

**LAYMAN'S SCHOOL OF TRAINING**  
**HOLE 2 - ADVANCED BIBLE STUDY**  
**LECTURE 3 - CREATION**

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**1. WHEN DID GOD CREATE THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH?**

In the beginning. According to Radio Metric Dating, the earth is 4,7 billion years old.

**Gen 1:1 (NAS)** *"In the beginning God created the Heavens and the Earth."*

**2. HOW DID GOD CREATE THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH?**

He created them by His spoken word.

**Psa 148:1-5 (NAS)** *"Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens: Praise Him in the heights!*

*2 Praise Him, all His angels; Praise Him, all His hosts!*

*3 Praise Him, sun and moon; Praise Him, all stars of light!*

*4 Praise Him, highest heavens, And the waters that are above the heavens!*

*5 Let them praise the name of the Lord, **For He commanded and they were created.**"*

**Heb 1:3a (NAS)** *"And He (Jesus) is the radiance of His (God's) glory and the exact representation of His (God's) Nature, (Amp) upholding and maintaining and guiding and propelling the universe by the mighty **Word of power.**" (Greek - Rhema of Dunamis)*

Why "Word of Power" and not "Power of Word"? Because "Power of Word" suggests that some of God's power is in His spoken Word, whereas "Word of Power" reveals that **ALL of God's power is in His spoken word**, and apart from His spoken Word He does not have any power.

God's power in your life is in direct proportion to your discipline to boldly confess the Word.

**3. HOW BIG IS THE UNIVERSE THAT GOD CREATED?**

No-one knows except God. Scientists tell us that the nearest star outside our solar system, Alpha Centauri, is 25 trillion, 206 billion, 797 million, 800 thousand miles from the earth. It takes four years and four months for it's light, which is traveling at the speed of 186 thousand miles a second to reach the earth. According to Albert Einstein, man can never reach the speed of light, because if he did he would cease to exist.

**4. WHAT WAS THE ORDER OF GOD'S CREATION?**

God's first creation was the angels (sons of God), then the heavenly bodies (the stars and planets) and lastly the earth.

**Job 38:4-7 (NAS)** *"Where were you when I laid the foundation of the **earth?** Tell Me, if you have understanding.*

*5 Who set its measurements, since you know? Or who stretched the line on it?*

*6 On what were its bases sunk? Or who laid its cornerstone,*

*7 **WHEN** (giving the time period) **the morning stars** (sun's and other planets) **sang together, and all the sons of God** (angels) **shouted for joy?"***

Verse 7 indicates that the stars and angels were already in existence while the earth was being created in verse 4-6.

**5. AT THE TIME OF CREATION, DID GOD CREATE THE EARTH IN THE RUINED WASTE STATE WE FIND**

## SPOKEN OF IN GENESIS 1:2?

**Gen 1:2a** (NAS) "And the earth was **FORMLESS** and void, and darkness was over the surface of the deep."

i) No. God's creation was good. The earth in the original creation was perfect and habitable.

**Isa 45:18** (NAS) "For thus says the Lord, who created the heavens, (He is the God who formed the earth and made it, He established it and **did not create it a WASTE** (Hebrew - TOHUW) **place, But formed it to be inhabited**)..."

**Waste - Hebrew:** waste, formlessness, confusion, unreality, emptiness, chaos.

**Gen 1:2a** "And the earth was **FORMLESS** (Hebrew - Tohuw) and void..."

The same Hebrew word (Tohuw) is used in **Gen 1:2** stating that the earth was **formless** and in **Isa 45:18** stating that God did not create it a **waste** place. Therefore the earth originally must have been perfectly created and made to be inhabited, but something happened between **Gen 1:1** and **Gen 1:2** that caused the perfect creation to become a waste place.

ii) God's command to **Adam** backs this up.

**Gen 1:28** (KJV) "Then God said to them, be fruitful and multiply, and **replenish** the earth, have dominion over the fish of the sea, and the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

**Replenish - Webster's:** to fill again or anew.

God also told **Noah** to replenish the earth after the flood had destroyed all life.

**Gen 9:1** (KJV) "Then God blessed Noah and his sons, and said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and **replenish** the earth."

iii) Jeremiah's **vision** harmonizes with **Genesis 1:2** and shows clearly that there was life in the original creation.

**Jer 4:23-27** (NAS) "I looked on the earth, and behold, it was formless and void; And to the heavens, and they had no light.

**24** I looked on the mountains, and behold, they were quaking, And all the hills moved to and fro.

**25** I looked, and behold, **there was no man**, And all the birds of the heavens had fled.

**26** I looked, and behold, the fruitful land was a wilderness, and **all its cities were pulled down** before the Lord, before His fierce anger.

**27** For thus says the Lord, 'The whole land (of Judah) shall be a desolation, **Yet I will not execute a complete destruction.**'" (on the tribe of Judah as I did on the previous creation)

The purpose of God showing Jeremiah the destruction of life and formlessness of the earth in **Gen 1:2** was to reveal how the land of Judah would be destroyed if they would not repent, and to make a comparison between the two times. In the original judgment, the whole earth and all life was completely destroyed, but in Judah, God declared He would not execute a **complete destruction**.

## 6. DOES THE BIBLE GIVE ANY INSIGHT AS TO WHO THESE PRE-ADAMIC INHABITANTS WERE?

It seems evident that **they were not men**, because Adam was the first created man.

**1 Cor 15:45a** (NAS) "So it is written, "The **first man**, Adam, became a living soul..."

The human race was not placed on earth by God until after the earth's restoration.

**Note:** We totally reject the unproved theory of evolution. It does not harmonize with the truth of God's Word.

This complete destruction of the previous creation also explains why we have a different animal kingdom, and no longer have dinosaurs. You don't find prehistoric bones of current animals, only those from the previous creation.

Scriptures that irrefutably disprove the theory of evolution are:-

**Gen 1:11 (NAS)** *Then God said, "Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, {and} fruit trees bearing fruit after their kind, with seed in them, on the earth"; and it was so.*

**Gal 6:7 (NAS)** *Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for **whatever a man sows, this he will also reap.***

There is not seed in this earth that can produce after another kind, including the seed of man and animals. It is not possible for a frog to produce an ape, and for an ape to produce a man, even if it was after millions of years. Their DNA molecular code has been created and written by God and cannot be changed. Dinosaur's seed cannot produce Zebra's.

## 7. WHAT BROUGHT ABOUT THE TERRIBLE DESTRUCTION AND OVERTHROW OF THE EARTH?

This was God's judgment against Lucifer and his hosts who led a revolt and attack against God. The Bible teaches that Lucifer became unfaithful to God, and coveted the worship and adoration that belonged to God. At this time he attempted to take God's place by overthrowing the very throne of God.

**Ezek 28:12-17 (NAS)** *"Son of man, take up a lamentation over the **king of Tyre** (satan), and say to him, Thus says the Lord God, You had the **seal of perfection, Full of wisdom and perfect in beauty.***

**13** *You were in Eden, the garden of God; Every precious stone was your covering: The ruby, the topaz, and the diamond; The beryl, the onyx, and the jasper; The lapis lazuli, the turquoise, and the emerald; and the gold, the workmanship of your settings and sockets (or tabrets and pipes - KJV), was in you. On the day that you **were created** they were prepared.*

**14** *You were the anointed cherub (an angelic being) who covers, and I placed you there. You were on the holy mountain of God; you walked in the midst of the stones of fire.*

**15** *You were blameless in your ways from the day you **were created**, until unrighteousness was found in you.*

**16** *By the abundance of your **trade** you were internally filled with violence, and you sinned; therefore I have cast you as profane from the mountain of God. And I have destroyed you, O covering cherub, From the midst of the stones of fire.*

**17** *Your heart was lifted up (in pride) because of your beauty; you corrupted your wisdom by reason of your splendor. I cast you to the ground; I put you before kings, that they may see you."*

**NB.** "Trade, commerce, or **traffic**" speaks of negotiating, buying off and a coming and a going. The **Hebrew** meaning of this word in *verse 16* refers to Lucifer walking up and down slandering God to His subjects on earth, and to His subjects among the angels, until he had all God's earthly subjects rebelling against Him, as well as one-third of the angels. (Reference from margin of J. Dykes Bible).

**Isa 14:12-17 (NAS)** *"How you have fallen from heaven, O star of the morning (or Lucifer - KJV), son of the dawn! You have been cut down to the earth, **you who have weakened the nations!***

**13** *But you said in your heart, **'I will ascend to heaven; I will raise my throne above the stars of God, and I will sit on the mount of assembly in the recesses of the north.***

**14** ***I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High.'***

**15** *Nevertheless you will be thrust down to Sheol (hell), to the recesses of the pit.*

**16** *Those who see you will gaze at you, They will ponder over you, saying, 'Is this the man who made the earth tremble, who shook kingdoms,*

**17** *who made the world like a wilderness and overthrew its cities, who did not allow his prisoners to go home?'"*

**Notice the five "I wills" in verses 13 and 14. I, the middle letter in PRIDE was satan's downfall.**

**Rev 12:9 (NAS)** *"And the great dragon was thrown down, the serpent of old who is called the devil and satan, who deceives the whole world, **he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.**"*

**Luke 10:18 (NAS)** *"And He (Jesus) said to them, 'I was watching satan fall from Heaven like lightning.' "*

## 8. HOW LONG DID THE EARTH REMAIN IN THIS FORMLESS AND VOID CONDITION?

The Bible does not really shed any light on this other than to simply state there was a period when the earth was formless and void, when originally it had been created good and perfect.

Some geologists state that there **was a time when the earth was under great darkness.**

## 9. WHEN DID THE RESTORATION OF THE EARTH TAKE PLACE?

According to the time sequence of scripture, it took place about 6 000 years ago.

## 10. HOW DID GOD BEGIN THIS RESTORATION?

The Spirit of the Lord began to move on the face of the earth. The **Hebrew** word for **MOVE** is to flutter, brood or hover.

**Gen 1:2 (NAS)** *"And the earth was formless and void and darkness was over the surface of the deep; and the Spirit of God was **moving** over the surface of the waters."*

Although the Spirit was moving, nothing was happening. The Spirit was ready but the Word had not been spoken.

**Gen 1:3,6,9,11,14,20,24,26 (NAS)** *"Then God said..."*

The power of the Holy Spirit only went into operation once the word of faith was spoken.

## 11. WHAT WAS THE RESULT OF THE WORD BEING SPOKEN AND THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD MOVING OVER THE SURFACE OF THE WATERS?

i) The **light** broke through and sunshine was restored. The sun, moon and stars were not **re-created** but called back into operation by God.

**Gen 1:3-5** Read at home.

ii) Waters became divided on the earth and land appears.

**Gen 1:9-10** Read at home.

The **water receding was an immediate happening.** It took place that day and not as after Noah's flood when it took nine months for the waters to abate.

**Psa 104:6-7 (NAS)** *"Thou didst **cover it** (the earth) **with the deep** (i.e. water) as with a garment; **The waters were standing above the mountains.***

**7** ***At thy rebuke they fled** (vanished away - Hebrew); **at the sound of thy thunder they hurried away.**"*

The context of this Psalm is referring to the restoration of creation - not Noah's flood.

iii) Vegetation was restored and called back into its life cycle.

**Gen 1:11 (NAS)** *"Then God said **"Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit after their kind with seed in them on the earth, and it was so."***

iv) God created the fish of the sea, all the fowls of the air, the beasts of the field and man, in six days.

**Gen 1:31 (NAS)** *"And God saw all that He had made, and behold, it was very good, and there was evening and there was morning the **sixth day.**"*

God rested on the **seventh day** from all His work and so must we.

*Gen 2:1-2 (NAS) "Thus the heavens and the earth were completed, and all their hosts.*

*2 And by the seventh day God completed His work which He had done; and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done."*

## 12. WHY DO WE USE THE WORD RESTORE RATHER THAN THE WORD RE-CREATE?

*Gen 1:1 (NAS) "In the beginning God **created** the heavens and the earth."*

**Created - Hebrew (BARA):** to call into existence something **new without the use of pre-existing material**, and refers only to God.

*Gen 1:7 "And God **made** the expanse."*

**Made - Hebrew (ASAH):** to **make out of already existing substance or materials**. Also translated as build, carve, fashion, trim, work and woven.

This means that God resorted an already existing earth that was formless and void, and did not have to re-create it out of nothing.

Therefore the word **restore** is better than **re-creation**.

## 13. WHY DID GOD CREATE?

i) God created all things for His pleasure.

*Rev 4:11 (KJV) "Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for **Thou hast created all things, and for Thy pleasure they are and were created.**"*

ii) Because God is love and love is a creative force. God's love motivation causes Him to want to share His the pleasure of His creation with His creatures throughout all eternity.

*1 John 4:16a (NAS) "...and we have come to know and believe the love which God has for us. **God is love...**"*

iii) That we, His creation might be brought into right relationship with Him, to rule and reign with Him and be conformed into His image.

*Rom 8:29 (NAS) "For whom He foreknew, He also predestined **to become conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the first-born among many brethren.**"*

*2 Tim 2:12 (NAS) "If we endure, **we shall also reign with Him; If we deny Him, He also will deny us...**"*

## 14. DOES THIS CREATION AND RESTORATION ACCOUNT HAVE A SPIRITUAL MESSAGE FOR US?

Yes. The fall of Lucifer is a **warning against pride**. **God will judge all rebellion** and not share His glory with another.

*James 4:6,10 (NAS) "But He gives a greater grace. Therefore it says, '**God is opposed to the proud, but gives grace to the humble.**'*

*10 **Humble yourselves in the presence of the Lord, and He will exalt you.**"*

*Isa 30:1 (NAS) "'**Woe to the rebellious children,**' declares the Lord, 'Who execute a plan, but not Mine, and make an alliance, but not of My Spirit, In order to add sin to sin...' "*

*Isa 65:2 (NAS) "I have spread out My hands all day long to a **rebellious people, who walk in the way which is not good, following their own thoughts.**"*

Just as God started with the earth's restoration when it was waste and desolate, likewise **we were desolate and waste because of sin and rebellion** before we came to Christ. The Holy Spirit wants to brood over our

lives to bring us back into divine order as the Word fills our hearts by daily meditation and prayer. God wants to make us spiritually fruitful so we can bear fruit after "His kind."

## 15. WHERE DOES MAN FIT INTO GOD'S PLAN OF CREATION?

Man has a most important and vital role to play.

**Gen 1:26** *"Then God said 'Let us make man in **Our image**, according to **Our likeness**; and **let them rule** over the fish of the sea and the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.'"*

Man is a God-class being, with creative power in his spoken word, just like God. Adam before the fall ruled by his spoken word. What man lost through sin, has been regained through faith in Jesus Christ.

**Psa 8:4-6 (NAS)** *"What is **man**, that Thou dost take thought of him? And the son of man, that Thou dost care for him?*

**5** *Yet **Thou hast made him a LITTLE lower than God** (Hebrew - Elohim: Translated as God 2370 times), and dost **crown him with glory and majesty!***

**6** ***Thou dost make HIM TO RULE over the works of Thy hands; Thou hast put ALL THINGS under his feet."***

Man is only a little lower than God in creation. All authority that man lost through the fall, he has regained through faith in Jesus Christ.

**Eph 2:5-6 (NAS)** *"...even when we were dead in our transgressions (sins), made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved),*

**6** *and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly places, in Christ Jesus."*

Man has been exalted with Jesus in the heavenly places to the right hand of God's throne, to rule in His name.

**Rom 8:16-17a (NAS)** *"The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, 17a and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ."*

## HOMEWORK FOR LECTURE 3

1. Memorize **Gen 1:26** from point 15.
2. This will count for 10% towards your test results.
3. Spend 10 minutes a day meditating on your notes till these truths register on your spirit man and as preparation for a true or false test next week.
4. An 80% pass mark is required.