



## “Creation, Sin, Salvation” (Genesis 1-3)

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v.1 Fascinating! This is the beginning of creation, so my question is this: What was there before creation? Hebrews 7:3; Micah 5:2.

- Sir Isaac Newton used to get harassed by his colleagues because he believed in creation and not evolution, so he made a giant model of the solar system and invited some of his colleagues over. When they asked where he got such a masterful model, he told them it just “appeared.” They had been “set up!”
- “The probability of life originating by accident is comparable to the probability of the unabridged dictionary originating from an explosion in a print shop.” (Biologist Edwin Conklin)
- Hebrews 11:3

v.2 “Was” can be translated “became.”

- The “gap theory” suggests that there is a gap between Gen.1:1 and 1:2. This theory suggests that there was some catastrophe that took place, leaving the earth in its formless and void state. The fall of Lucifer is generally tied to this theory (see Ezek.28:11-19)...This is probably when the earth would have become tilted on its axis, dramatic climate change would have occurred in the polar regions; the ice age, etc. They have found fossils of huge mammoths in polar regions that were instantly frozen and before the freeze were feeding on tropical foliage.
- Isa.45: 18 For this is what the LORD says-- he who created the heavens, he is God; he who fashioned and made the earth, he founded it; he did not create it to be empty, but formed it to be inhabited-- he says: "I am the LORD, and there is no other.

vv.3-5 On the first day of creation, God separates the light from the darkness. This is especially interesting when we realize that the sun, moon and stars were not created until the fourth day.

- Luke 22: 53 Every day I was with you in the temple courts, and you did not lay a hand on me. But this is your hour--when darkness reigns."
- John 1:1; Col.1:15-16

vv.6-8 The whole earth would have been tropical, which is exactly what scientists say the world was like at one time. This expanse of water would have been a protective canopy that blocked the ultraviolet rays of the sun. Things changed after the flood of Noah's day.

vv.9-13 This is the first time we see the phrase "according to their kinds."

- There are mutations within a "kind," but never an evolutionary change from one "kind" to another.

vv.14-19 If you jumped on a beam of light traveling at 700,000 mph, it would take 100,000 years to reach the edge of the Milky Way (The Milky Way being only one of several billion galaxies in the universe!); Suppose one sheet of paper represented the distance between the earth and the sun (93 million miles). It would take a stack of paper 71 feet high to reach the nearest star (Alpha Centauri); It would take a stack 31 miles high to reach the edge of our galaxy! It would take a stack 310 million miles high to reach the edge of the known universe!!

- 1,300,000 earths can fit inside the sun. Sixty-four suns can fit inside the star Antares. There is a star in the constellation Hercules that can hold 100,000,000 Antares. There is star called Epsilon (largest known star) that 3-4 million Antares can fit inside of.
- Right now we are moving 1,000 mph as the earth moves on its axis. The earth moves around the sun at 67,000 mph.. The sun is moving across the galaxy at 64,000 mph. Adds up to 1,350,000 mph.

vv.20-23 A drop of ditchwater can hold 500 million microscopic creatures so small that a teaspoon of water would be to them life the Atlantic Ocean to us.

vv.24-25 Scientists have classified over 800,000 different kinds of insects, 30,000 kinds of fish, 9,000 kinds of birds, 6,000 kinds of reptiles, 3,000 kinds of amphibians, and 5,000 kinds of mammals!

vv.26-27 Man is unique in God's creation because we are created in the image of God. God is Trinity, and so are we (I Thess.5:23). God is Creator, and we also create, with one major difference – God can create out of nothing, but we can only create with what He provides for us. Story of God challenging man to a creation contest.

v.28 One need only go to a Barnum and Bailey circus and see the dominion God has granted man over the animal kingdom.

vv.29-30 In the beginning man and animal were both vegetarians. But to argue that God intended us to remain vegetarians ignores the clear teaching of Scripture (Gen.9:1-3; animal sacrifices under the Law of Moses).

v.31 It was very good, but not for long!

vv.2:7-9, 15-17 Right in the middle of paradise is where God placed these two most interesting trees. And man could eat of any tree in paradise except this one called "the tree of the knowledge of good and evil." If he ate from this tree he would die.

v.2:18 Genesis chapter one gave us a quick overview of creation and here God fills in some detail.

vv.2:19-20 I hope all the men here are as thankful as I am that no suitable mate for Adam was found in the animal kingdom!

vv.2:21-23

v.2:24 The relationship between a husband and wife is meant to typify the relationship between Jesus Christ and the church (Eph.5:31-32).

v.2:25 No shame because there is no sin. What a world Adam and Eve lived in! Paradise! Adam married to the most gorgeous woman in all the world, running around naked all the time in paradise, the entire animal kingdom subject to them. And let's not forget, God was there with them. We know that from the record of the next chapter.

v.3:1 Rev.20:2 tells us that the serpent here is the devil.

vv.3:2-5 This is deception, as well as enticement. James tells us there is in each human being a propensity toward evil (James 1:14-15).

v.3:6a You know what I saw today that I have never seen before? The woman was guilty of the lust of the flesh (good for food), the lust of the eyes (pleasing to the eye), and the pride of life (desirable for gaining wisdom). See I John 2:15-17.

v.3:6b I Timothy 2:14 tells us that the woman was deceived, but Adam was not. Adam what were you thinking?

v.3:7 Where we got the idea that the forbidden fruit was an apple I do not know. Evidence here suggests to me the forbidden fruit may have been figs!

vv.3:8-9 The question God asks is for man's sake. See Hebrews 4:13.

vv.3:10-13

vv.3:14-15 The Hebrew word for "offspring" (also translated "seed") refers to a person, and that person is Jesus Christ (Abraham, Gal.3:16).

vv.3:16-19 All negative results of man's sin!

v.3:21 An animal was sacrificed and the skin made into garments to cover Adam and Eve's nakedness. My bet is these garments were lambskin.

vv.3:22-24 Had man eaten of the tree of life he would have lived forever in his sinful state.

## CONCLUSION

- The Bible takes some fifty chapters to discuss the construction and significance of the Tabernacle, yet only five words about the stars!!
- Of the eighty-nine chapters in the four Gospel records, only four chapters cover the first thirty years of the life of Jesus, while eighty-five cover the last three years, and twenty-seven cover the final eight days!
- To create, God only had to speak; to redeem, He had to suffer! John 3:16.
- Psalm 8:3-4 When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is man that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him?
- Jeremiah 29:11 “For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”
- Jeremiah 31:3 The LORD appeared to us in the past saying: “I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with unfailing kindness.”
- Psalm 103:11...as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him...