

Beginning at Moses and all the Prophets

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Back to the Future

Session 2

Luke 24:15-27 - 15 So it was, while they conversed and reasoned, that Jesus Himself drew near and went with them. 16 But their eyes were restrained, so that they did not know Him. 17 And He said to them, "What kind of conversation [is] this that you have with one another as you walk and are sad?" 18 Then the one whose name was Cleopas answered and said to Him, "Are You the only stranger in Jerusalem, and have You not known the things which happened there in these days?" 19 And He said to them, "What things?" So they said to Him, "The things concerning Jesus of Nazareth, who was a Prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, 20 "and how the chief priests and our rulers delivered Him to be condemned to death, and crucified Him. 21 "But we were hoping that it was He who was going to redeem Israel. Indeed, besides all this, today is the third day since these things happened. 22 "Yes, and certain women of our company, who arrived at the tomb early, astonished us. 23 "When they did not find His body, they came saying that they had also seen a vision of angels who said He was alive. 24 "And certain of those [who were] with us went to the tomb and found [it] just as the women had said; but Him they did not see." 25 Then He said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! 26 "Ought not the Christ to have suffered these things and to enter into His glory?" 27 And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself.

We see in our opening Scripture the Lord Jesus meeting two disciples as they made a journey from Jerusalem to Emmaus after discovering the empty tomb of our Lord. The disciples are grieving after the crucifixion of the one who was the Christ. They are disheartened as they believed the Lord Jesus had come at that time to restore the Nation. The Lord Jesus, meeting them on the road opens the Scriptures to them, beginning with Moses and the Prophets, so they may understand the whole plan and purpose of God. Let us then start in the beginning with Moses and study the mystery revealed on the road to Emmaus.

Moses wrote about The Lord, His life and work, that which has been completed and that which is yet to come. The writings of Moses encompass the

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first five books of what we refer to as the Old Testament. From the very beginning of Moses' work, we see the Lord Jesus Christ.

Starting in Genesis 1:1 *In beginning God created the heavens and the earth. 2 The Earth was without form and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.*

First, let us examine how we see the Lord Jesus in this Scripture. The word God used here is the word Elohim, meaning more than one. The Lord Jesus, as part of the trinity, must be present during the creation of the heavens and the earth. Also, through Scripture interpreting Scripture, we are able to know from the Gospel of *John 1:1 In beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. 4 In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. And the light shines in the darkness and the darkness did not comprehend it.*

The opening of the Gospel of John makes known that Jesus the Christ is the Word of God and through Him all things were made. Therefore, we see in the very opening verse of Genesis, Jesus the Word of God created the heavens and the earth. The apostle Paul also had this to say in Colossians 1:16-17 - *16 For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. 17 And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist.* Having established the Lord Jesus as creator of all things, let's turn our attention to verse two.

Verse two in Genesis reads Genesis 1:2 *"The Earth was without form and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters."*

In order to fully understand the importance of this Scripture and how it relates to Christ, we must check the translations of several words: 'was' and 'without form'. The word 'was' in this context would imply the Lord created a mass of unfinished material and then formed it into creation. The words without form could be seen as describing the unlivable state of the creation prior to the Lord forming it.

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The word translated “was” in this verse, is the Hebrew word ‘haya’ – pronounced haw yaw – meaning, to be, become, come to pass, was – *Strong’s H1961*). The way in which we are to know how the word is appropriately translated is through context. In order to determine context, let us consider the words without form. The words translated without form is the Hebrew word *tohu*, meaning emptiness, confusion or empty space (*Strong’s H8414*). As none of us are well versed in Hebrew (to the best of my knowledge) we are able to determine the correct translations by comparing Scripture with Scripture.

Isaiah 45:18 For thus says the LORD, Who created the heavens, Who is God, Who formed the earth and made it, Who has established it, Who did not create it in vain, Who formed it to be inhabited: "I [am] the LORD, and [there is] no other.

The word translated ‘vain’ is the same as the words translated ‘without form’ in Genesis 1:2 (Hebrew - *tohu*). The Scripture clearly says God did not create the world ‘without form’, therefore something occurred causing it to become formless. It was created to be habitable. In light of this, the word *haya* in Genesis 1 should contextually be translated as became.

‘Became’ denotes a period of time between verses one and two and indicates something occurred to make the Earth reach the state of being formless and void. This implies Judgement of some sort. From previous study we know how the Earth came to be in this state. The rebellion of the one we call Satan introduced sin into the world and the Lord, who cannot abide sin, reduced the kingdom of Satan to utter chaos.

Ezekiel 28:14-15 - 14 “You were the anointed cherub who covers; I established you; you were on the holy mountain of God; you walked back and forth in the midst of fiery stones. 15 You were perfect in your ways from the day you were created, Till iniquity was found in you.

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Isaiah 14:13 For you have said in your heart: 'I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation On the farthest sides of the north;

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Going back to our verses in Genesis, we see the Earth and the heavens were created, an unspecified period of time passed, Satan rebelled against God, resulting in Satan's kingdom being engulfed in darkness, in a place of death. This makes what comes next in Genesis not an act of creation, rather, one of **restoration**, or **redemption**. The days of restoration as written in Genesis are then a picture or type of things to come and the process of our own salvation. Through these verses we see the incredible redemptive plan and purpose of the Lord, including both Man and the material creation.

Let us back up from the days in Genesis a moment and recognize that the beginning of this redemptive plan began with Jesus as the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. The redemption of the world in an overall sense and in more specific sense, meaning, Israel, the Church, etc.. could only be accomplished by Divine acts and with the blood of God Himself.

This is made plain in Revelation 5:1-5 - 1 And I saw in the right [hand] of Him who sat on the throne a scroll written inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals. 2 Then I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the scroll and to loose its seals?" 3 And no one in heaven or on the earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll, or to look at it. 4 So I wept much, because no one was found worthy to open and read the scroll, or to look at it. 5 But one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep. Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has prevailed to open the scroll and to loose its seven seals.

If the Lord is willing, we will delve into these verses from Revelation at a later date. The important thing to note for our purposes is Jesus the Christ is the beginning and the end of all the redemptive work of the Lord. With this in mind, let us continue on to day 1 in Genesis.

Genesis 1:3 Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw the light, that it was good; and God divided the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. So the evening and the morning were the first day.

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The Lord Jesus dividing the light from the darkness is an example (type) of what occurs when any individual from Adam onwards believes on the Lord Jesus Christ and receives spiritual life. This is the free gift of God given as a result of Christ's finished work of the cross, salvation by grace through faith.

Ephesians 2:5-9 – 5 even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), 6 and raised [us] up together, and made [us] sit together in the heavenly [places] in Christ Jesus, 7 that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in [His] kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. 8 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; [it is] the gift of God, 9 not of works, lest anyone should boast.

Day 1 in Genesis provides the foundational type for passing from death into life. It is the Lord sovereignly speaking into that which is only darkness and having light shine in its place. This is salvation by grace through faith. The light being divided from the darkness gives the new believer a spiritual life and the following "days" of work then go beyond the salvation of our spirit to point to a salvation yet future, the salvation of our soul.

This becomes more readily apparent as we continue onward to Days 2 and 3, examining the work of the Lord and of His Christ.

Genesis 1:6-8 - 6 Then God said, "Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters." 7 Thus 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. 8 And God called the firmament Heaven. So the evening and the morning were the second day.

Having received a redeemed spirit as seen in the type from Day 1, Day 2 provides the ability to discern the wisdom from above and the wisdom from below. In short, having a redeemed spirit allows all who are eternally saved to recognize the division between heavenly things and earthly things. **Romans12:2** *And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what [is] that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.* Receiving the wisdom from above places us in a position to be fruitful in the power of resurrection, to "(prove – the greek word, dokimazo (Strong's

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G1380); recognize as genuine after examination, deem worthy) what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God” as we will see in Day 3.

Genesis 1:9 Then God said, "Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry [land] appear"; and it was so. 10 And God called the dry [land] Earth, and the gathering together of the waters He called Seas. And God saw that [it was] good. 11 Then God said, "Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb [that] yields seed, [and] the fruit tree [that] yields fruit according to its kind, whose seed [is] in itself, on the earth"; and it was so. 12 And the earth brought forth grass, the herb [that] yields seed according to its kind, and the tree [that] yields fruit, whose seed [is] in itself according to its kind. And God saw that [it was] good. 13 So the evening and the morning were the third day.

The Scripture uses water continuously as a type to illustrate the place of death, the Gentile Nations (in relation to Israel) and emergence from the place of death. The first feast of Passover saw the Jewish people die a substitutionary death via the lamb slain. Israel was subsequently buried in the Red Sea, the place of death.

Exodus 14:21 Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and the LORD caused the sea to go [back] by a strong east wind all that night, and made the sea into dry [land], and the waters were divided. 22 So the children of Israel went into the midst of the sea on the dry [ground], and the waters [were] a wall to them on their right hand and on their left.

The dry land appearing from the waters of the Red Sea, as in Day 3 of Genesis, gives the type of that which comes from the place of death and is then able to produce fruit. Israel coming out of the Red Sea and the symbol of Baptism are the clearest types to be drawn from Day 3 of Genesis.

Exodus 14:29 But the children of Israel had walked on dry [land] in the midst of the sea, and the waters [were] a wall to them on their right hand and on their left. 30 So the LORD saved Israel that day out of the hand of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. 31 Thus Israel saw the great work which the LORD had done in Egypt; so the people feared the LORD, and believed the LORD and His servant Moses.

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The entire nation of Israel passing through the Red Sea is to lead to rulership in a theocracy, another part of the same picture given with the fruitfulness in Day 3. For the Christian the ordinance of baptism is yet another part of the picture from Day 3. *Romans 6: 4 Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.* The newness of life is the race of the faith, the child training we are to undergo in order to as Peter put in, *1 Peter 1: 9 receiving the end of your faith--the salvation of [your] souls.*

In keeping with His resurrection, we are brought forth from that place of death, as seen in the Scriptures from Genesis, Exodus, Romans and I Peter and raised to newness of life with Him, Christ. We as Christians then have the choice to receive the child training of the Lord "to prove what [is] that good and acceptable and perfect will of God" and go on to that so great salvation, leading to rulership within the Theocracy in the Seventh Day..

This so great salvation, as all the Lord's work has a purpose. Indeed, it is the very purpose for which man was created. Before we get to that, let us back up and continue on in Genesis 1:14-19 - *14 Then God said, "Let there be lights in the firmament of the heavens to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs and seasons, and for days and years; 15 "and let them be for lights in the firmament of the heavens to give light on the earth"; and it was so. 16 Then 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. 17 God set them in the firmament of the heavens to give light on the earth, 18 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. 19 So the evening and the morning were the fourth day.*

Day 4 provides the foundational picture of rulership both in connection with the 'Day' and the 'Night'. A recognition may now be made between Satan's kingdom, associated with darkness and night and the coming of Christ's Kingdom associated with the Day. Indeed, if we seek first the Kingdom of God, Paul tells us in 1 Thessalonians 5:5-10 - *5 You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness. 6 Therefore let us not sleep, as others [do], but let us watch and be sober. 7 For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk are drunk at night. 8 But let us who are of the day be sober, putting on the*

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breastplate of faith and love, and [as] a helmet the hope of salvation. 9 For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, 10 who died for us, that whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with Him.

In the restoration account in Genesis, we come to understand this is not an arbitrary documentation of the Lord's work or just an example of His power. In fact, we see the whole purpose for the Lord Jesus work both on the earth and in the heavens. It is a picture of the work that has been done and is being done in each one of us. We see that light must shine out of darkness and give us spiritual life. Having received this life, our old man, the man of the flesh must be put to death, and our new man must be brought forth from above into newness of life. We must keep our minds on heavenly things and realize our life is now in the Lord Jesus, "...hidden with Christ in God" (Colossians 3:3). There is of course, more to this as there are a few more days left in the Genesis account.

Continuing on in Genesis 1:20-23 - 20 Then God said, "Let the waters abound with an abundance of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the face of the firmament of the heavens." 21 So God created great sea creatures and every living thing that moves, with which the waters abounded, according to their kind, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that [it was] good. 22 And God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." 23 So the evening and the morning were the fifth day.

Day five in Genesis shows abundance and fruitfulness and we may see this in relation to the Word of the Kingdom. The Lord Jesus said He would send the Holy Spirit to guide us into all spiritual truth. We are able to, metaphorically, soar to great spiritual heights and plumb great spiritual depths through the continued revelation from the Spirit. Job 11:7 - 7 *"Can you search out the deep things of God? Can you find out the limits of the Almighty?"*

The answer to this question posited in Job is a resounding yes. 1 Corinthians 2:10-12 - 10 *But God has revealed [them] to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God. 11 For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God. 12 Now we have received, not*

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the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God.

The work of the Lord, as seen through the types in Genesis are now becoming clearer. There is to be light from the darkness, awakening us to spiritual life. We are to crucify our old man with Christ Jesus and partake in His resurrection and His life. This is to be done by keeping our minds on things from above, not of fleshly things. This must be done, as we know from our studies, in faithful obedience. We are to bear fruit through this work of our faith. To do so, we must not be, Romans 1:12[...] *conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.*

This must have a purpose, an end goal, if you will. Day six in Genesis sheds the light on this goal.

Genesis 1:24-31 - 24 Then God said, "Let the earth bring forth the living creature according to its kind: cattle and creeping thing and beast of the earth, [each] according to its kind"; and it was so. 25 And God made the beast of the earth according to its kind, cattle according to its kind, and everything that creeps on the earth according to its kind. And God saw that [it was] good. 26 Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." 27 So God created man in His [own] image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. 28 Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth." 29 And God said, "See, I have given you every herb [that] yields seed which [is] on the face of all the earth, and every tree whose fruit yields seed; to you it shall be for food. 30 "Also, to every beast of the earth, to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, in which [there is] life, [I have given] every green herb for food"; and it was so. 31 Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed [it was] very good. So the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

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The Lord created man in His image and likeness, male and female for one purpose, to have dominion, to rule. The Days we have seen in Genesis lead us through the redemptive process while at the same time revealing to us the reason for our creation and redemption. The Apostle Paul, speaking of that which is in view if we commit to the child training, the redemptive process, reveals in Ephesians 1:3-6 - *3 Blessed [be] the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly [places] in Christ, 4 just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, 5 having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, 6 to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved.*

Let us keep in mind from our verse, in Scripture sonship is synonymous with rulership. Only first born sons may rule and reign with the Lord Jesus in His coming day. If we have faith to the saving of our souls and follow the process we have seen in Days 1-6 we will be recognized as first born sons and therefore be worthy to be in a position of rulership, leading to that which God has set apart and hallowed, the Lord's Day, the Day of Rest, the 7th Day, the Millennial Kingdom.

We will begin to study the Lord's Day, the 7th day, the purpose for it and the types, the next time I am up here. Only of course, if the Lord is willing, we remain and we have continued to pray.