strain them from what they would imagine to do” (Genesis 11:6).

God confounds their language, so they would not be able to understand one another, and He then scattered them over all the planet earth.....

“So the Lord scattered them abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth:” (Genesis 11:8)

Finally the descendants of Adam get to their original mission, which is to be sent everywhere, to multiply throughout the world (by mingling with the other peoples of the earth). It may be a possibility that God gave them these other languages so they could communicate with the other people all over the world. Let’s remember that way back in Genesis 1:28 God had told Adam to...”replenish the earth”. This term suggest a rebuilding, a restoration, as if there certainly was a pre-existing world. Why would a brand newly created world need to be “replenished?”

We should note that in Genesis 11:1 the Bible tells us that at that time “the whole earth was of one language and speech”.....once again we see the word earth, which most often in scripture is a reference to a region or territory. In verse 1, we are still speaking about the local region, but in verse 8, we now see a phrase that is absolutely a reference to the entire planet earth.

Remember we are attempting to define the word earth by the Bible and its full context, rather than by using science.

### The Progression of the Word Earth In Genesis chapters 1-11

Take note of these 3 areas of Genesis, and notice the progression of the term "earth". In Genesis chapters 1-3 the word earth is used in a singular term. It is in fact its weakest or perhaps we might say smallest term, in Hebrew. This may seem confusing to us in modern English, since we immediately associate the word earth with the entire planet.

But look at the way the sentences are proclaimed.

In Genesis chapters 1-3 only the single word earth is used.....

“In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.” (Genesis 1:1— and of course we have seen that directly in Genesis 1:10, earth is defined as the dry land—not the entire planet)

But now we come to chapter 6.....

“And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them,” (Genesis 6:1)

Time has passed, and of course there are more descendants of Adam, and now the Bible is telling us that they have spread to a greater region of the earth. The term "face of the earth" is used. In the Hebrew this is a greater proclamation of the term earth, a larger earth is being described. People are living in a larger area of dry land. All we truly know from the Bible is that they were at this point living outside of Eden.

Now let's look further on in time, Genesis chapter 11, after the flood, at the time of the Tower of Babel....

8 So the LORD scattered them abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth: and they left off to build the city. (Genesis 11:8)

At this time an even greater proclamation of the word earth is used. This is a reference to the entire planet earth. We can clearly see that this is the largest proclamation of the term.

“Abroad from thence (away from the region that has been previously referred to)...upon... the face of all the earth (all the dry land on the planet).

And it makes perfect sense. Genesis chapter 1 is a description of a local event in a relatively small area of the planet earth, the creation of a land called Eden. Later, in chapter 6 we see that the descendants of Adam have multiplied (by intermingling with the pre-existing peoples the Bible describes). Now a greater term is used, since there are more people inhabiting the territory (Eden and surrounding regions), but not a reference to the entire planet. Further on, in Genesis 11, after the flood and the subsequent repopulation, the Bible states: "scattered them abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth". This is the largest term used.

It is simple to see that the term earth in chapter 1 is the *smallest* reference. A larger part of the earth is referred to in chapters 6 and 11. The first references are speaking of a small region or territory of the planet. Later, as the population grows, the larger references are speaking about larger areas of the planet and then finally the entire planet earth.

God wanted Adam and Eve and their descendants to go all over the planet and populate it by intermarrying with the existing people. To replenish the earth.

Why? What was special about Adam and Eve?

Lets' look at some things the Bible tells us about them, and unravel more mysteries.....

## Part 3

### Important Information About The Creation....In The New Testament

#### Chapter 16 Adam, The First Man Made A Living Soul



We've studied the first 11 chapters of Genesis, but the Bible gives us more information about the creation and Adam. This information is vital—we should realize that creationism was a tradition among Jewish scholars before Jesus was born, before the New Testament was given, before the Bible was complete. I believe the people living at that time drew conclusions based on their own knowledge and understanding of both science and the Bible. Someone living in 350 BC did not have the New Testament, but we do, so let's take look at what else the Bible tells us about the creation.....

I'm going to ask series of questions, and once again let's let the Bible give us the answers, and not science.

#### 1. Was Adam the "first man"?

".....the first man Adam....." (1Corinthians 15:45A)

Well here we go again with out of context Bible verses! Yes, if we snip the Bible just right we can put together these four words, but I like to read the Bible in context...and at least look at the rest of this verse...

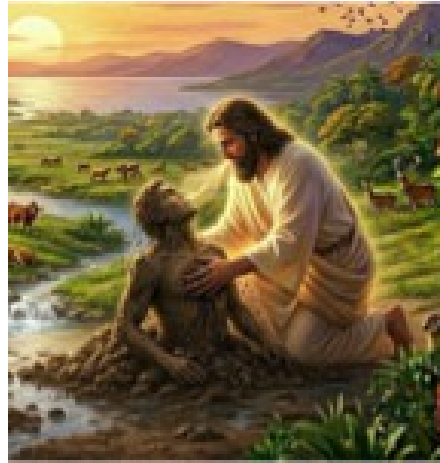
"And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit." (1Corinthians 15:45)

As we can see, the full verse is telling us that Adam was the first man made a living soul (not the first man).

So what is a "living soul"?

Notice that this verse begins with “and so it is written”...this is a reference to the Old Testament, in fact we have already looked at this verse, it’s in Genesis chapter 2, verse 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**.” (Genesis 2:7)



Adam was created in a special way. A way that was different than the other living things that God created in Genesis chapter 1. When God created birds and land animals, He formed them completely and fully formed, but God did not directly breath life into the animals that were created at that time. Adam received this “breath of life” directly from God Himself.

This is what is meant by a “living soul”. The words breath and soul are synonymous. A special type of “life” was given to Adam by God.

What does this mean? Let’s look at some well accepted Bible scholarship...

### **Key Meanings of "Living Soul"**

**A Unified Whole:** In the original Hebrew, the phrase used is *nephesh hayyah*. This indicates that a "soul" is not something Adam *had* (like a separate ghostly entity inside him), but something he **became**. A soul is the total integration of a physical body and the "breath of life" from God.

**An Animated Being:** The term *nephesh* translates broadly to mean a "breathing, conscious, and living being". It refers to the entire person—including their mind, emotions, and will.

**The "Formula" for Life:** Many biblical scholars describe the creation of Adam as a formula: **Body (Dust) + Breath of Life = Living Soul**. Without either the physical body or the divine breath, the "living soul" ceases to exist.

## Unique Status of Humans

While the same Hebrew phrase (*nephesh hayyah*) is also used for animals in Genesis 1:20-24 (often translated as "living creatures"), the Bible highlights Adam's unique creation:

**Direct Act of God:** Unlike other creatures that God commanded into existence, Adam was "formed" by the hands of God and personally "breathed into" by the Creator.

**Divine Image:** This personal impartation of life signifies a unique relationship and spiritual connection between humans and God.

So we know that Adam was created in a special and different way than other living things in nature. Adam was not the first man, rather he was the first man created by God with this life in him, with a soul that was alive unto God. This is a spiritual aspect, but I believe it has some outward results we can notice.

One of those things was that Adam could talk to God. Adam was built to have a relationship with God. Adam could communicate with God. Adam and Eve continued to communicate with God even after they fell to sin (Genesis chapter 3).

But this attribute of the living soul was passed down to Adam's physical descendants, and this is a very important point.

Remember what we studied about Cain. Cain had sinned terribly, and was being punished by God, but even so, it is quite clear that he readily and easily has communication with God. Cain talks to God, and God talks back. His soul, his breath, has the ability to connect and relate with God, even in a sinful state.

Multiple generations later (perhaps 1500 years) we read about Noah, who spoke to God and heard His answers many many times (Genesis chapters 6-9).

The fact that Adam was created with a living soul is something that Adam did not lose after the fall, and was clearly passed on to his physical descendants.

The combination of a living soul, and sinful flesh is one of the most important aspects the Bible teaches. This is the condition of every human being. We have been made a little different than the rest of God's wonderful creation. We have the ability to talk to God, to create, to innovate, to possibly do great things.....and yet we carry sin with us....the force within each of us that makes us disagree with God's laws. Us descendants of Adam have the possibility to approach God Himself, and yet at the same time we have sin that causes us to fall short of His perfection. Throughout the Old and New Testament we read about people, many of whom do great things for God, and yet each of them falls to sin.....and so the need for the Savior is always apparent.....we all are sinners, and we all need Jesus and the forgiveness and healing that only He can give.

## 2. Was Eve “the mother of all living”?

“And Adam called his wife's name Eve; because she was the **mother of all living.**” (Genesis 3:20)

This verse might lead us to think the Bible is saying emphatically that everyone on the planet earth, every human being that ever lived on the planet earth, was a physical descendant of Eve.

But the Bible says that Eve was the mother of all living.....the word living is used once again. What this is saying is what we have just studied. All the descendants of Eve were born with a living soul. This statement says nothing about the people who were created by God before Adam was created 6,000 years ago.

We could say that Eve was the mother of all who are spiritually “alive unto God”....all those who have an inborn ability to communicate with God, to have fellowship with God.....if it is in their own will.....if they have faith.....if sin does not interfere and they become unbelievers.

Adam and Eve were created with a unique soul. A living soul. The image of God. This made them different than other living creatures, and I believe different than other pre-existing people, who perhaps were created in a different way by God.

### What About Those Preexisting People?

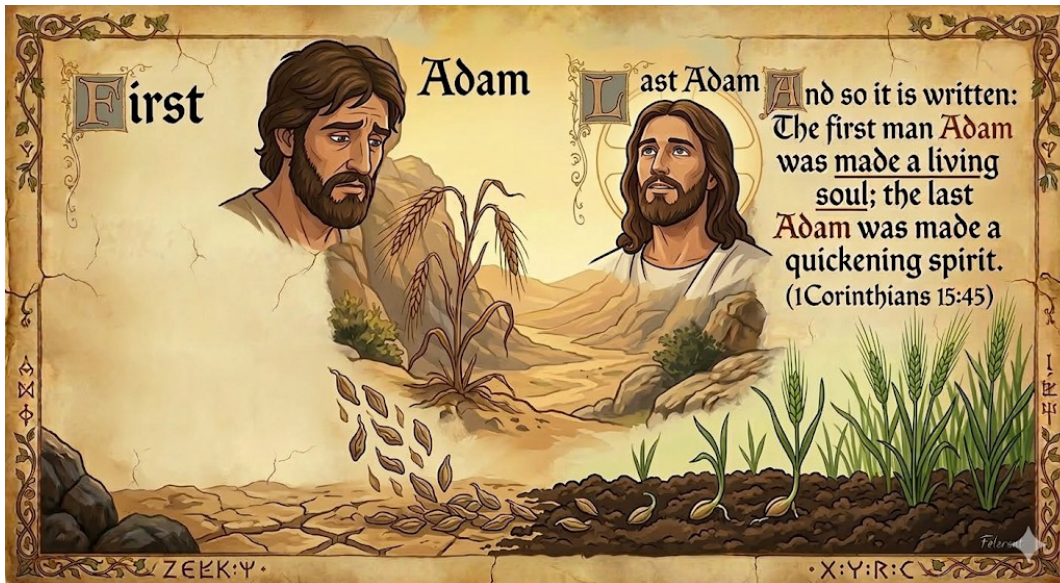
The Bible does not tell us a lot about them, other than they were people. It's my guess that they were very much like us, they simply lacked a living soul. It's important to differentiate between a living soul and an eternal soul. Perhaps the eternal fate of the preexisting people was much like that of all the rest of nature. The Bible does give us hints that all nature, animals, plants, everything alive, will be present in eternity (Isaiah 11:6-9). We have to remember that the Bible does not contain everything God has ever done. The beginning of the Bible is the beginning of our covenant with God.

The Bible is clear that Adam was created for fellowship with God. It is clear that he and his offspring (even after sin had entered in) could communicate with God. Perhaps this is what the preexisting people lacked, a living soul which allowed them to have this amazing ability to have fellowship with God. They were not “alive unto God”, yet perhaps they were very similar to us in many other ways.

We are called to fellowship with God.....

"God, who has called you into fellowship with his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, is faithful".  
(1Corinthians 1:9)

## Chapter 17 How Are Jesus And Adam Alike?



“And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit.” (1Corinthians 15:45)

We have already studied about Adam from this verse. How that Adam was the first man made a living soul. Adam was created differently than anything else in God's creation of Eden which is described at the beginning of the Bible. God created Adam by forming him from the dust of the earth, and literally breathing life into his soul. We then have understood that Adam had the ability to communicate with God directly, to have fellowship with Him. (Genesis chapters 1-3)

We have also seen that these same attributes apply to all the descendants of Adam. The descendants of Adam also have been given a living soul. We see Eve talking to God, but also after the fall to sin we see Cain doing the same. We read about Noah who again spoke directly with God. (Genesis chapters 6-9)

This lineage continues after Noah up until the time of the Tower of Babel. All these descendants of Adam, all these living souls are then “scattered across the face of the whole earth” (Genesis chapter 11)

This is the path of Gods' gift to Adam. This is how the living soul he was granted was spread.

But how is Jesus the last Adam?

How does He compare to Adam?

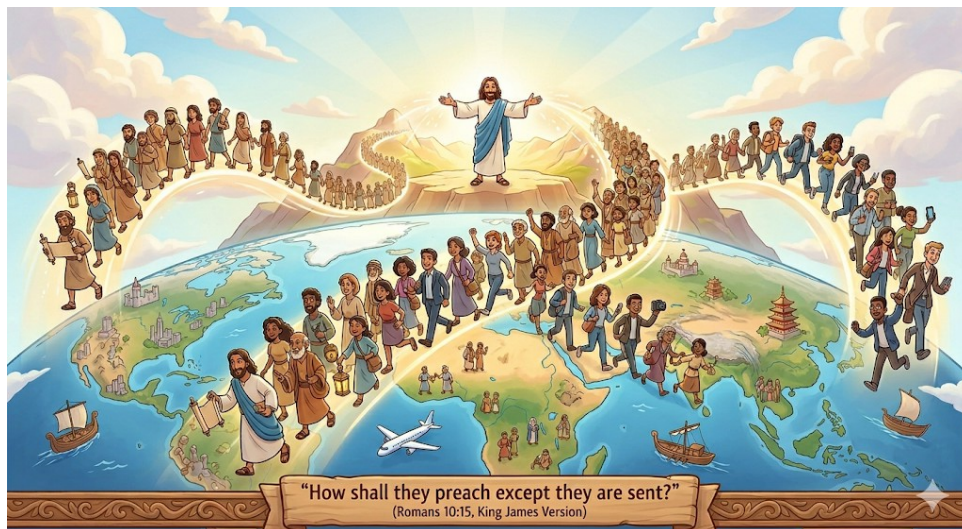


Jesus was not born as the rest of us, He was born of the virgin, born directly from God. Jesus was a "quickening spirit". Jesus brought the Gospel, the Good News of salvation, eternal life, the free gift of God for all the world, for all people, obtained by faith in Him. Jesus was a quickening spirit because He gave eternal life! This gift restored full fellowship with God. The Gospel message, salvation that is obtained by confession with the mouth and belief in the heart....

"That 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 with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.  
(Romans 10:9-10)

This message is for all the world, for everyone. Yet how was the message spread?

"For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him. For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent?." (Romans 10:12-15)



The word “sent” is the Greek *apostello*...apostle. Jesus in His earthly ministry made many apostles. He is called “the apostle and high priest of our profession” (Hebrews 3:1). Jesus sent all of us through the great commission (Matthew 28:19-20), and told His followers (His children—John 13:33)...

“And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.” (Mark 16:15)

Jesus spread His Gospel by sending, scattering, His followers over all the world. He commanded that His followers were to be sent out to reach everyone on the planet earth.

So we see the similarities between Adam and Jesus. The truth is that we ought to see Adam as a prophecy of what Jesus would later do. Adam was created directly by God just as Jesus. He possessed a living soul, Jesus, a quickening spirit. Both Adam and Jesus had a direct relationship with God the Father. Jesus said “I and the Father are one” But of course, Jesus is God, and He has always existed (John 1:1-3).

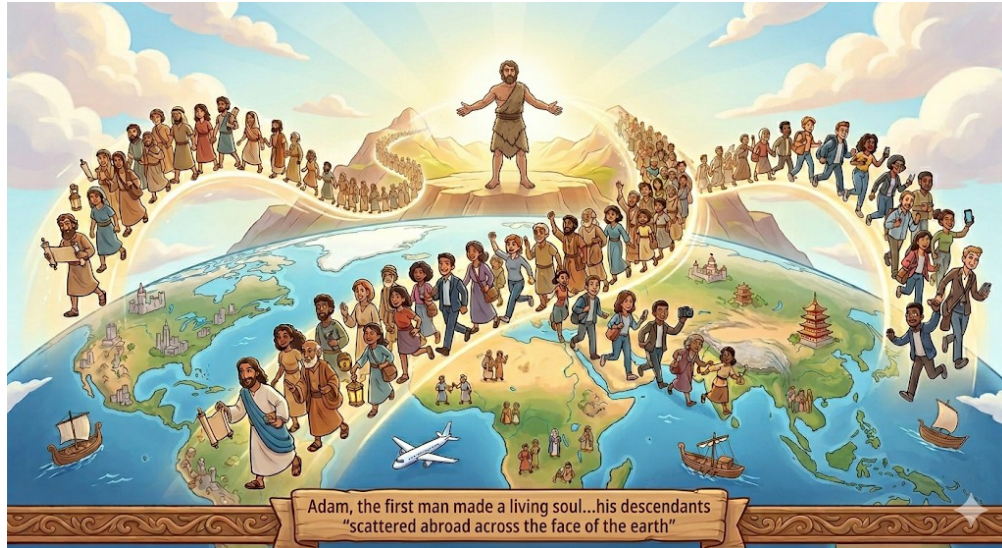
Adam was fooled by Satan, and so sin entered into him and all his descendants. Adam’s sin interfered with this relationship, he was barred from the tree of life, from eternal life, because of sin. (Genesis 3)

But Jesus succeeded! He outwitted Satan!

“Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.” (1Corinthians 2:8)

So the free gift was made available to all people everywhere. And the method for this message to be heard was by sending Jesus followers, His children, brothers and sisters in the Lord who are witnesses of Him and His Gospel.

And Adam? Did he have a mission to complete?



Adam failed with regard to sin, and so brought the curse of sin to every one of his descendants. But, Adam did have a living soul. This living soul was inherited by everyone of Adam's physical descendants. After Adam, the law came through Moses. The law serves to show us our sin. Adam's descendants, his children, were eventually scattered to all parts of the planet earth, to intermarry with all people. This took time.

However, when the time was right, everyone, every human being on the face of the planet earth, was now a descendant of Adam.

“But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father. Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ. (Galatians 4:4-6)

Yes the descendants of Adam were all sinners.

But yes they all possessed a living soul, and thus could have fellowship with God, they could become children of God, heirs of God through Christ.

Jesus was sent of the Father to reach a whole world that was in need, and Jesus sent His children out to help the world, to spread the Gospel. Here, the Bible calls Jesus, the last Adam. Adam was also created by God, and Adam sent his children to bring help to a world in need, to spread the unique attributes God had given him.

“As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you” John 20:21

PART 4  
OTHER QUESTIONS AND INFORMATION—

Chapter 18 But Doesn't the Bible Tell Us That There Is No Such Thing As Evolution?



Answer: no.

It's really as simple as that. The Bible does not say anything at all about evolution.

What is evolution?

Well, we are going to have to look at a scientific definition of evolution, because the concept simply is not in the Bible....

*Evolution*

*In biology, evolution is the change in the characteristics of a species over several generations and relies on the process of natural selection. ... Evolution relies on there being genetic variation in a population which affects the physical characteristics (phenotype) of an organism.*

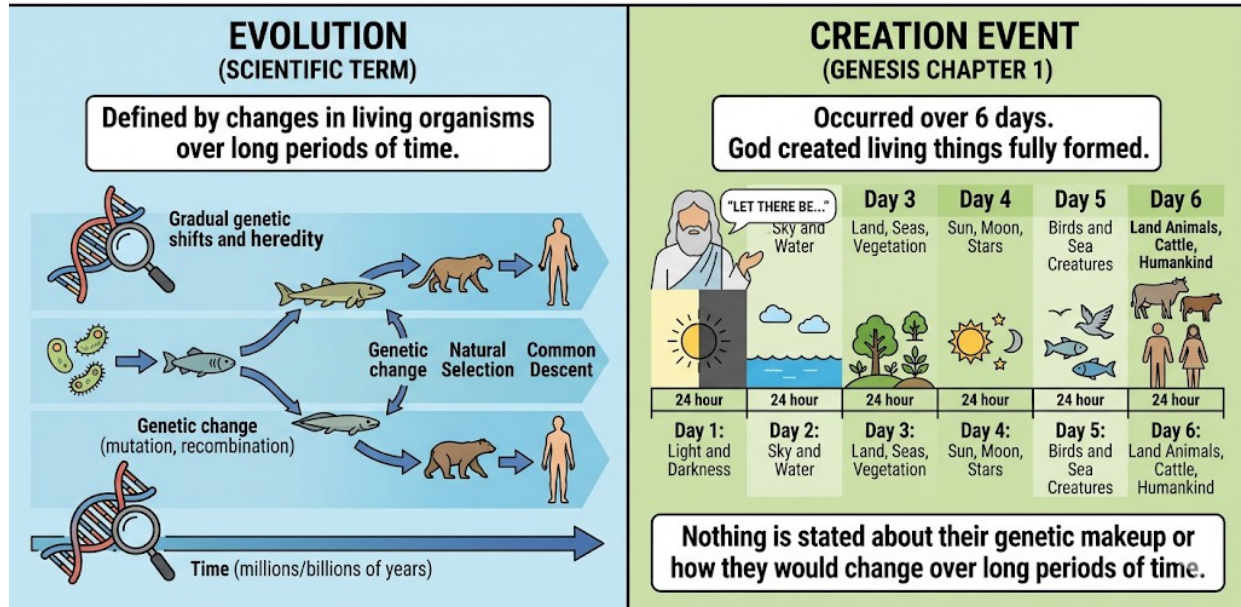
This is the simple scientific definition of evolution. Evolution is the changes that occur in a living species, over many generations. Changes that occur over long periods of time.

Now let's look at Genesis chapter 1.

This is a 6 day event. This creation happened over 6 literal days, 6 sunsets and 6 sunrises. During this six day event, God miraculously and immediately created specific types of living things. They were immediately made alive by God, fully formed, by His miracle working power.

This tells us nothing about the genetic make up of these living things. In 6 days there is absolutely no way to find any information about the future evolution of these living organisms. There is no mention of these living things reproducing themselves. There is just not enough time.

## COMPARING SCIENTIFIC EVOLUTION AND BIBLICAL CREATION MODELS



But.....

Doesn't the Bible say that living things "reproduce after their own kind"?

Will you go check for me and find that? Because I can't find it.

This is what the KJV says....

“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.” (Genesis 1:21)

“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. 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.” (Genesis 1:24-25)

Do you see anything in these verses about reproduction? I don't.

The King James Version of the Bible was translated over 200 years before the concept of evolution was created in science. You might find a newer translation of the Bible that says that the living things reproduce after their own kind. I like the fact that the KJV was translated before Christians had such a big argument with science in the 19th century.

The word the KJV translators used was “kind”. What does this word mean?

Well when we study it in the Hebrew, the KJV word “kind’ is just about right. The Hebrew word means “to portion out”.

When Genesis says God made “winged fowl after their kind” we could rightly say in our own modern vernacular that God made different *kinds* of birds. God “portioned out” different types of birds. God made different types of birds as He desired.....”His kind”.

The Bible is telling us that God likes variety, and He was making birds that looked different—different colors and shapes and sizes. You only have to look out your window to see this! God created beauty in nature. The is part of how nature works, and God made all of it.

God was making a paradise called Eden, for the first two people who were created as living souls. This is where His covenant with humanity begins, and He was giving us His very best. He wanted it to be beautiful and functional, and supply the needs of Adam and his descendants.

There is nothing in this language about how these living things will reproduce over generations.

There is nothing about evolution.

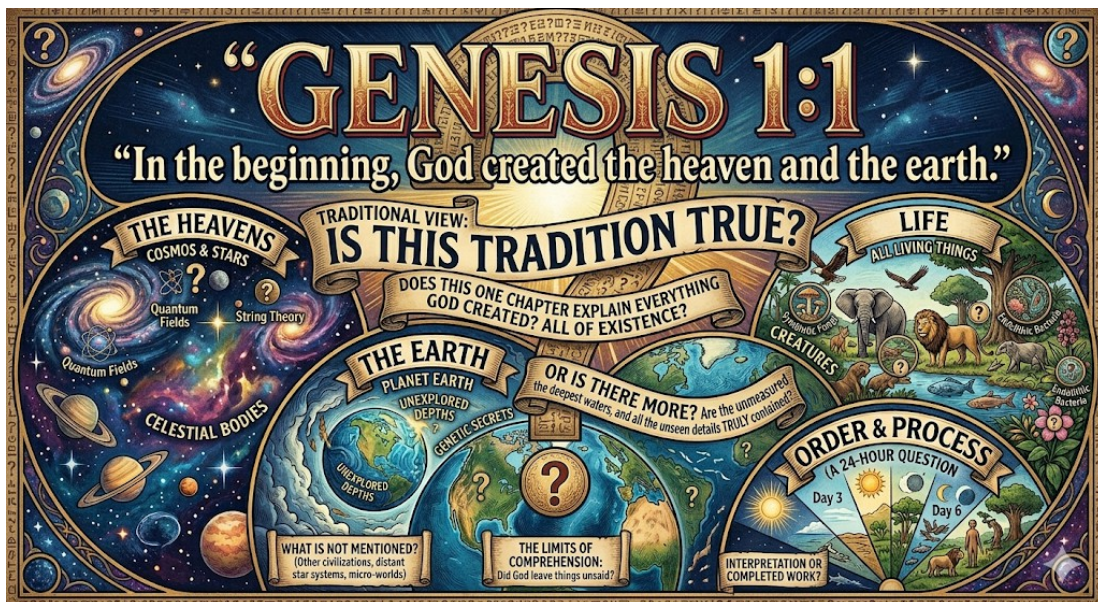
## Chapter 19 The Other “In The Beginning”

“In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth” (Genesis 1:1)

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God” (John 1:1)

Now let’s talk about the elephant in the room...Genesis 1:1.

This verse is considered to be one of the top 5 most popular and well known Bible verses. It certainly is famous. And as I have stated, it has been a long-standing tradition, first among Jews and later among Christians, that this verse is saying.....”What follows, in the first chapter of Genesis, is a complete description of how, where and when God created the planet earth, all living things, and the entire universe”



The Hebrew word which is translated as “In the beginning” holds the meaning of “first”.

Let’s think about this for a minute. Does God have a “first” thing He ever did? No, of courses not, God is eternal. God has no “first thing” He ever did, He has been around forever, and He has been creating forever.

God has done a lot of things.

Now we have seen that if we simply keep reading, and don’t give Genesis 1:1 some kind of magical power over everything else the Bible states, it is a part of the specific events that follow.

Genesis 1:1 is the beginning of something very important. This is the beginning of the covenant. The Bible is a covenant, an agreement between God and man, specifically between God and the descendants of Adam. This covenant is telling us about the provision that God gave Adam, but it will go on to show us that Adam fell to sin, and there would need to be the remedy for sin, which is the blood of Jesus Christ on the cross of Calvary.

But there is another “in the beginning”. It is found in the Gospel of John, verse 1, chapter 1.

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God” (John 1:1)

I hope you might see a contradiction right away in this verse. Here the Bible is telling us about something else as “the beginning”. Not the creation of the earth, or Eden, or the universe. This statement is saying that the true beginning is God Himself, specifically Jesus. John 1:14 (remember—keep reading the Bible and let it explain itself!) states that “The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us...” So the “Word” is Jesus—amen!

God was first. Jesus was first. The Greek word which is translated in John 1:1 as the phrase “In the beginning” is a term that means eternity. John 1:1 is the real true, “in the beginning”!

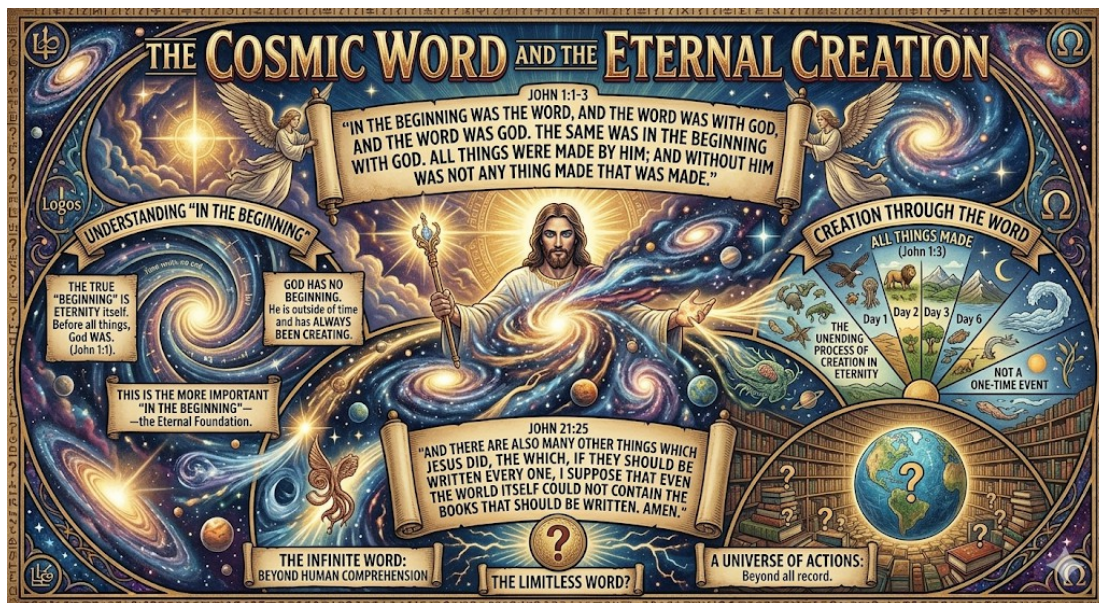
First was God. He has been around forever. He is eternal. Only He deserves to be first. And He has been creating forever. As it states in John 1:3...

“All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.” (John 1:3)

God has been creating forever, so He has made a lot of stuff. No single chapter of any book could possibly describe everything that God has made. Okay you might think that this is just me talking....but take a look at the very last verse, of this very same book of John....

“And there are also many other things which Jesus did, the which, if they should be written every one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that should be written. Amen.” (John 21:25)

This very little known verse states that one could literally fill the world with books and not be able to record everything that God has done! He is eternal. He has no beginning He has no end. The beginning of the Bible is the beginning of the covenant. Our specific covenant.



## Chapter 20 The History Of Creationism

I have mentioned traditional creationism a number of times, and I would like to explain.



First I would like to say that there are certain aspects of creationism that I agree with very much. Remember, the Bible says without question that God created everything. And there are aspects of creationism where some very good scientists, who are Christians, look into the planet earth, or nature, or the cosmos, and discover what we might call the handprint of God in the creation of what we see around us. They might find scientific facts, that lead to the concept of God as Creator.

I think this type of creationism is wonderful!

Unfortunately there is a specific narrative about the Bible, the idea that the first chapter of Genesis is a description of how, where and when God created everything. This is the aspect of creationism that I disagree with. Not scientifically, but Biblically. There is another explanation for Genesis chapter 1 and I think it needs to be found and understood, not by science of any kind, but by looking at the big picture of the Bible itself.

And also very unfortunately, many groups of Christians are stuck with this concept, and cannot seem to see any other explanation. Why? Well it is simply something called tradition. Tradition is actually the main reason why we have so many different Christian groups in the first place. At various times and in various places Christians have gotten together, and very often they may have broken away from another Christian group, because they disagreed with some aspect of their "official church doctrine".

Personally I think this is a very sad thing, and I also think that it is not the highest will of God.

But let's talk about this notion, the idea that Genesis chapter 1 is the ultimate science book. The idea that Genesis chapter 1 is a description of the creation of the planet earth and the entire universe.

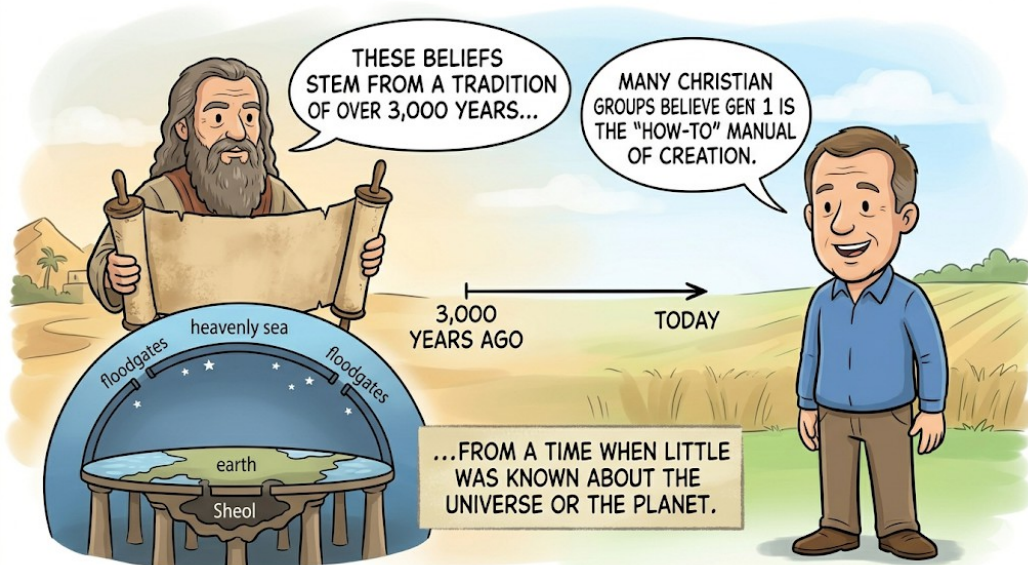
Where did this tradition come from?

I recently read a statement at a very well known creation website, about the origin of this idea. The answer they stated was that “Jewish scholars” have verified this universal creation event in Genesis 1. What they failed to say is *when* did those Jewish scholars live?

The truthful answer I well over 3,000 years ago!

This “new earth” concept can be traced back over 3,000 years. It is believed that it dates back to before the times when the Bible became written, and was passed on orally.

I have two very big problems with this fact.

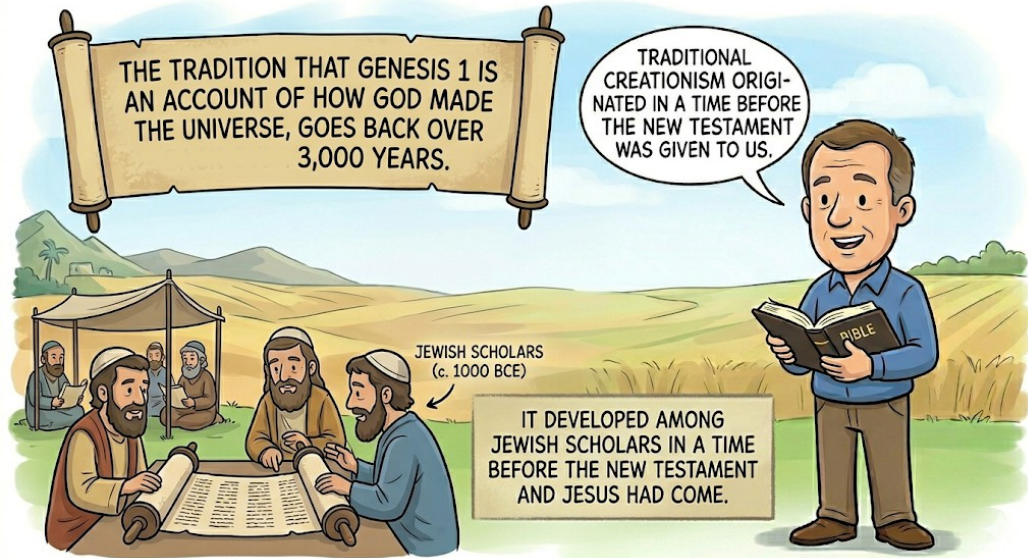


1. The people who invented the new earth concept, knew very little about the planet earth, the natural world, and the universe around us. I am convinced that they based this idea on the scientific knowledge that they had at that time, and the simple fact is that they had a whole list of incorrect scientific ideas!

3,000 years ago most people were sure the world was flat, and the sun moon and stars were discs that moved across the sky. They certainly had no idea of how large the planet earth is or how enormous the universe is.

It is clear that the idea that Genesis chapter 1 is an account of how the world and the universe was created is absolutely based on the science of over 3,000 years ago.

2. Traditional creationism was originated by people who did not have the New Testament. This is a very very important point to consider! The Bible was incomplete without the New Testament, without the full council of the Word of God. And as we have seen, there is a lot of very very important information about the creation, and about Adam and Eve, contained in the New Testament. There is much more information about the human soul, and the knowledge of who Christ is, and how His mission is related to all the events described the Old Testament.



Having studied these things from the Bible for a long time, I can very much understand how people, living thousands of years ago, before the New Testament, before Christ, with only the information found in the old testament, would have come to the conclusion that Genesis 1 is a description of a universal creation. This wrong conclusion certainly fit into their limited knowledge of science, and also fit into the limited knowledge of the Bible the Jewish scholars of over 2,000 years ago possessed.

Remember that the ancient scholars who started creationism did not have the new testament, and there is vital information in it!!! When Paul calls Jesus “a second Adam”, he is telling us that we won’t understand who Adam was until we understand Jesus. The Jewish scholars who originated creationism did not know who Jesus was, they did not know the Gospel, they did not fully understand the concept of a living soul, and they did not know that the Gospel was meant to be spread by people being sent (scattered) across the earth to people who needed God’s love and help. They did not understand that “in the beginning was Jesus...” (John 1:1), They did not understand that “all the books in all the world couldn’t contain all the things that Jesus has done” (John 21:25). You cannot understand Genesis unless you fully understand the New Testament.

Traditional creationism was originated before the new testament was given.

### A Bit More History—Fear Of Darwin

In the year 1859 Darwin published his book on the theory of evolution. This is a vital point in history that has ramifications to this day. Darwin theorized that life evolved and this was the way various species have formed over time, including human beings. This was something that brought a great deal of fear to the good Christians of that day, who were very well versed with the idea that Genesis chapter 1 was an account of how everything was made.

They feared that science had proved the Bible wrong.



So they fought back. They began to read more and more into Genesis chapter 1. They decided that the single word “kind” disproves evolution. They doubled down on their tradition, and fought with science. But also at the same time, there were and are many other good Christians who began to notice many events that are described, right in Genesis and in the rest of scripture, that seemed to point to the idea of an old earth, of a pre-existing earth and pre-existing people. These have been pointed out by many Bible scholars over the last 150 years.

There are today many major Christian groups that believe in an old earth account in scripture.

At the same time traditional creationism continues to be adhered to by many other Christian groups.

Personally I wish this small subject in the Bible would not separate one group from another. We all ought to be united by the idea that Jesus Christ is Lord and Savior. Whether or not Genesis chapter 1 is an account of the creation of everything should never be an issue that keeps us from doing the work of spreading the Gospel, the work that God has called all of us to do.



## Chapter 21 Who I am And Why I Am Doing This

I'm a Christian. I have been a Christian for many years. I'm 65 years old when I am writing this, and I have been studying the Bible since I was about 10 years old.

I am not a scientist. I am not a scholar. I do not belong to any specific Christian group.

In my life the most important thing I have ever done for the Lord is to create a website called tracts.com. We, (my wonderful wife Laura and I) began tracts.com in 1997. We had just bought our first computer, and the internet was a new thing at the time. The Lord lead us to create some Christian tracts. Simple easy to understand tracts, that told people about Jesus, who He is, what He has done to bring salvation to all mankind. The tracts were and always have been completely free of charge. We do not accept or ask for donations at our website. We give the free gift, freely.

Shortly after we began the website, the Lord told us to stop doing our own tracts and open up a new door, by encouraging other Christians to post their tracts along with ours. This was when things got amazing. The Lord sent many people to us who also wrote tracts, and suddenly the website had thousands of free tracts, in many many different languages. And the testimonies started to come in. People all over the world accepting Christ as Savior, healings, deliverance from drugs, alcohol, prisoners being ministered to and turning from sin. We didn't do it alone, instead we had connected with the Body of Christ that is in this earth. We had connected and given release to thousands of believers, who had distributed tens of millions of tracts, and connected with many many souls across the entire world.

The last 29 years have been wonderful, and we are blessed every day to hear and see about other people sharing the Gospel and making similar websites, and doing just what we do, but so much better than we could do alone.

This is where I come from in my experience, and this experience in the Gospel birthed the motivation I personally have to study the creation story from the Bible. You see, along the way I have interacted with many many people (particularly young folks) who are very very sure that "science has proven the Bible wrong" because "the Bible says the universe was created a few thousand years ago, and there is no such thing as evolution". These young people have been taught many ideas about science, that clearly contradict traditional Bible creationism. I have tried very hard not to judge any group, whether the scientific or the religious. But at the same time, not listen too hard to any point of view except the Bible narrative in a simple direct manner.

I have seen personally and had reports from many other Christians witnesses that this subject is one of the most difficult to work with in people. We all know the devil is hard at work, trying to disprove the Bible, and make it seem an outdated and backward piece of literature. We all know that the Bible is the power of God to bring salvation to anyone who will hear God's call. We all know it is His Holy covenant, and is every bit as real, and true and applicable today in our fast changing world.

I may have presented a sort of lighthearted concept here, but I think there is something very serious about this subject, because many many people today are looking at science and drawing the conclusion that the Bible has been proven wrong.....and this leads to people not believing in God, and perhaps not finding salvation.....which is a very serious matter. What if tradition does have this small part of the Bible wrong? I may not have every aspect of this right, but I hope you can see that there are many suggestions that the traditional idea, the

strict idea, that Genesis chapter 1 is an explanation of how the world and the universe was created, might have another explanation.

What if we do have this wrong? Are we ready to repent? Or will we stick with tradition? This is serious.

I never went about this scientifically, I went about this from a standpoint of attempting to interpret the Word without a prior prejudice. It wasn't easy. I had been taught traditional creationism mostly through various teachers of the Word, yet I was always aware that other teachers presented ideas like the gap theory. In my mind there never really seemed to actually be very strong agreement about what the Bible is talking about in the first chapter of Genesis.

I did a lot of research, I did a lot of prayer, I read many many different observations and opinions from many many Bible teachers, and I read Genesis many many many times over. This short work was done over the period of about 10 years. Something you ought to know is that there are many groups of Christians who agree with this basic idea that I present to you. Not every Christian is a strict creationist, and it is not "un-Biblical or Un-Godly" to disagree with traditional creationism.

I think we ought to be much more free to discuss things like this, and to learn from one another. You may not agree with everything (or anything!) I have said here. Please feel free to disagree, and do your own research, your own study. Maybe you agree somewhat—that's great—go and do your own study, it will probably be better than mine and you will find even more information to teach others.

That's really how it works, us finite, limited human beings trying to understand an eternal Creator...remember...

"And there are also many other things which Jesus did, the which, if they should be written every one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that should be written. Amen." (John 21:25)

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