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Lesson #4

The Spiritual Understanding of the Seven Days of Creation:

Part 1

LESSON OBJECTIVES

- Learn that the book of Genesis is foundational in understanding the rest of the entire Bible.
- Learn that God created the world in seven days for the purpose of Torah/Instruction to teach His people about the prophetic destiny of man and the earth and His instruction concerning the ways of the Kingdom of Heaven versus the ways of the Kingdom of Satan.
- Learn the different ages of the 7,000 year plan of God and their spiritual meaning.
- Learn the different Hebrew names of the different ages of the 7,000 year plan of God.
- Learn the spiritual meaning of why God separated the light from the darkness during the 1st day of creation.
- Learn the spiritual meaning of why God separated the waters in heaven from the waters in the earth during the 2nd day of creation.
- Learn the spiritual meaning of the two types of seeds and harvests during the 3rd day of creation.
- Learn the spiritual meaning of the two great lights which God ordained on the 4th day of creation and how they would rule over the darkness.

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THE FOUNDATION OF THE CREATION STORY OF GENESIS

===> Let's begin to look at the spiritual truths that God revealed in the first book of the Torah, Genesis. In this book, God will establish the foundation for understanding the entire Bible including His complete redemptive plan. It is from this foundation that we can begin to learn and understand the "Gospel According to Torah."

THE SEVEN DAYS OF CREATION

===> From *Genesis 1:1* thru *Genesis 2:1-3* is the account of the seven days of creation.

A. Did God NEED seven days to create the heavens and the earth? NO! (Psalm 33:6, 9)

B. Why did God take seven days to create the heavens and earth?

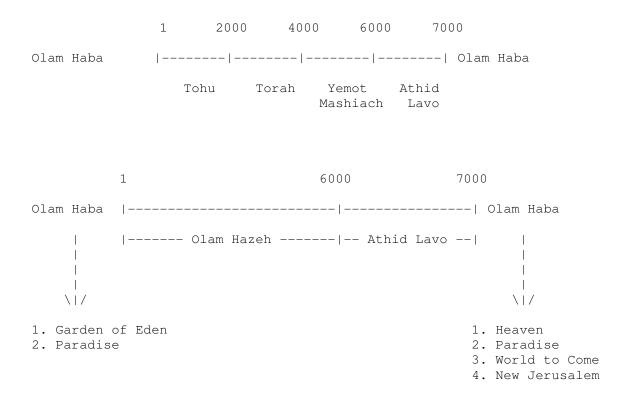
===> IT WAS TORAH! God took seven days to instruct or teach about His 7,000 year redemptive plan.

1. God knew that mankind would need a redeemer and that the Messiah, Yeshua, would need to be slain to atone for the sins of mankind. Therefore, God made this provision before He created the heavens and the earth. (*Revelation 13:8*).

2. Each day in creation represents 1,000 years of time. (*Psalm 90:4, II Peter 3:8, San Hedrin 97b*).

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THE SEVEN THOUSAND YEAR PLAN OF GOD



Paradise is a term for heaven (Luke 23:42-43, II Corinthians 12:2-4)

- 1. Olam Hazeh = The present world/age
- 2. Athid Lavo = The future age (coming)
- 3. Olam Haba = The world to come

===> God's 7,000 year redemptive plan teaches and reveals how individuals progress from spiritual darkness to spiritual life and rest.

- 1. Tohu = desolation (speaks about being lost and without God).
- 2. Torah = instruction (we learn of God).

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- 3. Yemot Mashiach = the days of the Messiah (we grow in knowledge of God).
- 4. Athid Lavo = the future age (we receive our promised eternal inheritance).

===> Time is going forward to the past. That which was is that which shall be (*Ecclesiastes 1:9*). The world to come is seen as being like the Garden of Eden. Time is going forward in a circle. The best way to envision time is not on a flat plain but as a circle.

THE FIRST DAY OF CREATION

===> The TORAH of light and darkness.

A. God is light (1 John 1:5).

B. The Torah is light (Strong's word 216 = or) (*Psalm 119:97, 105*).

==> *Yeshua*/Jesus is the living TORAH and God's LIGHT to the world. (*John 1:1, 4-5, 8:12*).

===> The believers in *Yeshua*/Jesus are to be lights in a dark world (*Matthew 5:14-16*, *I Thessalonians 5:5*, *II Corinthians 4:6*, *I Peter 2:9*, *Colossians 1:12-13*).

God desired His people to be light and separated from spiritual darkness which is the kingdom of Satan (*II Corinthians 6:14, 17*)

THE SECOND DAY OF CREATION

===> The TORAH of separating the waters in heaven from waters in the earth.

A. Water in heaven = picture of Torah/Word of God and the Messiah (*Deuteronomy 11:8-14*, *Deuteronomy 32:2*, *Isaiah 55:10-11*, *Hosea 6:3*, *Joel 2:23-24*, 28).

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===> Joel 2:23 = Former rain = Moreh Tzeddakah = Teacher of Righteousness

Yeshua is THE TEACHER OF RIGHEOUSNESS (TORAH) (John 3:2)

B. Waters on earth = seas = domain of Satan (*Ezekiel 29:2-3, Psalm 74:12-13, Revelation 13:1*)

THE THIRD DAY OF CREATION

===> The TORAH of seedtime. Earth yields two types of seeds.

A. Grass and herbs yield seed (Genesis 1:11).

Grass is a picture of the flesh (*Isaiah 40:3, 6-8, II Kings 19:26, Isaiah 51:12-13, Psalm 37:1-2*).

Grass = Flesh = Dismayed and Confounded = Forgets Lord = Evildoers.

B. Tree yielding fruit. The seed is in itself (Genesis 1:11).

Tree yielding fruit is a picture of believers in *Yeshua*/Jesus obeying Torah (*Psalm 1:1-3, Jeremiah 17:7-8, Psalm 92:12, Revelation 22:1-2*)

THE FOURTH DAY OF CREATION

===> The TORAH of light ruling over darkness

The TORAH of two great lights.

A. Greater light = The Messiah = Sun = Rules over the lesser light (*Malachi 4:2, Psalm 19:1-5*).

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B. Lesser light = the believers in Messiah following Torah = moon = stars = children of the day (*1 Thessalonians 5:5*).

Moon = picture of believers in Messiah following Torah.

Every month the moon is born anew. At the time of the new moon, the moon can barely be seen. Then as the month progresses, it becomes a full moon. This a spiritual picture of one becoming a believer in Messiah and thus becoming (born again/anew) and then growing into a fuller knowledge of Messiah (spiritual maturity) which is compared to the full moon.

God told Abraham that his descendants would be like the stars in the sky (*Genesis 15:3-5, I Corinthians 15:35-42*).

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LESSON REVIEW/QUESTIONS

1. Did God need seven days to create the world? Why did God take seven days to create the world?

2. What does each day in the seven days of creation represent?

3. The Garden of Eden, paradise, the New Jerusalem and heaven are all synonymous terms for what period of time?

4. How can the Garden of Eden and the New Jerusalem both refer to the 'Olam Haba' or the world to come/eternity?

5. Name the four different ages within the 7,000 year plan of God.

6. What do the terms: Tohu, Torah, Yemot HaMashiach, and Athid Lavo mean?

7. From a Hebraic perspective, how can we best understand time and how is time progressing?

8. On the first day of creation, God separated the light from the darkness. What is the spiritual meaning of this?

9. On the second day of creation, God separated the waters in heaven from the waters in the earth. What is the spiritual meaning of this?

10. On the third day of creation, God revealed two types of seeds and two types of harvests. What is the spiritual meaning of this?

11. On the fourth day of creation God gave two great lights, the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night. What is the spiritual meaning of this?

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