

In the Beginning

Studies in the Book of Genesis

WEEK TWO – DAYS 1-3; GENESIS 1:3-13

Genesis 1:3-5 – Day One: Creation of Light

1. vs 3 – God spoke light into existence
2. Light created as a created thing – not just a revelation of light
 - a. Light is its own thing - stars, sun, moon are day 4
 - i. vs 14-19 (16,19)
 - b. God is the source of light
 - i. Revelation 21:22-25
3. God judges light to be good – note importance of declaration
 - a. vs 10, vs 12, vs 18, vs 21, vs 25, vs 31
 - b. (day 2 – not distinctly declared good)
4. Day and Night indicates a positional source of light – not a sun

Genesis 1:5 – The Genesis Day

1. God defines day and night in terms of light
2. The Genesis Day is 24 hours
 - a. Not indefinite or extended period (Psalm 90:4, 2 Peter 3:8)
 - b. Defined in vs 5a in terms of planetary rotation
 - c. Defined in terms of evening and morning in vs 5b, and for each following day (lit. "and was evening, and was morning, first day")
 - d. Defined numerically as distinct days (first day, second day, etc.)
 - e. Verses 5, 8, 13, 19, 23, 31, and also 2:2

Genesis 1:6-8 – Day Two: The Heavens

1. God creates the atmosphere
2. Word – "firmament" or "expanse" from Hebrew "rakia" – spread as by beating out (gold)
3. Vertical separation of waters
 - a. below – seas
 - b. above – clouds? "Ice Canopy"?

Genesis 1:6-8 – The "Ice Canopy" Concept s

1. Water above the atmosphere – not in it like clouds are
2. Greenhouse effect could sustain ecology of dinosaurs, but not afterwards
3. Ozone protection could explain longevity before flood, but not afterwards
4. Genesis 2:6 – No rain before the flood
5. Genesis 9:13 – No rainbow before the flood
6. Genesis 7:11 – "all the fountains of the great deep...windows of heaven were opened"
7. Scientifically disapproved, but so is the Book of Genesis...

Genesis 1:6-8 – Day Three: Dry Land and Plants

1. Genesis 1:9-10 God separates land and sea
2. Genesis 1:11-13 Plant Life

The Chicken and the Egg Problem

1. God creates grass, herb, and tree yielding seeds
2. Not seeds which grew starting on day 3, but mature plants.
3. Compare with animals and with Adam and Eve (vs. 20-27)
4. Command to multiply follows creation (vs. 21-22)

Next Week: Days 4-6 Genesis 1:14-31