

Genesis 1B

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Sunday Morning

**Genesis 1:1** In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

<sup>2</sup> And the earth was formless and void, and darkness was over the surface of the deep; and the Spirit of God was moving over the surface of the waters.

<sup>3</sup> Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light.

<sup>4</sup> And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness.

<sup>5</sup> And God called the light day, and the darkness He called night. And there was evening and there was morning, one day.

Review:

1. Last week we started the book of Genesis

2. We only got thru V.1 – but we didn't cover it all

3. We looked last week how "evolution" comes in 2 forms

a. #1. Macro-evolution – says, "everything started from one living cell – became a fish, which turned into reptiles, which turn into birds, which turned into mammals, which turned into man, who made a god

i. God is the final product of macro-evolution

b. #2. Micro-evolution which is real says that there was probably only one species of dog & b/c of evolution we now have all kinds of dogs

i. Micro-evolution does not verify macro-evolution – they are completely different

ii. I'll remind you what Scripture states clearly

**1 Corinthians 15:39** All flesh is not the same flesh, but there is one *flesh* of men, and another flesh of beasts, and another flesh of birds, and another of fish.

iii. There is not one single "proven" fossil record of one species becoming another species

4. If macro-evolution is true – God & His Word are not true!

a. That is not so!

**1 Peter 1:25** BUT THE WORD OF THE LORD ABIDES FOREVER." And this is the word which was preached to you.

b. Signs of intelligent design are all around us

- i. Discoveries in modern science has made evolution a leap of blind faith
- 5. Many believe the first 11 chapters of Genesis are an allegory
  - a. They have no basis for that except they don't like the first 11 chapters
- 6. The first 11 chapters are to be taken literally – but the question begs to be answered what does literal mean?
  - a. I'm convinced that most of our theological problems stem from not looking deeply into the Word
- 7. Many believers come from a familial point of view on creation
  - a. We were traditionally taught that Scripture says God created the heavens & the earth in 6 days
    - i. Part of the misunderstanding of Scripture has to do w/ taking the English language at face value
    - ii. Part is the fault of the pulpits – it takes effort to dig into God's Word
- 8. It is important to know what the Word says, instead of what we think it says
  - a. In Europe kids checked out on Christianity by 13 yrs. of age (now our children are doing the same thing)
- 9. I know that you believe in creation
  - a. But how much do you really know about creation?
  - b. I'm going to repeat the questions I ask last week (with one or two more)
  - c. #1.On what day did God make the earth?
  - d. #2.On what day did He make the stars?
  - e. #3.Did He make the heavens & the earth on the same day?
  - f. #4.Did He make the angels, planets & all other creation at the same time?
  - g. #5.Is this creation the beginning of all creation?
  - h. #6.Does the Bible even tell us how old the earth is?
  - i. #7.Did God make the earth formless & void?
  - j. #8.Why is the 2nd day different?
  - k. #9.If God made man on the 6<sup>th</sup> day – what is chapter 2 all about?
  - l. #10.Are dinosaurs real?
  - m. #11.When were the dinosaurs on earth?

- n. #12. Did Noah put dinosaurs in the ark? (footprints of man & dinosaurs are together)
- o. #13. Who did God put in the Garden of Eden first?
- p. #14. Are there really aliens?
- q. #15. Is the earth round or flat?
  - i. The Church argued at one point in time that the earth was flat according to Scripture
  - ii. Do we argue about things that Bible doesn't teach?
- a. #16. Is the earth the center of the universe? – church said yes!
- b. #17. Who made the heavens & the earth? – the Father, the Son or the Holy Spirit?
- c. #18. How much does God want us to know about creation?
  - iii. Because of poor teaching – 90% of believers today don't believe the Bible is scientifically accurate

**Genesis 1:1** *In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.*

- 1. "God created the heavens & the earth"
  - a. Moses wrote the book of Genesis about 1450 B.C.
  - b. He wasn't a backwards, country preacher
  - c. He was educated in the best universities in the world
    - i. He was Pharaoh's grandson
    - ii. Taught: history, mathematics, all sciences

**Acts 7:20** "And it was at this time that Moses was born; and he was lovely in the sight of God; and he was nurtured three months in his father's home.

<sup>21</sup> "And after he had been exposed, Pharaoh's daughter took him away, and nurtured him as her own son.

<sup>22</sup> "And Moses was educated in all the learning of the Egyptians, and he was a man of power in words and deeds.

- iii. He was taught that a celestial goose laid a cosmic egg from which hatched the sun "Re" – who made the earth
- iv. He wrote: "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth."

- 2. "in the beginning"

- a. This is the beginning of creation as we know it
- b. This is not the beginning of everything God made
  - i. God is eternal it is silly to think that He has waited from eternity past to create anything – until man came along

3. "In the beginning God"

- a. The word "God" is Elohim
  - i. It is the plural form for God "im" & speaks of the Trinity
  - ii. But God is One God!

**Deuteronomy 6:4** "Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD is one!

**Isaiah 44:6** "Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel And his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts: 'I am the first and I am the last, And there is no God besides Me.

- iii. Ask a Jehovah's Witness to read those verses & they will agree w/ you on what they say

- iv. **Then** ask them to read **Rev.1:17-18**

**Revelation 1:17-18** And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as a dead man. And He laid His right hand upon me, saying, "Do not be afraid; I am the first and the last,  
<sup>18</sup> and the living One; and I was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of death and of Hades. (this is obviously Jesus – Whom they say isn't God)

- v. **Then** have them read **Rev.22:13-16**

**Revelation 22:13-16** "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."

<sup>14</sup> Blessed are those who wash their robes, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter by the gates into the city.

<sup>15</sup> Outside are the dogs and the sorcerers and the immoral persons and the murderers and the idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices lying.

<sup>16</sup> " I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things for the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, the bright morning star."

**Genesis 1:1** x In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

- 4. "God created the heavens and the earth"

- a. "Created" – "bara" = means to make something out of nothing
  - a. Understand that there are multiple meanings to most Hebrew words
- b. Here we see God making our physical universe
  - i. I believe that God made the heavens & the earth trillions of years ago
- c. I believe that the creation of matter is over at this point
- d. Creation is finished except for life
- e. Matter has God's fingerprints all over it
  - i. Verses that seem to say that the earth was created in 6 days don't really exist

**Exodus 20:11** "For in six days the LORD made<sup>(asah)</sup> the heavens and the earth, the sea and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and made it holy.

**Exodus 31:17** "It is a sign between Me and the sons of Israel forever; for in six days the LORD made<sup>(asah)</sup> heaven and earth, but on the seventh day He ceased *from labor*, and was refreshed."

- f. Matter is made of atoms & molecules – atoms which have a nucleus in the center & at least an electron circling around it
- g. We have all seen diagrams that show that – but interestingly the proportions are way off in the diagrams
  - ii. If the nucleus of an atom is the size of a pinhead the electron is almost a football field away
  - iii. So matter is mostly space
  - iv. Why does it feel hard to the touch?
  - v. Because of an electromagnetic field
- h. Why doesn't the electron eventually collapse into the nucleus?
- i. Why don't molecules fly away from each other?
- j. When you drop a handful of marbles they separate from each other – why don't molecules push away from each other?

**Colossians 1:17** And He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.

- k. What about the next 6 days? Is God creating the sun, moon, etc.?
  - i. Except for life, God is rearranging of what already exist

- ii. If you can show me a verse that says otherwise – I'll change my understanding

V.1x In the beginning *God created the heavens and the earth.*

4. "God created the heavens and the earth"

- a. Science now accepts as fact known as "singularity theorem"
- b. That is – at some point in the past there was no space, time, matter, energy
  - vi. That is where the "big bang" theory came from
  - vii. Materialistic science says "nothingness" exploded and turned everything into what we have today – space, time, matter
- viii. #1.The Theistic world view is – everything begins w/ God
- ix. #2.The material world view is that matter & energy are eternal & somehow man ended up being made & man created a god
- x. Remember: Science doesn't explain anything it simply describes what is going on – i.e.what is gravity or energy?
- c. Modern scientific discoveries have only reinforced the Theistic view of origin found in Genesis 1-11
- d. The materialistic view that matter is eternal has been proven false "by science" (although still accepted today)
- e. The galaxy is expanding & that proves that it had a beginning
- f. Scripture says the same thing
  - i. Example:

**Isaiah 48:12-13** "Listen to Me, O Jacob, even Israel whom I called; I am He, I am the first, I am also the last.

<sup>13</sup> "Surely My hand founded<sup>(yāsād – established)</sup> the earth, And My right hand spread out the heavens; When I call to them,<sup>(qārā – to summon)</sup> stand together.

- i. What was there before God made space? – nothing!

**Job 26:7** "He stretches out the north over empty space And hangs the earth on nothing.

- g. Many atheist still say that matter is eternal – even though their science has proven otherwise
  - a. Their motives are clear defined in Scripture

**Isaiah 47:10** "And you felt secure in your wickedness and said, ' No one sees me,' Your wisdom and your knowledge, they have deluded you; For you have said in your heart, ' I am, and there is no one besides me.'

- h. Could God have made the world look old as soon as He created it? Of course!
- i. How old did Adam look a few minutes after he was created?
- j. The point is, Scripture doesn't say how old the earth is
  - a. Please don't attach motives to my belief – my beliefs are based on Scripture not science

*V.2 And the earth was formless and void, and darkness was over the surface of the deep; and the Spirit of God was moving over the surface of the waters.*

- 1. "And the earth was formless and void"
  - a. The verse starts w/ "and" –the adversative conjunction "we" which is translated thru O.T. – and, but, now
  - b. It often (not always) represents a time delay
    - i. The Greek & Latin translations of V.2 are "but"
    - ii. Examples of time delay:

**Exodus 2:1** Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a daughter of Levi.

<sup>2</sup> The woman conceived and<sup>(8 year delay)</sup> bore a son; and when she saw that he was beautiful, she hid him for three months.

**Deuteronomy 10:6** (Now the sons of Israel set out from Beeroth Bene-jaakan to Moserah. There Aaron died and<sup>(38 year delay)</sup> there he was buried and Eleazar his son ministered as priest in his place.

**1 Chronicles 10:14** and did not inquire of the LORD. Therefore<sup>(7 year delay)</sup> He killed him and turned the kingdom to David the son of Jesse.

- 2. x "And the earth was formless and void"
  - a. "was" – hayah = was; became – just as easily translated "became"

**Genesis 10:8** Now Cush became the father of Nimrod; he became a mighty one on the earth.

**Genesis 19:26** But his wife, from behind him, looked *back*, and she became a pillar of salt.

**Genesis 27:1** Now it came about, when Isaac was old and his eyes were too dim to see, that he called his older son Esau and said to him, "My son." And he said to him, "Here I am."

**Deuteronomy 27:9** Then Moses and the Levitical priests spoke to all Israel, saying, "Be silent and listen, O Israel! This day you have become a people for the LORD your God.

- b. Scripture actually says that God didn't make the world formless & void

**Isaiah 45:18** For thus says the LORD, who created the heavens (He is the God who formed the earth and made it, He established it *and did not create it a waste place, but* formed it to be inhabited), "I am the LORD, and there is none else.

2. x "And the earth was formless and void"

- a. "formless" – tohuw; "void" – bohuw
- b. Every time those 2 words are used together in Scripture it speaks of judgment

**Isaiah 34:11** But pelican and hedgehog shall possess it, And owl and raven shall dwell in it; And He shall stretch over it the line of desolation And the plumb line of emptiness.

**Jeremiah 4:22-23** " For My people are foolish, They know Me not; They are stupid children, And they have no understanding. They are shrewd to do evil, But to do good they do not know."

<sup>23</sup> I looked on the earth, and behold, *it was* formless and void; And to the heavens, and they had no light.

- c. I believe He created this world for other beings before man
- d. I believe something happened & a curse put on the earth
- e. The Garden of Eden belonged to Satan at some point – Eden was his dwelling place



i. Some believe that Satan fell after the 6<sup>th</sup> day of creation – seems contrary to Scripture

ii. We know that angels were created before the earth was

**Job 38:4** "Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell *Me*, if you have understanding,  
<sup>5</sup> Who set its measurements, since you know? Or who stretched the line on it?  
<sup>6</sup> "On what were its bases sunk? Or who laid its cornerstone,  
<sup>7</sup> When the morning stars sang together, And all the sons of God shouted for joy?

iii. Listen to Ezekiel in the NLB translation

**Ezekiel 28:13-16 (NLT2)** You were in Eden, the garden of God. Your clothing was adorned with every precious stone— red carnelian, pale-green peridot, white moonstone, blue-green beryl, onyx, green jasper, blue lapis lazuli, turquoise, and emerald— all beautifully crafted for you and set in the finest gold. They were given to you on the day you were created. (from his creation)  
<sup>14</sup> I ordained and anointed you as the mighty angelic guardian. You had access to the holy mountain of God and walked among the stones of fire.  
<sup>15</sup> "You were blameless in all you did from the day you were created until the day evil was found in you.  
<sup>16</sup> Your rich commerce (commerce, trade, traffic, gossip, slander) led you to violence, and you sinned. So I banished you in disgrace from the mountain of God. I expelled you, O mighty guardian, from **your** place among the stones of fire.

**Isaiah 14:12** "How you have fallen from heaven, O star of the morning, son of the dawn! You have been cut down to the earth, You who have weakened the nations!

<sup>13</sup> "But you said in your heart, 'I will ascend to heaven; I will raise my throne above the stars of God,

And I will sit on the mount of assembly In the recesses of the north.

<sup>14</sup> 'I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High.'

<sup>15</sup> "Nevertheless you will be thrust down to Sheol, To the recesses of the pit.

- f. It is hard to place this after man was put in the Garden. That doesn't fit the picture in Genesis 2
  - g. If you chose to believe in 6 day creation that ok!
    - i. Just be careful about saying the Bible says it was created in 6 days
    - ii. Because that is easily challenged in Scripture it makes other things we say not have credence – i.e. death, burial, resurrection of Christ
  - h. Christians argued that the earth was the center of the universe until the 16<sup>th</sup> century when Isaac Newton finally ended the argument
    - i. Christians thought Scripture said that the earth was the center of the universe
- 1 Samuel 2:8** " He raises the poor from the dust, He lifts the needy from the ash heap To make them sit with nobles, And inherit a seat of honor; For the pillars of the earth are the LORD'S, And He set the world on them.<sup>(if it's on pillars it can't move)</sup>
- Psalm 102:25 (NKJV)** Of old You laid the foundation of the earth, And the heavens *are* the work of Your hands.<sup>(it can't be moved)</sup>
- ii. That was an ongoing argument for hundreds of years
  - iii. First speculated in 900 B.C.
  - i. We can all agree on one thing – we can agree that everything that is here was created by God
- Colossians 1:16** For by Him all things were created, *both* in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities-- all things have been created by Him and for Him.
3. "darkness was over the surface of the deep"

- a. "darkness" – (kḥōshek) – can mean just darkness or figurative darkness, misery, destruction, death, ignorance, sorrow, wickedness
- b. Symbolic here

**Exodus 10:21** Then the LORD said to Moses, " Stretch out your hand toward the sky, that there may be darkness over the land of Egypt, even a darkness which may be felt."

**Exodus 14:20** So it came between the camp of Egypt and the camp of Israel; and there was the cloud along with the darkness, yet it gave light at night. Thus the one did not come near the other all night.

**Deuteronomy 4:11** "And you came near and stood at the foot of the mountain, and the mountain burned with fire to the *very* heart of the heavens: darkness, cloud and thick gloom.

**Psalms 107:10** There were those who dwelt in darkness and in the shadow of death, Prisoners in misery and chains,

**Amos 5:18** Alas, you who are longing for the day of the LORD, For what purpose *will* the day of the LORD *be* to you? It *will be* darkness and not light;

**Jeremiah 13:15-16** Listen and give heed, do not be haughty, For the LORD has spoken.

<sup>16</sup> Give glory to the LORD your God, Before He brings darkness And before your feet stumble On the dusky mountains, And while you are hoping for light He makes it into deep darkness, And turns *it* into gloom.