

Section One: The Kingdom of God on Earth (Past)

Category A: Creation

Kingdom Intelligence Report #1

Topic: Origins

“In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.” (Genesis 1:1) This marks the beginning of the Kingdom of God on earth. It was an event that did not require millions of years for God to accomplish. Hebrews 11:3 tells us that God spoke into existence the created order; “so that what is seen was not made out of things which are visible.” God could have made the created order by speaking it into existence in a matter of six seconds. However, for the purpose of establishing a structure for our life here on earth, God took the time to create the heavens and the earth and everything in them, over the course of six literal twenty-four hour days, while resting on the seventh day (Genesis 2:2). This set the example for His chosen people, the nation of Israel, when they were given rules and regulations to live by, under the Mosaic Covenant. Therefore, in Exodus 20:8-11, we read the following:

“Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath of the Lord your God; in it you shall not do any work, you or your son or your daughter, your male or your female servant, or your cattle or your sojourner who stays with you. For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.”

This comparison made by Moses is significant in three ways. First, the insertion of a gap into the chronology of the creation week, consisting of millions of years, is a falsehood that violates the literal interpretation of God’s Word. Secondly, Lucifer’s fall into sin could only have taken place **after** this week was completed. Had Satan entered into his evil and fallen condition, prior to or during the creation week, how do we make sense of Genesis 1:31, in comparison with Genesis 2:1? In other words, God would not have looked at His created order and declared it to be “very good,” had Lucifer’s fall already taken place. This is supported immediately by Genesis 2:1, indicating that **absolutely everything** came into existence during this literal one week period of God’s creative activity. Last but certainly not least, the overarching principle of **“continuity in the midst of diversity”** for the Kingdom of God on earth is established at the very outset. The context for the creation week (six days of work, one of rest), becomes the example, the rule and the structure, for how the nation of Israel would function as the future citizens of God’s Kingdom on earth, under the Mosaic Covenant.

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