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²⁹ Then God said, "Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the surface of all the earth, and every tree which has fruit yielding seed; it shall be food for you;

³⁰ and to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the sky and to every thing that moves on the earth which has life, *I have given* every green plant for food"; and it was so.

³¹ And God saw all that He had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Review:

1. Last week we finished looking at day 2 of creation
2. It appears that the earth was enshrouded w/ a heavy vapor or more than likely ice
 - a. God separated the waters above from the waters below

V.7 And God made the expanse, and separated the waters which were below the expanse from the waters which were above the expanse; and it was so.

V.8 And God called the expanse heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, a second day.

1. **It is amazing how many gallons of water can suspend in our atmosphere
 - a. The natural things of this world are amazing to the person who sees God's hand in them
 - b. For the person who can't see God; only himself – life is a bore

Ecclesiastes 1:7 All the rivers flow into the sea, Yet the sea is not full. To the place where the rivers flow, There they flow again.

⁸ All things are wearisome; Man is not able to tell *it*.
The eye is not satisfied with seeing, Nor is the ear
filled with hearing. (here is a man who sees nothing miraculous about
anything)

c. If life is a drudgery for you – ask God to help you find joy

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1. "Let the waters below the heavens be gathered into one place, and let the dry land appear"
 - a. Now God collects the waters on the earth to form dry land
 - b. How much water is there on earth?
 - i. If you took out the mountains & flattened out the bottom of the ocean – there would be 1 ½ miles of water over the entire earth
 - ii. Science tries to deny this known fact today – says 98%? of earth was covered w/ water at some point

2 Peter 3:3 Know this first of all, that in the last days mockers will come with *their* mocking, following after their own lusts,

⁴ and saying, "Where is the promise of His coming? For *ever* since the fathers fell asleep, all continues just as it was from the beginning of creation."

⁵ For when they maintain this, it escapes their notice that by the word of God *the* heavens existed long ago and *the* earth was formed out of water (Literally – the earth from water & thru water) and by water,

V.11 Then God said, "Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit after their kind, with seed in them, on the earth"; and it was so.

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V.13 And there was evening and there was morning, a third day.

1. "Let the earth sprout vegetation"
 - a. I believe plants grew that very day

- b. The word "sprout" – means to sprout!
 - i. Where did plant life come from?
- c. We have one of 3 options in what we believe
 - i. #1. Evolution is real – the earth somehow produced plant life – After all, plant life, is real life – science can't replicate it.
 - ii. #2. God simply chose not to tell us about creating it
 - iii. #3. Or the seeds from earlier plant life were already on the earth before day 3

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V.15 and let them be for lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth"; and it was so.

1. "Let there be lights in the expanse"
 - a. God gives a visible means of light
 - b. "Let there be" – hāyâ
 - i. It is translated most often "become" 32 times; come to pass 21 times;
 - c. This is absolutely not when the planets were created
 - i. God states this in the V.1

Genesis 1:1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.
 - d. All this is not locked down w/ no options for differing interpretations – good men differ
 - i. I'll remind you what God ask

Job 38:4 "Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell *Me*, if you have understanding,

V.16 And God made the two great lights, the greater light to govern the day, and the lesser light to govern the night; He made the stars also.

V.17 And God placed them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth,

V.18 and to govern the day and the night, and to separate the light from the darkness; and God saw that it was good.

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1. "God made the two great lights"
 - a. In the over 2000 times that word is used in the O.T. **not** one single time is it translated "create" – it means to make something
2. "God placed them in the expanse of the heavens"
 - a. I believe God brought these planets into their current position from other places
 - b. Other Scripture indicate the same thing – **Ps.8:3**

Psalm 8:3 When I consider Thy heavens, the work of Thy fingers, The moon and the stars, which Thou hast ordained;

⁴ What is man, that Thou dost take thought of him? And the son of man, that Thou dost care for him?

1. "ordained" – prepared, established, fixed

Psalm 136:5 To Him *who made the heavens with skill*, For His lovingkindness is everlasting;

1. "who made the heavens with skill"
 - a. Strong's Hebrew Dictionary – "a primitive root; to do or make, in the broadest sense and widest application (as follows): accomplish, advance, appoint, be at, become, bear, bestow, bring forth..."
 - b. These planets vary so much they appear to have come from different universes
 - c. Venus – gets over 900 degrees Fahrenheit –
 - i. No moons – no magnetic field
 - ii. Rotates backwards from other planets
 - iii. Atmospheric pressure like being 3000 ft. underwater
 - d. Earth – magnetic field protects us from solar radiation
 - i. Rotates every 24 hours – If it rotated too slowly we would have extreme climate changes – too fast violent winds
 - ii. Tilted 23 ½ degrees gives moderate seasons
 - iii. Circular gives stable climate
 - e. Moon – made out of different material than the earth –
 - i. Eliminates 2 theories as to how the earth came to be –
 - ii. #1.spinning earth threw off some material
 - iii. #2.made from same cloud of dust as earth

- iv. The moon is moving away from the earth about 1½ inches each year – the moon would have been touching the earth 1½ billion years ago
- v. This tells us the moon has not been orbiting the earth very long
- f. Jupiter – largest planet in our system
 - i. Spins 360 degrees every 10 hours – requires tremendous energy
 - ii. It has a storm on it bigger than the earth
- g. Saturn – beautiful rings of particles
 - i. Saturn has over 60 moons – some moons are smooth & others most cratered surfaces in our system –
 - ii. Some moons are full of volcanoes (one volcano as powerful all volcanoes on earth) – flows lava the size of Nevada every 48 hours
 - iii. Moons weren't there until God put them there
- h. Uranus – rolls like a ball around the sun
 - i. Its magnetic poles are on its sides not top & bottom
 - ii. Its equator is on top & bottom – totally different from other planets
- i. Neptune – is so far away that it takes light from the sun almost 7 hours to reach it – takes less than 8½ minutes to get to earth
 - i. It has the strongest winds in our solar system – 1300 miles an hour
- j. Planets are too diverse to come from common natural origin – God brought these planets together
- k. It is now a common belief that an alien intelligence might be the cause of life
 - i. These planets prove that's impossible – aliens subject to laws of universe just like people
- l. Scripture says: **Isa.48:12**

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.

¹³ "Surely My hand founded the earth, And My right hand spread out the heavens; When I call to them, stand together

1. "founded"

a. "founded" (yasad) – foundation 15; lay 8; founded 8; ordain 2

2. "I called them"

- a. "called" (qara) – befall 5; come 4; chance 2; happened 2
- 3. "stand together"
 - a. "stand" – (amad) – "stood" 171; "stand" 137; "raise"/"stand" 42; "stay" 17

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V.22 And God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth."

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1. "God created...every living creature that moves...after their kind"
 - a. "created" – "bara" – to make something out of nothing
 - b. Animal life is unique – they are an organized living body, endowed with sensation – "The New Unger's Bible Dictionary"
 - c. They do not have reasoning capabilities – in spite of Walt Disney
 - d. They have instincts
 - e. They are not self-aware
 - f. They have no spirit – they do have a soul & body
 - g. Animals were not made in the likeness of God
 - h. All species & classifications of animals were created at the same time
 - i. All animals are different than man
 - i. That should seem obvious to us – but many people don't see that as true
 - j. Animals were created on a lower level than man
 - k. Animals were originally submissive to man
 - i. They were not afraid of man until after the flood

Genesis 9:2 "And the fear of you and the terror of you shall be on every beast of the earth and on every bird of the sky; with everything that creeps on the ground, and all the fish of the sea, into your hand they are given.

V.24 Then God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures after their kind: cattle and creeping things and beasts of the earth after their kind"; and it was so.

V.25 And God made the beasts of the earth after their kind, and the cattle after their kind, and everything that creeps on the ground after its kind; and God saw that it was good.

1. "God made the beasts of the earth after their kind,"
 - a. There are 2 simple categories of animals – wild & domestic
 - b. First animals killed were by God (after the fall)
 - c. Then He instructed man to sacrifice animals

Genesis 4:4 And Abel, on his part also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of their fat portions. And the LORD had regard for Abel and for his offering;

- d. God ordained man to eat animals

Genesis 9:3 "Every moving thing that is alive shall be food for you; I give all to you, as *I gave* the green plant.

- e. Animals will continue to be sacrificed during the millennium (as a memorial to Christ's death)
- f. Evolution couldn't have made the animal world
 - i. From the giraffe which can swing its head 12 feet w/out blacking out
 - ii. To the woodpecker who can beat his head on a tree all day w/out getting a headache
 - iii. To a bird, Emperor penguin, which can dive 1775 ft. deep
 - iv. Elephant seals can dive to depths of 1.5 miles and staying under water for two hours,
 - v. Certain whales recorded to have down nearly 1.9 miles and spent two hours and 17 minutes underwater
 - vi. The Peregrine falcon dives at speeds of over 200 miles per hour

V.26 Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

V.27 And God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

1. "God created man in His own image"

- a. This is the 3rd time "bara" is used – creating something out of nothing
 - i. Man is both made from dust (body) & created (human life) from nothing
- b. Here is a verse that lays it all out in order

Isaiah 45:12 "It is I who made^(asa) the earth, and created^(bara) man upon it. I stretched out the heavens with My hands, And I ordained^(commanded) all their host.

V.28 And God blessed them; and God said to them, " Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

- 1. "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth"
 - a. Speaks of marriage purity
- 2. "subdue it"
 - a. It is popular to believe that humans are what is wrong w/ this planet
 - i. That is rebellious thinking – God commissioned man to subdue the earth
- 3. "rule over the fish...over the birds...over every living thing"
 - a. Man is to rule over the earth

V.29 Then God said, "Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the surface of all the earth, and every tree which has fruit yielding seed; it shall be food for you;

- 1. "it shall be food for you"
 - a. This fruit was not like today's vegetables

V.30 and to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the sky and to every thing that moves on the earth which has life, I have given every green plant for food"; and it was so.

V.31 (NP)

V.31 And God saw all that He had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

- 1. "behold, it was very good"
 - a. For 6 day creationist – here is your verse
- 2. This is a beautiful world
 - a. As beautiful as this world is – it has a curse on it

b. Wait until we see it w/out the curse!

Have you ever had a problem you thought was too big to deal w/

1. A man w/out God looks at life totally different than saved man

a. Carl Sagan quote:

We live on a hunk of rock and metal that circles a humdrum star that is one of 400 billion other stars that make up the Milky Way Galaxy which is one of billions of other galaxies which make up a universe which may be one of a very large number, perhaps an infinite number, of other universes. That is a perspective on human life and our culture that is well worth pondering."

2. I've gone out & looked up at the moon & thought about how small this earth is

3. How small I am on this earth

4. How small my problem must be to God

5. But He cares enough to want to be a part of your life