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WHEN GOD SPEAKS

Genesis 1:1-5

Passage: Genesis 1:1-5

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Introduction and Theme: In **Genesis 1:1** the Bible gets right to the point and proclaims what God did, *“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.”*

God created the Heavens and the Earth in six days (**Gen. 2:1**, **Exodus 20:11**). The rest of chapters 1 and 2 tells us in detail what God completed in verse 1.

Words to define:

God (Elohim, Hebrew): Plurality of God, Supremacy of God, when used in its generic designation of God it refers to Him as Creator God. Elohim is used 32 times in chapter 1 to emphasize God’s majesty and power. Elohim might also be a hint that God exists in 3 persons. Elohim reveals God’s power by creating everything by merely speaking the word. Note that in Genesis Chapter 2:4 the author uses Lord God from His covenant name “Jehovah” or Yahweh Elohim, which means The LORD, God’s memorial name to all generations (**Exodus 3:15**).

Created (bara, Heb): a verb meaning to create. Only God is the subject of this verb.

Formless: to lie in waste, desolate.

Void: empty.

Day (yome, Heb): a masculine noun meaning day, time, year. The word “day” can refer to the portion of time when the sun is visible as well as to the whole period of twenty-four hours composed of “evening and morning” (**Gen. 1:5**). Sometimes biblical writers used “day” to describe a longer period of time in which God accomplishes some special purpose, such as “the day of the Lord”(**Isa.2:12**) or “the day of judgment (**Matt.10:15**).

I. The Creation of the Heavens and the Earth (Genesis 1:1-5)

a. God created (bara) the Heavens and the Earth out of nothing(v.1).

Three Heavens:

1. First Heaven-home of birds and clouds.
2. Second Heaven-home of the sun, moon, and stars(Ps.19:1).
3. Third Heaven-home of the angels and departed believers (2 Cori 12:2).

II. The First Day of Creation (vs.2-5)

- a. The earth was formless and void, uninhabitable(v.2a).
- b. The Holy Spirit was involved in creation(v.2b).
- c. God created the earth in darkness then He created light(v.3).
- d. God separated the light from the darkness and then He called the light “day” and He called the darkness “night”(vs.4-5a).
- e. God defines a twenty four hour day(v.5b).

Conclusion and Application:

Did God create the whole universe, including the original plants, animals, and first two people, Adam and Eve, in six literal 24 hour days? Or did creation take place over millions of years?

To answer that we should remember that the original readers of Genesis were not scientists or Hebrew scholars. Rather, they were former slaves, mostly uneducated, on their way to the Promised Land. The fathers were commanded to teach their children the (Deuteronomy 6:1-7), so the Hebrew language in Genesis 1 must have been very clear to the people, even to children. When we look carefully at Genesis 1, in Hebrew or even in English, it is clear that God created everything in six literal 24 hour days.

There is no biblical or scientific reason to be ashamed of believing in a recent six day creation. God has spoken clearly and truthfully. Will you trust His Word over the arrogant claims of sinful men?

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This is **Week 2** of an ongoing Study Outline series entitled:
GENESIS / When God speaks, things happen!
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The Purpose of this entire study is to answer the questions:

1. Do We KNOW God (as our Heavenly Father)?
2. How WELL Do We Know Him?
3. Or, Do We Just Know Of Him?

It is our prayer that you will find all of the above answers along with much more insight as to the many purposes and plans God has for all of his creation by diving into the very first book of the Bible called: **GENESIS** through this expository study outline.

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