"The Christ-idea was in the world before Moses lived. Adam and Eve received the first promise of his appearing... Enoch, the seventh from Adam, predicted his coming with his ten thousand saints; Abraham saw his day and was glad...(Moses) was caused by Yahweh to put them on record, and to commit the writings to the custody of the Hebrew nation...the Christ-idea and the Christ-doctrine originated with Moses...After him the Christ-idea was... represented by Joshua at the head of Yahweh's hosts in the conquest of the Holy Land from the Gentiles. It was also dramatized in the history of David and Solomon, and the Mosaic doctrine concerning Christ, amplified by Samuel, David, Solomon, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Daniel and all the prophets...We MUST STUDY Moses and the prophets, or we can KNOW NOTHING as we ought to know it concerning the 'Wonderful One,'...It is impossible to know God apart from the Christ-doctrine OF MOSES AND THE PROPHETS; for the knowledge of Christ is the knowledge of God-manifestation to man." Phanerosis, pg 77-78

### **PARABLES OF THE KINGDOM**

#### **CLASS THREE**

### **ISRAEL** is Key To Understanding the Entire Scriptures

Isa 49:1-3, 6 "Listen, O isles, unto me; and hearken, ye people, from far; The LORD hath called me from the womb; from the bowels of my mother hath he made mention of my name...And said unto me, Thou art my servant, O Israel, in whom I will be glorified...And he said, It is a light thing that thou shouldest be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and to restore the preserved of Israel: I will also give thee for a light to the Gentiles, that thou mayest be my salvation unto the end of the earth"

 This prophecy is a reference to Jesus Christ, who is called Yahweh's "servant Israel." In fact, emphasizing the "Hope of Israel," the Nation and the Messiah are paralleled—

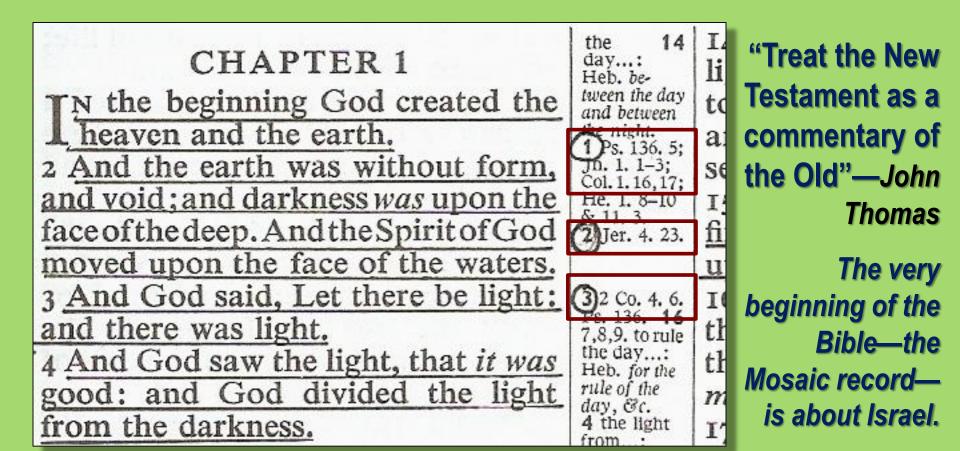
#### **Israel: The Nation**

- Called Yahweh's Firstborn (Exo 4:20-22).
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- Called Yahweh's servant (Isa 41:8)
- Cut off by Romans (Mat 22:7)
- Death brought light to Gentiles (Rom 11:25-27)
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#### **Israel: The Man**

- Called Yahweh's Firstborn (Col 1:15-18).
- Called out of Egypt (Mat 2:15; Hos 11:1)
- Called Yahweh's servant (Isa 49:3; 42:1)
- Cut off by Romans (Mat 27:54)
- Death brought light to Gentiles (Acts 26:23)
- Raised up after three days (Acts 10:40)

Paul says national Israel is a "type" of the saints: called out of Egypt (1Pet 2:9), baptized (1Cor 10:1-12), and styled "the Israel of God" (Gal 6:15-16). All of Scripture is about this grand subject and nation.



Joh 1:1-5 "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made... And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not"

(No human genealogy in John—only a Divine creation)<sup>4</sup>

## Gen 1:1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth

 Yahweh's Plan and Purpose from the very Creation has never been diverted; to Create a New Heavens and Earth.

<u>Isa 65:17-19</u> "Behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind. But be ye glad and rejoice for ever in that which I create: for, behold, I CREATE JERUSALEM a rejoicing, and her people a joy..."

Rev 21:1-2 "I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I John saw the holy city, NEW JERUSALEM, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband..."

 Thus, the establishment of the Kingdom is called "the new heaven and new earth", even the "New Jerusalem."

### THE NEW CREATION: HEAVENS AND EARTH

Isa 45:17-18 "But Israel shall be saved in the LORD with an everlasting salvation: ye shall not be ashamed nor confounded world without end. For thus saith the LORD that created the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it; He hath established it, He created it not in vain, He formed it to be inhabited: I am the LORD; and there is none else."

- Moses and Isaiah both refer to Israel in terms of the "heavens and earth," even the nation Yahweh "created" (Isa 43:1-7):
- <u>Deu 32:1</u> "Give ear, O ye heavens, and I will speak; and hear, O earth, the words of my mouth..."
- <u>Isa 1:2</u> "Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth: for the LORD hath spoken, I have nourished and brought up children, and they have rebelled against me..."

### The Greater Creation of the "Heavens and Earth" Prophesied

2Pe 3:8-13 "Beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness ...But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up...we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness"

• The Genesis account reveals the *parabolic* process for the development of this "new" heavens and new earth. The literal record bears witness to the prophetic parable.

## Gen 1:1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth (Rev 3:14 Christ is "the beginning of the Creation of God")

 While the New Heavens and New Earth, New Jerusalem, is in development, another "creation" is taking place— Col 1:15-18 "Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: For by (thru) him were all things created, THAT ARE IN HEAVEN, AND THAT ARE IN EARTH, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him...he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the pre-eminence" (The development of the "new creation" begins with the Lord) 2Co 5:17 "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature (RSV, NIV "creation"): old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new" (Eph 2:10; 4:22-24)

## Gen 1:2 And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep (margin)

Jer 4:22-23 "For my people is foolish, they have not known me; they are sottish children, and they have none understanding: they are wise to do evil, but to do good they have no knowledge. I beheld the earth, and, lo, it was without form, and void; and the heavens, and they had no light" Israel in political/religious darkness

Jer 22:29 "O earth, earth, earth, hear the word of the LORD. Thus saith the LORD, Write ye this man childless, a man that shall not prosper in his days: for no man of his seed shall prosper, sitting upon the throne of David, and ruling any more in Judah" No throne: No heavens

- "In the New Testament 'the earth' denotes the land of Judah"
  - —Mat 23:35 Online Bible (see Bible Dictionary)

• "From the language of the creation of the literal heavens and earth, Jeremiah draws the analogy of the creation of Israel (Jer 4:23). Here the prophet shows that as God created the heavens and earth in the beginning, and that they had subsequently suffered a catastrophe and chaos, so Israel created by Divine constitution had now also suffered catastrophe, and were involved in darkness"—J. Martin, Hebrews pg. 11

Gen 1:2 And the earth was without form, and void; AND darkness was upon the face of the deep

Darkness—mental, moral state of Gentiles without the Truth!

<u>Eph 4:17-18</u> "This I say...that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind, Having the understanding darkened" ("gross darkness" Isa 60:1-2)

<u>Eph 5:8</u> "For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light"

Gen 1:2 And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of THE DEEP. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

Waters—as the Israel-earth is void, the Spirit goes to the waters. Isa 17:12 "Woe to the multitude of many people, which make a noise like the noise of the seas; and to the rushing of nations...rushing like the rushing of mighty waters!"

Rev 17:15 "The waters which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues"

Accordingly, "by the Word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water" (2Pet 3:5). It is this "spiritword" that goes upon the "face" of the waters to create life (Eph 6:17; John 6:63). "Praise him, ye heavens of heavens, and ye waters that *be* above the heavens. Let them praise the name of the LORD: for he commanded, and they were created" (Psa 148:4-5)

## Gen 1:3 And GOD SAID, Let there be light: and there was light (Light is the Word of Truth—Psa 119:105; Isa 8:20; 2Pet 1:19)

(Margin) the literal event is quoted by the inspired apostle and applied to the spiritual awakening of the Gentiles— 2Co 4:3-6 "But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them. For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who commanded the light to shine out of

 "Light is Divine...God dwells in light unapproachable by man (1Tim 6:16)...God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all (1John 1:5)"—Expositor, pg 34 All created by His Word (Psa<sup>1</sup>33:6)

darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the

knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ"

- The "spirit of God" upon the waters of "the deep" represents the resurrection of the enlightened dead from the graves—

  Rom 8:10-11 "If Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but THE SPIRIT IS LIFE because of righteousness. But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you"
- The infusion of the "Spirit-Word" (Eph 6:17) is the very thing that will raise the faithful to "Spirit-Life." Thus, the purpose of the Word is realized by the resurrection. The Lord said: "It is the spirit that quickeneth (resurrects); the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life" John 6:63. Or, as Paul says: "I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek" Rom 1:16.

"Their resurrection is the opening of the Book of Life...Spirit-Truth inscribed them on His memory, and Spirit-Power, the same Spirit of God that revealed the doctrine through prophets and apostles, raises them from the dead...Thus, 'that which has been produced from the Spirit is spirit' (John 3:6)"—J. Thomas, Eureka ("the incorruptible seed"—1Pet 1:23)

Rom 8:19-23 "For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body"

<u>1Jn 3:2-3</u> "We know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. *And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure*"

• The process is Mental, Moral, Physical (Phi 3:20-21; 2Pet 1:3-4). Like Paul, the frustrations abound to live it (Rom 7:18). 14

Darkness, the Deep—the grave of death; those that sleep Jon 2:2-3 "I cried by reason of mine affliction unto the LORD, and he heard me; out of the belly of hell cried I, and thou heardest my voice. For thou hadst cast me into the deep, in the midst of the seas...waves passed over me" Psa 88:2-6 "My soul is full of troubles: and my life draweth nigh unto the grave...Free among the dead, like the slain that lie in the grave, whom thou rememberest no more: and they are cut off from thy hand. Thou hast laid me in the lowest pit, IN DARKNESS, IN THE DEEPS" (Psa 69:14-15)

Let there be Light—used for life and immortality thru the Truth.

2Ti 1:9-10 "Who hath saved us, and called *us* with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace...manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, *and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel*"

Gen 1:4 And God saw the LIGHT, that it was GOOD: and God divided the light from the darkness.

Gen 1:5 And God called the light DAY, and the darkness he called NIGHT. And the evening and the morning were the first day. (order reversed "day and night" for Jesus—Mat 12:40)

Day-Night—God intended for the Truth to cause "division."

1Th 5:1-6 "But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you...brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief. Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness"

• Specifically, the context is to the "times and seasons" (2Cor 6:13-14). Peter says the same: "We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the Day dawn, and the Day star arise in your hearts" 2Pet 1:19.

#### Divided—the resurrection will result in a certain division

Mat 25:31-34 "When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd DIVIDETH his sheep from the goats: And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left. Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world"

• Judgment begins with the saints, and thereafter the world—

1Pe 4:17-18 "For the time *is come* that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if *it* first *begin* at us, what shall the end *be* of them that obey not the gospel of God? And if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear?"

Gen 1:6 And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters.

Gen 1:7 And 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.

Firmament—in the natural, the sun upon the waters creates "clouds." In the spiritual, the Light of the truth does the same; separating brethren from the "multitudes" (Heb 12:1)— Rev 1:7 "Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him" 1Th 4:16-17 "For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven...with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds"

Firmament—this is the word directly used for resurrected saints.

Dan 12:1-3 "And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble ("time of Jacob's trouble" Jer 30:7), such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book. And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever"

The second advent of the Lord is described as a "sun of righteousness" (Mal 4:2); who is called the "day star" (2Pet 1:19), and the "morning star" (Rev 2:28). The Cherubim have the "likeness of the firmament" (Eze 1:22-26).

"(Clouds) furnish a beautiful and expressive symbol representative of those who are present with the Lord in his apocalypse. In the revelation given to John, the inhabitants of the earth, in their various subdivisions, are styled 'many waters' (Rev 17:1,15)... From these waters have been exhaled by 'the Spirit, which is the Truth,' from the generations of the past, particles which, when viewed in mass, constitute, as Paul terms them, 'a great cloud of witnesses'...The subjects of it are in the earth; and perceived only as particles to be exhaled, or drawn out, by the power of those beams, soon to irradiate from the Sun or Righteousness...The appearance of dew from the womb of dawn, as representative of the resurrection of the saints, is the most beautiful of scriptural similitudes. Before the sun rises, all nature is concealed in the womb of night...invisible by reason of the darkness...If the reader understand this he will be enabled to discern the relations of the saints to Jesus, as the Dew and Clouds of the Millennial Dawn to 20 the Sun of the New Heavens..." Eureka Vol. 1, pg. 139-145

# Gen 1:8 And God called the firmament *Heaven*. And the evening and the morning were the second day.

 Heaven—like the division of light and darkness and naming of "day" and "night," the separation of the clouds "above" from the waters "beneath" brings a Divine name (proper noun) that refers to the ruling status of Christ and the Saints:

Eph 1:20-21 "Which he wrought in Christ, when he RAISED HIM from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places, Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come"

Eph 2:5-6 "Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) And hath RAISED US UP TOGETHER, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus"

• Remember: "heavens" are the exalted Israel of God (Gal 6:16).

 While the waters mount, the saints have been withdrawn to the firmament "above"—

Isa 26:19-21 "Thy dead men shall live, together with my dead body shall they arise. Awake and sing, ye that dwell in dust: for thy dew is as the dew of herbs, and the earth shall cast out the dead. Come, my people, enter thou into thy chambers, and shut thy doors about thee: hide thyself as it were for a little moment, until the indignation be overpast. For, behold, the LORD cometh out of his place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity: the earth also shall disclose her blood, and shall no more cover her slain" 1Th 4:14-18 "For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord"

Gen 1:9 And God said, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together UNTO ONE PLACE, and let the dry land appear: and it was so. (waters on earth: those not resurrection)

Waters—in perfect chronological order these represent the nations all assembled in "one place" to form the "dry land." Gathered together—the very phrase for Armageddon! Rev 16:16 "And he gathered them together INTO A PLACE called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon" Joe 3:2 "I will also gather all nations, and will bring them down INTO THE VALLEY OF JEHOSHAPHAT, and will plead with them there for my people and for my heritage Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations" Zec 12:3 "I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people...though all the people of the earth be gathered together against it" (same language: Zep 3:8; Zec 14:1-2)

• In opposition saints are "gathered together"—(2The 2:1)

Gen 1:9 And let the dry land appear: and it was so. Gen 1:10 And God called the dry land Earth; and the gathering together of the waters called he Seas

Dry Land—especially refers to the salvation of Israel—the earth. Exo 14:21-22 "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 dry land, and the waters were divided. And the children of Israel went into the midst of the sea upon the dry ground..." (Neh 9:10-11) Jos 3:17 "And the priests that bare the ark of the covenant of the LORD stood firm on dry ground in the midst of Jordan, and all the Israelites passed over on dry ground, until all the people were passed clean over Jordan"

• Seas—a symbol for the nations, apart from Israel (Hag 2:6). Isa 23:11 "He stretched out his hand *over the sea*, he shook *the kingdoms*"

Gen 1:11 And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth: and it was so.

Gen 1:12 And the earth brought forth grass, and herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed was in itself, after his kind: and God saw that it was good.

Gen 1:13 And the evening and the morning were the THIRD DAY. (after 2,000 years of Gentile Times—1Pet 3:8)

Fruit—Armageddon is necessary for Israel-Earth to bring forth the "fruit of the spirit" (Gal 5:22; Eph 5:9; Col 1:9-10; Phi 1:9-11). Hos 6:1-2 "Come, and let us return unto the LORD: for he hath torn, and he will heal us; he hath smitten, and he will bind us up. AFTER TWO DAYS will he revive us: in THE THIRD DAY he will raise us up, and we shall live in his sight"

Gen 1:14 And God said, Let there be *lights in the* firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and *let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years*:

Gen 1:15 And let them be for lights in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth: and it was so. Gen 1:16 And 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. (Paul saw "great light" Act 22:6)

Greater Light—the Lord as "the sun" (Mal 4:2) is represented in this position when he assumes the throne of his father, David—Psa 89:35-36 "Once have I sworn by my holiness that I will not lie unto David. His seed shall endure for ever, and his throne as the sun before me"

Remember Jer 22:29, there was only "earth" and no "heaven" in Israel because no son of David was upon the throne!

Signs, Seasons—represents a change of political constellations.

Dan 2:21 "He changeth the times and the seasons: He removeth kings, and setteth up kings: he giveth wisdom unto the wise, and knowledge to them that know understanding"

Act 1:6-7 "When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel? And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power"

Jer 33:20-21 "Thus saith the LORD; If ye can break my covenant of the day, and my covenant of the night, and that there should not be day and night in their season; Then may also my covenant be broken with David my servant, that he should not have a son to reign upon his throne; and with the Levites the priests, my ministers" (v. 25-26)

Lesser Light—the moon, as a reflection of the sun, rep saints—

Mat 13:43 "Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father" (Song 6:10; Dan 12:1-3)

Rev 20:6 "Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years" (Rev 5:10; 2Tim 2:12)

Mat 19:28 "In the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel"

**Stars**—the Abrahamic seed glorified

Gen 26:3-4 "I will be with thee, and will bless thee; for unto thee, and unto thy seed, I will give all these countries, and I will perform the oath which I sware unto Abraham thy father; And I will make thy seed to multiply as the stars of heaven, and will give unto thy seed all these countries" 28

Gen 1:17 And God set them in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth,
Gen 1:18 And to RULE over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness: and God saw

Gen 1:19 And the evening and the morning were the fourth day. (rule—Psa 149 "this honor have all his saints")

that it was good.

Rule—the word means what it says! Translated "dominion" in Dan 11:3-5. These heavenly lights represent immortal bodies—

1Co 15:40-42 "There are also celestial bodies, and bodies terrestrial: but the glory of the celestial is one, and the glory of the terrestrial is another. There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars: for one star differeth from another star in glory. SO ALSO IS THE RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption"

Gen 1:20 And God said, Let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving creature that hath life, and fowl that may fly above the earth in the open firmament of heaven. Gen 1:21 And God created great whales, and every living creature that moveth, which the waters brought forth abundantly, after their kind, and every winged fowl after his kind: and God saw that it was good.

Gen 1:22 And God blessed them, saying, Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let fowl multiply in the earth.

Gen 1:23 And the evening and the morning were the fifth day.

• Under the administration of the Lord, the lower creation of fowl and fish nations will also "bring forth abundantly" as the influence of the Kingdom of God expands (Isa 2:1-4). This reps. nations of the Gentiles (Hab 1:14; Ecc 9:12; Zep 1:3).

Gen 1:24 And God said, Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth after his kind: and it was so. Gen 1:25 And God made the beast of the earth after his kind, and cattle after their kind, and every thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind: and God saw that it was good. (beasts represent nations: Dan 2:37-38)

Beasts—the nations particularly hostile to Israel (Deu 28:26).

<u>Dan 7:17</u> "These *great beasts*, which are four, *are four kings*, which shall arise out of the earth" (Rev 13:18)

<u>Isa 35:9-10</u> "No lion shall be there, nor any ravenous beast shall go up thereon, it shall not be found there; but the redeemed shall walk there: And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads" (Eze 39:17)

• The next verse proves the parabolic context is accurate—

Gen 1:26 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

This reference has direct application for the reign of Christ.

Psa 8:4-8 "What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him? For thou hast made him a little lower than the ANGELS (elohim), and hast crowned him with glory and honour. Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet: All sheep and oxen, yea, and the beasts of the field; The fowl of the air, and the fish of the sea, and whatsoever passeth through the paths of the seas"

 This Psalm is quoted in Hebrews by the apostle in reference to the Lord Jesus Christ. Note carefully the language—

Heb 2:5-10 "For unto the angels hath he NOT put in subjection the world to come, whereof we speak. But one in a certain place (Psa 8) testified, saying, What is man, that thou art mindful of him? or the son of man, that thou visitest him? Thou madest him a little lower than the angels; thou crownedst him with glory and honour, and didst set him over the works of thy hands: Thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet. For in that he put all in subjection under him, he left nothing that is not put under him. But now we see NOT yet all things put under him. But WE SEE JESUS, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man. For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings" Thus, Messiah is "Lord of the Sabbath" (Mat 12:8).

Gen 1:27 God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

Notice the context: the Creation in Christ after God's image— Col 1:13-16 "Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins: Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: For BY HIM WERE ALL THINGS CREATED, THAT ARE IN HEAVEN, AND THAT ARE IN EARTH, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him" (Heb 1:1-3) Remember: Adam and Christ were first formed by God, then the woman and ecclesia out of their sacrificial death or deep sleep. Brethren "put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him"—Col 3:10 (Rom 8:29).

Gen 1:28 And God blessed THEM, and God said unto them, \* Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth. \* Abrahamic Covenant

Gen 17:5-6 "Thy name shall be Abraham; for a father of many nations have I made thee. And I will make thee exceeding fruitful, and I will make nations of thee, and kings shall come out of thee" (Gen 28:3-4)

Gen 35:10-12 "Thy name shall not be called any more Jacob, but Israel shall be thy name: and he called his name Israel. And God said unto him, I am God Almighty: be fruitful and multiply; a nation and a company of nations shall be of thee, and kings shall come out of thy loins; And the land which I gave Abraham and Isaac, to thee I will give it, and to thy seed after thee will I give the land"

Subdue, Have Dominion—tread down, submit by force (Num 32:22, 29; Jos 18:1; 2Sam 8:11—Israel subduing their enemies) 1Co 15:22-28 "As in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming. Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power. For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet. The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death. For he hath put all things under his feet. But when he saith all things are put under him, it is manifest that he is excepted, which did put all things under him. And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all"

• In its greatest sense, this refers to the Lord's dominion and triumph over sin. See: 1Pet 3:22; Eph 1:20-23; Col 1:12-20!

### The fruit brought forth from the earth will feed all the beasts—

Gen 1:29 Every herb bearing SEED, which *is* upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which *is* the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat. Gen 1:30 And *to every beast of the earth, and to every fowl of the air*, and to every thing that creepeth upon the earth. \*The SEED is the Word of God (Lk 8:11; 1Pet 1:23; Jam 1:18)

**Beasts**—"all the beasts of the nations"—Zep 2:14, will no longer "eat flesh" (Dan 7:5) when they "go up to the House of the God of Jacob," identifying the Jews for salvation (Isa 2:1-5; Zec 8:23)—

<u>Isa 11:6-9</u> "And the cow and the bear *shall feed*; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall *eat straw* like the ox...They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea"

This "SEED" is called "the Word of the Kingdom" (Mat 13:19)

Gen 1:31 And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

Adam was "the FIGURE of him that was to come" (Rom 5:14).

1Co 15:45-50 "And so it is written, The FIRST MAN ADAM was made a living soul; the LAST ADAM was made a quickening spirit. Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual. The first man is of the earth, earthy: the second man is the Lord from heaven. As is the earthy, such are they also that are earthy: and as is the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly. And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly. Now this I say, brethren, that FLESH AND BLOOD CANNOT INHERIT THE KINGDOM OF GOD; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption" Context: The Kingdom of God! Gen 2:1 Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them.

Gen 2:2 And ON THE SEVENTH DAY GOD ended his work which he had made; and HE RESTED ON THE SEVENTH DAY from all his work which he had made.

Angels "rest." Work of Seventh Day is Christ & Saints (Heb 2:4-12).

Heb 4:2-11 "For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith...although the works were finished from the foundation of the world. For he spake in a certain place of THE SEVENTH DAY on this wise, And God did rest the seventh day from all his works...For if Jesus had given them rest, then would he not afterward have spoken of another day. There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God"

Context: Inheriting the Land promised to the Patriarchs!

Gen 2:3 And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made.

Gen 2:4 These are the \* generations of the heavens and of the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens, \* term used for men

Psa 90:4 "For a thousand years in thy sight are but as YESTERDAY when it is past, and as a watch in the night"

Memorial Name, Yahweh, is used only after work is completed.

Notice the Genesis record puts the cycle of creation as "the evening and the morning were the (first, second, third) day"—it begins with darkness and finishes with light; as the development of man. However, the "Seventh Day" is not so. It is only associated with the word "day." Likewise, the Lord's sacrifice reverses the order: "three days and three nights" (Mat 12:40). And raised up "the third day" (Acts 10:40; 1Cor 15:4).

# Gen 2:8 LORD God planted a garden eastward IN EDEN; and there he put the man whom He had formed

Eze 36:24-26, 34-35 "For I will take you from among the heathen, and gather you out of all countries, and will bring you into your own land...O house of Israel...And they shall say, This land that was desolate is become LIKE THE GARDEN OF EDEN; and the waste and desolate and ruined cities are become fenced, and are inhabited"

<u>Isa 51:1-3</u> "Look unto Abraham your father, and unto Sarah that bare you: for I called him alone, and blessed him, and increased him. For the LORD shall comfort Zion: he will comfort all her waste places; and he will make her wilderness LIKE EDEN, and her desert like THE GARDEN of the LORD"

• See: Joel 3:1-5. The Land of Israel, once described as the most glorious of all lands will return to this state (Isa 35).

#### The Third Heavens

2Co 12:1-3 "It is not expedient for me doubtless to glory. I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord. I knew a man in Christ above fourteen years ago, (whether in the body, I cannot tell; or whether out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) such an one CAUGHT UP TO THE THIRD HEAVEN...How that he was CAUGHT UP INTO PARADISE, and heard unspeakable words, which it is not lawful (mg. possible) for a man to utter"

- "Paradise" is the "Kingdom" Age (Luke 23:42-43). The three "heavens" are explained by the apostle Peter—
- 2Pe 3:5 "By the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water" First: Creation into Noah 2Pe 3:7 "But the heavens and the earth, which are now... reserved unto fire" Second: Mosaic into Apostolic 2Pe 3:13 "According to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth" Third—Apostolic into Kingdom Age

 "The literal formation of Eve out of Adam's side was allegorical of the formation of the church out of him of whom Adam was the figure; therefore, the church is the figurative Eve...The examples of this are almost infinite. That of Abraham, Sarah and Hagar as allegorized by Paul...is a beautiful illustration of the relation between the literal and the figurative, AS THEY ARE EMPLOYED IN THE SCRIPTURES OF TRUTH. The discernment of the due limit between them is acquired, not by rules, but by much diligent study of the Word." Elpis Israel, pg. 109

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 "Faith is reality and proof. The person who has it, embraces certain things promised as realities, and certain transactions as things proved. Hence, faith is the assured hope of things promised, the conviction of the truth of transactions not witnessed by the believer"—Eureka Vol 1, pg. 284

Our beliefs are based on absolute Biblical proof and reality. We stand apart from those who claim personal Divine Inspiration, or claim the Bible is a mystery that can never be explained. In fact, the Principles we embrace solidify the Doctrine in Truth we hold without reservation.

Luke 24:25-27 "O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken: OUGHT NOT CHRIST TO HAVE SUFFERED THESE THINGS, AND TO ENTER INTO HIS GLORY? And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself"

Luk 24:44-46 "And he said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me. Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures, And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus IT BEHOVED CHRIST TO SUFFER, AND TO RISE FROM THE DEAD THE THIRD DAY"

 WHERE? Without the application of types or historic allegory, which Old Testament "scriptures" foretold of Christ's death, resurrection after three days, and glorification? "I continue unto this day, witnessing both to small and great, saying none other things than those which the prophets and Moses did say should come: That Christ should suffer, and that he should be the first that should rise from the dead..." — Acts 26:22-23

"Paul, as his manner was, went in unto them, and three sabbath days reasoned with them out of the Scriptures, Opening and alleging, that Christ must needs have suffered, and risen again from the dead" — Acts 17:2-3

"He expounded and testified the kingdom of God, persuading them concerning Jesus, both out of the Law of Moses, and out of the prophets, from morning till evening" — Acts 28:23

• It has been 2,000 years since the Lord ascended into Heaven. Are we able to expound Jesus Christ "out of the Law, Prophets, and Psalms?" We have the entire Scriptures, now!