

W E D N E S D A Y N I G H T B I B L E S T U D Y

FOUNDATIONS

BEGINNINGS AND ORIGINS

PART 3: CREATIONS IN SIX DAYS! REALLY?

Reading: *Genesis 1:1-5 & Exodus 20:8-11*

Introduction

- [Genesis 1:1] An opening statement of fact that is unpacked in the remainder of the chapter.
- The eternal God who initiated a beginning.

God Created...

- Five times we are told '**God created**' in the chapter.
- '**Created**' is translated from Hebrew word, '**bara.**'
- Used of God calling into existence that which formerly had no existence.
- It is creation '**ex nihilo**' or creation '**out of nothing.**' [Hebrews 11:3].
- Nine times we read '**and God said**' and then '**it was so.**'
- He creates by the sheer power of His Word. [Psalm 107:20].

Verse Two

- The focus turns from the heavens and the earth to just the earth.
- Note the presence of the Holy Spirit at creation.
- All three divine Persons involved at creation just like the new creation of the new birth.

What Is Meant By A 'Day?'

- What God did He did in 6 days.
- The word '*day*' is translated from Hebrew word '*yom*.'
- **NB. Where a number is used with the word '*yom*' it is always a 24 hour day that's meant.** [Exodus 20:11].

Day One: [Vs 3-5]

- Creation of light. [John 8:12].

Day Two: [Vs 6-8]

- The word '*firmament*' comes from Hebrew word '*raqia*' meaning '*an expanse*.'
- In this instance it means the sky/atmosphere above us. (Oxygen supplied).

Day Three: [Vs 9-13]

- Creation of vegetation each bearing a seed pre-programmed to reproduce itself.
- The supply of food.

Day Four: [Vs 14-19]

- The creation of '*light givers*.' [Psalm 8:3].

Day Five: [Vs 20-23]

- Elohim/God speaks and sea life and bird life are created.
- Each species containing DNA to reproduce its own species.

Day Six: [Vs 1:24-2:1]

- The animal kingdom now is created.
- No death or dying in all the creation at the beginning.
- **NB. Five times we read '*and God saw that it was good*' and in [vs 31] it was '*very good*.'**
- We missed observing God create the heavens and the earth.
- We shall see Him making the new heavens and the new earth. [2 Peter 3:13].

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