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# The Book of Genesis

In the beginning...

#### Take God At His Word

All the words of my mouth are in righteousness; there is nothing froward or perverse in them. They are all plain to him that understandeth, and right to them that find knowledge.

Proverbs 8:8-9

Pathal: froward, twisted
 אואל Pathal: froward, twisted
 אואל אואל Nakoach: straightforward, upright

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# **Session Three**

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<sup>6</sup> And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters.

<sup>7</sup> 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.
<sup>8</sup> And God called the firmament Heaven. And the evening and the morning were the second day.

#### Genesis 1:6-8

- The word 'firmament' occurs 9x in this chapter
- God calls the Firmament 'Heaven!'

#### Firmament

- לקיע (raqia), from the root לקיע (raqa) meaning to stretch, spread out, beat or tread out, solid expanse
- Greek: Stereoma; firmness
- Latin: *Firmamentum*, 3-dimensional solidity; firmness
- This is used to divide the waters above from the waters below...

## Firmament – 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

#### Firmament x 9





 1 x birds fly 'above the earth in the open firmament of heaven'

(Gen 1:20)

# Firmament – 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.

Genesis 1:20

- The foul are to fly above the earth...
- The 'firmament of heaven' is where the Sun, Moon & Stars will be placed
- In = al 'against'
- Open = Myno paniym: [the] face of
- The foul are therefore to fly '... against the face of the firmament'.

#### Firmament

- What we <u>do</u> know:
- Firmament <u>must</u> include 'space' (heaven) because the Sun, Moon and stars are 'in the firmament' - Gen 1:14-17
- But the Firmament is also separates the water above it from the water beneath it
- Birds fly ' in the face of it' Gen 1:6-7
- Therefore *Firmament* <u>must</u> refer to (at least) two distinct 'solid expanses'

#### What do we know about space?

- Vacuum (Aether) emptiness?
- This was the view of Aristotle (384-332 B.C.)
- Rene Descartes (1596-1640) then challenged this and said the aether was a *plenum* (from the Greek word for "full")
- Descartes proposed a very dense medium of very small particles, invisible, yet more solid than matter...
- Blaise Pascal (1623-1662) then convinced the scientific community that space was empty after all...

#### What do we know about space?

- Then came James Clark Maxwell (1831-1879) who demonstrated that the aether possessed various physical properties which could be stretched & compressed
- The issue is by no means settled to this day...
- But it is curious to note what the Bible says...
- Firstly, it is called the firmament!
- Second, the Bible says the Heaven's have been stretched out!

"Which alone spreadeth out the heavens, and treadeth upon the waves of the sea. Which maketh Arcturus, Orion, and Pleiades, and the chambers of the south."

Job 9:8-9

*"He stretcheth out the north over the empty place, and hangeth the earth upon nothing."* 

Job 26:7

*"Who coverest thyself with light as with a garment: who stretchest out the heavens like a curtain."* 

Psalm 104:2

"It is he that sitteth upon the circle of the earth, and the inhabitants thereof are as grasshoppers; that stretcheth out the heavens as a curtain, and spreadeth them out as a tent to dwell in."

#### Isaiah 40:22

"I have made the earth, and created man upon it: I, even my hands, have stretched out the heavens, and all their host have I commanded."

Isaiah 45:12

"I, even I, am he that comforteth you: who art thou, that thou shouldest be afraid of a man that shall die, and of the son of man which shall be made as grass; And forgettest the LORD thy maker, that hath stretched forth the heavens, and laid the foundations of the earth;"

#### Isaiah 51:12-13

- 2 Sam 22:10
- Job 9:8
- Job 26:7
- Job 37:18
- Psalm 18:9
- Psalm 104:2
- Psalm 144:5
- Isaiah 40:22
- Isaiah 42:5

- Isaiah 44:24
- Isaiah 45:12
- Isaiah 48:13
- Isaiah 51:13
- Jeremiah 10:12
- Jeremiah 51:15
- Ezekiel 1:22
- Zechariah 12:1

#### Space is not an empty vacuum "torn": Isaiah 64:1 "worn out" like a garment: Psalm 102:25 "shaken": Hebrews 12:26 Haggai 2:6 Isaiah 13:13 "burnt up": 2 Peter 3:12 "split apart" like a scroll: Revelation 6:14 "rolled up" like a mantle: Hebrews 1:12 or a scroll: Isaiah 34:4

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 Thus, there are additional spatial dimensions

#### The Blueprint for the Universe?

 Ancient Jewish scribes believed that in the text of the Torah (the first five books of Moses) God had concealed the blueprint for the universe!





- Genesis 1:6-8
- In scripture the word *shamayim*, (translated heaven) means: to be lofty; above etc.

#### Heaven

- From a biblical perspective, we naturally associate 'heaven' with:
  - Our atmosphere,
    - (Deut 28:23 / 2 Sam 21:10 / Psalm 78:23-26)
  - Outer space
    - (Gen 1:1 / Jer 8:2 / Jer 31:37 )
  - God's home also sometimes referred to as the 'third heaven'
    - (2 Cor 12:2 / Psalm 102:19 / Matt 6:9).

#### **Conclusion?**

- There are two *'firmaments'* described in Genesis 1:
- One is the expanse of the heavens (Day 4)
- The other is something that divides the waters above from the waters below (Day 2)
- The birds fly in/against the face of the firmament (Gen 1:20)

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#### Earth's Water Canopy



## Earth's Water Canopy

What would be the effect on the Earth of this water canopy?

- It would create a 'greenhouse' environment & regulate temperature
- It would increase the atmospheric pressure (more Oxygen & CO<sub>2</sub>)
- It would act as a shield from Solar radiation

## The Original Greenhouse

#### Scientific Validation:

- Coal Seams at South Pole
- Frozen Leaves at Poles
- Mammoths found with undigested tropical vegetation still in their stomachs



Time Magazine, Nov 9, 1987, p. 82

"50% more oxygen than it does now."

Some research shows it had 35% oxygen.

#### Putting on Ancient Airs

Dinosaurs, it seems, may have breathed easier than we do Indeed, at a meeting of the Geological Society of America in Phoenix last week, two scientists stunned colleagues by reporting that 80 million years ago, the earth's atmosphere contained about

50% more oxygen than it does now. Geochemists Gary Lands of the U.S. Geological Survey and Robert Berner of Yale reached their starting conclusion after analyzing tiny air bubbles trapped in bits of amber, the aged and solidfied resin of coniferous trees. They Bubble-be placed the amber inside a vacuum chamber, then cracked it to let the ancient air escape They found that it was 32% oxygen, compared with 21% in the modern atmosphere

If the findings are accurate, ideas about atmospheric evolution might have to be revised. The two admit the results "are still very preliminary," but they insist the method is sound.

Berner quickly dismisses speculation that a change

in the exygen supply had anything to do with the extinction of dinoskurs "It was a very slow change, over millions of years." he observes "And most organisms easily adapt." Next comes testing bubbles in 300 millionbles in 300 millionlear old amber



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### More Oxygen!

**Baby Jessica McClure** after being in an 8" well for 58 1/2 hours in Texas (1987)





Baby Jessica's foot was saved because of a hyperbaric oxygen chamber



Hyperbaric Oxygen Chamber

#### Hyperbaric Chamber



# Hyperbaric Chamber

- West Germany
  - all stroke patients are promptly sent for 3 weeks Hyperbaric Oxygen treatments, paid for by insurance companies.
- UK
  - over 6000 Multiple Sclerosis patients are now being treated with Hyperbaric Oxygen
- France
  - very rewarding results are being demonstrated in the treatment of arthritis and vascular necrosis, cirrhosis and advanced liver disease,...
     ...also used for plastic and cosmetic patients to aid recovery
- Japan
  - over 200 chambers, ... very promising work in treatment of sudden deafness and blindness
- Sweden
  - Diabetic gangrene & burger's disease
- India
  - Being used to treat leprosy

# Hyperbaric Chamber

"Several English football teams used hyperbaric oxygen therapy (HBO3) to treat their players, apparently with excellent results. In one case, an athlete with ligament damage reduced recovery time by 33 per cent with hyperbaric oxygen therapy, and a second player receiving hyperbaric oxygen therapy recovered in only four days even though doctors had predicted a three-week lay-off."



Hyperbaric Medical Centre – Plymouth (just 1 of 17 centres in the UK)
- Fossilised Moss 3ft deep
- Fossils of Asparagus 40ft high
- 50ft Horsetail Reeds found fossilised
- Ferns over 50ft tall
- Fossil cattails 60ft long found in sedimentary rock



• Dr Mori – grew cherry tomato plants under 2 x air pressure

- One grew to a height of 16ft tall, producing 907 tomatoes





#### Three foot wingspan





#### 8ft centipede

The fossil of a centipede measuring <u>eight-and-a-half</u> feet has been discovered by palaeontologists in Thueringen, Germany. The creature existed about 296 million years ago and is claimed to be the largest land-living insect found.

Michael Leidig, Vienna

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Aug. 28, 1999 DT

A fossil centipede 8.5 feet (2.6m) long has been found.

Fossils of grasshoppers over 2 feet long (60cm) have been found.

A donkey was excavated near Lubbock, Texas that was 9 feet (2.75 m) high at the shoulder!

Fossil Buffalo horns have been found with a 12 foot span!

8 foot horn core is in Dr. Baugh's museum. Geologist Don Patton 972-279-5325



Fossils of beavers over 8 feet long (2.4 m) have been found.





1" shark tooth = 12-15 feet of shark.



Sharks were 80+ feet long before the flood!





"...Dinornis maximus, which, reaching a height of 13 feet...(4m)"

Strange Stories, Amazing Facts p. 246 Readers Digest





"The biggest pterosaur flying over the inland sea is Pteranodon. Like all reptiles, it grows throughout its life..."

Holt Earth Science, 1991, p. 293











## Radiation



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#### Our Skin

## Radiation



#### X-Ray (negative image)

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#### **Genesis 1:9-10**

## **One Land Mass - Past**



<sup>18</sup> And there were voices, and thunders, and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, and so great.

<sup>19</sup> And the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell: and great Babylon came in remembrance before God, to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath.

Revelation 16:18-19

# And every island fled away, and the mountains were not found.

<sup>21</sup> And there fell upon men a great hail out of heaven, every stone about the weight of a talent: and men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail; for the plague thereof was exceeding great.

Revelation 16:20-21

• See Acts 3:21

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#### **Genesis 1:9-10**

<sup>11</sup> 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. <sup>12</sup> 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. <sup>13</sup> And the evening and the morning were the third day.

**Genesis 1:11-13** 

## The Third Day

- And the third day there was a marriage in Cana of Galilee; and the mother of Jesus was there:
  And both Jesus was called, and his disciples, to the marriage.
  John 2:1-2
- The third day from what?
- The third day of the week
- Why get married on a Tuesday?
- Because it was the day of double blessing!

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**Genesis 1:14-16** 

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# The Appointed Times These are the feasts of the LORD, even holy convocations, which ye shall proclaim in their seasons. Lev 23:4 MVC / Mh Ha Moyadim – 'the appointed times'

#### The Feasts of Israel (Leviticus 23)

- 1 Feast of Passover The Spring Feasts
- 2 Feast of Unleavened Bread
- 3 Feast of Firstfruits
- 4 Feast of Weeks (Pentecost)
- 5 Feast of Trumpets
- 6 Feast of Atonement
- 7 Feast of Tabernacles

**The Autumn Feasts** 

# The Appointed Times

Israel had 70 Sabbaths according to the Law of Moses

- 52 weekly Sabbaths
- 7 days for Passover
- 1 day for the Feast of Pentecost
- 1 day for the Feast of Trumpets
- 1 day for the Feast of Atonement
- 7 days for the Feast of Tabernacles
- 1 day for the 'Eighth day of Assembly'

70

# The Appointed Times

He appointed the moon for **seasons**: the sun knoweth his going down.

Ps 104:19

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- Israel's calendar was set by the new moon
- Thus 12 x 30 day months = Israel's year
- Israel's year was 360 days

# 360 Day Year

- Ancient calendars based on 360 day years
  - Assyrians, Chaldeans, Egyptians, Hebrews, Persians, Greeks, Phoenicians, Chinese, Mayans, Hindus, Carthaginians, Etruscans, Teutons, et al.
- 360° in a circle, 60 minutes/hour, 60 sec/min
- 360 icons in the gnostic genii
- 360 gods in theology of Greek Orpheus
- 360 idols in the palace of Dairi in Japan
- 360 statues surrounding Hobal in Arabia

# 360 Day Year

- Biblical Usage / Prophetic Years
  - Genesis Gen 7:24; 8:3,4
  - Daniel Dan 9:26; 12:6
  - Revelation Rev 11:2,3; 13:5
- All ancient calendars changed after 701 BC
- 2<sup>nd</sup> king of Rome, Numa Pompilius + 5 days
- Hezekiah + a month 7 times every 19 years!

# The Days of the Week

- Sun-daeg
- Moon-daeg
- Tiwes-daeg (Mars' day)
- Odens-daeg (Mercury's day)
- Thors-daeg (Jupiter's day)
- Freyia-daeg (Venus' day)
- Saturn's-daeg



## God's Greatest Achievement?

"The heavens declare the glory of God"

Creation?

Genesis 1,2 / Psalms / Job 38,39

- Redemption?
  All 66 books!
- What did it cost Him?
  - Creation 6 days!
  - Redemption His own Son

<sup>17</sup> And God set them in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth,
<sup>18</sup> 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.
<sup>19</sup> And the evening and the morning were the fourth day.

#### Genesis 1:17-19

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