

Genesis 2:1-14 - Lesson 07

The Seventh Day and the Garden of Eden

1. 1:31-2:1

- a. *"very good"* - which makes impossible sin, death, evolution prior to day 6.
- b. Fossils prove things died tragically and quickly not slowly in a very good world.
- c. *"were finished"* - Nothing is now being created, contrary to pantheism and evolution
- d. *"all the host of them"* - which includes the stars, angels, and the authorities in heaven
- e. God's evaluation is of every thing he had made, even the host in heaven
- f. That creation took six days is Biblically clear. Rejection affects major Bible doctrines.

2. 2:2-3

- a. What happened on the 7th day? God rested and was refreshed - Isa 40:28, Exo 31:17
- b. *"God blessed..."* - He was done, and he was being refreshed by his very good creation
- c. Why was the 7th day sanctified? 1) to sanctify rest, 2) to remember God, 3) as a type
- d. Rested = "ended his work"; which is an example for all men to emulate once a week.
- e. The 7 day week is not celestially dictated, it was dictated by first and solely by God
- f. 'Sabbath' does not appear until Israel - Exo 16:23; 4th command - Exo 20:10-13, 31:13
- g. The Sabbath in Israel was for rest, not working, and liberty - Exo 35:2-3, Deu 5:12-15
 - i. Loosing on the Sabbath was a good thing - Luke 13:14-17
 - ii. Being made whole/perfected on the Sabbath day - John 7:22-24
 - iii. Servants freed in the 7th year, the land rests in the 7th year - Exo 21:2, 23:11-12
 - iv. Holydays were filled with special Sabbaths (ex. 7th month) - Lev 23:24-40

3. The Rest of God

- a. Psalm 95 speaks of the rest of God when Israel arrives in their promised land.
- b. Hebrews is a book to the remnant heading into a promised kingdom - Heb 3:12-19
- c. The "rest" spoke not of a past rest, but a future rest, a restoration - Heb 4:1-11
- d. The kingdom rest would be entered by Israel that kept faith - Heb 10:11-12, 35-39
- e. The Biblical day-age theory = a thousand year is 1 day - Psa 96:4, 2 Pet 3:8

4. 2:4-14

- a. *"generations"* - A new section until 5:1, this section focuses on God and man
- b. This is not chronological, it is commentary on day 6 and about the garden
- c. *"there went up a mist"* - the water cycle was different at that time - Isa 41:17-18
- d. *"God planted a garden..."* - The whole earth was not the garden
- e. Eden was a real location - Isa 51:3, 37:12; Gen 13:10, Eze 36:35, Gen 15:18-21
- f. The trees in the garden were specially prepared for man - Rev 22:1-3
- g. The details of the rivers were written later when the places were given names
- h. The rivers will appear again in the future garden city of rest - Eze 47:1-12