



CREATION,
RUIN,
RESTORATION
&
REST

A FOUNDATIONAL STUDY
OF
GENESIS CHAPTER 1
&
GENESIS CHAPTER 2: 1-3

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LESSON 1

Creation and Ruin

The title of our new series is *Creation, Ruin, Restoration & Rest*, in which we will be studying the first 34 verses in our Bibles. These verses are the foundation upon which the rest of the Bible builds. Therefore, they are very important to know and understand. They are like a skeleton of the complete Bible, with everything that follows adding flesh and sinews and skin to that skeleton until the 'body' is complete.

What is the very first book in the Bible?

Genesis

Do you remember who wrote it?

Moses

Let's begin where *Moses*, by the leading of the Holy Spirit, began his writings.

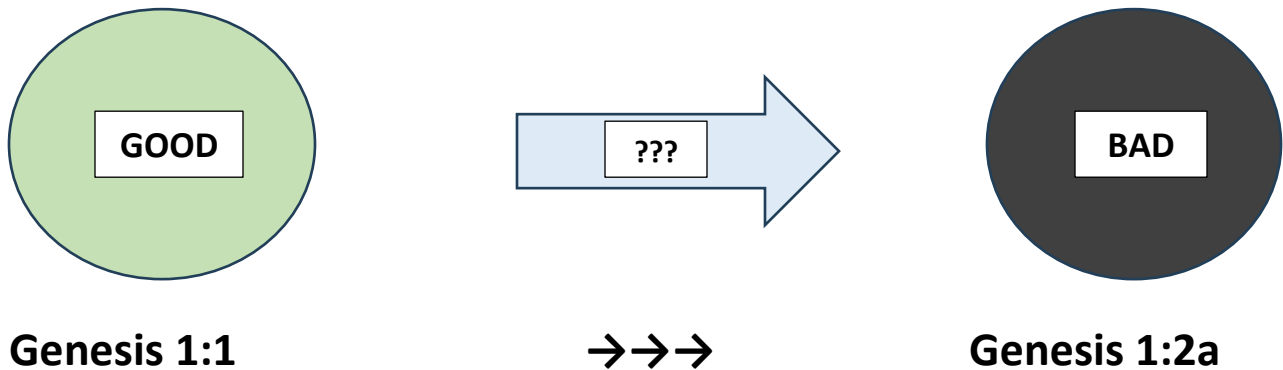
GENESIS 1:1

In beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

Can you repeat that after me:

“In beginning God created the heavens and the earth.”

When God created the heavens and the earth, they were created **perfectly**. We can know this because God is perfect, and He is incapable of doing something imperfectly. The earth was in a perfectly **good** state following its creation, but then something happened to the creation and it became **bad**.



The next verse in Genesis chapter 1 describes the changed state of the earth.

Genesis 1:2a

The earth became without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep.

Can you repeat that after me:

“The earth became without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep.”

This means the earth became **ruined!** It was covered with deep raging waters. And darkness descended to cover the waters that had flooded the earth.

Do you know what caused the perfectly created earth to become ruined?

(Teachers, give the students an opportunity to respond.)

Something happened to cause God's perfectly created earth to become ruined (formless and void), and to find out what that was we must go elsewhere in our Bibles.

God created many angels to rule in His Universal Kingdom, and an angel called **LUCIFER** was created to rule over the earth and the heavens associated with the earth.

LUCIFER

Ezekiel chapter 28 tells us that:

"You (Lucifer) were the seal of perfection, Full of wisdom and perfect in beauty."

"You (Lucifer) were perfect in your ways from the day you were created, Till iniquity was found in you."

"You (Lucifer) defiled your sanctuaries By the multitude of your iniquities,"

When God created **LUCIFER** to rule, he was perfect, 'full of wisdom and beauty'. But then **iniquity**, which is **sin**, was found in him, and because of his many iniquities, his 'sanctuaries' became defiled. Lucifer's sanctuaries are the places of his rulership, and they became **RUINED**. And that is why 'the Earth became formless and void, and darkness was on the face of the deep'.

Isaiah chapter 14 also tells us that Lucifer wanted to raise his throne above all the other angels, or 'stars of God'. He wanted to be like God and even raise his throne above God's throne. Can you believe that!

For you (Lucifer) 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; (where God's throne is)

I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High (God Almighty).'

Did you notice how many times Lucifer's prideful, sinful heart said: "I will"?

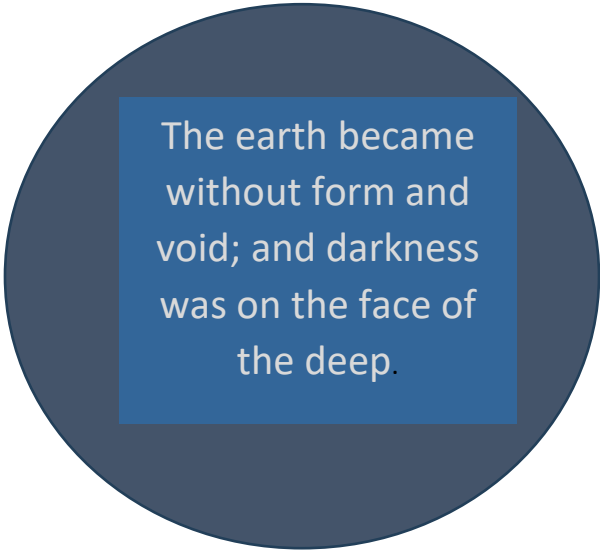
(Teachers, re-read the verses so that not only can they count the number of times Lucifer said "I will" but so the magnitude of his pride is made clear.)

When God created Lucifer to rule over the earth, he was created perfect, just as the heavens and the earth were created perfect. **But** once he became puffed up and full of pride because of his wisdom and beauty, he tried to exalt himself above all the other angels and God Himself. As a result, the earth became ruined and so did he. Now his name is:

SATAN.

And he's not only gone from good to bad; he is evil. In the New Testament he is referred to as:

THE DEVIL.



The earth became
without form and
void; and darkness
was on the face of
the deep.



LUCIFER before the LORD

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Creation, Ruin, Restoration & Rest

In the lesson today we have seen that there was a perfect **creation**, the heavens and the earth, with a perfectly created angel to rule over the heavens and the earth. As a result of the entrance of sin, this was followed by **the ruin** of that perfect creation.

Based on our title, what do you think would
need to happen next?

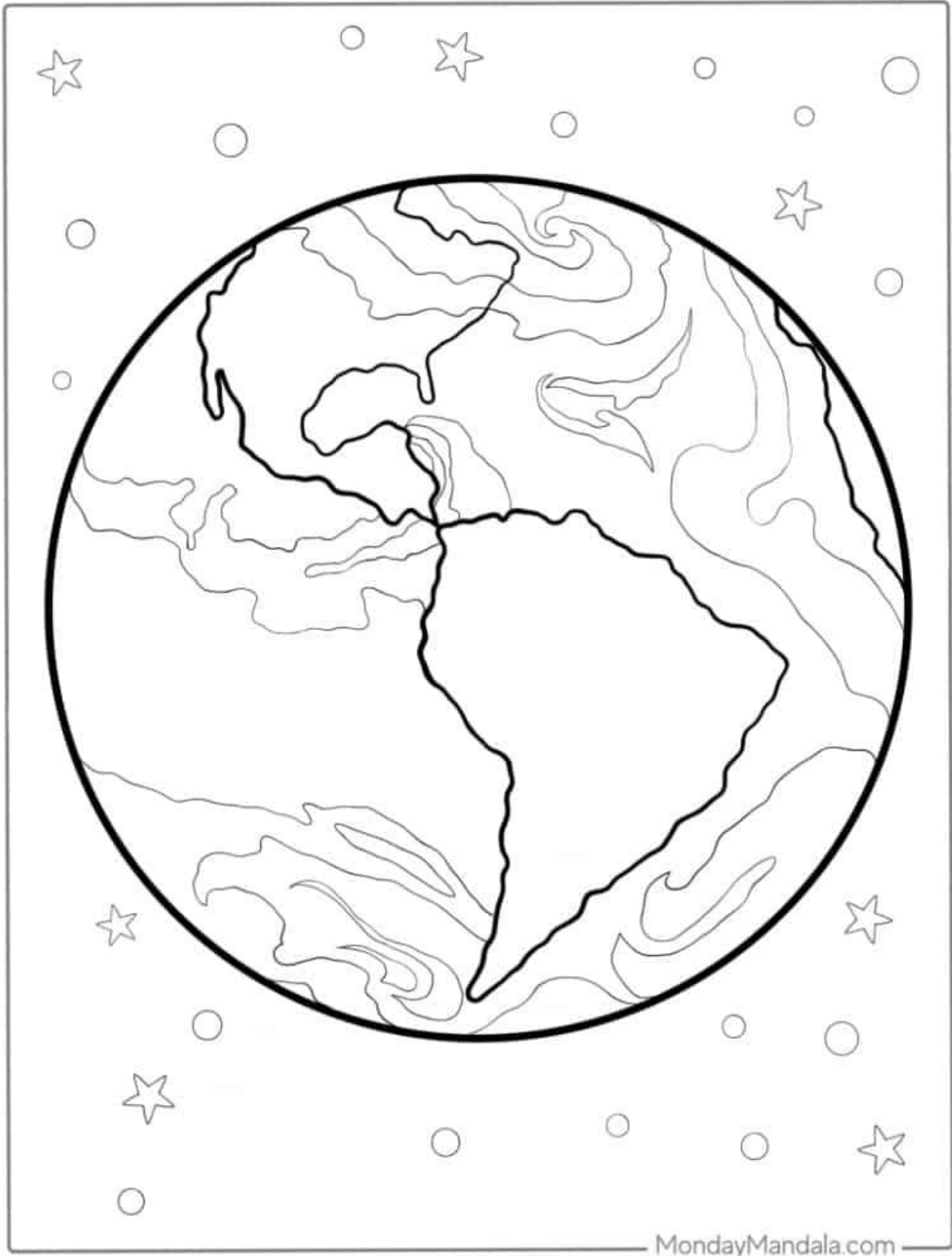
(Teachers, give the students an opportunity to respond.)

That's right! There would need to be **restoration** of the ruined creation, the heavens and the earth. And that is the subject of the second half of verse 2 which we will cover in a future lesson. But for now, let's read the whole of verse 2:

Genesis 1:2

The earth became 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 our next lesson we will look at the role of the angels a little further. Let's pray....



In beginning God created the heavens and the earth

LESSON 2

The Angels & Rulership from the Heavens

The title of our study is 'Creation, Ruin, Restoration & Rest'. Our study will cover the first 34 verses of the Bible from Genesis chapter 1 verse 1, through to Genesis chapter 2 verse 3. In the very first verse that Moses wrote, we can see 'creation', the first part of our study title.

Can anyone remember what Genesis 1:1 says?

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

Let's all say that again together:
"In beginning God created the heavens and the earth."

Based on Genesis 1:1, which do you think God created first, the heavens or the earth?

(The heavens followed by the earth.)

In the first lesson we learnt that God created the earth perfectly, but then something happened to the earth. What was it?

*The earth became **ruined!** It was covered with deep raging waters. And darkness descended to cover the waters that had flooded the earth.*

Who caused the perfectly created earth to become ruined?

Lucifer.

Do you know what other names he has?

Satan, The Devil.

Lucifer was created perfectly by God to rule over the earth, and the heavens surrounding the earth. But Lucifer, because of his wisdom and beauty, became puffed up with pride and wanted to be just like God and sit on God's throne. As a result of his many iniquities, the earth became ruined.

What are iniquities?

SINS

Let's remind ourselves once more on the first part of Genesis one, verse 2 that describes the ruin of the earth through Satan's sin:

Genesis 1:2a
The earth became without form, and void;
and darkness was on the face of the deep.

Repeat after me:

*“The earth became without form, and void;
and darkness was on the face of the deep.”*

Created to Rule

Today we are going to look a little closer at the angels and the reason God created them. Lucifer was not the only angel created to rule over the earth. There are other angels who also have responsibilities over the earth.

Elsewhere in God’s universe there are other angels **created to rule** their individual places of dominion. ‘Dominion’ just means ‘rulership over a territory’, and over any individuals in that territory.

In both the OT and NT the meaning of the word ‘angel’ is:

Messenger.

They are God’s messengers who are employed to do God’s business in the government of the universe. The Bible only refers to male angels. There are no female angels.

There are different kinds of angels with different jobs. For example, some are overseeing churches. Here is just one example of seven angels mentioned in the Book of Revelation:

Revelation 2:12

*“And to the **angel of the church** in Pergamos write, ‘These things says He who has the sharp two-edged sword...’”*

The angels can be likened to an army with different roles, ranks and powers of authority. As well as being God's servants, they are also powerful warriors who are sometimes called to fight.

Lucifer would have had angels that he commanded. But ruling over Lucifer and all the angels is God.

Once Lucifer rebelled, the Bible does not refer to him by that name anymore.

Lucifer means:

Brightness and Morning Star

But **Satan** means:

Opponent and arch enemy of good

And **The Devil** means:

Supreme spirit of evil

In the Book of Job the angels are referred to as the:

'Sons of God'

And in Isaiah chapter 14 as the:

'Stars of God'.

Both names reveal that they are created beings for the purpose of **rulership**. God regularly meets with His angels, the **sons of God**, on the mount of assembly in the furthest reaches of the north.

Let's read about it:

Job 2:1-2

*Again there was a day when the **sons of God** came to present themselves before the LORD, and **Satan** came also among them to present himself before the LORD. And the LORD said to **Satan**, "From where do you come?" So Satan answered the LORD and said, "From going to and fro on **the earth**, and from walking back and forth on it."*

We can know that this meeting took place after Lucifer's rebellion because of how God referred to him:

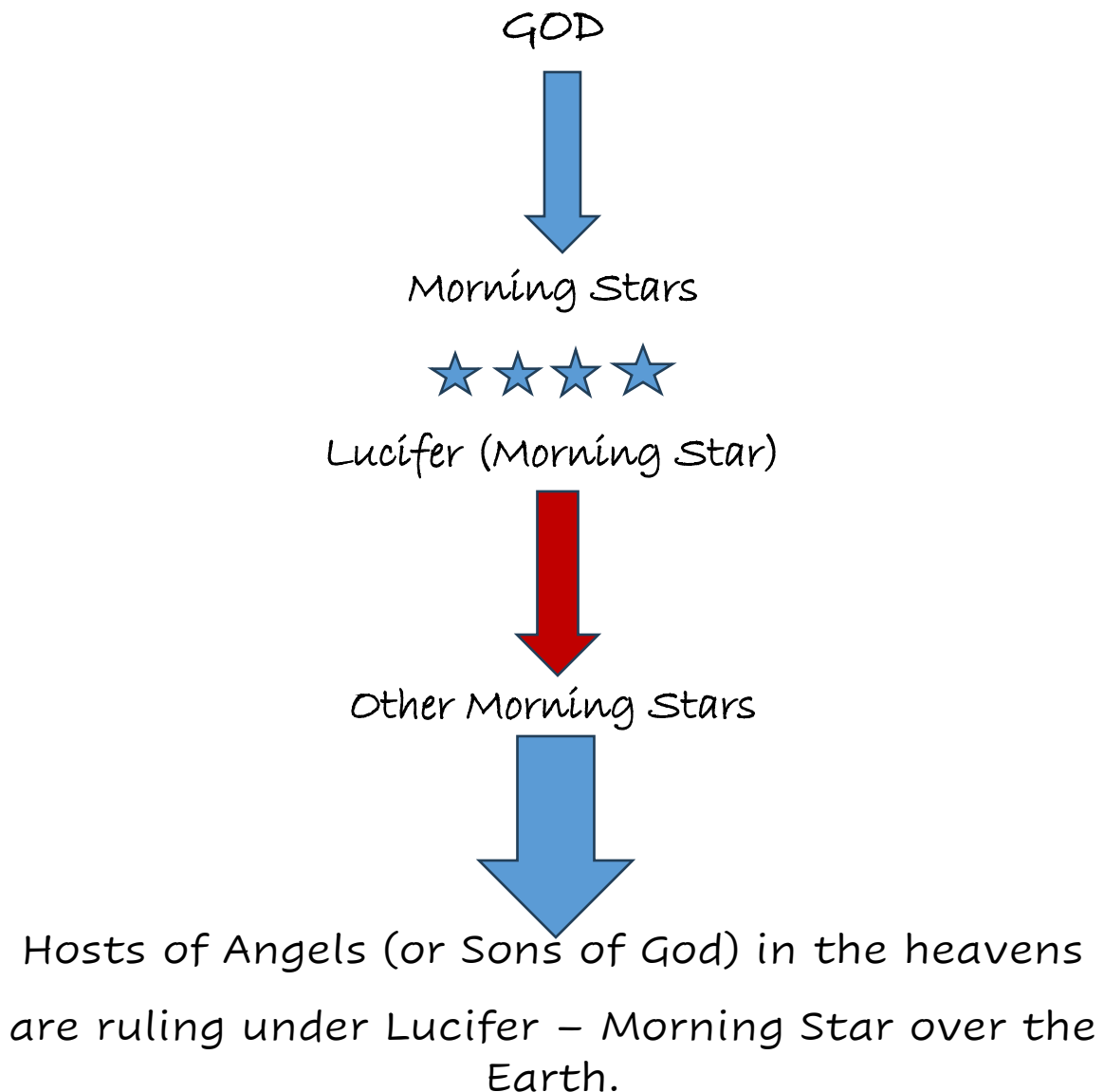
Satan

The Bible tells us that when Satan rebelled, he was not the only one. We do not know how many angels God created with respect to rulership over the earth, but we do know that **one-third of them chose to rebel with Satan**, their leader.

Can you see why once Lucifer rebelled, he was not referred to by that name, but by 'Satan'? And did you also notice where Satan had come from, despite his rebellion?

The Earth

Despite his actions that caused the perfect creation of the earth to become ruined, Satan was still ruling over what would eventually become the current restored Earth. We will study more on the earth's restoration in upcoming lessons. And despite his rebellion, Satan is still the angel with responsibility for rulership over the earth, until God removes him from that position of authority. This is why he can be seen in the Book of Job joining with the other ruling angels to meet with God.



God said to Job:

“Where were you ‘when the **morning stars** sang together, And all the **sons of God** shouted for joy?’”
(Job 38:7)

Next lesson we will look closer at the Hebrew word that is translated ‘God’ in Genesis chapter one, which reveals more details about His work.

Let’s pray...



paint the world
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COLORING

LESSON 3

God - Elohim

In the first two lessons we have been looking at how God created the heavens and the earth, and we saw that they were created perfect. God also created angels, referred to as 'sons' or 'stars' of God to rule over the earth. An angel called **Lucifer** was given responsibility for this province in God's Universal Kingdom.

We know from Genesis 1:2a that because of Lucifer wanting to exalt his throne and position above all the other angels and God Himself, that the earth became **ruined**.

Genesis 1:1-2a
In beginning God created the heavens and the earth.
The earth became without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep.

(Repeat it after me as we read it again.)

Today we are going to study the word '**God**' in the first chapter of Genesis, which is the Hebrew word '**Elohim**'. Did you know that the Bible uses several different names for God? Each of the names with their various meanings reveal further details of the nature and characteristics of God.

ELOHIM

The Bible is God's revelation to mankind and at the very beginning in Genesis He chooses to use the Hebrew word 'Elohim' to reveal Himself to us:

In beginning God...
In beginning Elohim...

The name 'Elohim' reveals to us that God is strong and mighty and all-powerful! It is a plural form of the word 'God' and it reveals the fullness of God. Although there is only One God, there are three distinct Persons in the Godhead.

Can you name them?

God the Father

God the Son

God the Holy Spirit

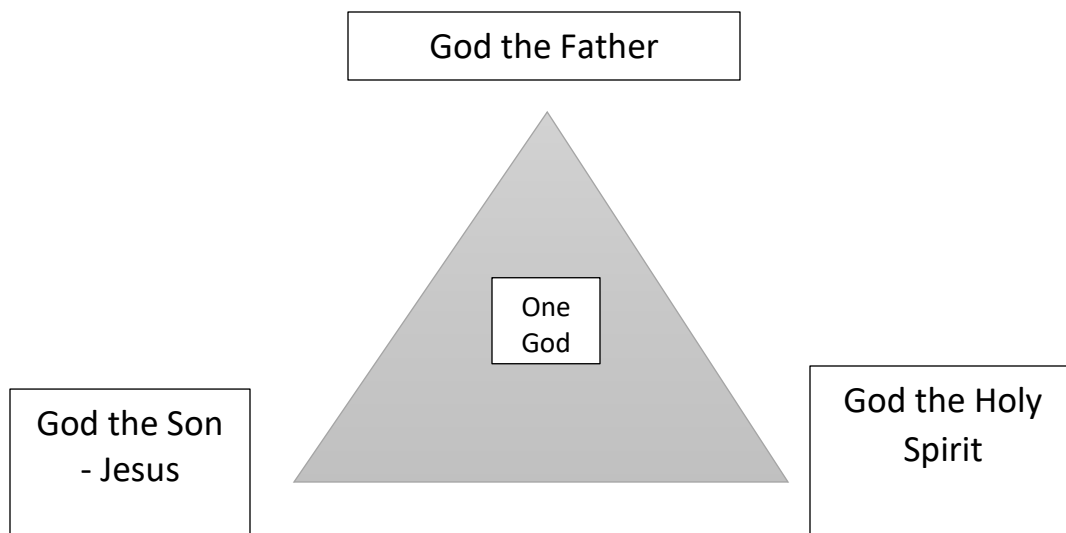
God is a Trinity, which means He is as **3 Persons**, and yet there is **only One God**. It sounds like a riddle! However, it is something we have to believe by faith because that's what the Bible shows us.

What we see from the use of the plural 'Elohim' at the very beginning of Scripture is that all 3 parts of God together are

involved in the creation process. The plural nature of God can be seen quite clearly in Genesis chapter 1, verse 26:

Genesis 1:26a

Then God said, "Let **Us** make man in **Our** image, according to **Our** likeness; let them have dominion



Elohim created...

Now although 'Elohim' (God) is plural, meaning more than one, the next word '*created*' which is a verb, is singular. This tells us that all 3 parts of God were united together in the creation of the heavens and the earth. It would take all 3 persons of the Holy Trinity working as One to create the heavens and the earth and everything that followed.

Have you ever helped your mom to make a cake?
What is the first thing you would do?

(Gather together the ingredients, mixing bowl and utensils.)

To 'create' a cake you have to have the ingredients from which to make the cake. But when God/Elohim created the heavens and the earth, He created them out of nothing! It was a new creation that had not existed in any form before. That's very impressive and it helps us to appreciate a little better how awesome and magnificent God is.

Romans 1:20 tells us that God's existence, along with His wisdom and greatness, are clearly to be seen by the things which He made. Let me encourage you when you next go outside to look at the nature all around you and look up at the sky. They speak to us of the existence of God and of His greatness.

We know that God created the heavens and the earth perfectly before it became ruined by Satan's rebellion against Him. This last Scripture for today shows that the earth was created for a purpose.

Isaiah 45:18

For thus says the LORD [Jehovah], Who created the heavens, Who is God [Elohim], 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.

According to this verse, **why** did God create and form the earth?

(He formed it to be inhabited.)

It also says that Elohim did not create the earth *'in vain'*, meaning a waste place. That is the same word translated *'without form'* from Genesis 1:2a. The Lord (Jehovah) is saying through Isaiah, that Elohim **did not** create the earth **a ruin**. Instead, He **'formed it to be inhabited'**. 'Inhabited' means to be occupied or lived upon.

The work of restoring the earth so that it can be inhabited began with the 'Spirit of God hovering over the face of the waters' (Gen.1:2b). And that is where we shall begin in our next lesson.

Activity:

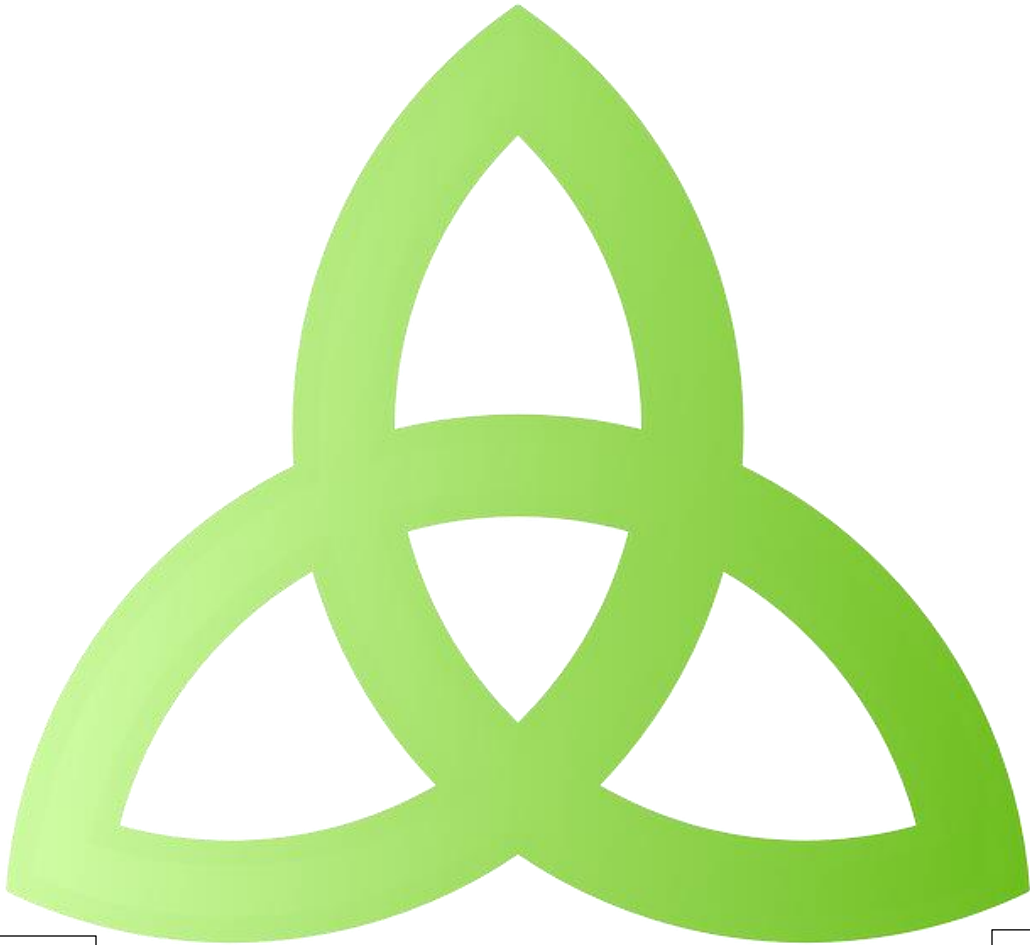
On the next page is an image that helps us to understand how the Trinity is One God in 3 Persons.

- (1) Label the image with **'God the Father'** at the top and **'Jesus – God the Son'** on the bottom left corner, and **'God the Holy Spirit'** on the right corner.
- (2) Then take a colored pencil and starting by God the Father, follow the 'pathway' until it brings you back to the top.

The Holy Trinity

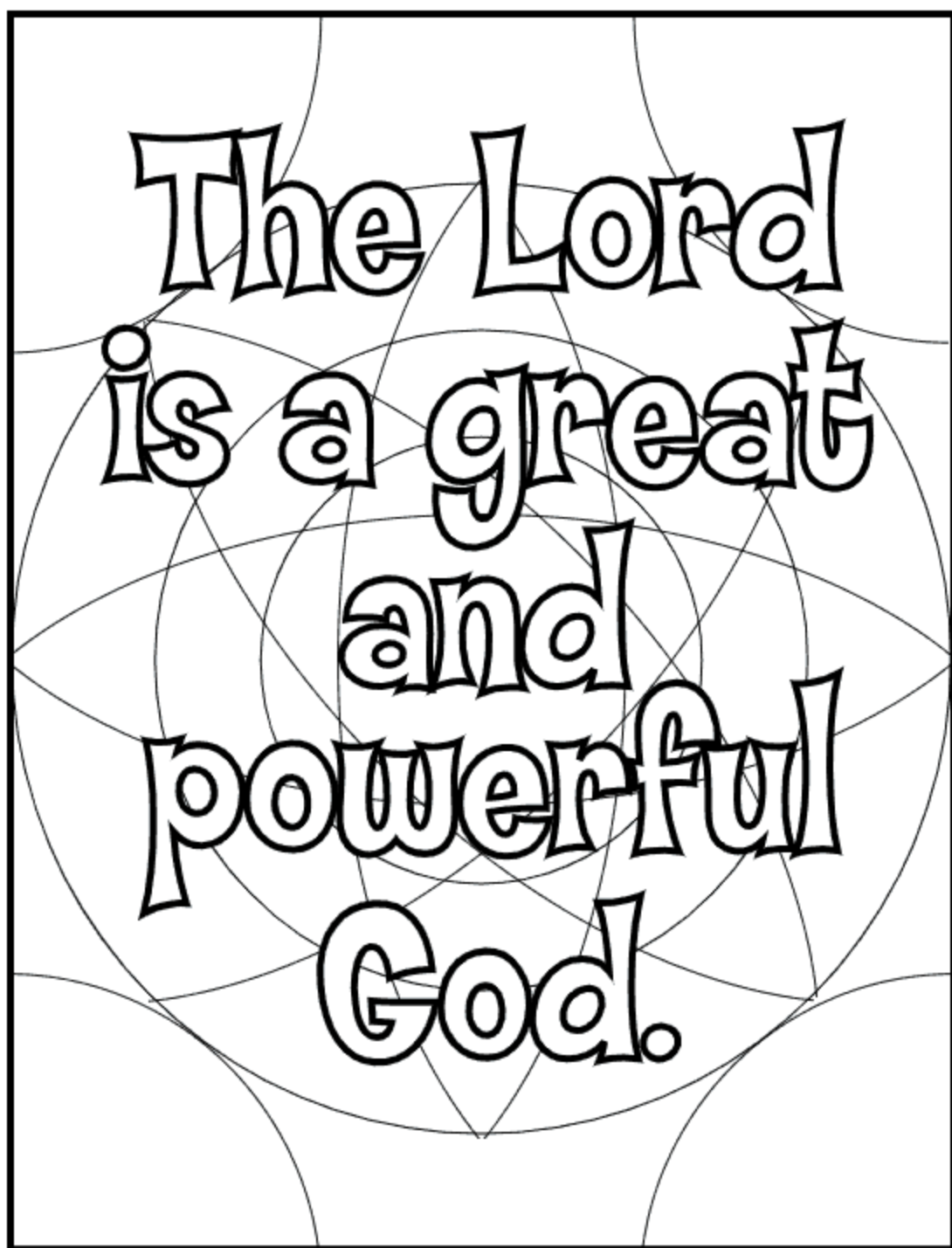
(Referred to as *The Godhead* in Rom. 1:20 & Col.2:9)

GOD the
Father



Jesus –
GOD the
SON

GOD the
Holy
Spirit



LESSON 4

Day 1:

The Light Shines in the Darkness

Let us begin with some reviewing:

Genesis 1:1-2

1 In beginning God [Elohim] created the heavens and the earth.

2 The earth became without form, and void [ruined]; and darkness was on the face of the deep [raging waters].

And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

Why did the earth become ruined and covered in darkness?

(Lucifer, the ruling angel over the earth sinned, and now he is called Satan.)

The title of our study is: **Creation, Ruin, Restoration & Rest.** We now understand that the heavens and the earth were created perfectly by **Elohim** (God in 3 Persons). However, it became ruined as a result of its chief ruling angel, Lucifer, wanting to exalt himself to a position above all angels and make himself equal with God. As a result, the Earth over which he

ruled became ruined, covered with deep raging waters, and darkness.

God's perfect creation was ruined because of:

SIN

'*Restoration*' is the 3rd word in our study title. And just as we established in the previous lesson that all 3 Persons of the Godhead were involved in the creation of the heavens and the earth, so all 3 would have to be involved in the *Restoration of the heavens and the earth*.

Restoration began with the third Person of the Trinity, the Holy Spirit, hovering over the darkened raging waters of the deep.

Day 1

Genesis 1:2b
And the *Spirit of God* was hovering over the
face of the waters.

The Bible does not tell us how long it was between the *ruin* of the Earth and the beginning of the *restoration*. But we do know that the counting of time begins with **Day 1** in the restoration process as the *Spirit of God* began to hover. Let's read what happened next:

Genesis 1:3-5

3 Then **God** [Elohim] said, "Let there be light"; and there was light.

4 And God saw the light, that it was good; and God divided the light from the darkness.

5 God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. So the evening and the morning were the first day.

Who spoke and what did He say?

God/Elohim said: "Let there be light".

How did God view the light?

God saw that the light was

Good.

What did God do to the light?

*He **divided** the light from the darkness.*

In v.5 what did God call the 'light' and call the 'darkness'?

LIGHT He called → _____

DARKNESS He called → _____

How else was the day made up, and which part came first?

(The day was made up of 'evening' and 'morning', with the evening coming first.)

So the evening and the morning were the

FIRST DAY

The restoration of the ruined creation, the Earth, began on Day One with the hovering of the Holy Spirit over the face of the waters and God speaking. We know from other studies that Jesus Christ is the Word of God, so we see once again that all 3 Persons of the Godhead were involved in the restoration process.



Before we finish, there is another thing to understand about Day 1 in the restoration process. When God said, “Let there be light,” light already existed because ‘God is light’. The darkness covering the earth came to the earth because of Satan’s sin. **On Day 1 God restored the light**, He didn’t create the light.

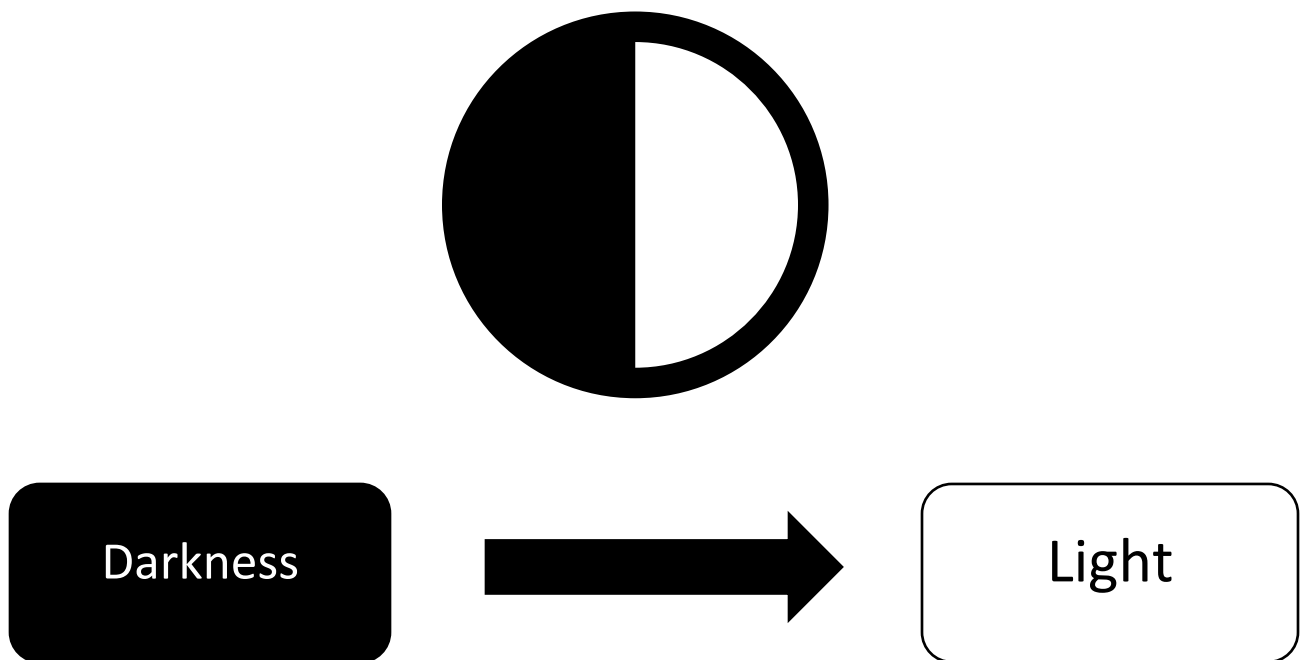
As we finish, read the following NT verse and underline what God is in **red**, and what He is not in **blue**.

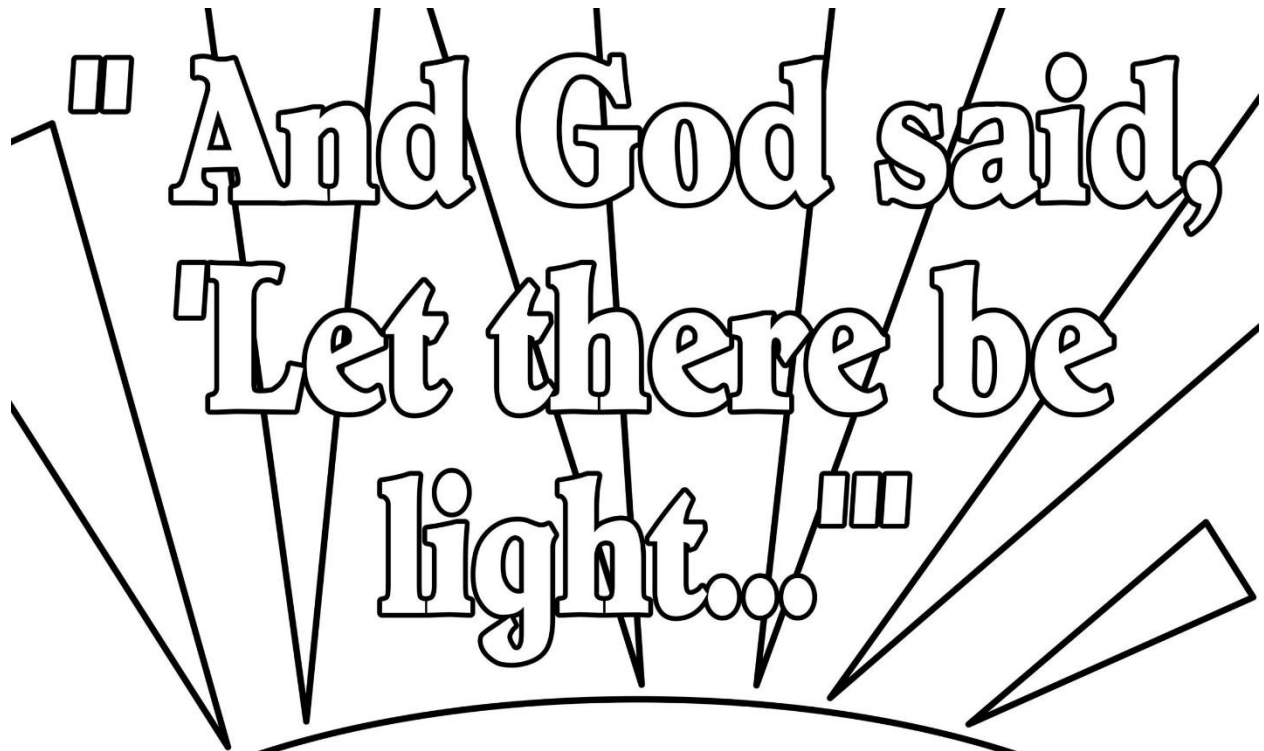
1st John 1:5

This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.

(God is light, in Him is no darkness at all.)

Teachers, if there is time, this will be a good place to discuss how 'light' and 'the day' are associated with what is spiritually good; and 'darkness' and 'the night' are associated with what is not spiritually good. For example: Romans 13:12 The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore, let us cast off the works of darkness and let us put on the armor of light.)





" And God said,
'Let there be
light...'"

Genesis 1:3

Lesson 5

Day 2: The Firmament Divides the Waters

On Day 1 we saw that when God said, “Let there be light”, the light appeared alongside the darkness that had been covering the earth due to Satan’s sin. God saw that the light was good! On the same day, God divided the light from the darkness.

What did God call the light and the darkness?

Day & Night

How else was the first day divided up?

Evening & Morning

In today’s lesson we will look at **Day 2** of God’s continued work of restoring the ruined creation. Do you remember how, following the rebellion of Lucifer/Satan, not only did the earth become darkened, but it was also covered in raging waters? Then the Spirit of God began to hover over the face of the waters as He began His restoration work on Day 1.

Day 2

On *Day 2*, we shall see how God made a division once again, just as He did on *Day 1*. This time it relates to the waters covering the earth. Let's read about it now:

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.

What did God divide?

The waters

What did God make between the divided waters?

A firmament

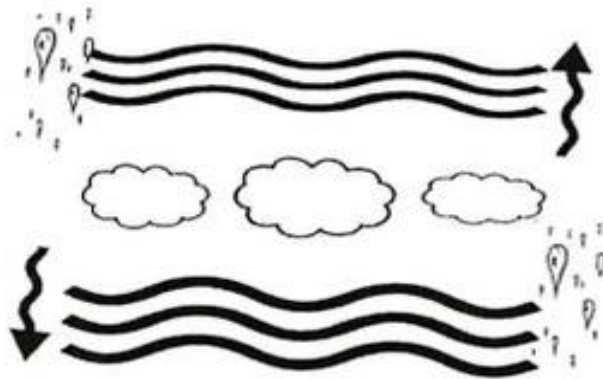
That's an unusual word! What did God call the firmament?

Heaven

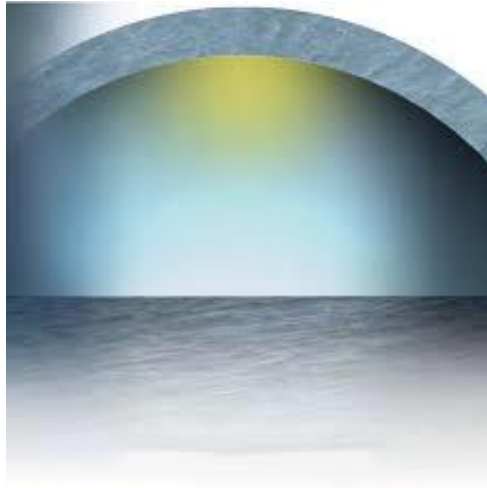
Did evening come first, or did the morning come first?

Evening

'Heaven' in the Hebrew language means 'an expanse' and it refers to the wide area of space between the two bodies of water. There was **water below** that covered the earth. There was **water above** that surrounded the earth. The space between the two bodies of water is what God called 'Heaven'. The word 'heaven' is plural in Hebrew, so between the divided waters are '**the heavens**'.



How should we understand the heavens? We know that in beginning, God created the heavens along with the earth. The expanse that is the heavens surrounds **just the earth**. They do not relate to other parts of the universe. We know this because God's word is focused totally on this province of the universe. This province encompasses the earth, and the heavens associated with the earth.



So what are the heavens?

They refer to that which we can see **visibly** with our eyes as we look up, such as the sky with the clouds. It also refers to what is **not visible** with our natural eyes, as in **the spiritual places of rulership from the heavens** over the earth.

Colossians 1:16

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.

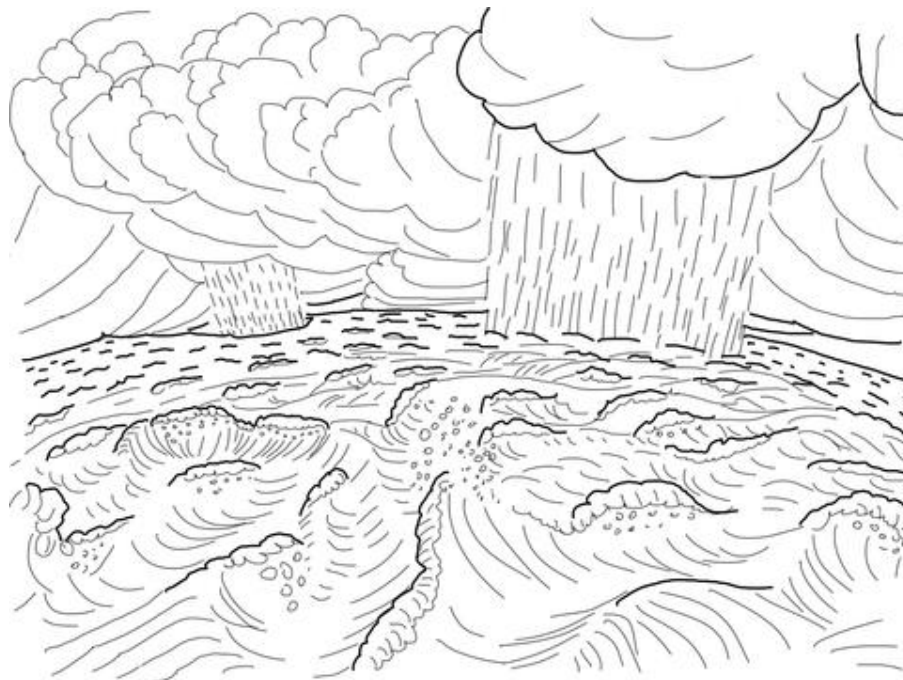
What are thrones for?

Rulership

It tells us in **Daniel chapter 4** that ‘the heavens rule over the earth’. This describes the **invisible** realm in the heavens above the earth from which rulership by angels takes place. We need to grasp that when God divided the raging waters that

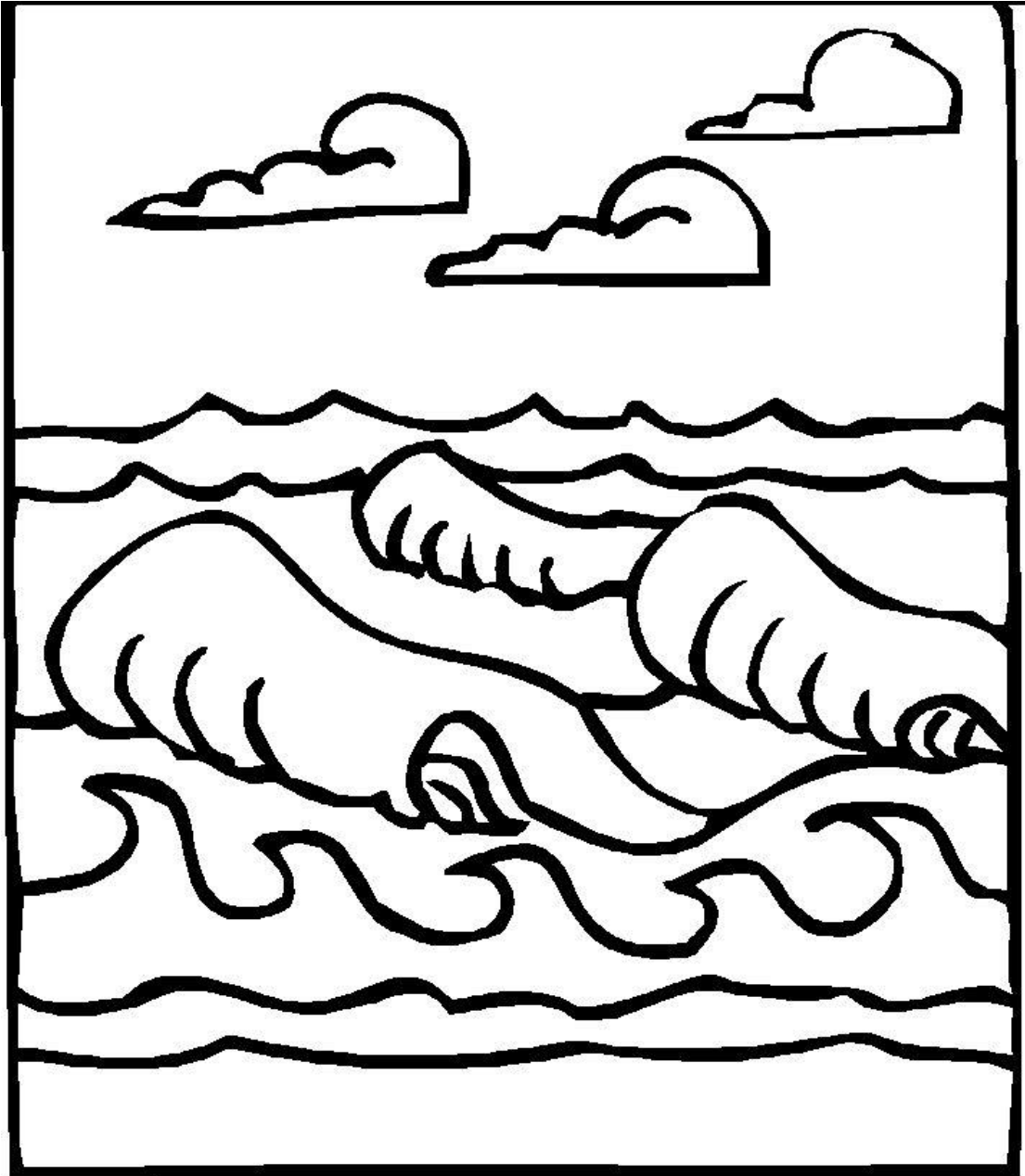
covered the earth, He placed an expanse between them which He called Heaven, by which we mean the heavens which are both **visible** and **invisible** to the naked eye. The waters that were above the heavens were like a canopy, producing a sort of protective greenhouse effect over the world at that time.

As we finish our study of the Restoration on Day 2 in Genesis chapter 1, here is something for you to ponder: when we look up, we see that the waters above that provided the canopy are no longer there. Do you know what happened to them?



*(Gen. 7:11 In the six hundredth year of **Noah's** life, in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month, on that day all the fountains of the great deep were broken up, and **the windows of heaven were opened**. 12 And **the rain was on the earth forty days and forty nights.**)*

[Teachers, it would appear that prior to the flood of Noah's day it never rained and instead a mist came up from the ground and watered the whole earth. (cf Gen.2:5-6)]



LESSON 6

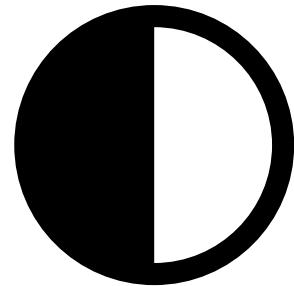
Day 3 Part 1: Dry Land Appears

Then God said...

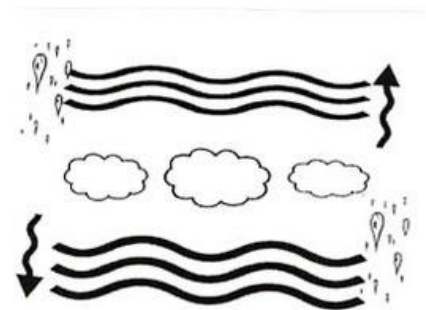
Today in our Genesis study of the restoration of the ruined creation, which was as a result of Satan's rebellion, we will begin looking at Day 3 in the restoration process.

In Days 1 and 2, we saw how God spoke, and a restoration took place, which brought about a division, or separation.

On *Day 1* God, divided the light from the darkness, the day from the night.



On *Day 2*, God separated the waters with a firmament, and He called the space between the separated waters 'Heaven'.



Day 3

Genesis 1:9-10

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.

What did God say?

"Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear";

Which waters was God referring to? The waters above the heavens, or the waters below the heavens?

Below the heavens

How were the waters gathered together?

In one place

After the waters were gathered together into one place, what then appeared?

Dry land

Where did the dry land come from?

(It arose from beneath the waters)

God called the dry land → Earth

The gathered waters He called → Seas

Separation

God gathered the waters together into one place and the dry land appeared from beneath the waters. He called the dry land **Earth**, and the gathered waters He called **Seas**. Once again we see that a separation took place as part of the *restoration*. This time there was a separation of the land, from the seas.

(Teachers, if it seems appropriate, consider explaining how the land coming up from beneath the water is a picture of baptism. How the division pictures our need to be separate from those things associated with our first birth/old self once we believe in Jesus. I realize this may be a difficult concept for the younger children, in which case just focus on the natural rather than the spiritual at this time.)

The Dry Land

If you look at a map of the world today you will see that there are continents and oceans (or seas). Does anyone know how many continents there are today? *(Teachers pause for a response.)* If you were thinking 7 then you would be right.

Can you name any of the Continents?

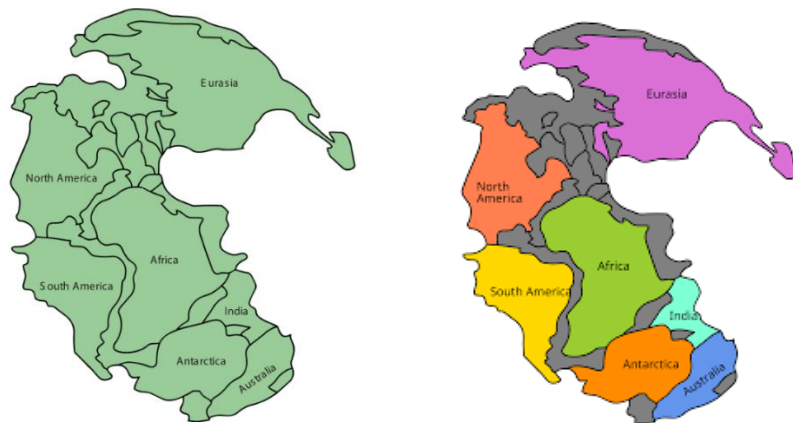
(North America, South America, Africa, Europe, Asia, Australasia & Antartica)

Can you find them on the map below?



Have you ever noticed how the continents look as if they might fit together like a jigsaw puzzle if pushed together?

Scientists and geologists think that a long time ago (they think millions of years ago), the 7 continents did not exist as they are now. Instead there was **one giant continent** which eventually broke up and drifted apart to where the continents are today. They gave it the name 'Pangaea', which means 'all, or one, earth'.



But what does the Bible say? Could there once have been a large single continent, surrounded by sea? What we read in Genesis 1:9-10 suggests that the seas were all gathered in one place and therefore the dry land that appeared would be one land mass in the midst of the seas. Therefore, it could be so!

There's a scripture further on in Genesis which supports the idea of a single land mass, because it refers to when the land was divided.

Genesis 10:25

*To **Eber** were born two sons: the name of one was **Peleg**, for in his days the earth was divided;*

Eber was the great grandson of **Shem**, one of Noah's sons, and he would have lived around 100 years after **the Flood**. The flood was the time when the windows of heaven were opened and the fountains of the deep burst forth. *We discussed that on Day 2.*

It says in Genesis 10:25 that in Eber's days, 'the earth was divided'. He had 2 sons, one with the name **Peleg** meaning 'division, earthquake, watercourse'.

Are you beginning to see a progression here that began on Day 3 in the restoration of the ruined creation? Let's review:

- On Day 3, the dry land appeared as God gathered the waters together into one place and the land in another.
- In the days of Noah, the earth was flooded once again as the waters above the firmament rained down on the earth.

- Then during the days of Eber, God divided the land, perhaps with an earthquake, such that the waters were no longer gathered in just one place. This explains why Eber called his son Peleg, meaning division.

As we finish, can you remember what God saw after He called the dry land 'Earth' and the waters 'Seas'?

And God saw that it was good.

We will return to Day 3 in Genesis in the next lesson, where we shall see the dry land become fruitful.

Activity: In the Pangaea outline below can you find and color North America? Can you pinpoint Florida where we are?



LESSON 7

Day 3 Part 2: The Earth brings forth...

Then God said...

Twice on **Day 3** in Genesis chapter 1, Moses recorded "Then God said...". Let's review the verses from the last lesson and look at the first time on **Day 3** when "Then God said...". As we do so, underline exactly what He said.

Day 3

Genesis 1:9-10

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.

("Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear")

What did God call the dry land?

Earth

What did God call the gathering together of the waters?

Seas

How did God feel about what He had done?

And God saw that it was good

After gathering the waters together into one place and causing dry land to appear, God was pleased and saw that it was good. On the same third day of the **restoration** God then spoke again:

Genesis 1:11-13

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.

When God spoke, what did the earth bring forth?

Grasses, herbs, fruit trees

What was special about the grasses, herbs and fruit trees?

They each had seeds within them according to the same kind.



Why do you think they needed seeds of the same kind within them?

(Teachers, pause for a response)

The grasses, herbs, and fruit trees needed seeds within them so that they could continue to produce **more of the same** plants. This would enable the plants to multiply after themselves as they died off. Once the various plants flowered and died, they would shed the seeds that are within the flower. Then as the seeds fell to the ground, so they would germinate and grow more of the same.



For example, a basil plant after awhile puts out flowers rather than the edible leaves. Then, when the flower seeds drop, they take root and many new basil plants begin to grow. The seeds can only produce basil plants, NOT, for example, parsley plants.

The same is true whether we are talking about herbs, vegetables, grasses or fruits.

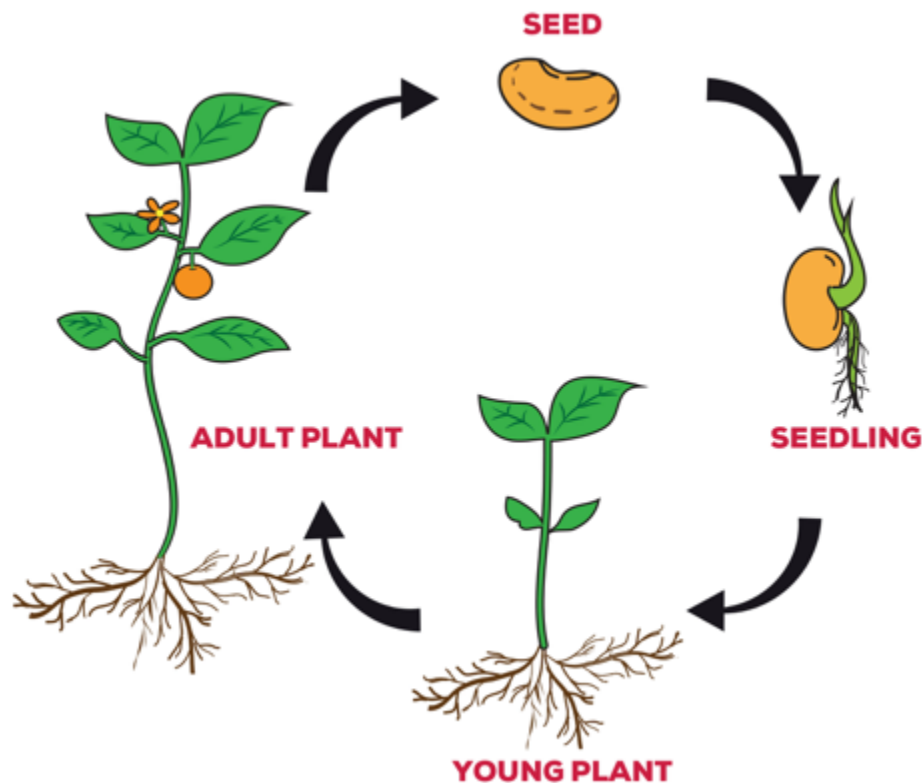


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What we are describing here is the **life cycle of all plants**. This is only made possible because as part of the **Restoration** of the Earth on **Day 3**, God said: "Let the earth bring forth

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";

Examine the diagram below. Beginning with the seed at the top, follow the arrows and describe what you see until you return back to the top.

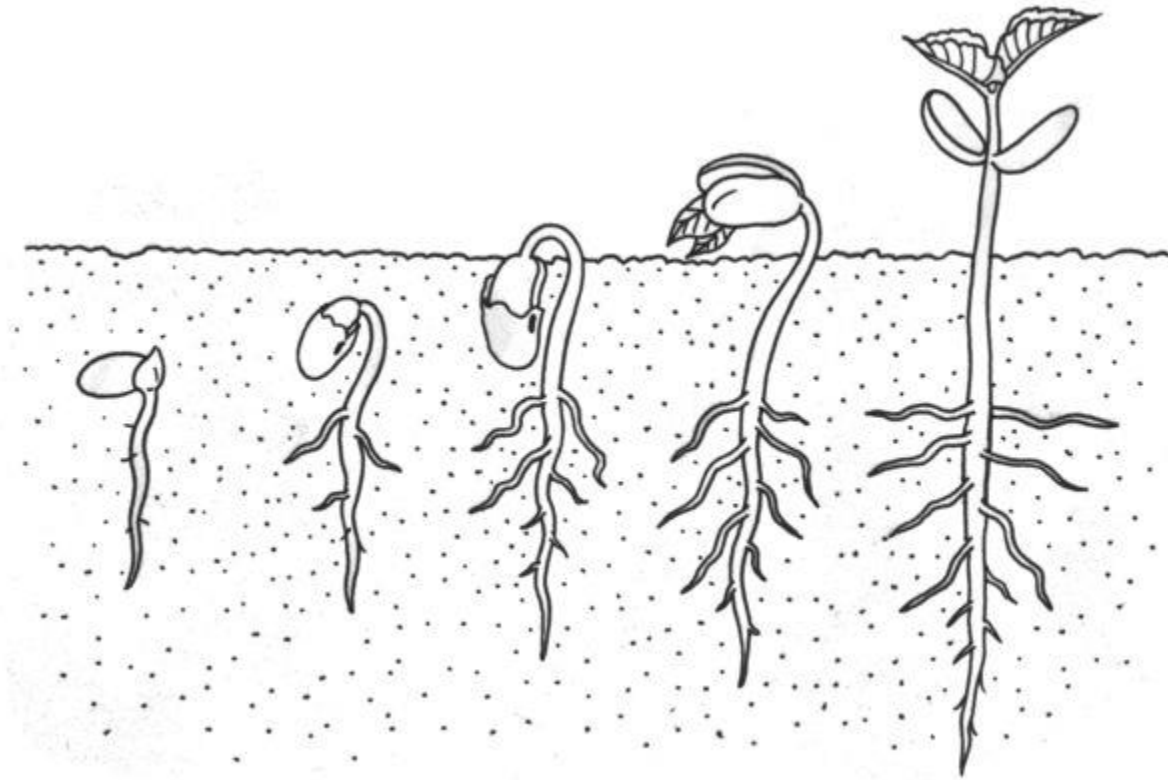


What did God see or say when He was finished on the 3rd Day?

And God saw that it was good. So the evening and the morning were the third day.

Once again, God was pleased with what He saw. The third day ended with the statement that ‘the evening and the morning’ make up the third day. Notice that once again, the evening

comes before the morning, just as the darkness came before the light as the earth was being restored.



Have you ever grown anything from a seed? What does a seed need to grow? *(Teachers Pause for responses. If necessary give them hints.)*

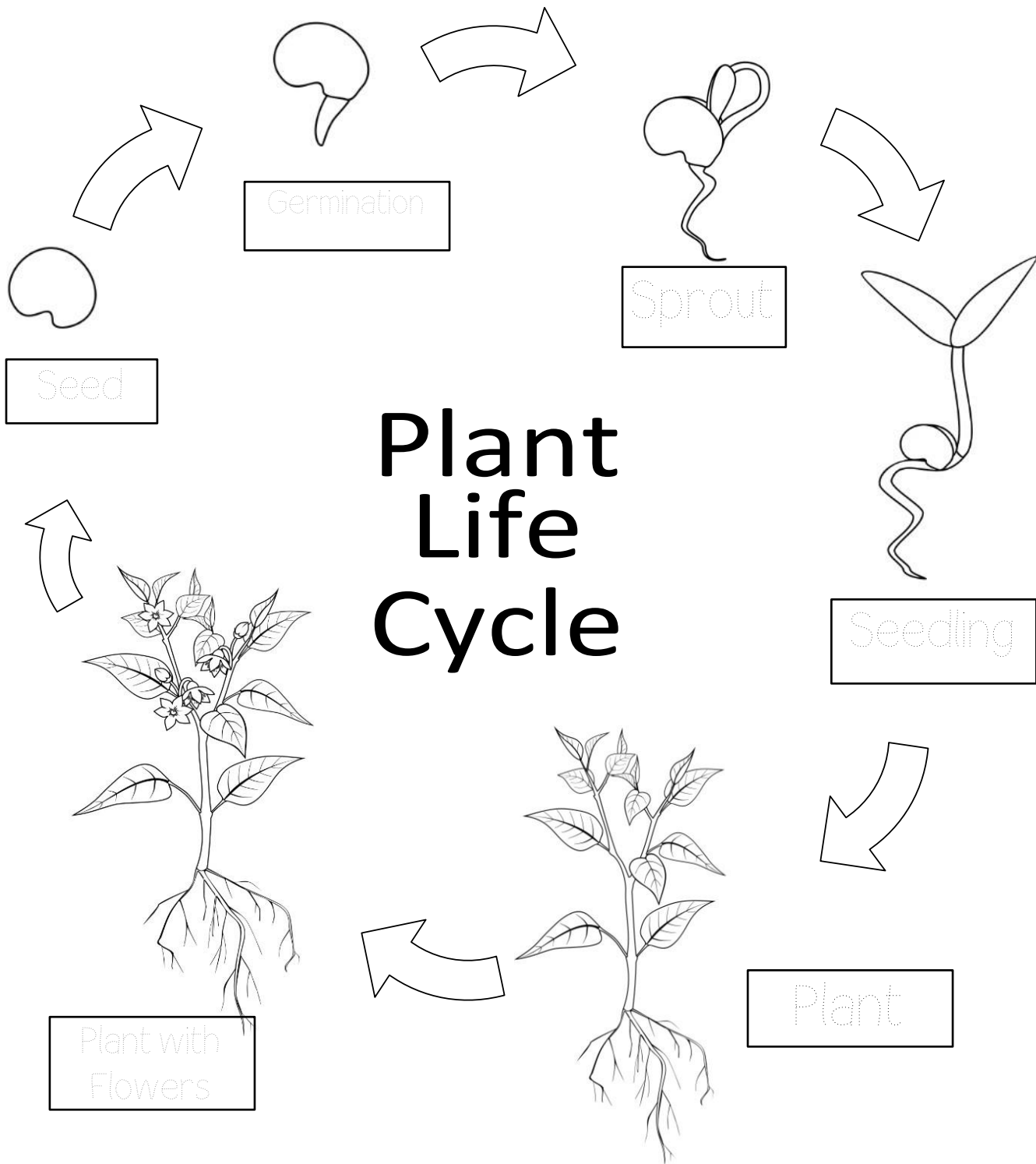
Seeds need oxygen, warmth and moisture in the soil to germinate. They also need sunlight once the leaves begin to appear, which is why they grow towards the light. The leaves get their energy from the sun, as well as needing water and carbon dioxide in the atmosphere, which helps them to continue to grow.

The Bible tells us in John 8:12:

Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."

Jesus is the 'Light of the World' and just as the plants grow towards the light of the sun providing the energy they need to be fruitful, so we are to grow spiritually towards Jesus and His Word, which gives us light and life, and will enable us to be fruitful.

Activity: On the next page fill in the boxes and color the images.



Plant Life Cycle

LESSON 8

Day 4: Part 1 - Lights in the Firmament

In the previous two lessons, we studied Day 3 in the restoration process seen in Genesis chapter 1. Let's review what took place. Firstly, God gathered together the waters under heaven into one place. This allowed the land beneath the waters to appear as dry land.

God gave names to the waters and the land. What were they?

God called the dry land → Earth

The gathered waters He called → Seas

Then God said that the earth was to bring forth grass, herbs and fruit trees, all with seeds within themselves.

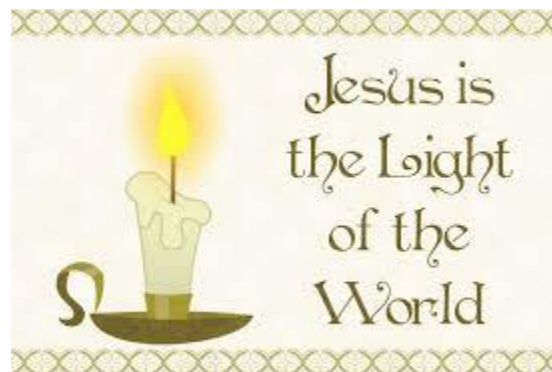
Why was it important for the grass, herbs and fruit to have seeds in themselves?

The seeds were necessary for the plants to reproduce more plants of the same kind.

We concluded the previous lesson with the Scripture from

John chapter 8 where Jesus stated that He is 'the Light of the World'. Just as the plants grow towards the light in the natural, so we are to grow spiritually towards the Light that is Jesus. And in so doing, we will produce 'fruit' that will enable us to enter His Kingdom.

How can we grow spiritually towards Jesus, the Light of the World, so that we do not walk in darkness? *(Teachers, discuss what they need to do to grow spiritually, maybe drawing from the examples in the natural, such as water, warmth, light, food, air to breath.)*



Today we are going to look at what God did on Day 4 as He continued His work of **restoring** the **ruined** creation. The title of our series is: **Creation, Ruin, Restoration & Rest**. What caused the creation, the heavens and the earth, to become **ruined** in the first place? *(Teachers, pause for the children's responses. Lucifer/Satan sinned when he tried to exalt himself above God. What happened to the earth as a result? We studied*

this in Lesson 1.)

Division/Separation

On **Day 1**, God divided the light from the darkness. On **Day 2**, God separated the waters above from the waters below. The expanse between the two waters God called Heaven. On **Day 3**, He separated the Land from the Seas. Now, we shall see how on **Day 4** there was another separation, or division.

Day 4 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, and the stars.

According to **verse 14**, what did God put in the firmament of the heavens?

Lights

What was the purpose of the lights?

To Divide the Day from the Night.

In **verse 15** what is the stated purpose of the lights in the firmament?

(To give light upon the earth)

Then in **verse 16** what did God make?

Two great lights.

As we read **v.16** again, I want you to underline the purpose of the two great lights.

Then God made two great lights: the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night, and the stars.

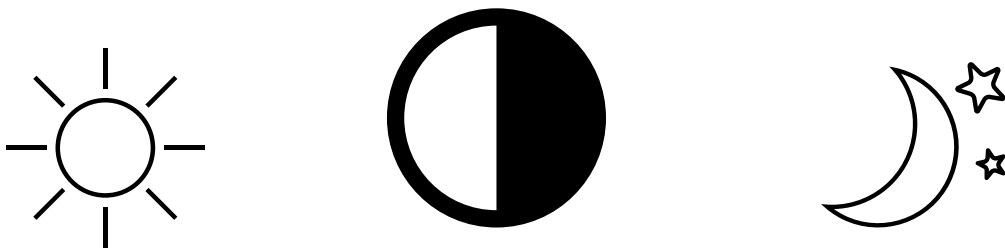
What are the 2 great lights that rule the day and the night?

(The sun rules over the day and the moon over the night.)

[Teachers, discuss why the greater light rules over the day with the lesser light ruling the night. Spiritually that which is associated with the light and the day is associated with God's plans for the 7th Day. The night and darkness which reigned before the restoration on the first day is seen in connection with Satan's sin, and this present time of

spiritual darkness.]

In our study of Genesis chapter 1, we see that on **Day 4** the restoration once again involved **division**. God restored the lights in the firmament to **divide between** the Day and the Night. The greater light, **the sun**, ruled over the Day and the lesser light, **the moon**, ruled over the Night.

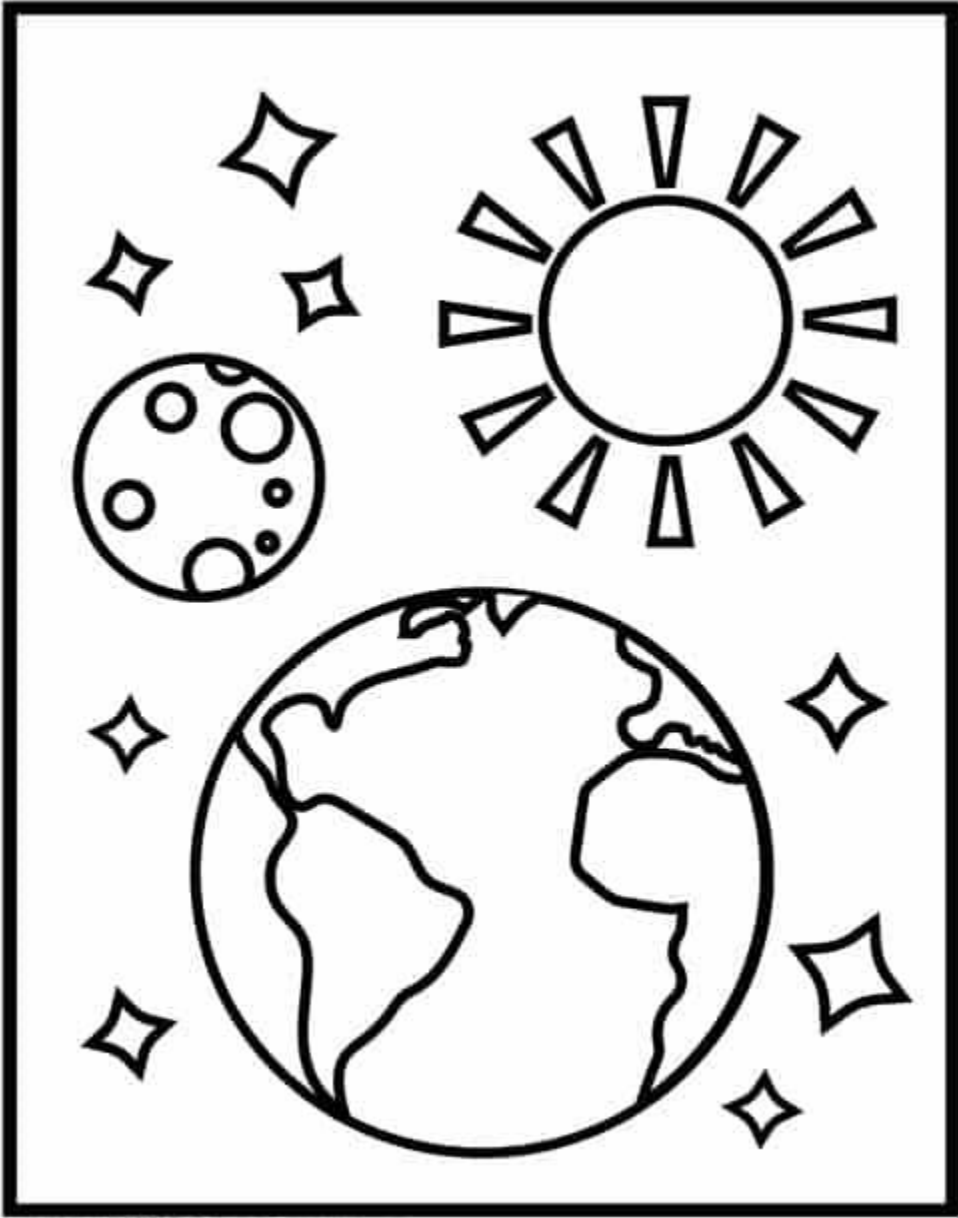


God restored the light on **Day 1**, but it is not seen in connection with **the sun** and **the moon** until **Day 4**. On this day God used the light which He had restored on **Day 1** to envelop the sun. The sun then provides light for the moon when it reflects onto the moon's surface. This is why the sun is the 'greater light' and the moon the 'lesser light'.

The 2 great lights restored on **Day 4** were for the purpose of rulership over the earth, with the sun, the greater light ruling over the day. What we can now begin to see in the foundation is that *'the heavens do rule'* (Dan.4:26).

In the next lesson, we will add further details to the significance

of the restoration of the heavens that took place on Day 4.



SUPERSTARWORKSHEETS

LESSON 9

Day 4 Part 2: Two Great Lights

Today we will continue looking at the **restoration** that took place on **Day 4** in Genesis chapter one. We shall see how the restoration of the light of the sun and moon enables us to **count time in days and years**.

Let's begin with a review by reading the verses that relate to Day 4:

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.

What were the lights in the firmament to divide between?

(To divide between the day and the night, and the light from the darkness. All for the purpose of giving light upon the earth.)

What are the two great lights?

The Sun & Moon

In our study of Genesis chapter 1, we have often seen that God's restoration of the ruined creation involves separation or division.

The restoration on **Day 4** once again involves **division**. God restored the lights in the firmament to **divide between** the Day and the Night with the greater light, **the sun**, ruling over the Day, and the lesser light, **the moon**, ruling over the night.

God had restored the light on **Day 1**, but it is not seen in connection with **the sun** and **the moon** until **Day 4**. On this day, God used the light which He had restored on **Day 1** to envelop the sun. Because of this, the sun then provides light for the moon when it reflects onto the moon's surface, so that the moon, along with the stars, provide light at night to the earth.

If we now return to verse 14, we see that as well as dividing the day from the night, the 2 great lights had further purposes:

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;**

What are the 4 things that the lights in the firmament were to be for?

Signs & Seasons

Days & Years

Counting Time in Days and Years

It is because of **the sun** and **the moon** that **time** can be measured in **days** and **years**. Does anyone know how the sun and moon help us to measure time on earth? *(Teachers, pause for a response.)*

Firstly, we already know that each day is made up of evening and morning, night and day. In one 24-hour day, **the earth spins on its axis** to make one complete rotation. *(Teachers, demonstrate this using a ball such as a basketball with a mark on it to show the start and finish of one day.)* When one rotation has been completed, one day is over and a new one begins.

Whilst the earth is spinning every day, **the moon orbits the**

earth. It takes approximately 28 days to complete one full orbit of the earth. Because of the moon's various positions in relation to the earth and the sun throughout those 28 days, we don't always see all of the moon at night.

Once every lunar month, which means 'moon' month, there's a full moon. And once every lunar month there's no moon to see at all because the earth is completely blocking the moon from receiving its light from the sun.



Genesis 1:14 said that the sun and the moon were also **for measuring years.** How might the sun play a role in the measuring of a year on earth? *(Teachers, pause for a response.)*

As the earth rotates on its axis, it also **orbits the sun**, just as the moon orbits the earth. The time it takes for the earth to completely orbit the sun is **one earth year.**

Do you know how many days make up a year?

_____ Days

(Teachers, feel free to explain that one year is 365 and one quarter days and therefore every 4th year an extra day is added.)

Activity:

Equipment: Flashlight, large ball such as a basketball, small ball such as a tennis ball.

- 1). Explain that the basketball is the earth, the tennis ball is the moon, and the flashlight is the sun. Put the tennis ball aside for now.
- 2). Draw a small **X** on the basketball and have a child hold it. Tell them the cross is where they live on earth, or where the day begins.
- 3). Stand an appropriate distance away, hold the torch and shine it at him/her holding the basketball. Have them turn the basketball, only rotating it on the correct axis. Tell the class to notice when the **X** is in light and not in the light. Explain that this is how **day and night** happen on earth.
- 4) Next have the child walk around you in a circle (orbiting you) still holding the basketball. Explain this is how **a year** is made. Then have them spin the ball (on the correct axis) whilst they are walking, demonstrating **day/night in relation to a year**. Specify that when moving around the flashlight (the sun), the ball/earth can only go in one direction, sideways, not up and down. Which is why the sun always comes up in the east and goes down in the west.
- 5). Once they have the idea that **day/night** is just the shadow on the backside of the basketball/earth, and **a year** is when it circles the flashlight/sun, add in the tennis ball/moon.
- 6). Explain how the same side of the moon always faces the earth as it orbits the earth. (This is due to the gravitational pull of the earth.) Like the earth, the moon can only go in one direction, sideways, which is why we always see the moon come up in the east and travel across the night sky to the west.

On *Day 4* of the restoration of the ruined creation, we now see how important it was for the 2 great lights in the firmament to be restored. This gave us light on the earth, day and night, and the ability to measure time.

On each day that we have studied so far, the verses have all ended in a similar fashion:

*"So the evening and the morning were the first day."
"So the evening and the morning were the second day"
"So the evening and the morning were the third day."
"So the evening and the morning were the fourth day."*

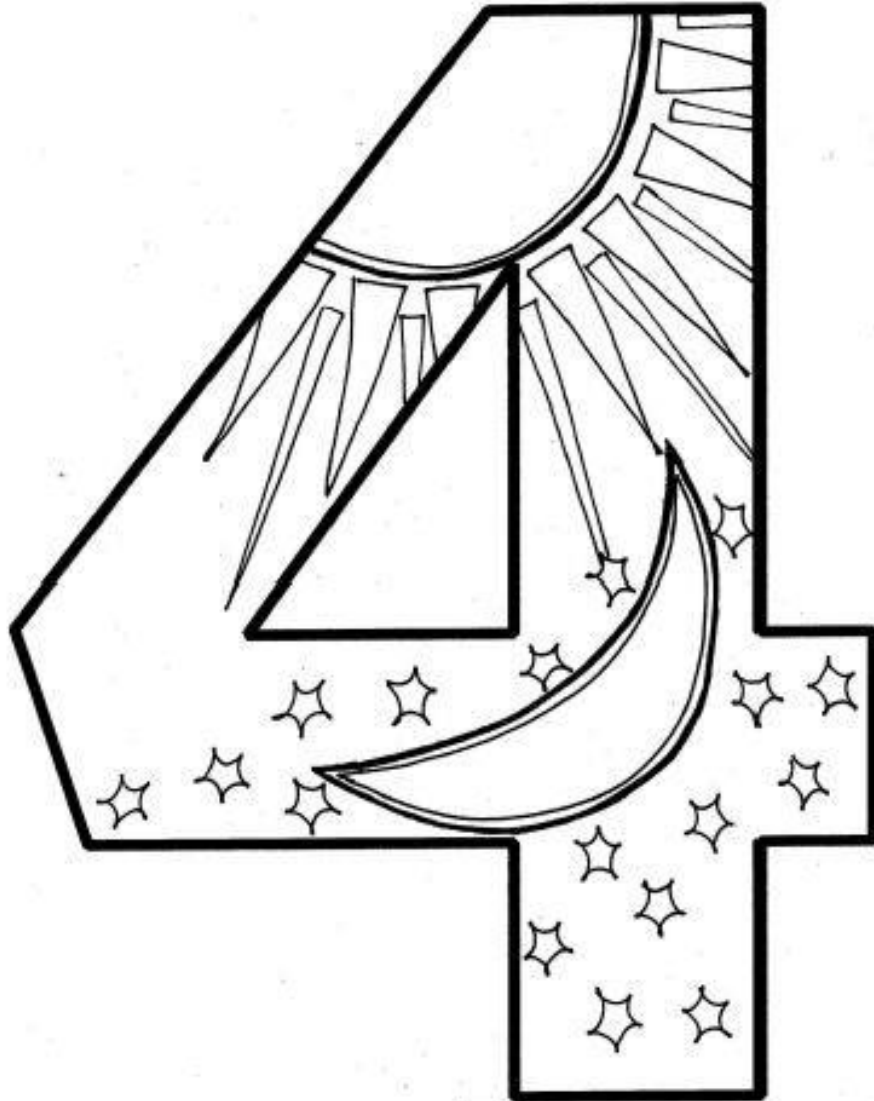
We now know that due to the existence of **the sun** and **the moon**, the **counting of time** through *days and years* can take place. This is in part because God is very keen that we should be able to understand how time relates to His Word. He begins the Bible, His revelation to us, by the counting of time with **7 Days** in Genesis chapters one and two. Those 7 days of time are the foundation for everything else that follows in the Word of God.

You might recall this song we learnt previously:

*"There are 2 main focuses of Scripture," (clap, clap)
"2 main focuses of Scripture," (clap, clap)
"2 main focuses of Scripture," (clap, clap)
"Jesus Christ, and the 7th Day"*

In the next lesson we will look at the *fifth day*.

On the fourth day,
God Restored the



Genesis 1:14-19

sun and moon

LESSON 10

Day 5 - Birds & Sea Creatures

Following the rebellion of Satan and the resulting **ruin** of the earth, *Elohim* (God in 3 Persons) restored the seas, the earth, and the heavens. He took 4 days to do the work of **restoring** the material creation. Then on **Day 5**, God created something new and living to occupy the restored material creation, the seas, the earth, the heavens. He would do a similar thing again on **Day 6**, which we will look at in the next lesson.

Let's read the verses in Genesis chapter 1 to see what God created and which areas of the restoration they would inhabit.

Day 5

Genesis 1:20-21

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.

In the previous 4 days of work we know that God was **restoring** not **creating**. However here in v.21 we find the Hebrew word 'bara' for '**created**', which has not been used since Genesis 1:1. Can anyone remember what Genesis 1:1 says?
(Teachers, pause for a response.)

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

Back to Day 5. What kind of animals did God create on Day 5?

Birds & Sea Creatures



What else does v. 20 tell us about where the birds were to fly?
("across the face of the firmament of the heavens.")

The waters were to 'abound with an abundance of living creatures'. 'Abound' and 'abundance' are two words that mean plentiful.



According to their kind

Both the birds and the sea creatures were created ‘according to their kind’. We saw the same phrase used on *Day 3* to describe the seeds within the grasses, herbs and fruit. What was the reason for the various plants having seeds within themselves ‘according to their kind’? *(Teachers, pause for a response.)*

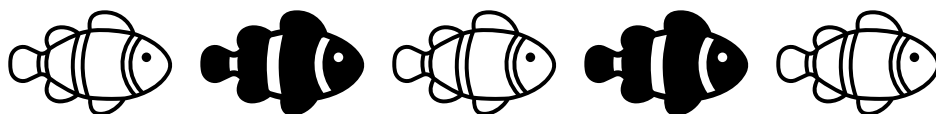


The vegetation that the earth produced on *Day 3*, with ‘seeds within them according to their kind’ was so that the seeds would continue to produce **more of the same** vegetation. This

was so that there would be an abundance of food for the birds and sea creatures that God would create on *Day 5*, and for the animals and Mankind on *Day 6*.



Just as the seeds were ‘according to their kind’ for the purpose of multiplying the vegetation, so the animals created on *Day 5* ‘according to their kind’ would be for the same reason. In fact, the sea creatures and every living thing that moved were to abound in an abundance, be plentiful.



After God had created the birds and sea creatures, what did He see? *(And God saw that it was good.)* God then continued on *Day 5* by speaking to the animals. Let’s read on:

Genesis 1:22-23

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.

Read v.22 again and underline the blessing that God spoke.
"Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth."

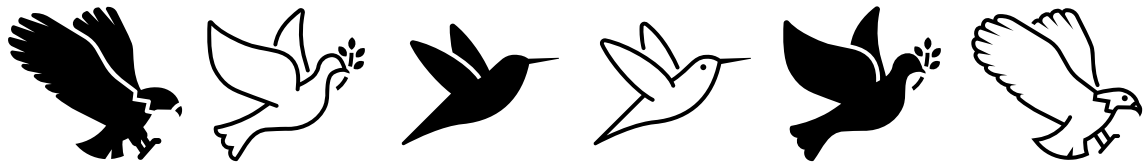
It was a blessing that God spoke to the birds and sea creatures that day, and it was also a command. We shall see this command repeated on *Day 6* with another new creation.



Connecting Days 2 & 5

The birds and sea creatures were to be fruitful by multiplying their numbers so that there was an abundant increase. Their ability to do this was made possible on *Day 2* when their respective environments were restored. Who can tell us what God did on *Day 2*? *(Teachers, pause for a response)*

On *Day 2* God restored the waters by dividing them with waters below and waters above. Between the divided waters God placed an expanse (the firmament), which He called Heaven.



The birds that God created on *Day 5* 'fly above the earth across the face of the firmament of the heavens,' whose atmosphere, or environment, was restored on *Day 2*. The restoration of the waters on the earth on *Day 2* also provided the perfect environment for the sea creatures which God created on *Day 5* to abound.



We have seen how God's work of restoring the firmament and waters on **Day 2** was essential for His creations on **Day 5**. How might also the restoration on **Day 3** be important for the birds created on **Day 5**?

*(Teachers, if needed, remind the children what happened on **Day 3** with the land coming up out of the waters and producing grasses, herbs, and fruits. These would be essential as food for the birds. And of course, when birds consume the fruits, the seeds pass through their system and the seeds are scattered over a wider area allowing for multiplication.)*

If birds were to be able to fly in the heavens above the earth and multiply on the earth, then the vegetation on **Day 3** was essential for food. Birds also have to be able to land and feed, mate, and nest, if they are to multiply.

Today we have had a glimpse of the interconnected nature of the work God performed across the various days in Genesis chapter one.

In the next lesson we will begin to look at **Day 6**. This is a significant day for us. There are twice as many verses that cover **Day 6** than for any other day!

Activity:

Try the fun Bird Quiz on the next page. Choose a bird from the list in the box to answer each general knowledge question. Be careful as there are one too many birds listed!

BIRD QUIZ

Albatross Condor Dodo Eagle Hummingbird
Ostrich Owl Peregrine Falcon

- 1). Which bird can fly backwards? _____

- 2). Which bird's strong legs make them the fastest bird on the planet? _____

- 3). Which bird is said to be wise? _____

- 4). Which is the fastest flying bird? _____

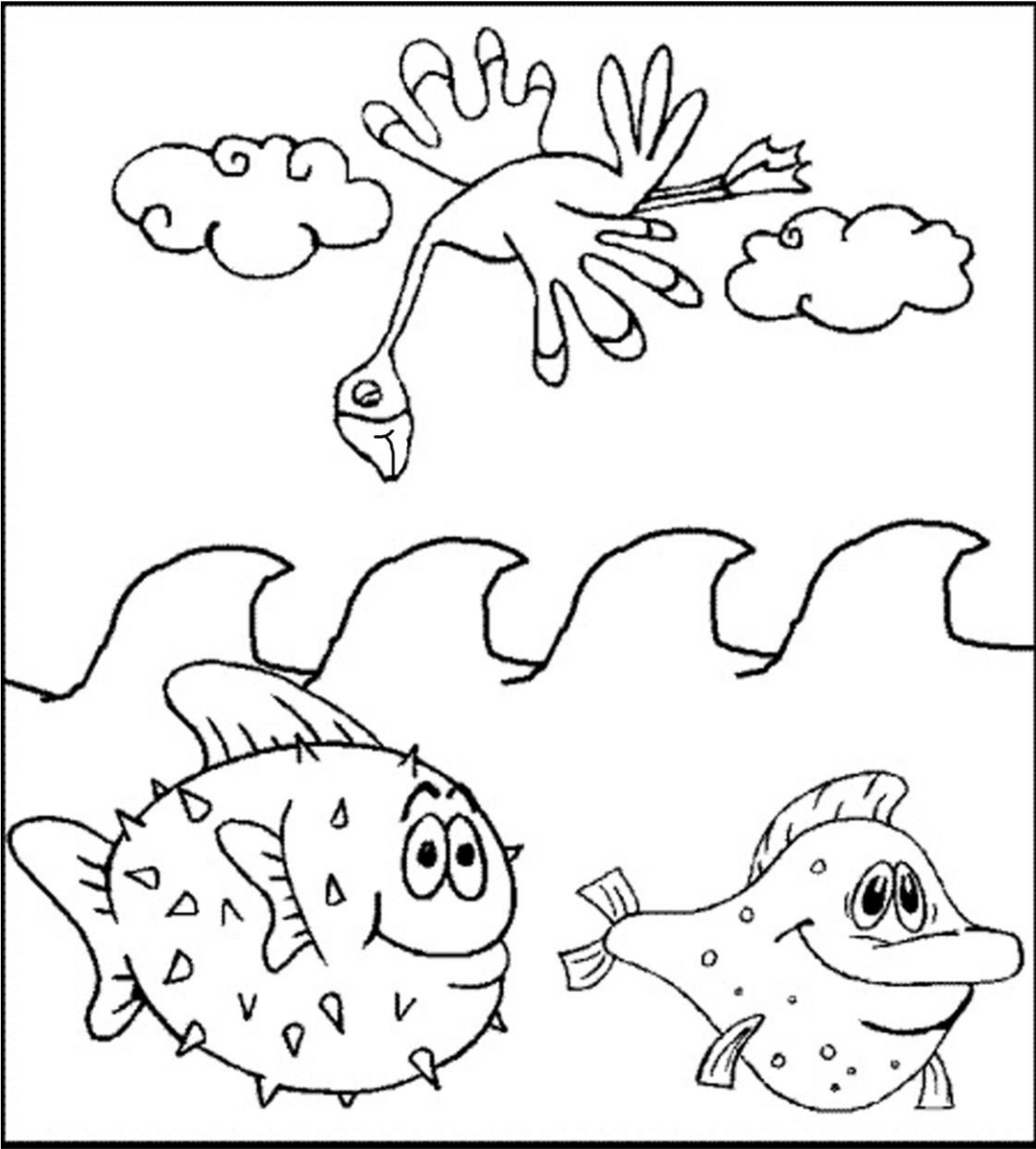
- 5). Which bird is extinct? _____

- 6). Which bird is a symbol of the United States of America?

- 7). Which bird spends the first 6 years of their life gliding over the oceans without ever touching land? _____

Quiz Answers: 1. Hummingbird 2. Ostrich 3. Owl 4. Peregrin Falcon 5. Dodo 6. Eagle 7. Albatross

DAY 5



LESSON 11

Day 6 Part 1: Land Creatures & Man

In our previous lesson we looked at Day 5 in Genesis chapter one. On the first four days, God worked to *restore* the material creation so that it could be inhabited occupied. Then on Day 5, God created birds and sea creatures to inhabit the newly restored earth and surrounding seas. The birds were to fly above the earth across the expanse of the heavens. The seas were to abound with sea creatures.

Both the birds and the sea creatures were blessed by God when He created them. He told them to 'be fruitful and multiply'. They would be able to do this because they were created 'according to their kind', meaning they would reproduce offspring the same as themselves. The previous *restoration* of the material creation would be the perfect environment for them to do so.



Then on **Day 6**, God's creative work continued. Today we will look at the first 4 of the eight verses that cover **Day 6**, beginning with the first 2 verses:

Day 6

Genesis 1:24-25

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.

What did God say? Underline it in verse 24.

"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"

List the 3 categories of animals that the earth brought forth:

Cattle, Creeping things
& Beasts of the earth

Did you notice that the animals that the earth brought forth had the same phrase said of them as was said of the birds and sea

creatures on *Day 5*, and the vegetation on *Day 3*?

What was the phrase that God used on all 3 days?

(‘according to its kind’)

We learnt in the previous lessons that what was said about the vegetation being ‘according to its kind’ meant that it was able to reproduce the same as itself. The same would now be true for the animals.

There are other similar things said about the animals created on *Days 5* and *6* that reveal that all the animals God created are ‘living’. This means they have consciousness of life. Read the verses in the box below, paying particular attention to the words in red.

All Living Things

Day 5: Ge 1:21 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.

Day 6: Ge 1:24 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.

On *Day 5*, the phrase ‘sea creatures and every living thing that moves’ does not just mean fish. It would encompass **all** the

ocean's living breathing beings. For example, it would include turtles, whales, jellyfish, shellfish, coral, etc.; all animal sea life. The same would be true for every species of bird existing on the planet.

All Land Animals

Then on *Day 6* God mentions 3 categories of land animals: beasts of the earth, cattle, and everything that creeps on the earth. Within these 3 groups **every type of land animal** that has ever existed would have to be included.

The 'beasts of the earth' would be the **wild animals**. Whereas 'cattle' probably speaks of **domesticated animals**, such as cows, pigs, sheep and goats. The third grouping of 'everything that creeps on the earth', would not just be creatures like snakes and reptiles, but also mice, snails and insects, etc.



We can now conclude that on *Days 5 and 6* God created **all animal life** that has ever existed on the planet, on land, in the sea, and in the air.



What did God see after He created the animals?

God saw that it was good!

Day 6 Continued – Then God said...

Genesis 1:26-27

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.

What did God say?

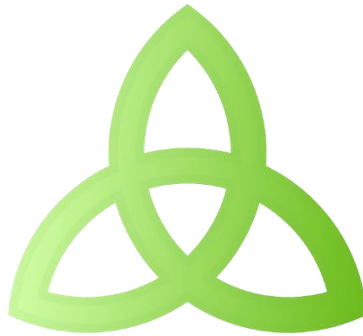
(Teachers, allow for a response and then re-read verse 26)

What was He creating?

Man

Who was God speaking of when He said, “Let Us make...”?

Elohim – the Trinity



Do you remember how in lesson 3 we studied *Elohim*, the Hebrew word that is translated ‘God’ in Genesis chapter one? We learnt that *Elohim*, or God, is **One God in 3 Persons** and they together are called ‘**The Trinity**’. The ‘**Us**’ in verse 26 is all 3 Persons of the Trinity. Let’s just remind ourselves of Who Elohim is. Complete the missing words for each Person of the Trinity:

God the *Father*

God the *Son*

God the *Holy Spirit*

When the Triune God created the animals, they were each created ‘according to their kind’. However, when the man was

created, he was not created according to his kind. *(Teachers, re-read the first half of v.26 before asking the next question.)*

How did Elohim say the man was created in v.26?

In the image and likeness of God

WOW! It's mind blowing to think that God having created all the different creatures on the planet, each according to their kind, THEN decided to **create** the first man in His Own image and likeness. That is amazing!

We will return to the significance of these verses next lesson, but to finish for today, we have one more important question to answer and understand.

According to v.26 what was the man created to do?

Have dominion

And what does that mean?

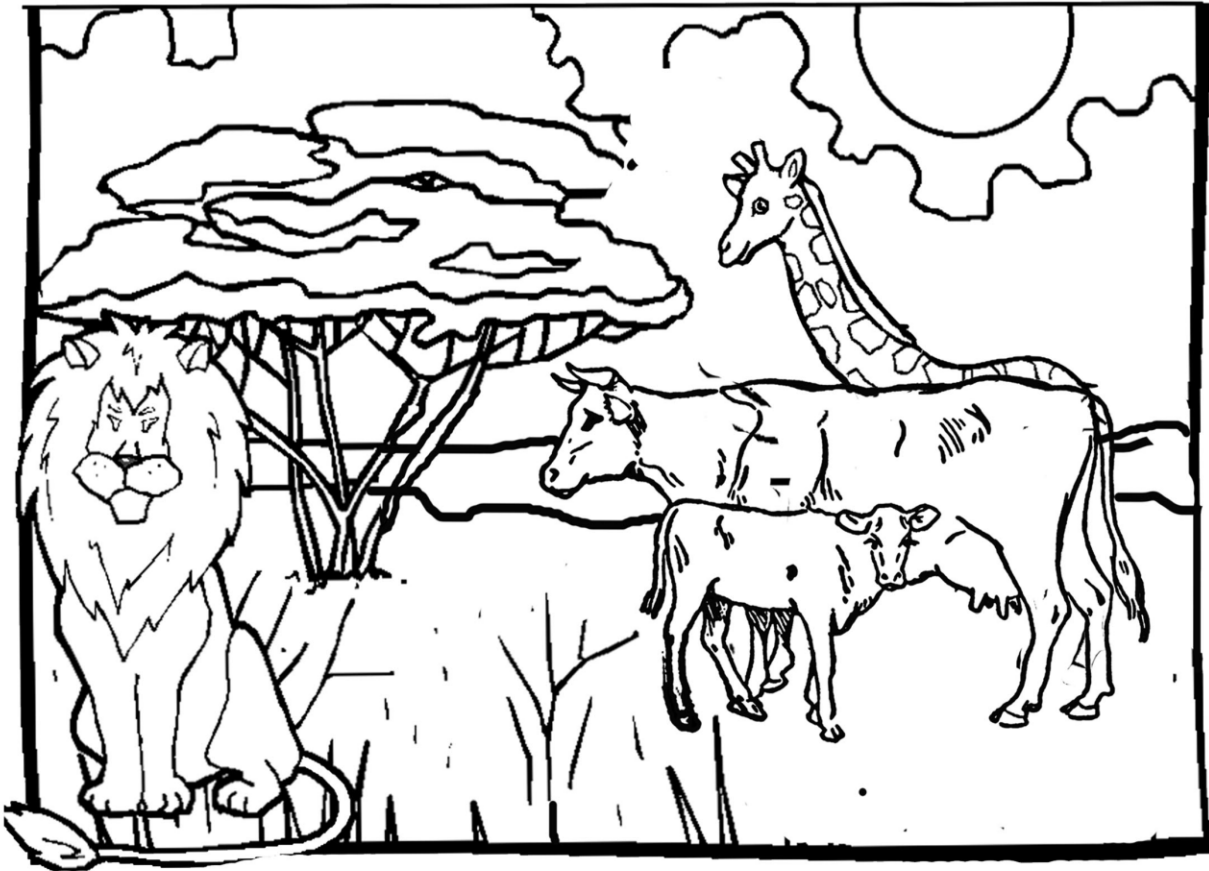
To Rule

We will continue to explore God's work of **restoration** and **creation** for the purpose of **Rulership** in our next lesson.

As we conclude for today, why not test your animal knowledge with this fun quiz on the next page. The answers are below the coloring picture. No peeping until finished!

Fun Animal Quiz

- 1). What is the fastest land animal?
- 2). How many eyes do most spiders have?
- 3). Which of these birds can fly: Ostrich, Emu, Chicken, Penguin?
- 4). What is the largest reptile?
- 5). What do camels store in their humps?
- 6). Which part of their body do snakes use to smell?
- 7). What is a group of lions called?
- 8). How many hearts do octopuses have?



Quiz answers: 1. Cheetah 2. Eight 3. Chicken 4. Saltwater Crocodile 5. Fat 6. Tongue 7. A Pride 8. Three

LESSON 12

Day 6 Part 2:

“Let them have dominion.”

In the previous lesson we began to look at God’s work on **Day 6** in Genesis chapter one, in which He *created* land animals and man to inhabit the newly *restored* earth. We concluded that, along with the birds and sea creatures on **Day 5**, God *created* all the animals necessary to populate the various environments He had *restored*: the seas, the heavens, and the earth.

Today we will return to **Day 6** to further consider God’s purpose for creating the man.

Genesis 1:26-27

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

How did God say He was going to create the man?

(In His own image and likeness)

What was the man to do and what does that mean?

Have dominion = Have rulership

Did you notice that God said, “Let **them** have dominion”?
Did you also notice that when God created the man in His own image, **‘male and female He created them’**?



Did God create one or two people?

(Teachers, this is something of a trick question but it will be interesting to hear how the children respond to it.)

Genesis chapter 2 reveals the details of how God built a woman from a part of Adam’s body.

Genesis 2:21

And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place. 22 Then the rib which the LORD God had taken from man He made into a woman, and He brought her to the man.

What did God take from the sleeping Adam to make the woman?

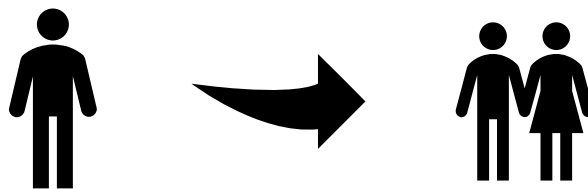
A rib

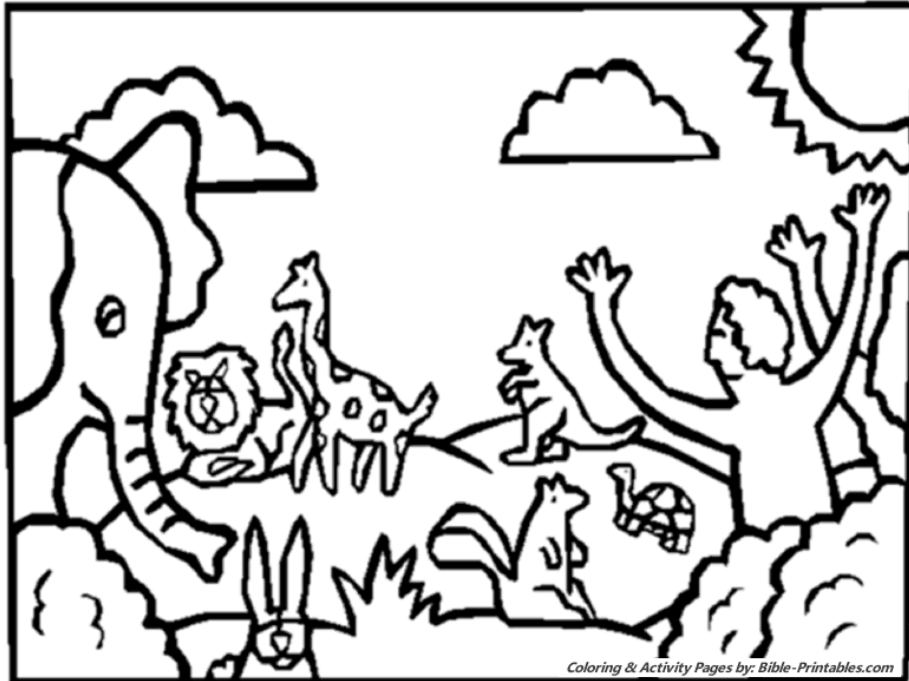
What did God do after making the woman from a part of Adam's body?

Brought her to Adam

Genesis chapter one does not show the details of how God built the woman from a part of Adam's body. We have to go to chapter 2 for those details. *(We will look more closely at the details of God's work in building a wife for Adam in another study.)*

However, what chapter one does make very clear is that the man and the woman were to have dominion over the earth **together**. "Let them have dominion." The woman was already in the man when the man was created for the purpose of rulership.





Following their creation, God spoke specifically to them:

Genesis 1:28-29

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."

What is the first thing God said to them?

Be fruitful and multiply

What is the second thing God said to them?

Fill the earth and subdue it

To *subdue* means to conquer, to bring under control. The man and the woman were commanded to bring forth children to fill the earth and they were to bring the earth under their control as part of the next thing God commanded them.

What is the third thing God said to them?

"Have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

In v.29 what did God provide for the man and woman to eat?

Herbs and Fruit



The previously **restored** material creation of the heavens, the earth, and the seas, was for the purpose of the man and woman ruling over every living thing that moves. And for them to be able to accomplish this, God gave them herbs and fruit trees for their food. Let's continue reading:

Genesis 1:30-31

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.

What did God provide for the beasts of the earth, birds of the air and everything that creeps on the earth, to eat?

Every green herb



What did God see after everything that He made?

It was very good

What day was this, and how was what He saw different from the previous days?

(This was the 6th Day. On the previous days, except for Day 2 when nothing is said, God just saw that 'it was good'.)

Following the creation of the man, 'God saw that it was **very good**', whereas previously 'God saw that it was good'. This shows us the importance of the man above the animals and the material creation that God had restored for the man to rule over.

We should not be surprised by this because the man was created in the image and likeness of God Himself. And God had created the man, and woman, for the sole purpose of ruling over all that God had created and restored.



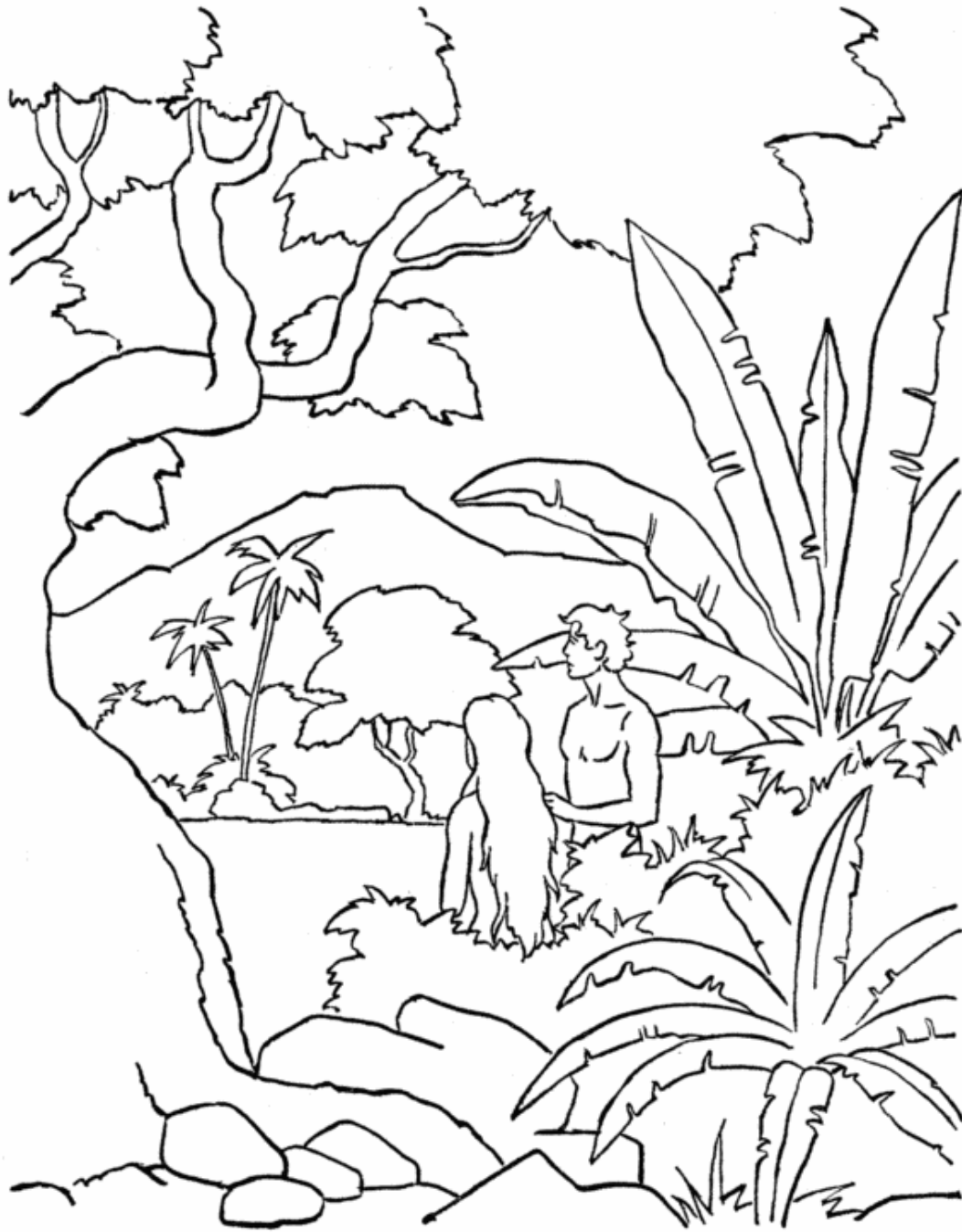
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Let's recap everything we have learnt about the man and the reason God created him:

- The man was created in the image and likeness of God
- The woman was in the man when he was created
- Together they were to have dominion - rulership - over every living thing that moves on the earth
- They were told to be fruitful and multiply
- They were told to fill the earth and subdue it
- The earth had been previously restored before God created the man
- God provided all herbs and fruits with seeds in them for their food



In the next lesson we will look at the 7th Day, the final Day, when God rested from His work of the previous six days.



God created man in His own image.

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LESSON 13

Day 7 - God Rested

In the previous lesson on **Day 6** we read that God looked at everything He made, and it was very good! On **Day 6** God had created the land animals and then He created man. The man was put into a deep sleep and his side was opened. What did God take out of Adam's body from which to build the woman?

A Rib

And what was the reason for creating the man and the woman?

Rulership

Let's review what we now know about God's creation of man:

- The man was created in the image and likeness of God
- The woman was in the man when he was created
- Together they were to have dominion - rulership - over every living thing that moves on the earth
- They were told to be fruitful and multiply
- They were told to fill the earth and subdue it
- The earth had been previously restored before God created the man

- God provided all herbs and fruits with seeds in them for their food



The man, along with his wife, was created in the image and likeness of God for the purpose of rulership over the earth. In Beginning God **created** the heavens and the earth (Lesson 1), but the earth became formless and void, covered in darkness and raging waters. The earth became **ruined**! Do you remember **why**? *(Teachers, pause for a response. If needed, prompt them with questions, such as, 'Who was originally created to rule over the earth? What did he do that caused the earth and the heavens associated with the earth to become ruined?')*

Lucifer, the original ruler over the earth, sinned when he tried to exalt his throne and position above all the other angels. He wanted to be just like God. As a result, the earth, and its

heavens over which Lucifer, now called Satan, ruled, became *ruined*.

We have seen how God in the first 4 days of work *restored* the material creation. Then on *Days 5 and 6*, there followed two days of creative work to populate the *restored creation* with birds, great sea creatures, beasts of the earth, cattle and everything that creeps on the earth. This was done in readiness for the man and the woman to have dominion over the earth and the animals in the *7th Day*.

Rulership from the heavens

We had noted in Lesson 5 (Day 2) that when God divided the waters below from the waters above, He placed an expanse between them called **heaven**. This refers to that which we can see **visibly** with our eyes as we look up, such as the atmosphere with the sky and clouds.

It also refers to what is **not visible** with our natural eyes, such as the dwelling place of God, and **the spiritual places of rulership from the heavens** over the earth where **Satan and his angels** currently rule from.

Colossians 1:16

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.

This Scripture from Colossians tells us that there are places of rulership in the heavens that we cannot see, and there are places of rulership on the earth that we can see.

Can you name some examples of rulers on the earth that we can see?

(Teachers, perhaps you could write a list on the board as the children answer, such as: Kings, Queens, Presidents, Prime Ministers, Governors, Senators, Chiefs, Judges.)

It says in **Daniel chapter 4** that ‘the heavens rule over the earth’. This describes the **invisible** realm in the heavens above the earth from which rulership by God and angels takes place. However, when **Lucifer** and one-third of his angels rebelled, God restored the heavens and the earth for newly created beings to rule over instead (Gen.1:28).

Who was created to replace Satan as rulers?

The man and his wife.

But before that could happen, they would need to be ‘fruitful and multiply, fill the earth and subdue it’.

Now turn to the front cover of our study and read the title together:

“Creation, Ruin, Restoration & Rest”

- So far, we have studied about God’s work of **Creation** in the beginning.

- We know that there was a time when the earth became a *Ruin*.
- Following that ruin, a *Restoration* of the heavens and earth took place to make them habitable for man and the animals to live; and for the man to rule over.

According to our study's title, what must come next?

Rest

Having completed His *6 Days* of work, we now come to what God did on the *7th Day*. Let's read about it:

Genesis 2:1-3

1 Thus the heavens and the earth, and all the host of them [the animals & the man], were finished.

2 And on the seventh day God ended His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done.

3 Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made.

What did God do once the heavens and the earth and the host of animals were finished?

He rested

Then what did He do?

Blessed the 7th Day

He also *sanctified* the 7th Day, which means He set it apart as holy and pure. God blessed and separated the 7th Day from all the other days 'because in it He rested from all His work which He had created and made' [literally restored].

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The 7th Day

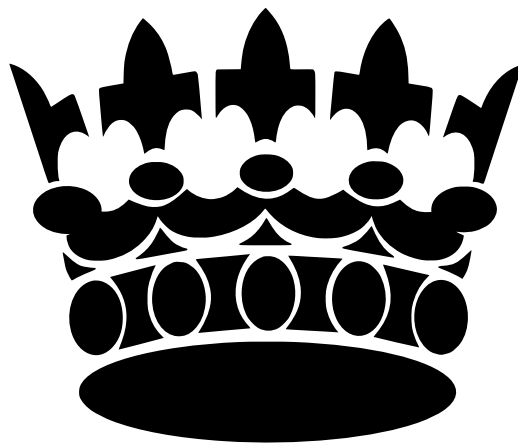
In the very beginning of our Bibles, God laid out a pattern of time that was made up of seven days. These 7 days are the foundation of everything else that follows, and the 7th Day was the most special of all the days. God set the 7th Day apart from the other 6 days and He blessed it. He had previously blessed the birds and sea creatures (1:22) and the man and the woman (1:28), but the 7th Day He also sanctified.

As a result, the **number 7** is very special. It points to Divine completion of whatever is in view. For example, in a recent study

in the Book of Revelation, we read about the **7 churches** at Christ's Judgment Seat. (The complete church will be in view there.) We also studied the **7-sealed scroll** that has the all the terms necessary for the redeeming of the Inheritance for Christ and His Bride.



Most important of all, **the 7th Day points to the future Kingdom of Jesus Christ when He will rule from the heavens over the earth.** And just as the man had a woman taken from his body for the purpose of rulership, so Jesus will have a bride taken from His body, which is the church, for the purpose of rulership. Hallelujah!

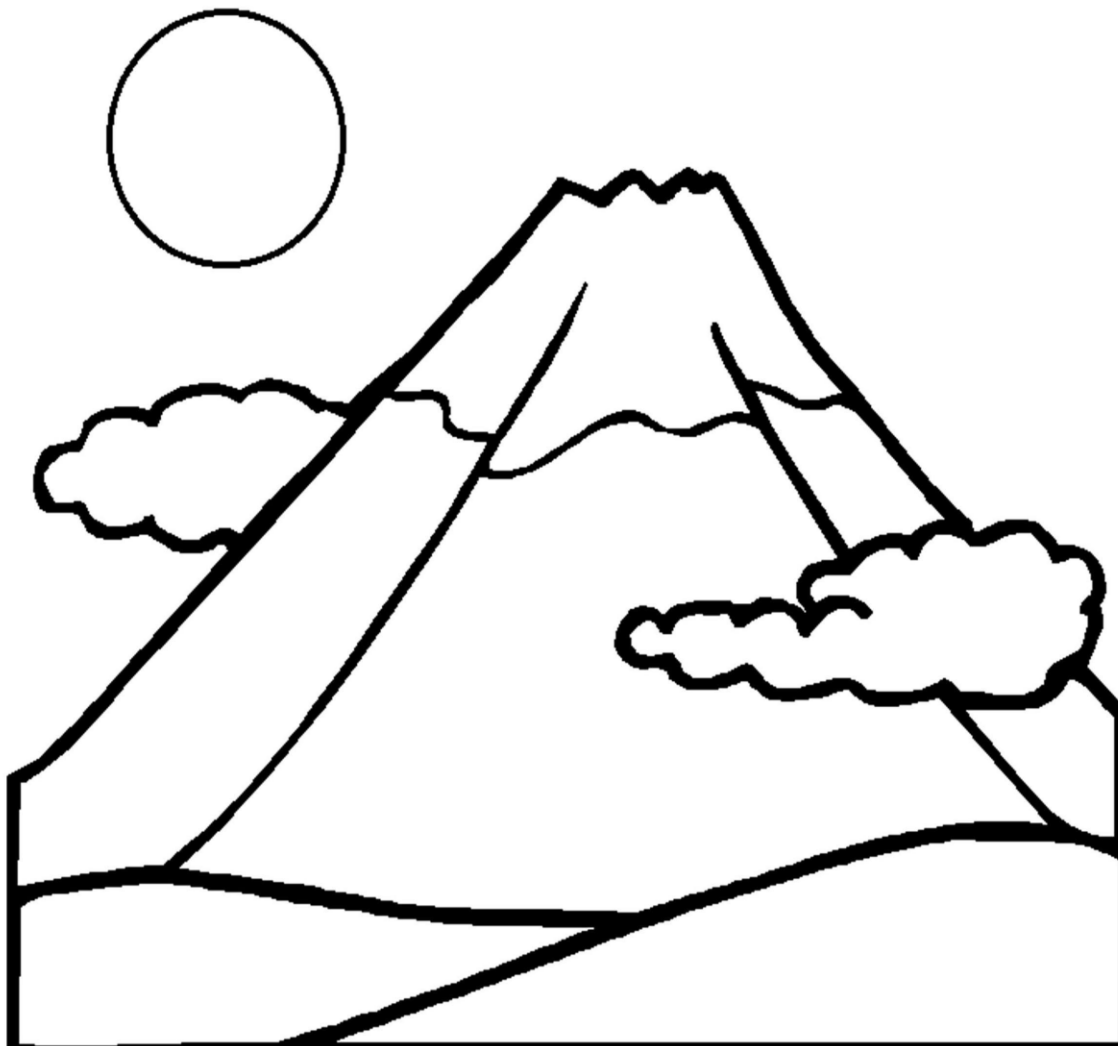




As we conclude this study, we have barely scratched the surface of what we can learn from the first 34 verses in the Book of Genesis. It will be necessary throughout our life's study of Scripture to continue to return to this foundation if we are to understand God's plans for His Son, us, and the 7th Day.

Did the man, Adam, and his wife, Eve, rule in the 7th Day when God rested from all His work? No, they didn't. Something happened to prevent them from ruling, and that will be the subject of a future study.





Genesis 2:4

This is the history of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made [restored] the earth and the heavens.

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