

Genesis 2020 Introduction and Chapter One

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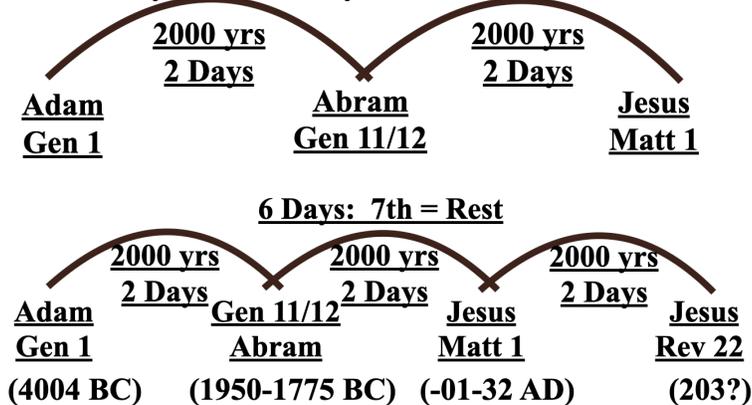
Focus:

- 89 chapters in the 4 Gospels:
- 4 cover the first 30 years of Christ's life,
- 85 cover the last 3 years of His life,
- 27 cover the last 8 days of His life.

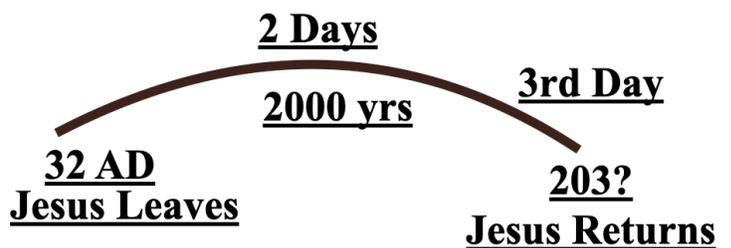
Similarly, There are 50 chapters in Genesis:

- 2 chapters cover the birth of all creation.
- 8.5 chapters cover the fall.
- 38.5 chapters cover God's redemptive plan.

“A Day is as a 1000 years...” Ps 90:42 Pet 3:8



“After two days He will revive us, on the third day will raise us up that we May live before Him.” Hosea 6:2?



Threads Beginning In Genesis

Note others as you go along in Genesis

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|-------------------------------------|----------------|-------------------|------------------------|-----------|----------|---------|
| -Salvation | Blessings | Specific Promises | -Savior | Deliverer | Redeemer | Messiah |
| -Judgment | Curses | Sorrow | -God dwelling with man | | | |
| -God's image | Seed | - Families (son) | | | | |
| Generations... | -Satan's image | Seed | | | | |
| -Covenants vs Conditional Contracts | | | -Rest | | | |
| Reward | Security | -War | Kingship | | | |
| -Servanthood | Stewardship | | | | | |
| -Separation and yet coexistence | | | -Priesthood | | | |
| -Time/Seasons | Schedules | Itineraries | -Nations | | | |
| | | | -Sea | | | |
| | | | -Monsters/beasts | | | |

-Re-Creation

-The Law

-Genesis is History...and yet deep spiritual symbolism

— Genesis 1-11 is most likely literal but that is not the complete intent. Poetry, symmetry, God’s character and His deep purposes are detailed. It sets the stage for the rest of Scripture and is the basis for a theological argument and court case against evil principalities. God wages war against dark realms. It is an argument for God’s sovereignty and absolute authority over and purpose in the ages, both future and past. His plan of redemption and judgment begins in chap 12-50 and the rest of Scripture unveils it. Creation, God’s Character, and His Plan go from:

- Formless to form - Indistinct to distinct - Darkness to light - Confused to clear

...all with clear understanding of a literal six days of Creation (Exodus 20:11).

Comparing Genesis to Revelation

Man in image of God	—> Gen 1:26	_____
Man headed by Satan’s image	—>Rev 13	_____
Entrance of Sin	—> Gen 3:6	_____
End of Sin	—>Rev 21:27	_____
Curse Pronounced	—> Gen 3:14-16	_____
No more curse	—>Rev 22:3	_____
Death entered	—> Gen 3:19	_____
No more death	—>Rev 21:4	_____
Man driven out of garden	—> Gen 3:24	_____
Man restored	—>Rev 22	_____
Tree of Life guarded	—> Gen 3:24	_____
Right to Tree of Life	—>Rev 22:14	_____
Man’s Dominion ceased	—>Gen 3:24	_____
Satan’s domain ends/man restored	—>Rev 22	_____
Earth’s government (rebel)	->Gen 2, 4, 11, 26	_____
Earth Gov ends	—>Rev 11:15	_____
Nimrod founded Babylon	—>Gen 10:8-10	_____
Babylon Destroyed	—>Rev 17-18	_____
God’s Flood to destroy evil	—>Gen 6-9	_____
Satan’s flood to destroy elect	—>Rev 12	_____
God’s Bow	—>Gen 9:13	_____
Satan’s Bow	—>Rev 4:3, 10:1	_____
Sodom & Egypt corruption/judged	>Gen 13:19	_____
Sodom/Egypt = Jerusalem	—>Rev 11:8	_____
Confederation vs Abraham’s people	>Gen 14	_____
Confederation vs Abraham’s seed	—>Rev 12	_____
Marriage of 1st Adam	—>Gen 2:18-23	_____
Marriage of Last Adam	—>Rev 19	_____

Patterns In Genesis EX 1. A pattern of sevens is immediate

- 1:1 has 7 Hebrew words
- 1:2 has 14 words
- The first passage (chapter 1) has 7 verses
- The last paragraph = 35 words (7x5)
- The 7th verse deals with the 7th day.
- “And it was so” (concerning light) = 7 times
- “It was (very) good” = 7x
- “And God made” = 7x
- Days numbered = 7
- Light and Day = 7x
- Water = 7x
- Creatures/beasts = 7x
- Elohim = 35x
- Earth = 21x
- Heavens = 21x

EX 2. Equal Distance Patterning

All languages in the E Hemisphere flow West ←
 All languages in the W Hemisphere flow East →
 In Other Words; all languages flow toward Jerusalem.

In Genesis and Exodus, if you begin with the first “T” and go every 49th letter you spell TORAH. In Numbers and Deuteronomy, begin with “H” and every 49 letter spells HAROT (Torah backwards). But what about Leviticus? If you begin with the first “Y” and count every seven letters you get the word YAWEH.

GENESIS	EXODUS	LEVITICUS	NUMBERS	DEUTERONOMY
→ תורה →	→ תורה →	יהוה	← הרות ←	← הרות ←
TORH	TORH	<u>YHWH</u>	HROT	HROT

THE TORAH ALWAYS POINTS TO YHWH

STUDY TIME

Chuck Missler: “The secularist say first there was nothing, and then it exploded”

...Usher and Lightfoot and Answer’s in Genesis put creation in October, 4004 B.C. 6024 Years ago

Imagine: The Jews are sitting around the campfire with Moses and He begins with this statement. *“In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. Genesis 1:1*

The Egyptians had approximately 1,200 gods; here are a few:

Amun-Ra: The Hidden One.

Mut: The Mother Goddess.

Ra: God of the Sun and Radiance.—> So, for instance, one myth goes like this. *“Every evening*

Anubis: The Divine Embalmer. *sailing on*

the sun god ‘RA’ descends into darkness

Osiris: The King of the Living

a great barge to battle his enemy Apophis the

Horus: God of Vengeance.

Great Serpent from dawn to dusk, emerging every

Thoth: God of Knowledge and Wisdom.

sunrise as the victor over the dark domain.”

Hathor: Goddess of Motherhood.

So, this statement in verse 1 is a statement of the sovereignty of God over all of creation. We are accountable only to Elohim.

...Elohim: “El” is the word for God. “him” in the plural ending.

...it is a statement of the Triune God.

v1:2 (and; “but” in the LXX) *The earth was without form (tohu) and void (bohu), darkness was over the face of the deep.*

And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

—Isaiah 45:18 *For thus says the LORD, who created the heavens*

(he is God!), who formed the earth and made it (he established it:

he did not create it empty, he formed it to be inhabited!): “I am the LORD, and there is no other.

—Jeremiah 4:23 *I looked on the earth, and behold, it was without form and void; and to the heavens, and they had no light.*

— IS 45:7 *“I form light and create darkness; I make well-being and create calamity; I am the LORD, who does all these things.”*

What Does Darkness Symbolize?

- a. ...in ancient Lore...
- b. ...darkness was always the monster.
- c.
- d.

What Does Darkness Cause?

- a.
- b.
- c.
- d.

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—Lamentations 3:8 Do not both adversity and good come from the mouth of the Most High?

- God Hovers over the darkness (like a mother brooding over)... by His Spirit of Power and Might. Exodus 20:21 *The people stood far off, while Moses drew near to the thick darkness where God was.*

...From darkness to Light...from calamity to form, from uncomfortable to comfort, from fear to faith.

- When Adam and Eve were in Chaos and sin and darkness and calamity... God *Hovered*.

- When you were in darkness, God hovered:

2 Cor 4:6 *For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made His light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.*

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Deut 32:9 *But the LORD's portion is His people, Jacob His allotted inheritance. "He found him in a desert land, and in the howling waste of the wilderness; he encircled him, he cared for him, he kept him as the apple of his eye. As an eagle stirs up its nest and hovers over its young, He spread His wings to catch them and carried them on His pinions.*

- When you were in darkness, God hovered:

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At his point we should mention the darkness of judgment. For God will “undo” His creation. Jeremiah 4:23 I looked on the earth, and behold, it was without form and void; and to the heavens, and they had no light. 24 I looked on the mountains, and behold, they were quaking, and all the hills moved to and fro. 25 I looked, and behold, there was no man, and all the birds of the air had fled. See also Rev 8:7-12

...but only to **Re-create again: Rev 21, Is 65:17, 66:22**

- Why Create Darkness?

- Where was Adam when God was looking for him?
- Where was Israel when God went and got them?
- Where was Israel when God sent His Son to get them?
- Where were you when God sent His Son to get you?

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

- God's first decree is that there Must Be, and Will Be Light.

- This "good" will be created without any other source than God Himself.
"Let there be" "And there was" "I AM" In the Hebrew
all three terms carry with them the root of God's Name YAWEH

What Does Light Symbolize?

a. b. c. d.

- SO: a. God is "I AM" Exodus 3:14
- b. "God is Light" 1 John 1:5
- c. "God is Good" Nahum 1:7

- SO is Jesus: a. "I AM" John 8:58
- b. "Light" John 1:1
- c. "Good" Mark 10:18

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Note areas of overlapping of God's Triune characteristics:

Example 1. The Lord (YHWH) is my Shepherd. Psalm 23

- "I myself will shepherd my flock." Ezekiel 34
- "I Am the good Shepherd." John 10:11

Example 2. Your children shall be taught by the LORD. Is 54:13

- You will see your teacher with your own eyes. Is 30:20
- "Good Teacher," he asked, "what must I do ..." Mk 10:17
- The Helper, the Holy Spirit...He will teach you. Jn 14:26

v.4b *And God separated the light from the darkness.* Real evidence of Sovereignty, Lordship, Kingship. His first three Decrees: **a.** Let there be; There must be "Light" **b.** Light is good. No such note on darkness

c. He separates light and darkness.

...thus the second "decree" (Separation): Light from Dark, Good from Evil, Form from Calamity.

— **Important:** The principle, or law of separation.

Zechariah 1:2 "The LORD was very angry with your fathers (Separation).

v.3 Therefore say to them, Thus declares the LORD of hosts: Return to me, says the LORD of hosts, and I will return to you, says the LORD of hosts.

James 4:8 Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

— **Important:** While separation has its basis in principle and character of God, there is also always a rhyme and reason. God uses separation for the benefit of His glory, including judgment or redemption.

Notice... the darkness was already there.

v.5a God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening (Erev) and there was morning (Boker), the first day.

1. Lordship/Sovereignty again as God names His first two servants: Day is "Yom" and night is "Laylah."
2. God's choice is to go from evening to morning (the Jewish day does the same).
...the symbolism can't be missed; from night to day, unclear to clear, confusion to clarity.
3. God's hosts (day & night) become servants in His use of division to do His will (Law).

Why wasn't the Day and Night seen as Good?

1. Lordship and Sovereignty is in play here again

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...Don't miss the symbolism; day and night are God's servants making revealing clarity concerning Evil and Good and His Law.

...Daniel 8:26 The vision of the evenings and the mornings that has been told is true, but seal up the vision, for it refers to many days from now.

In Israel's law the Lord would make divisions between the holy and the profane (Lev. 10:10; 11:47), between the Holy Place and the Most Holy Place (Exod. 26:33), and in fact division between Israel and the nations (Lev. 20:24, 26). Even in the breastpouch of the priest, light and dark objects, the Urim and Thummim, were used for decisions. The division of light from darkness in creation thus displays the will of God as a foretaste of the law (God's Decrees). Allen P. Ross.

Divisions Continue: v.6 And God said, "Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." 7 And God made the expanse and separated the waters that were under the expanse from the waters that were above the expanse. And it was so. 8 And God called the expanse Heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

....Still not (Good) Complete !!!

"Can you, like him, spread out the skies, hard as a cast metal mirror?" Job 37:18

This expanse can be: 17 other verse = "stretches out the heavens"

- Torn Isaiah 64:1
- Worn out Psalm 102:25
- Shaken Heb 12:26; Is 13:13; Hag 2:6
- Burnt up 2 Peter 3:12
- Split apart like a scroll Rev 6:14 Is 34:4
- rolled up like a mantle Heb 1:12

v.9 And God said, "Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. 10 God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good [complete].

v.11 And God said, "Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, on the earth." And it was so. 12 The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed according to their own kinds, and trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. 13 And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

⇒ Only when the expanse is filled, will it be good. Only when the dry empty earth is green and lush is it called good.

v.14 And God said, “Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and years, 15 and let them be lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. 16 And God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. 17 And God set them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth, 18 to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. 19 And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

1. God does not name the lights
2. They are for signs & seasons (appointments)
3. They are for days and years (Time)
4. They are the source of lesser light
5. They will rule the day/night on God’s behalf
..this includes separation

Glimpse into God’s Plan
Jesus Fulfills the Seven Feasts of God

Three Spring Feasts				Three Fall Feasts		
1. Passover		2. Unleavened Bread		5. Trumpets		
3. First Fruits			4. Pentecost		6. Atonement	
1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.
04/14/32	04/14/32	04/17/32	06/03/32	?	?	?
Jesus Died	Jesus Buried	Jesus Raised	Church			



In many ancient myths the sun, the moon, the day, the night, and the sea are all gods or ruled by different gods fighting over sovereignty. In God’s creation, He is the only Ruler and His creation are hosts...servants

- Genesis “Appointed times”
- Heptadic (sevenfold) Calendar
- Week of Days = Shabbat; Day of Rest
- Week of Weeks = Shavout: Grain/1st fruits/Law
- Week of Months = The Religious Year
- Week of Years = The Sabbatical year/Land rest
- Seven Weeks of Seven = The Jubilee Year
 - All lands revert to its owners
 - All slaves go free -- All debts forgiven



Fun Fact: The sun and moon appear the same size in Earth’s sky because the sun’s diameter is about 400 times greater – but the sun is also about 400 times farther away.

...And he deposed the priests whom the kings of Judah had ordained to make offerings in the high places at the cities of Judah and around Jerusalem; those also who burned incense to Baal, to the sun (Shemesh) and the moon (Yarech) and the constellations (Mazzaroth) and all the host of the heavens. 2 Kings 23:5

Exodus 13:9-10 “You must keep My charge not to practice any of the detestable customs that were practiced before...Speak to the people of Israel and say to them, These are the appointed feasts of the LORD that you shall proclaim as holy convocations; they are my appointed feasts...These are the appointed feasts of the LORD.” Leviticus 18:30, 23:1, 4

- BAAL: Mentioned 40x in O.T. (Rom 11:1)
- Baal means “lord”; generally a fertility god.
- Worshiped according region emphasizing one attribute (18x): “Jer 9:14; “they have gone after the Baals.”
- Examples: Baal-hanan (Edom), Baal-Zephon (Egypt),

Baal-bamoth (Moab), Baal-peor (Ammon), Baal-gad (Lebanon) etc. Baal of Peor (Num 25, Deut 4:3, Ps 106:28, Hos 9:10); Baal of Tyre (either Melqart or Baal Shamem (see Elijah, Ahab, and Jezebel throughout 1Kgs 16-22); and Baal of Ekron (2Kgs 1:2); also other local prominent gods.

- Canaanite mythology: Baal was the son of El, the chief god, and Asherah, the goddess of the sea. Baal eclipsed El in power.
- Baal's sisters/consorts were Ashtoreth, a fertility goddess associated with the stars, and Anath, a goddess of love and war.
- The Canaanites Baal was the sun/storm god; w/lightning bolt.
- Baal worship is rooted in sensuality and ritualistic prostitution and at times required human sacrifice, usually the firstborn.
- The priests of Baal appealed to their god in rites of wild abandon; loud, ecstatic cries and self-inflicted injury.
- Baal: A Reubenite, a grandfather of Saul (1 Chron 5:5, 8:30, 9:36)

The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge. Psalm 19:1-2

- They stand this day according to your ordinances, for all things are servants to You. Ps 119:91
 - He established them forever and ever; He issued a decree that will never pass away. Ps 148:5
- He determines the number of the stars; he gives to all of them their names. Psalm 147:2

“Can you bring forth the constellations (Mazzaroth) in their seasons or lead out the Bear and her cubs? ...Do you know the laws of the heavens? Can you set their dominion over the earth?” Job 38:32, 33

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.....See E.W. Bollinger's "Gospels In The Stars"

...Also D. James Kennedy

- **12 Constellations.**
- **Zodiac (Ζωδιακος) = The Way.**
- **Begins with pregnant woman; ends with a Lion.**
- **The path of salvation is told through the Mazzaroth.**
- **The Zodiac names were not (and cannot) be named as they appear to us.**
- **Their names come from the names of the stars; and those stars are named in accordance to brightness.**
- **A mnemonic: Hebrew parents' stories to children**

What's its name?

Example: Pleiades and Orion (Greek): Job 38:31

- 1. Can you bind the bands of the Pleiades? (Kemah)
- 250 stars - 25,000 individuals - Moves southeast in unison as it is gravitationally bound (held together).

2. Or can you loosen the belt of Orion? (Kesil).
- Made up of two major stars and a cluster
- Are of greater distance then most constellations.
- Seems constant but actually pulling apart from each other; Over time the belt would no longer exist.

...Question: Job was written approx. 4,000 years ago. When did they figure out Orion's belt was falling off?

3. Can you bring forth the constellations (Mazzaroth) in their seasons or lead out the Bear (Ashi) and her cubs? Job 38:32

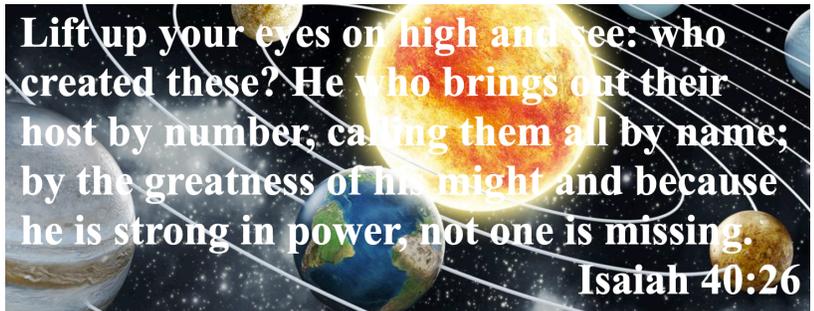
The Bear...Hebrew = Ashi:

- Greek name Arcturus; 37 light years away.
- One of the greatest stars in the universe.
- 20x larger then the sun but shines 113x brighter.
- Releases 215x more heat (215x more powerful).
- A great red star heading toward end of its life. - Will become a white dwarf.
- Who will "lead out the Bear and her cubs?" -- Arcturus is a "runaway" star pulling 52 other stars traveling 76 miles a second. — Our star's system runs at 12 miles/second.

Charles Burckhalter: "This high velocity places Arcturus in that very small class of stars that apparently are a law unto themselves. He is an outsider, a visitor, a stranger within the gates; to speak plainly, Arcturus is a runaway. Newton gives the velocity of a star under control as not more than 25 miles a second, and Arcturus is going 76 miles a second. Therefore, combined attraction of all the stars we know cannot stop him or even turn him in his path."

Summary: Arcturus and "his sons" are on a course all their own. Only God has the power to guide them, just as described in the ancient book of Job.

"Who makes Ashi, Kesil, and Kemah, and the chambers of the south." Job 9:9
He who made the Pleiades and Orion, who turns darkness into dawn and darkens day into night, who summons the waters of the sea and pours them over the face of the earth, the LORD is His name. Amos 5:8



Men looked to serve creation rather than enjoying creation as it served the One True God. Men worshipped the stars and looked to them for his future and ultimate destiny. Even today we look to them for answers to our past and the destiny of the planet and humankind. Even thinking that living on one of them is the answer to our problems.

v.20-23 And God said, "Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures, and let bird fly above the earth across the expanse of the heavens." So God created the great sea creatures and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

And God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

"Tanninim" "Sea Creatures" In Isaiah 27:1 the word is used to describe a mythological sea creature that symbolizes God's enemies.

v.24-25 And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds—livestock and creeping things and beasts of the earth according to their kinds.”
And it was so. And God made the beasts of the earth according to their kinds and the livestock according to their kinds, and everything that creeps on the ground according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

- Separations in to “Kinds” (used 5 times).
- ...signifies species as the “umbrella” over breeds, etc.
- ...This is a Law of God, a decree by the Creator.
- Example: Canis is a “kind.” A Species/Umbrella.
- Therefore; i.e. naturally cats do not come from dogs.

Leviticus 19:19 “You shall keep my statutes. You shall not let your cattle breed with a different kind. You shall not sow your field with two kinds of seed, nor shall you wear a garment of cloth made of two kinds of material. Also in Deuteronomy 22:9

Allen P. Ross: - The first three days corrected the formless issue (order and form).
- The next three days fixes the void issue (fullness and harmony).

A. The earth was Tohu (Formless)

i. Light Created = gave form

ii. Sea and Sky = gave form

iii. Fertile Earth = gave form

B. The Earth was Bohu (void-empty)

i. Lights for day/night = Filled void

ii. Creatures for sea/sky = Filled void

iii. Creatures/Plants = Filled void

v.26-27 Then 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 birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”

So God created man in his own image,
in the image of God he created him;
male and female he created them.

NetBible TN: In Isa 6:8 the LORD speaks on behalf of his heavenly court. In its ancient Israelite the plural referring to God consists of his heavenly court (see 1 Kgs 22:19-22; Job 1:6-12; 2:1-6; Is 6:1-8). (The most well-known members of this court are God’s messengers, or angels. In Gen 3:5 the serpent may refer to this group as “gods/divine beings.” See the note on the word “evil” in 3:5.) If this is the case, God invites the heavenly court to participate at the creation of humankind (perhaps in the role of offering praise, see Job 38:7), but he himself is the one who does the actual creative work (v. 27). Of course, this view does assume that the members of the heavenly court possess the divine “image” in some way. Since the image is closely associated with rulership, perhaps they share the divine image in that they, together with God and under his royal authority, are the executive authority over the world.

—You made him a little lower than the angels; you crowned him with glory and honor, and did set him over the works of your hands: Hebrews 2:7-8

— 1 Corinthians 11:17 A man ought not to cover his head, since he is the image and glory of God; but the woman is the glory of man.

- Ephesians 4:24 and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

- Colossians 3:10 And have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator.

- Ecc 7:29 Only this have I found: I have discovered that God made men upright, but they have sought out many schemes.”

Consequently, humans have spiritual life, ethical and moral sensitivities, conscience, and the capacity to represent God. The significance of the word "image" should be connected to the divine purpose for human life. Von Rad has made the analogy that, just as kings set up statues of themselves throughout the border of their land to show their sovereign domain, so God established his representatives on earth. Allen P. Ross

28 And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.” 29 And God said, “Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food. 30 And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. 31 And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

...notice that this order of dominion included the man and the woman as “them” in v.26 and 28’ Blessing and Dominion. The living things on the earth are to be under the dominion of mankind. They are to be for their pleasure and their use as they maintain stewardship over them. This order of dominion was very good, this “very good” becomes “very bad.” Human life however become God’s servants, somewhat like the hosts mentioned before.

- Notice also that men and women are more directly ‘related’ to God and are in His image than all the rest of creation.

- Notice again; there’s a male-female aspect of the image. If men and women are different, and they are even if discounting the physical, then the determined image of God is complete when these two come together as one flesh.

- One last notable issue concerning this image is that man was created with body, soul, and spirit (1 Thes 5:23). It would be hard to overlook the triune aspect of our being in comparison to the Triune God we experience in Scripture.

- Summary; in maintaining rule, morales, continued production of life, etc, mankind would have therefore maintain the initial image of God. The question must be asked...are we still in the image of God?

1 Corinthians 11:17 “A man ought not to cover his head, since he is the image and glory of God; but the woman is the glory of man.”

Clarified in Colossians 3:9-10 You you have taken off the old self with its practices, and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator.

Further clarified in 2 Corinthians 3:18 We...are are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

This dominion was initially the stewardship of Adam, as the son of God (Luke 3:38) and his sons. It now falls to God’s One and Only Son Jesus Christ.

Psalm 8:4, 144:3 documents both these ideas, as does Hebrews 2:5 For it was not to angels that God subjected the world to come, of which we are speaking. 6 It has been testified somewhere, “What is man, that you are mindful of him, or the son of man, that you care for him? 7 You made him for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned him with glory and honor, 8 putting everything in subjection under his feet.”

Threads began in Chapter 1 are as follows: the Triune God, Rule and Sovereignty, Light and Darkness, Order from Chaos, Evil and Good, Dismal to Blessing, Life and Kinds, Decrees/Law, Appointed Days, Sevens, Servants and Service to God, and the Image of God to name a few.

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