

CHAPTER FIVE

RE-CREATION BEGUN

Once again, we do not know the amount of time that elapsed between the fall of satan and the beginning of re-creation. We do know that when the reconstruction time came, the first move toward restoration was made by the Holy Spirit. He brings life and then sustains life in anything and everything that will receive it. This is especially true when it comes to humans.

GEN 1:2

...AND THE SPIRIT OF GOD MOVED UPON THE FACE OF THE WATERS.

The Holy Spirit was present to assist in the recreation of the earth. It was His sweeping across the chaos that gave life-sustaining qualities to the earth. Anytime God speaks, the Holy Spirit is always present to give life to the recipient of what God is saying. He will always bring order out of chaos. This is true whether we are talking about creation or sinners who just invited Jesus into their hearts.

The work of re-creation was a definite graduation, the work of each day led up to the work of the next day. We can interpret the Bible figuratively only after we have taken it literally.

For this reason, we are to take the days of re-creation as twenty-four hour days, not a thousand years. The Hebrew word *yom* denotes a natural day. As you will see, the Bible says there is only one evening and one morning for each day. The Hebrews began each new day at sunset.

In the Bible, evening comes before morning to symbolize that the Old Testament must come before the New Testament. Death must come before life.

GEN 1:3

3 AND GOD SAID, LET THERE BE LIGHT: AND THERE WAS LIGHT.

Be certain that God spoke the creation into existence. His Word is powerful, not just when He speaks it, but even when we speak it.

HEB 11:1

1 NOW FAITH IS THE SUBSTANCE OF THINGS HOPED FOR, THE EVIDENCE OF THINGS NOT SEEN.

His Word was so filled with the substance of faith that everything He said happened. The substance of faith was sculptured into a magnificent creation.

PS 33:6

6 BY THE WORD OF THE LORD WERE THE HEAVENS MADE; AND ALL THE HOST OF THEM BY THE BREATH OF HIS MOUTH.

PS 33:9

9 FOR HE SPAKE, AND IT WAS DONE; HE COMMANDED, AND IT STOOD FAST.

PS 148:5

5 LET THEM PRAISE THE NAME OF THE LORD: FOR HE COMMANDED, AND THEY WERE CREATED.

HEB 11:3

3 THROUGH FAITH WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE WORLDS WERE FRAMED BY THE WORD OF GOD, SO THAT THINGS WHICH ARE SEEN WERE NOT MADE OF THINGS WHICH DO APPEAR.

After speaking the Light into existence, He declared that it was good or the correct translation is beautiful.

GEN 1:4-5

4 AND GOD SAW THE LIGHT, THAT IT WAS GOOD: AND GOD DIVIDED THE LIGHT FROM THE DARKNESS.

5 AND GOD CALLED THE LIGHT DAY, AND THE DARKNESS HE CALLED NIGHT. AND THE EVENING AND THE MORNING WERE THE FIRST DAY.

By the separation of light and darkness, day and night were constituted, thus the first day was complete. It must be noted that the sun and not been created, but science has proven that light is not a substance emanating from the sun, but consists of ether waves produced by energetic electrons. Actually, God Himself, who is light, simply put a part of Himself into His creation. He said, "Light be!" Literally, He said, "Me, be!" and Light was. Instantly the light pushed away the darkness and the very presence of God was extended to the earth to remain there for the duration of creation. Light is an absolute necessity for life. So is God. This is the reason for light to have been created first.

Our hearts were filled with the darkness of sin, but then the Holy Spirit moved upon our hearts, giving them the ability to acquire the life-giving salvation provided by Almighty God. By our believing in the saving grace of Jesus Christ, the darkness that had filled our hearts was pushed away and the Light of God took its place.

We are now going to see that from the on-set of this re-creation, God established Himself as a covenant maker which no man would be able to stop even if he tried or refused to believe.

JER 33:20

17 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;

Now, let's look at Day One figuratively. Was it a type or shadow of things to come?

COL 2:17

17 WHICH ARE A SHADOW OF THINGS TO COME; BUT THE BODY IS OF CHRIST.

HEB 8:5

5 WHO SERVE UNTO THE EXAMPLE AND SHADOW OF HEAVENLY THINGS, AS MOSES WAS ADMONISHED OF GOD WHEN HE WAS ABOUT TO MAKE THE TABERNACLE: FOR, SEE, SAITH HE, THAT THOU MAKE ALL THINGS ACCORDING TO THE PATTERN SHEWED TO THEE IN THE MOUNT.

HEB 10:1

1 FOR THE LAW HAVING A SHADOW OF GOOD THINGS TO COME, AND NOT THE VERY IMAGE OF THE THINGS, CAN NEVER WITH THOSE SACRIFICES WHICH THEY OFFERED YEAR BY YEAR CONTINUALLY MAKE THE COMERS THEREUNTO PERFECT.

Knowing what we know today about the New Testament and the Plan of Salvation, we can see that God put His GPS into His work of re-creation. Day one of the re-creation specifically typifies the beginning of the revelation of God's Plan of Salvation. It specifically typifies the incarnation of the Redeemer, the birth of Jesus, that is, God taking on human form. This was to be the first step in the Second Person of the God-Head becoming human and God at the same time. The Holy Spirit moved upon the waters as He did upon the Virgin Mary. He overshadowed her. Secondly, the Word is spoken and light appears. When Mary brought forth her Son, the Word, the Bible says that His glory shown round about. The Holy Child was Light personified. Third, the light is approved by God. Likewise, the Father spoke from Heaven to declare that Jesus was His Son and that He was well-pleased with Him. Fourth, the light was separated from the darkness. So was Jesus. Fifth, the light was named by God. Mary and Joseph did not name the Holy Child—God did. From this we can then see that the birth of Jesus, the Light, was the first major step in revealing the Plan of Salvation.

Later, as we continue our study, we are going to find that an earthly tabernacle was made just like the heavenly tabernacle. The earthly tabernacle was to be a place where God could dwell in the midst of His people. Likewise, our hearts were to become the dwelling place of Jesus.

Day two, like day one, of re-creation was also a work of separation: the firmament was established by dividing the waters above from the waters below. The word *firmament* refers to the expanse of sky surrounding the earth. The waters above are the clouds. There is a space above the clouds and a space below the clouds.

GEN 1:6-8

6 AND GOD SAID, LET THERE BE A FIRMAMENT IN THE MIDST OF THE WATERS, AND LET IT DIVIDE THE WATERS FROM THE WATERS.

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.

8 AND GOD CALLED THE FIRMAMENT HEAVEN. AND THE EVENING AND THE MORNING WERE THE SECOND DAY.

Figuratively, day two typifies the cross of Christ which was between heaven and the earth. The prominent thing in the second day's work was division, separation, and isolation. These things occurred in the relationship between the Father and the Son as Jesus was dying on the cross. Jesus, alone, paid the price for our sin. The firmament was purposed by God before it was actually made. So was the crucifixion—Jesus was the Lamb that was slain before the foundation of the world. The firmament was in the midst of the waters. Waters symbolize a mass of people. Jesus was crucified in the midst of a throng of people. His cross was in the midst of two other crosses. The firmament divided the waters—so did the cross. According to Peter on the Day of Pentecost the firmament was designed by God. I will probably say this again, make note that God did not say that the second day was good. The reason was that God was dealing with sin on the second day. He would not proclaim sin and His wrath against sin as being good. He had the death of His Son on His mind as He did the second day's work—that is the Just One dying for the unjust.

The Plan of Salvation would never have been effective without the crucifixion of Jesus. It takes His blood to wash away our sin. After God became human flesh and dwelt among mankind, the next major step in God's GPS was the crucifixion of Jesus. This is brought out more when we get to the study of the earthly tabernacle. After the people came to the tabernacle, they had to present their sacrifice to the priests who then would put it on the altar. Jesus is our sacrifice and He is the Priest who puts Himself on the altar of sacrifice.

On day three, the separation was carried out still further. The sea was separated from the land. The vegetable kingdom of plants and trees was established. God spoke Words of Power and Life causing the different species of plants to come alive instantaneously, not developing one out of the other as evolutionist would have you to believe. Each one brought forth seed after its own kind. Each one could only reproduce its own kind.

GEN 1:9-13

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.

10 AND GOD CALLED THE DRY LAND EARTH; AND THE GATHERING TOGETHER OF THE WATERS CALLED HE SEAS: AND GOD SAW THAT IT WAS GOOD.

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.

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.

13 AND THE EVENING AND THE MORNING WERE THE THIRD DAY.

Figuratively, this day sets forth the Lord's Resurrection. The earth had been buried beneath the waters, but it is now raised above the level of the seas. Death had to swallow up Jesus, but now it can no longer reign supreme. Just as the earth on the third day was commanded to bring forth, so was death commanded to let go of Jesus on the third day. He sprang forth alive and well from the earth as a new plant breaks forth from the earth. The cross of Jesus was absolutely necessary, but it would have meant nothing without the resurrection of Jesus. Not only was Jesus resurrected on the third day, but the Plan of Salvation brings about our resurrection. The same Power that resurrected Jesus quickens our dead spirit and gives us eternal life.

The earthly tabernacle contained the laver. After the sacrifice was made, the priest was to go to the laver to become cleansed. After we accept the sacrifice that Jesus made for us, we are to become sanctified before moving to the next step of the God's GPS.

On day number four, the sun, the moon and the stars were created as light-bearers, to serve a variety of purposes: (a) to divide the day and night; (b) to be for signs which indicate directional points, to indicate weather changes and to indicate Divine appointments of future events and coming judgments; (c) to be for seasons, for days and for years; (d) to serve as lights for the earth and to sustain organic life.

GEN 1:14-19

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:

15 AND LET THEM BE FOR LIGHTS IN THE FIRMAMENT OF THE HEAVEN TO GIVE LIGHT UPON THE EARTH: AND IT WAS SO.

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.

17 AND GOD SET THEM IN THE FIRMAMENT OF THE HEAVEN TO GIVE LIGHT UPON 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 AND THE EVENING AND THE MORNING WERE THE FOURTH DAY.

Day four typifies our Lord's Ascension. Creation took place in the heavens on this particular day. Two great lights were placed there. The sun is the greatest and the moon reflects it. Presently, Christ is the Light of Salvation and, we, His people are to reflect His

light to the world. The great commission is to be fulfilled as our part of the Plan of Salvation.

Just inside the Holy Place of the earthly tabernacle was the golden lampstand. It was set on the left side of the Holy Place and gave light to the Holy Place just as the sun and the moon provide light to the earth. Remember, God is applying His GPS to creation. He know in advance that even the earth would need to be redeemed.

On the fifth day, birds and fish were created. Notice, just as the plants did not evolve, neither did the birds and fish. They were created after their particular kind or species.

GEN 1:20-23

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.

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.

22 AND GOD BLESSED THEM, SAYING, BE FRUITFUL, AND MULTIPLY, AND FILL THE WATERS IN THE SEAS, AND LET FOWL MULTIPLY IN THE EARTH.

23 AND THE EVENING AND THE MORNING WERE THE FIFTH DAY.

Figuratively, we see that since both birds and fish flock or school together, there should be a common fellowship between God, our brothers and sisters in the Lord and us. This day represents the body of Christ, the church which has resulted by the union of believers. The Plan of Salvation includes our being a part of the universal church. Together, we are to minister the same way that Jesus did.

The table of showbread was to be on the right side of the Holy Place of the earthly tabernacle. It was to be eaten by the priests as a type of fellowship with God. We partake of communion to symbolically show our connection with God and fellow believers.

Day six brought about the climax of the re-creation work. God made the beasts, the cattle and the creeping things of the earth. Each was made after its own kind.

GEN 1:24-25

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.

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.

The origin of mankind is distinguished from the other creations by the solemn counsel that precedes it. Man was formed from a pre-existing substance rather than being created from a non-tangible material. He was formed from the dust of the earth.

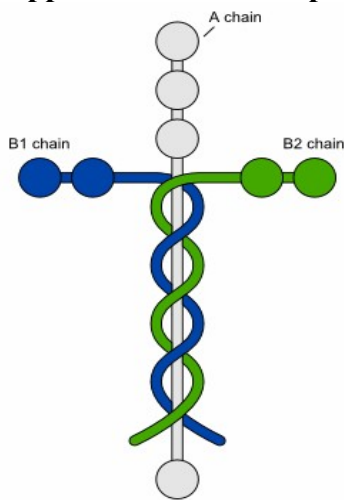
GEN 1:26-27

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.

27 SO GOD CREATED MAN IN HIS OWN IMAGE, IN THE IMAGE OF GOD CREATED HE HIM; MALE AND FEMALE CREATED HE THEM.

In the earthly tabernacle that was to be constructed at a later point in time, there was to be the Most Holy Place which is sometimes called the Holy of Holies. This was to be where God would dwell in the midst of the people. Another way of saying this is that this is the place where God and man come in contact with each other with God acknowledged as the Superior, Almighty Yahweh and mankind the created.

All that preceded man was but a preparation for the coming of mankind. Mankind was to be the crowning work of God, the king of creation. Mankind was given dominion over all the earth. Also, just as God had put a symbol of His Plan of Salvation in outer space and on the side of a mountain, He also put the symbol within the body of the man. In fact, the body of man is held together by millions of protein cells called laminin which just happen to be in the shape of a cross. Here is a diagram of laminin:



Here is a picture of the laminin cell.



God did not and does not want mankind to ever be separated from the cross, more specifically, He wants us to be continually conscious of His Plan of Salvation. This is why He incorporated His Plan of Salvation in every phase of the creation process. It is to be a natural part of our being. Mankind was destined to be in the image of God. Being in God's image gave mankind such qualities as reason, personality and intellect. It meant that man would be able to relate, to hear, to see and to speak. In his entire being, mankind was to be like God. The Apostle Paul would later spell out clearly that one of our purposes for our being here is to judge satan and his angels. We will discuss in more detail about our judging angels in the next chapter.

1 COR 6:3

3 KNOW YE NOT THAT WE SHALL JUDGE ANGELS? HOW MUCH MORE THINGS THAT PERTAIN TO THIS LIFE?

The image of God denotes a unique social or community concept of God. So, God made man to be a social being—needing and relating to one another. More specifically, when God chose to create man in His own image, He created a marriage, a family.

GEN 1:28

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.

1 PET 1:23

23 BEING BORN AGAIN, NOT OF CORRUPTIBLE SEED, BUT OF INCORRUPTIBLE, BY THE WORD OF GOD, WHICH LIVETH AND ABIDETH FOR EVER.

God's Word is a seed. God's Word, His seed, was to be within mankind making man productive as God is productive. Man's family is to be like the God-head, made up of more than one, but operating as if they were one. Man was to have God-like ability so he could shape this earth into the glorious inheritance for the Son of God. For this to be possible, God gave mankind His kind of Life, His love, and His ability. Man's dominion over the earth, including all of the animals. Everything that mankind would need to live a healthy and prosperous life was placed at his fingertips. God's Word, both written and living, was to be the means by which we acquire an abundant life.

GEN 1:29-30

29 AND GOD SAID, BEHOLD, I HAVE GIVEN YOU 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.

30 AND TO EVERY BEAST OF THE EARTH, AND TO EVERY FOWL OF THE AIR, AND TO EVERY THING THAT CREEPETH UPON THE EARTH, WHEREIN THERE IS LIFE, I HAVE GIVEN EVERY GREEN HERB FOR MEAT: AND IT WAS SO.

Figuratively, Day Six represents the 1000 year reign of Jesus here on earth. This will follow the church age. We, too, will reign on the earth with Jesus. So, again, God was indicating that there would be a time that mankind would actually be in the presence of God.

GEN. 1:31

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.

God truly had put His glory back into creation. David declared that the glory of God, in spite of satan's attempt to block it, was evident in the world that was still longing for the completion of redemption.

PS 19:1

1 THE HEAVENS DECLARE THE GLORY OF GOD; AND THE FIRMAMENT SHEWETH HIS HANDYWORK.

Before we leave the topic of God's creative work, note that the creative work of God was divided into three couplets. There was one couplet for each of the Three Persons of the God-head. Let me explain. Day One and Day Four go together. Light came into being on both of these days. Day Two and Day Five go together. Clouds were separated from the water. Space was made above and below the clouds. Birds and fish were created to fly in the space above the water and fish were created to be in the water. Day Three and Day Six go together. Life was put on the earth. On Day Three, land appears and plants grew. On Day Six, the animals, including mankind was put on earth.

God looked back over it and took delight in His handiwork. Creation was once again in a progression to become a glorious inheritance for the Son of God.

GEN 2:1-3

1 THUS THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH WERE FINISHED, AND ALL THE HOST OF THEM.

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.

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.

With everything complete, God rested. This means that He ceased from creating anything else. Everything that any part of creation would ever need had already been provided by the Plan of Salvation. As far as the Plan of Salvation goes, figuratively speaking, the next step after the thousand year reign of Christ, those born from above will populate the heavenly city, the New Jerusalem. This is the place that God's Global Positioning System has been directing us toward from the time that we accepted Jesus as our Lord and Savior. Having followed the directions of the Plan of Salvation, we will live

eternally in the Dwelling Place of God. Heaven has no lack, no sickness nor disease, no enemy—we will be able to rest in God’s presence for all of eternity.

Can you say, “PRAISE THE LORD!!!”

Please repeat this: THE EARTH WAS CREATED TO DECLARE THE GLORY OF GOD AND TO BE AN INHERITANCE FOR THE SON OF GOD. GOD USED FAITH-FILLED WORDS TO BRING CREATION INTO EXISTANCE. GOD’S ORDER OF CREATION WAS GOOD AND PERFECT. GOD MADE MAN IN HIS OWN IMAGE. MAN IS TO MAKE THE WHOLE EARTH A GLORIOUS POSSESSION FOR JESUS CHRIST. I’M GOING TO DO MY PART. AMEN!