

# Genesis 1–3

A dramatic landscape with a glowing path leading to a bright light in the distance, set against a dark, stormy sky. The path is illuminated with a golden glow, and the sky is filled with dark, swirling clouds. The overall mood is mysterious and divine.

*God's election and promise*

**Keyword**

56  
39

**Election**

**Genesis**

**Theme**

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**Origin in  
Election and Promise**

**Genesis**

# Key Verse

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**"I will bless you... and all peoples on  
earth will be blessed through you"  
(12:1-3)**

**Genesis**



## Summary Statement

**The narrow lineage of Israel from Creation to Joseph informs Israel it began with both God's **election** for rule and unconditional promise for blessings through Abraham in contrast to the Canaanites**

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# Kingdom Statement

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**God created a perfect kingdom (1–2), but man gave up his rule to Satan (3), so God **elected** a seed to produce a ruler (4–11) to bless all nations in Abraham (12–50).**

**Genesis**

# Covenant

42a

**God narrowed man's line from Adam through Seth to Abram (1–11) to establish the Abrahamic Covenant with unconditional promises of Canaan, eternal rule, and blessing to his descendants (12–50).**

**Genesis**

# Redemption

42a

**Redemption is needed due to man's sin (3:1-7), but as God redeemed Adam and Eve with a sacrificial animal (3:21), so a Redeemer from Eve will finally defeat Satan (3:15), typified in Joseph (45:7).**

**Genesis**

**Jesus created the earth (1:26) and will defeat Satan (3:15), after descending from the line of Abraham (12:1-3) so that he might rule in the line of Judah (49:10).**

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# Genesis

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# Genesis

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|  | 17 <b>D</b> esignation changed to Abraham       |
| 3 <b>T</b> emptation and man's fall      | 18 <b>C</b> ompassion for Sodom's righteous     |
| 4 <b>H</b> atred and first murder        | 19 <b>R</b> emoval of Sodom, Gomorrah           |
| 5 <b>E</b> ntire genealogy of Adam       | 20 <b>E</b> gyptian escapade of Abraham         |
|  | 21 <b>A</b> rrival of promised Isaac            |
| 6 <b>B</b> uilding of the ark            | 22 <b>T</b> est of Abraham's faith              |
| 7 <b>E</b> ruption of the flood          | 23 <b>E</b> nd of Sarah's life                  |
| 8 <b>G</b> oing from the ark             | 24 <b>D</b> enoting Rebekah as bride            |
| 9 <b>I</b> nitiation of rainbow promise  |   |
| 10 <b>N</b> oah's sons and grandsons     | 25 <b>T</b> wins Esau, Jacob born               |
| 11 <b>N</b> ations scattered from Babel  | 26 <b>H</b> ostility between Isaac, Philistines |
| 12 <b>I</b> mmigration of Abram's family | 27 <b>E</b> sau robbed of birthright            |
| 13 <b>N</b> ephew Lot leaves Abram       |   |
| 14 <b>G</b> ifts for Priest Melchizedek  |   |

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| 28 <b>H</b> eavenly ladder at Bethel      | 40 <b>E</b> xplanation of two dreams         |
| 29 <b>E</b> arning Leah and Rachel        | 41 <b>A</b> ppointing Joseph as ruler        |
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| 34 <b>A</b> venge for Dinah's defilement  | 46 <b>N</b> ew home in Egypt                 |
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| 36 <b>D</b> escendants of Esau listed     |  |
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| 38 <b>H</b> arlot Tamar deceives Judah    | 50 <b>N</b> ew relationship among brothers   |
| 39 <b>E</b> nraged Potiphar jails Joseph  |  |





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# A World of Idols



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to God in a world of idols?

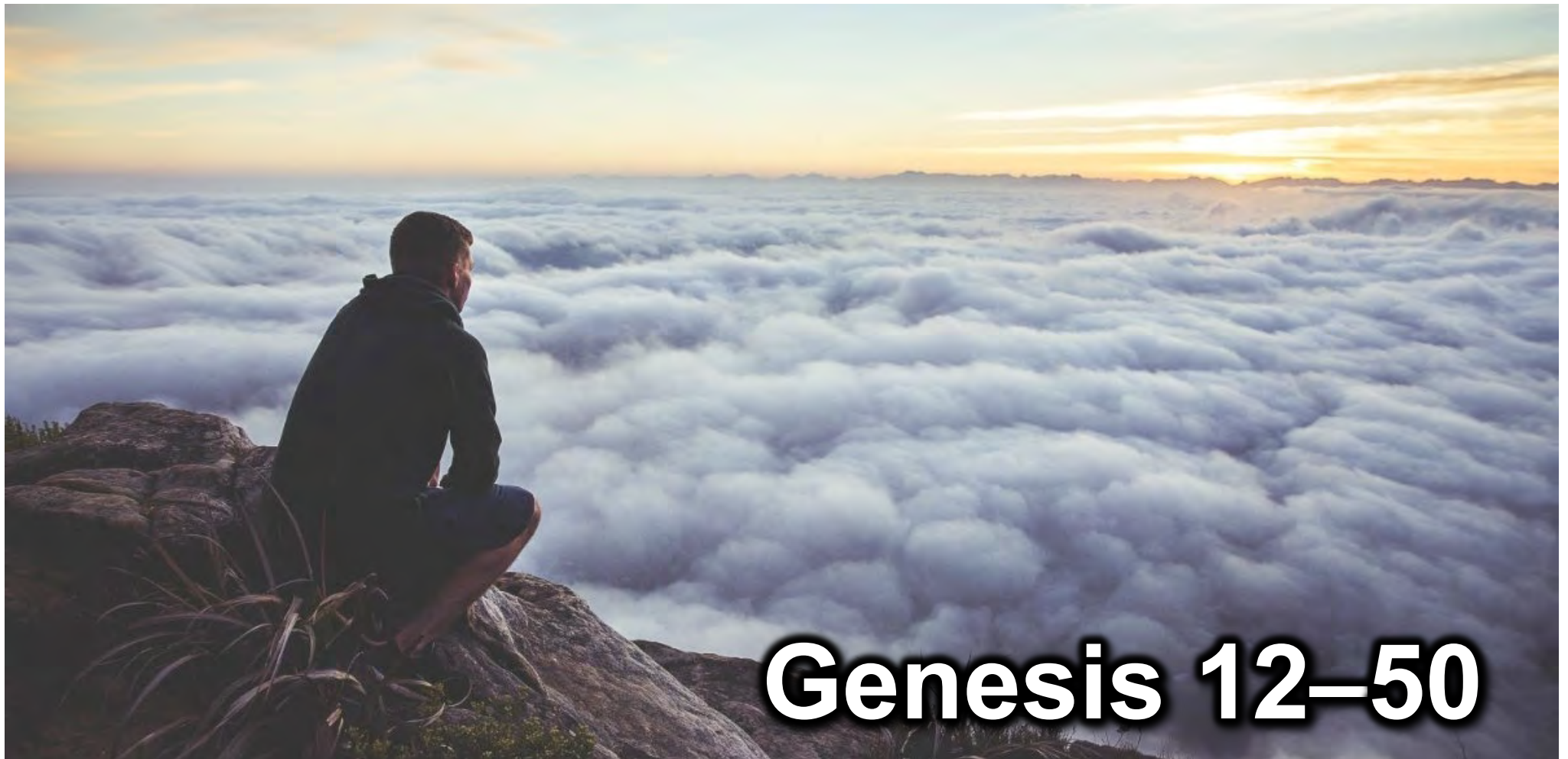
IDOLS  
of the  
HEART

I. Grasp  
that the  
King **chose**  
you to rule.



Genesis 1-11

**II. Grasp that the King  
promised you blessings.**



**Genesis 12–50**

# Main Idea

Live out God's **choice** of  
you and **promises** for  
blessing

Genesis

**What or who are you trusting to  
save you from your sin?**



**Genesis**



**Then...**

**God is Creator.**

**“We are endowed  
by our Creator with  
certain unalienable  
rights...”**

**(US Declaration of  
Independence)**

**Now...**

**We are creators.**

**Most movies:  
“Created by...  
[script writer’s  
name].”**



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**“Believe in humanity,  
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Brooke Byrd, Sacramento.  
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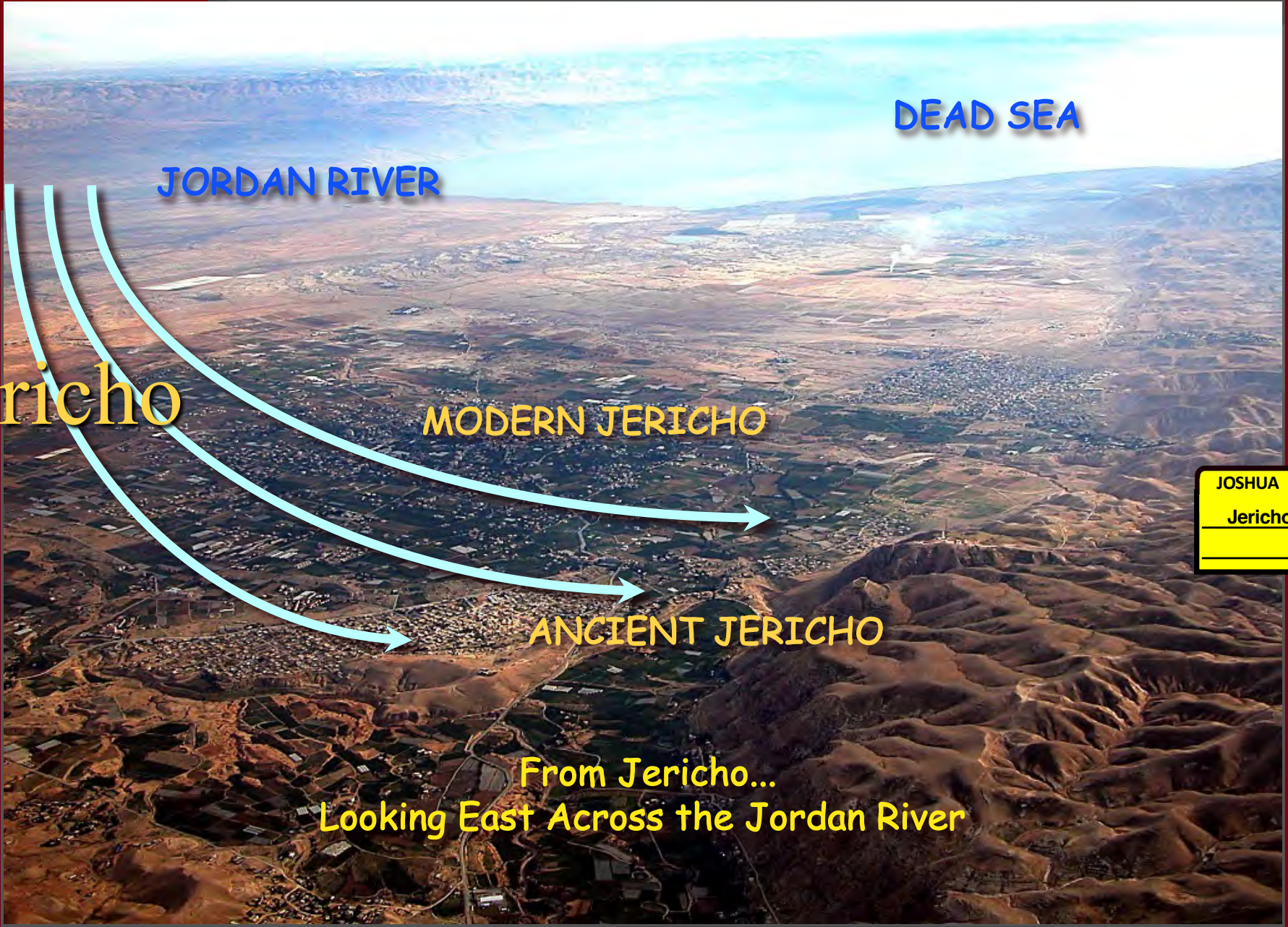


# Where was Israel?



**YOU MEAN...  
40 YEARS?  
OUT HERE?**

<b>MOSES</b>
<b>Exodus</b>
<b>Sinai</b>
<b>M - C - C</b>
<b>Kadesh Barnea</b>
<b>40</b>



Jericho

JORDAN RIVER

DEAD SEA

MODERN JERICHO

ANCIENT JERICHO

JOSHUA  
Jericho/Ai

From Jericho...  
Looking East Across the Jordan River

**Israel needed to know,  
"Who is their God"?**

56





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**2 ways**

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# Genesis 1



***"In the  
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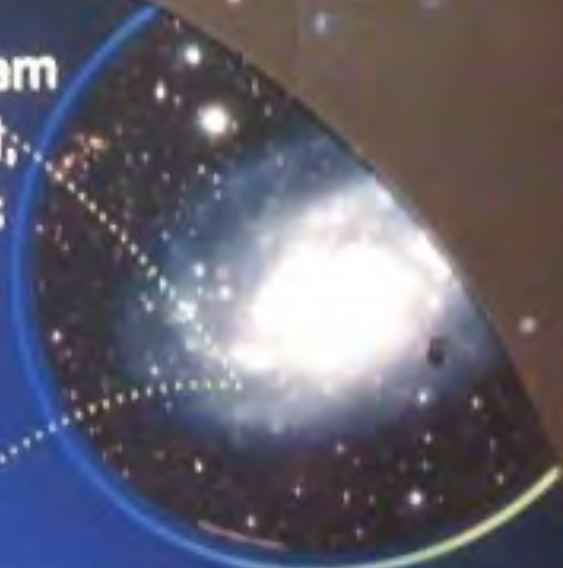
**An Introduction  
to Genesis**

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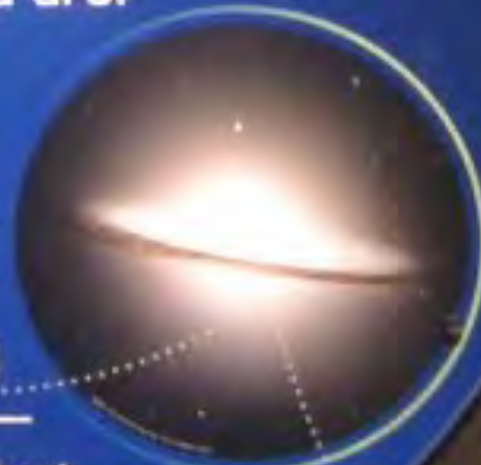
Star-forming nebula  
NGC 2024

About five billion years ago, some of that dust formed our Sun and Solar System. Life on Earth evolved—and here you are.

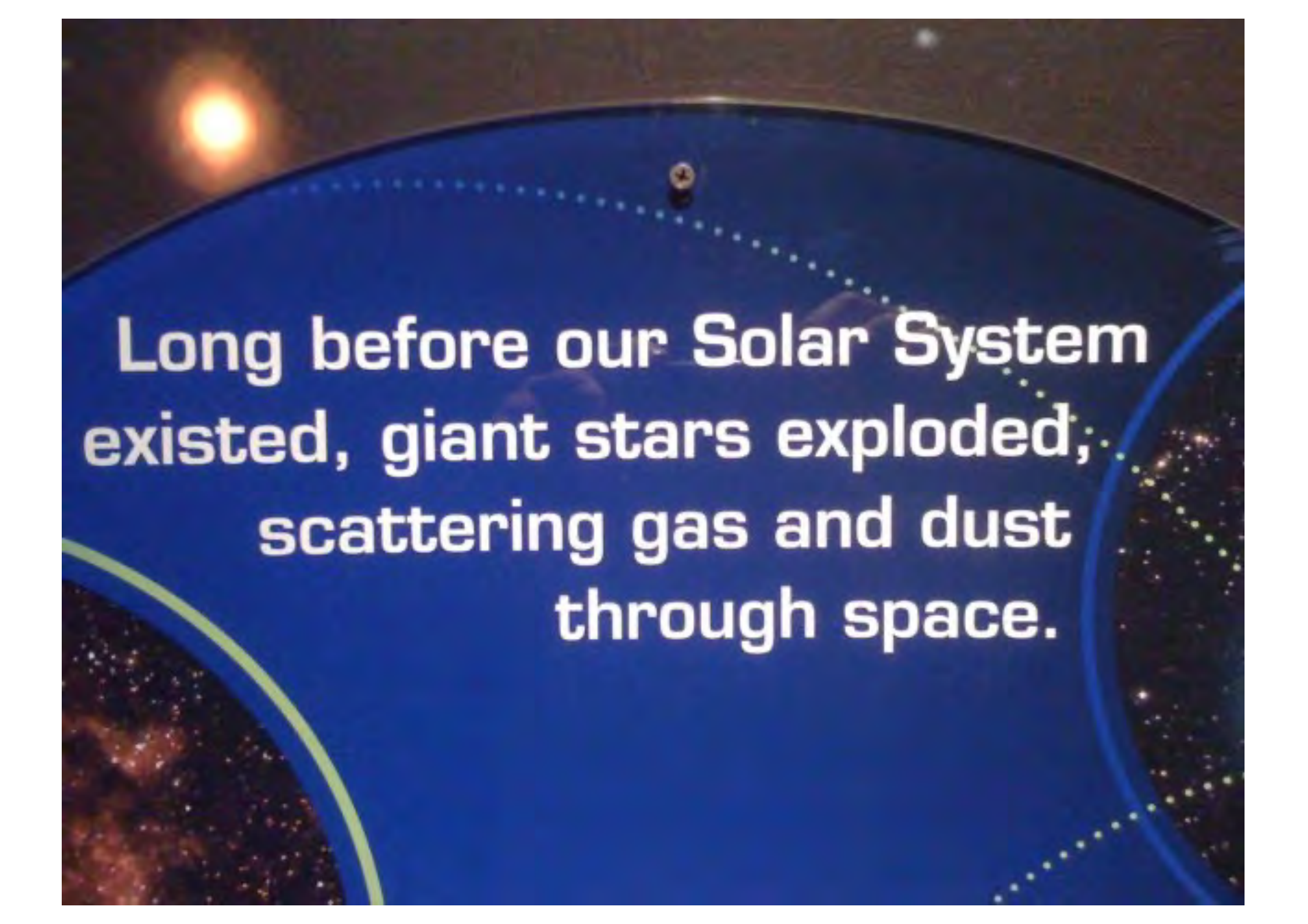


Spiral galaxy  
NGC 2031

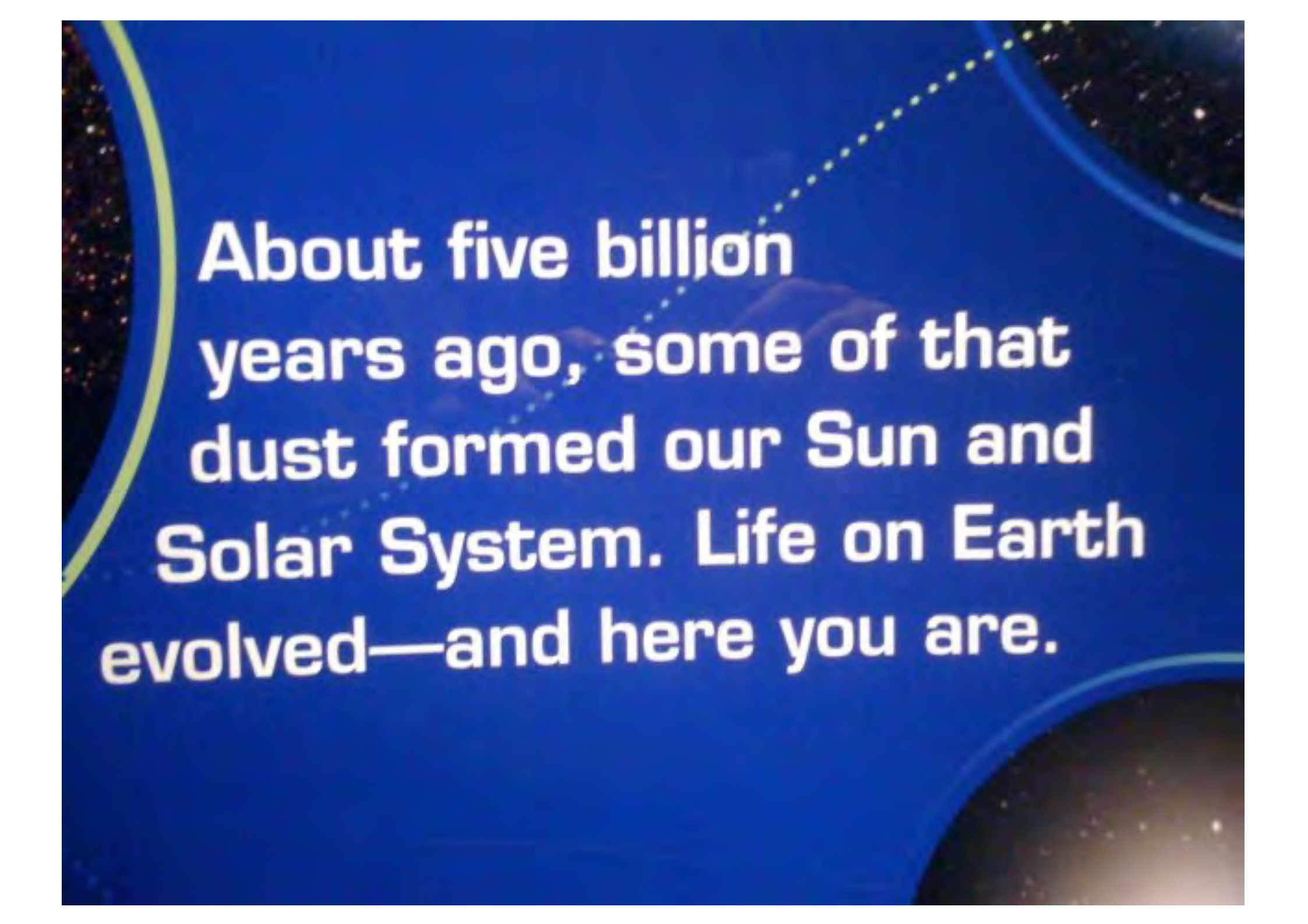
When our Sun dies billions of years from now, that same dust will scatter into the Universe, someday forming new stars, planets and—maybe—new life.... Life made of stardust.



Butterfly galaxy

The image features a large blue circular graphic that serves as a background for the text. Inside this circle, a dotted white line forms a curved path, and a small, dark planet with a ring is positioned at the top of this path. The background of the entire image is a dark, starry space with a bright orange star in the upper left and a colorful nebula in the lower left. The text is centered within the blue circle.

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The background is a deep blue space scene. It features several curved, glowing arcs in shades of blue and green, which appear to be the edges of celestial bodies or orbits. Scattered throughout are numerous small, bright white and yellow stars, some of which are slightly blurred, giving a sense of depth and movement. The overall aesthetic is clean and modern, typical of educational or scientific presentations.

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Born

# ONE GIANT LEAP: A MOON ODYSSEY

## Whack!

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### ...and the Rest is History



4.5 BILLION YEARS AGO  
The Solar System forms.

4.46 BILLION YEARS AGO  
The Moon forms from the debris.

3.8 to 3 BILLION YEARS AGO  
The oldest rocks currently on Earth are formed, and evidence suggests that life on Earth began around this time.

3.1 BILLION YEARS AGO  
The Moon cools, and volcanic activity ceases. The new kind of rock called peridotite is formed.

5 to 2 MILLION YEARS AGO  
Oxygen appears on Earth — the beginning of modern humans.

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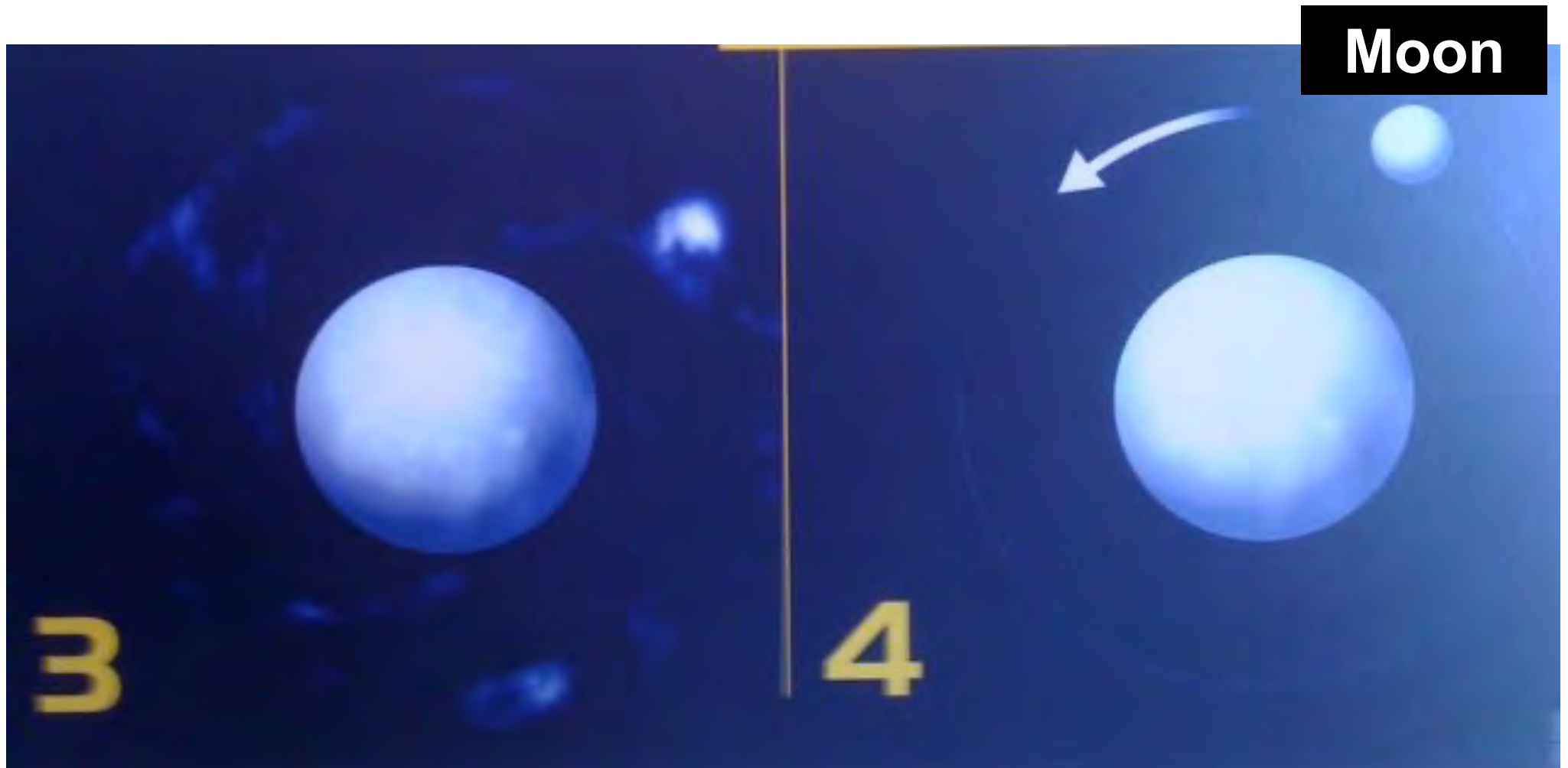


# Whack!

The Impacter hit the Earth



# The Moon formed from the Earth



# Title

Hebrew: **בְּרֵאשִׁית** bereshith  
*In the beginning*

Greek: **γένεσις** genesis  
*Origin, source, birth*

# Questions We All Must Answer

## Genesis = "Beginnings"

- **Origin:** Where did we come from?
- **Purpose:** Why am I here? Is there meaning?
- **Morality:** Why is there evil in the world?
- **Destiny:** Where am I going? Is there hope?

# "Big N-ings"



# Authorship of Genesis

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*Traditional View: Moses*

*Critical View: JEDP*

**J**

*Jehovah  
(LORD)  
850 BC*

**E**

*Elohim  
(God)  
750 BC*

**D**

*Deuteronomistic  
School  
550 BC*

**P**

*Priestly  
Code  
450 BC*

***"Documentary Hypothesis"***

# Key Word for Genesis:

# Election

# Election

59-62  
71b

- God's sovereignty and desire to **share this rule** with man (1:26) is totally his choice alone
- The **eleven-section structure** narrows down the chosen seed with which God can fellowship
- The **overall design** shifts from God choosing Adam & his seed (1–11) to Abraham & his seed (12–50)
- Repeated election of the **younger over the older** shows God's choices are superior to man's

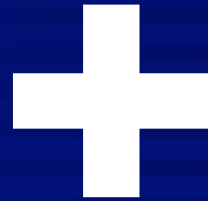
# Election

## Older serves the Younger References

Nahor	Abraham	11:27-28
Ishmael	Isaac	21:10-12
Esau	Jacob	25:29-34; 27:27-29, 38-40
Reuben, etc. (10 older brothers)	Joseph	37:5-11
Manasseh	Ephraim	48:13-14, 17-20
Reuben, Simeon, Levi (all 3 are older brothers)	Judah	49:8-12

# Forming the Message Statement

**Subject  
(Theme)**



**Purpose  
(Reason)**

## What the book says

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## Why it says it

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**WHO?**

**God**

**Church**

**Nations**

**Apostles**

**Patriarchs**

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A Cyclical  
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**Prophets**

**Israel**

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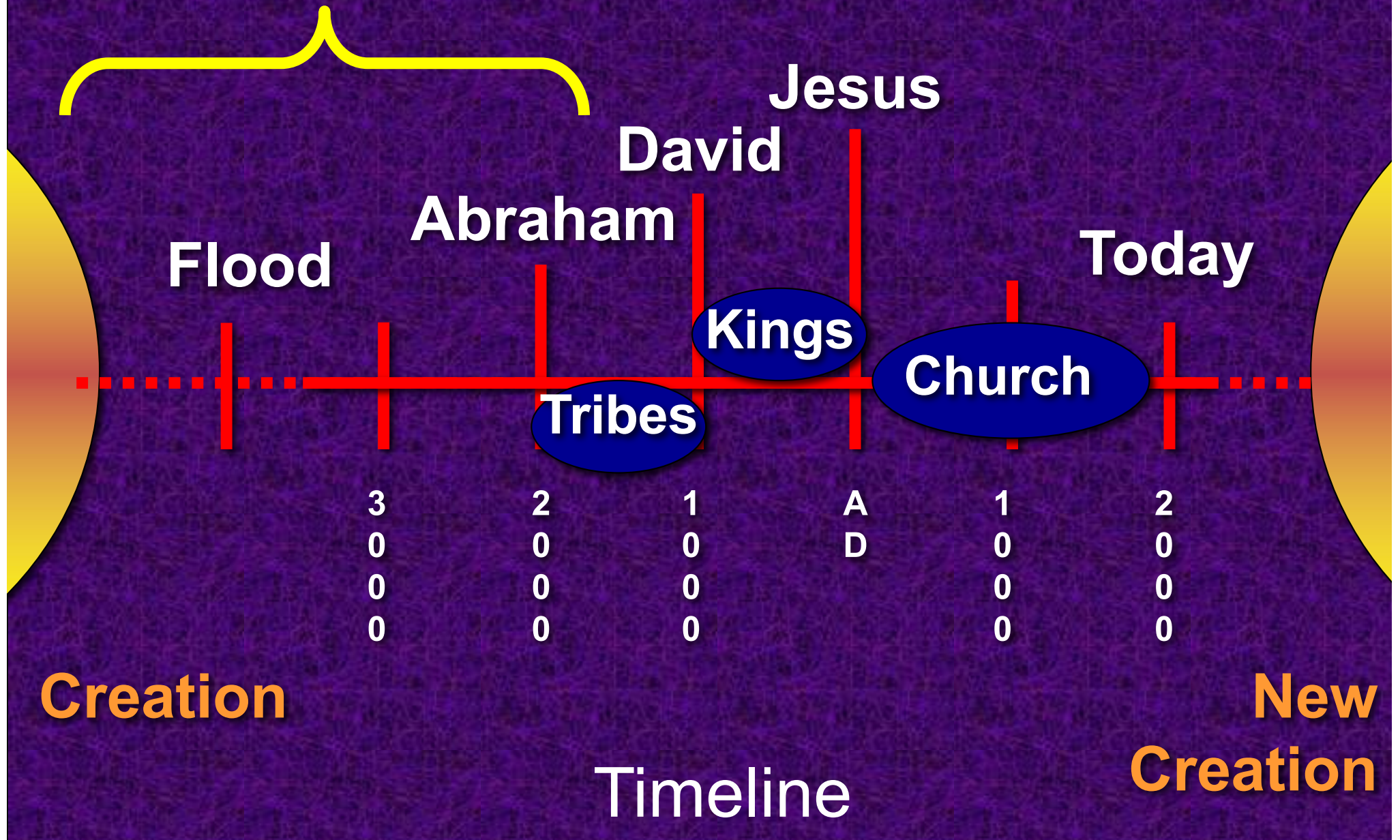
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# GENESIS = 2369 years



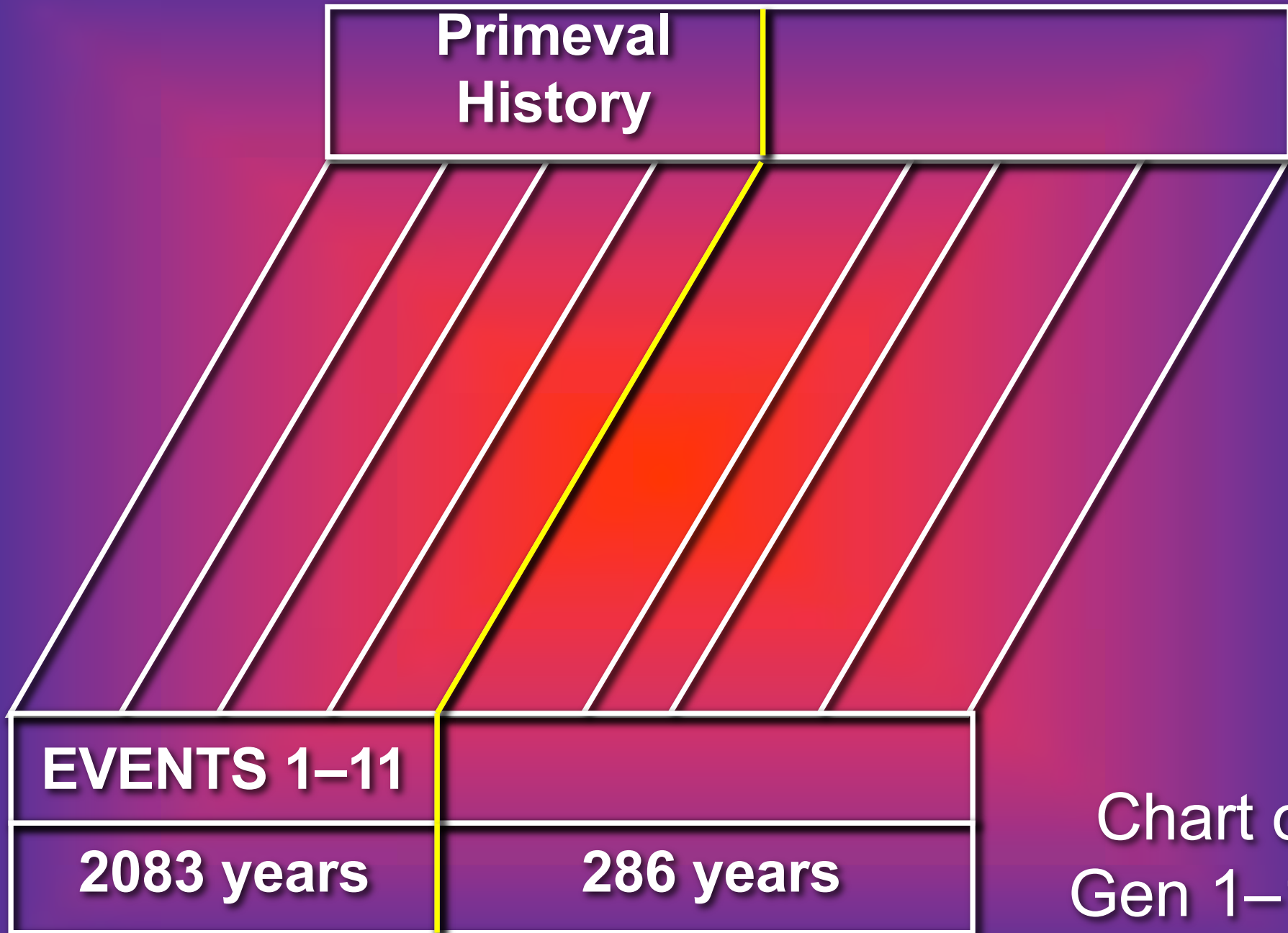


Chart of  
Gen 1-11

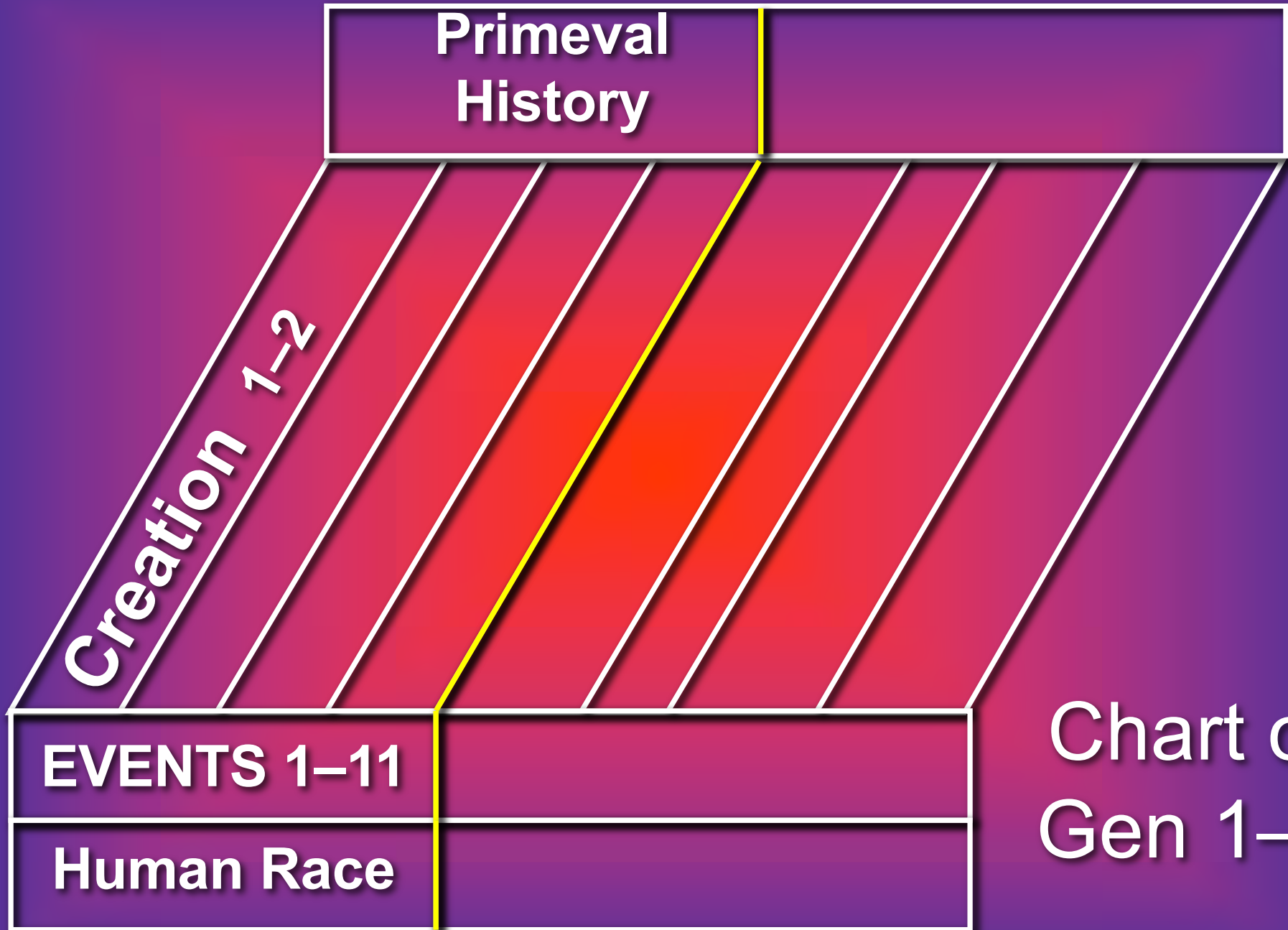


Chart of  
Gen 1-2

# IN THE BEGINNING

God  
created  
the heavens  
and the earth

Genesis 1:1



# Days of Creation

Formless → Forming

Void → Filling

**Day 1:** Light

**Day 4:** Sun, moon & stars arranged

**Day 2:** Water & air separated

**Day 5:** Fish & fowl

**Day 3:** Land & sea separated

**Day 6:** Animals & man

# Creation in Six Days



HAEDY

# God's Creation...Day 1



**In the beginning God created  
the heavens and the earth (1).**

# God's Creation...Day 1



**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 (2).**

# God's Creation...Day 1

Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness (3-4).

# God's Creation...Day 1

God called the light day, and the darkness He called night. And there was evening and there was morning, **one day** (5).

# God's Creation...Day 2



**Then God said, "Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters" (6).**

# God's Creation...Day 2

**God made the expanse, and separated the waters which were below the expanse from the waters which were above the expanse; and it was so (7).**

# God's Creation...Day 2

**God called the  
expanse heaven  
(NIV "sky," 8a).**

# God's Creation...Day 2



**And there was evening and morning, a second day (8b).**

## God's Creation...Day 3

Then God said, "Let the waters below the heavens be gathered into one place, and let the dry land appear"; and it was so (9).

# Rodinia—The World That Perished

## The transformation of Adam's world into today's world

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### SCIENTIFIC FACT:

The movement of the continental plates to their present positions did not take millions of years of slow plate shifting.

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In Genesis 6–8 we read of a catastrophe that impacted the earth in a way unlike any other disaster since that time. Such a catastrophe would impact not only the earth's atmosphere and inhabitants but also its very foundations. The earth's landmass during Adam's day was extremely different from the seven continents of our modern world. But what caused it to change so drastically? Catastrophic plate tectonics (CPT) is one possible contributing factor.



# THE WORLD THAT PERISHED

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## Rodinia

Most secular and biblical geologists believe that all the land has been together more than once. One of these supercontinents is called "Rodinia" (from the Russian word for "motherland"). Although scientists continue to debate its exact shape, when God spoke the dry land into existence on Day 3 of Creation Week (Genesis 1:9–10), He may have created a landmass similar to Rodinia.



Breakup



Pangaea



Transitional Period



## Today's World

Today, we are left with evidence that the continents moved apart in the past. For example, the coastlines of South America and Africa fit together, like pieces of a puzzle.

Catastrophic plate movement also explains the fascinating magnetic pattern found in ocean floor rocks. These rocks record a "zebra stripe" pattern of magnetic pole reversals, switching back and forth between north and south (see below).

## Flood Period

The worldwide Flood covered the entire globe—over the highest mountains of that day by more than 15 cubits (up to 26 ft [8m]) (Genesis 7:20).

### Break-Up

The Flood began with a breakup of the "fountains of the great deep" and an opening of the "windows of heaven" (Genesis 7:11; see below). This may have been the result of the breakup of the original supercontinent into huge plates of the earth's crust. These plates split, moved, and collided throughout the duration of the Flood.

### Pangaea

There is evidence that suggests that, after the breakup, the land again smashed together, forming another supercontinent called Pangaea. This temporary supercontinent formed and broke up entirely during the Flood.

### Transitional Period

Still during the flood, Pangaea broke apart, first into Laurasia and Gondwana and finally into the continents we have today. At the end of this period the Indian subcontinent slammed into the Eurasian plate, forming the Himalayan mountains.

## "Fountains" and "Windows"

When Noah, his family, and their cargo of animals were safely aboard the Ark, the Flood began.

Thousands of miles of the earth's crust (surface rock plates) split apart along lines traversing the globe. The mantle (hot rock beneath) rose to fill the voids between the splitting plates. When this 2,000°F (1,093°C) rock contacted the cool sea-

water above it, the seawater flashed into steam. This formed a line of steam jets along the boundaries of the plates (possibly the "fountains of the great deep").

The immense and incredibly powerful steam jets shot tens of thousands of feet into earth's atmosphere. Significant amounts of seawater were also lifted into the atmosphere. For several weeks, this

fell to the earth as intense global rain (possibly the "windows of heaven").

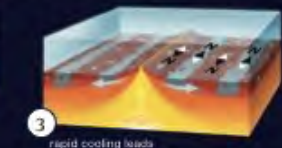
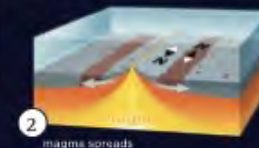
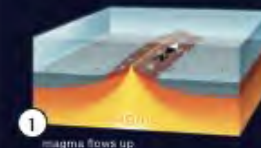
The rising of the mantle through earth's crust also resulted in a temporary rise in the global sea level, causing the oceans to flood the continents.

These simultaneous activities resulted in the dramatic shifting of the earth's crust to produce today's seven continents.

## Magnetic Reversals

Within the catastrophic plate tectonics model, heat was rapidly lost from earth's outer core. This cooling resulted in the earth's magnetic field quickly reversing during the Flood. These magnetic reversals were expressed at the earth's

surface as short periods of normal magnetization alternating with short periods of reversed magnetization. Illustrations 1–3 show how the reversals were expressed as a "zebra stripe" pattern on either side of the mid-ocean ridge.



# God's Creation...Day 3

God called the dry land earth, and the gathering of the waters He called seas; and God saw that it was good (10).



## God's Creation...Day 3

Then God said, "Let the earth sprout vegetation: plants yielding seed, *and* fruit trees on the earth bearing fruit after their kind with seed in them," and it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed after their kind, and trees bearing fruit with seed in them, after their kind; and God saw that it was good (11-12).

A satellite view of Earth showing the Americas, oceans, and clouds. The image is a high-resolution satellite photograph of the Earth, showing the continents of North and South America, the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans, and various cloud formations. The text is overlaid on the image.

# **God's Creation...Day 3**

**There was evening and there was morning, a third day (13).**

# God's Creation...Day 4

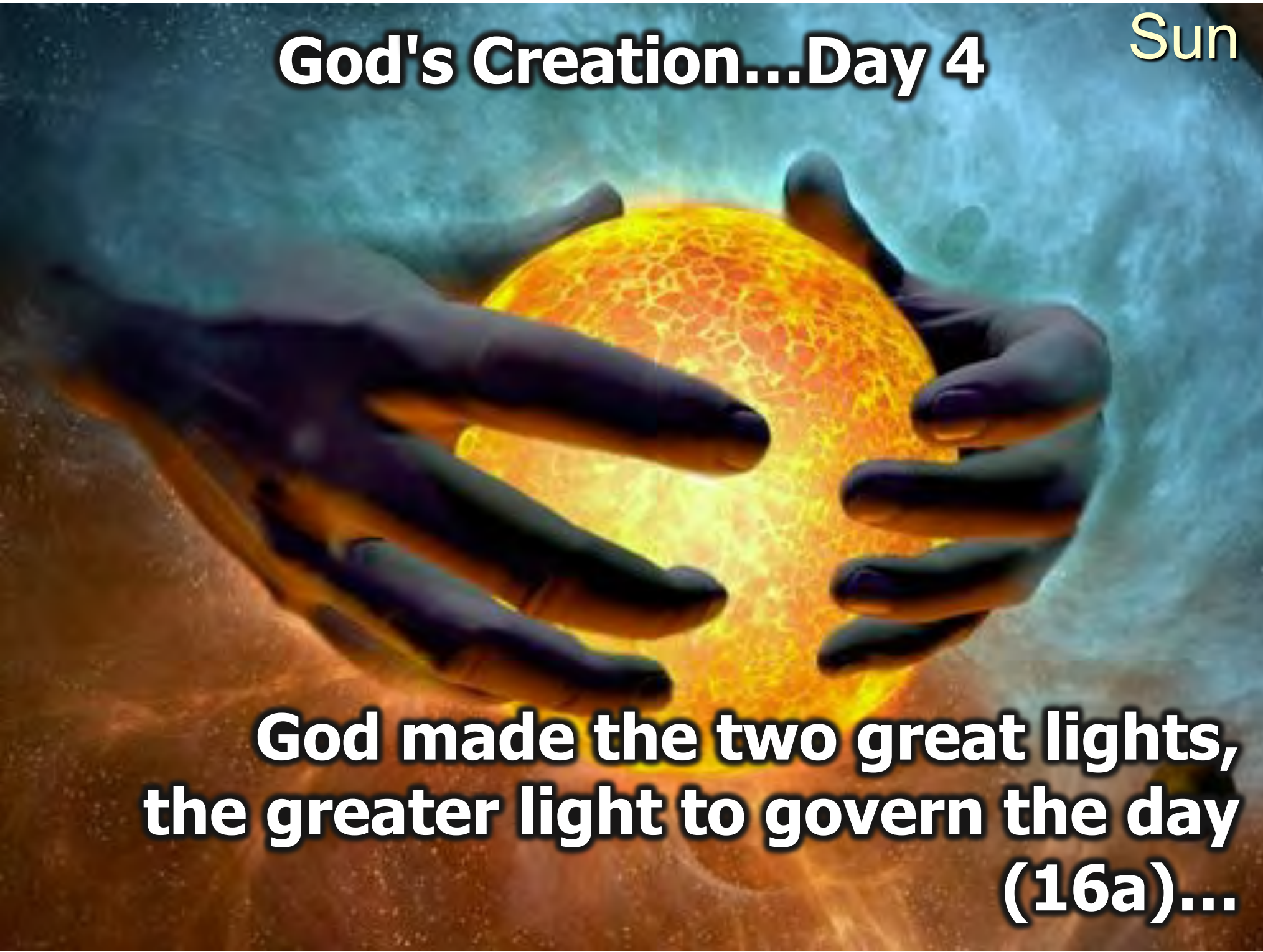
**Then God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night, and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years (14);**

# God's Creation...Day 4

**And let them be for lights  
in the expanse of the  
heavens to give light on  
the earth"; and it was so  
(15).**

# God's Creation...Day 4

Sun

A glowing sun is being held by two large, dark hands. The sun is bright yellow and orange, with a textured surface. The hands are dark and appear to be made of a smooth material. The background is a mix of blue and orange, suggesting a sky or a celestial environment.

God made the two great lights,  
the greater light to govern the day  
(16a)...

# God's Creation...Day 4

**...and  
the  
lesser  
light to  
govern  
the  
night  
(16b)...**



# God's Creation...Day 4



**He made  
the stars  
also (16c).**

## God's Creation...Day 4


**God placed them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth, and to govern the day and the night, and to separate the light from the darkness; and God saw that it was good. There was evening and there was morning, a fourth day (17-19).**

# God's Creation...Day 5

A large school of fish swimming in clear blue water. The fish are of various species, including what appear to be snappers and groupers, swimming in a coordinated pattern. The water is a deep, clear blue, and the fish are silhouetted against it.

**Then God said,  
"Let the waters teem  
with swarms of living  
creatures..." (20a)**

# God's Creation...Day 5

A bald eagle is shown in flight, its wings spread wide, flying over a large body of water. In the background, a large, snow-capped mountain rises against a clear blue sky. The foreground shows the calm surface of the water, reflecting the sky and the mountain. The overall scene is a beautiful representation of nature's grandeur.

**"...and let birds fly  
above the earth in the  
open expanse of the  
heavens" (20b).**

# God's Creation...Day 5

A large whale, likely a humpback whale, is captured in the middle of breaching the ocean's surface. The whale's dark, textured body is arched as it moves from the water into the air. A massive, turbulent splash of white water is visible behind the whale's tail, contrasting sharply with the deep blue of the sky and the darker blue of the water. The whale's long, curved tail fluke is prominent, extending upwards and slightly to the right.

**God created the great sea monsters  
and every living creature that moves,  
with which the waters swarmed after  
their kind (21a)...**

# God's Creation...Day 5

**...and every winged  
bird after its kind;  
and God saw that it  
was good (21b).**



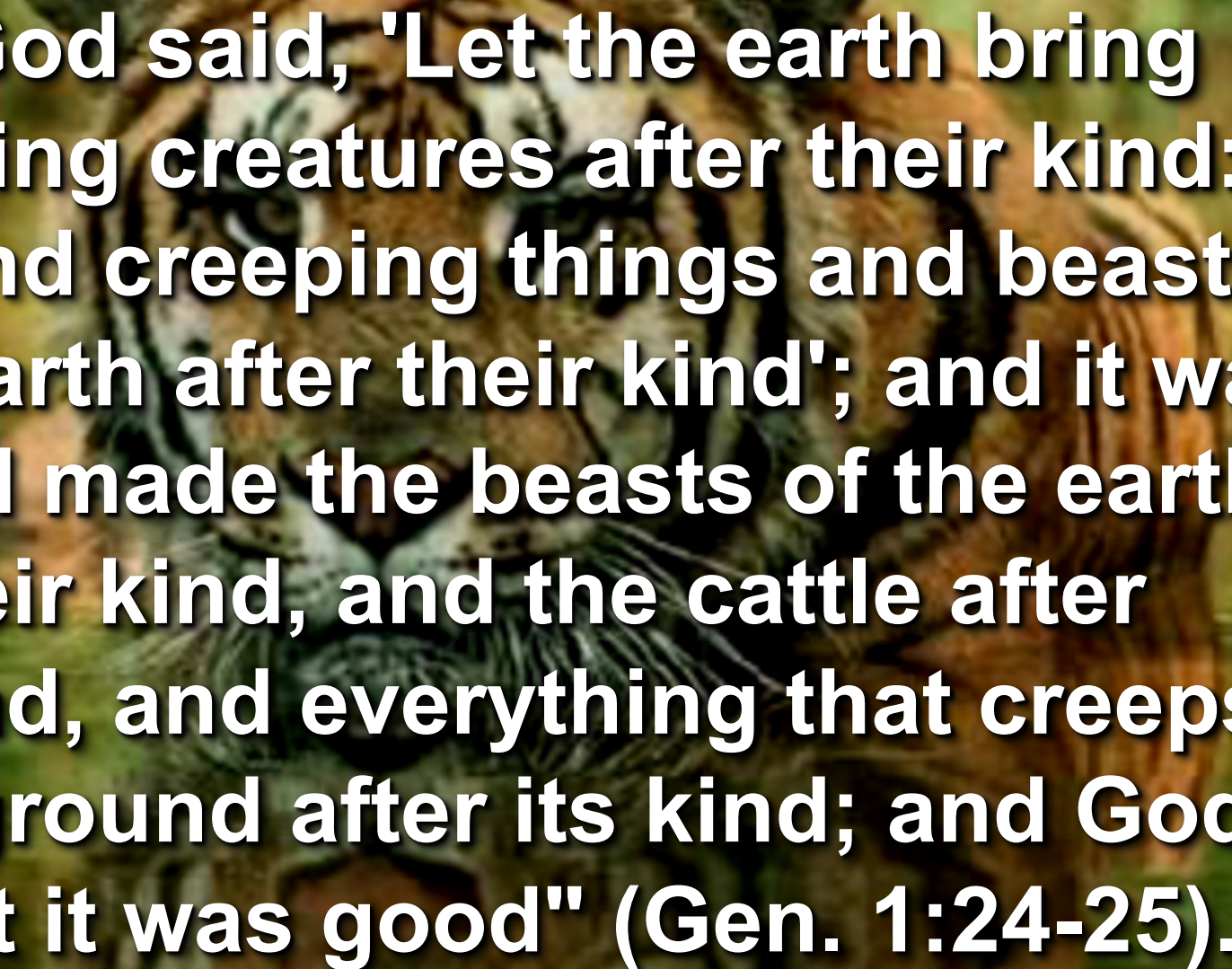
## God's Creation...Day 5

**God blessed them saying, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let the birds multiply on the earth" (22).**

# God's Creation...Day 5

A sunset scene with two palm trees silhouetted against a large, glowing sun. The sun is a bright yellow circle, and the sky is a gradient of orange and red. The palm trees are dark green and black against the bright background.

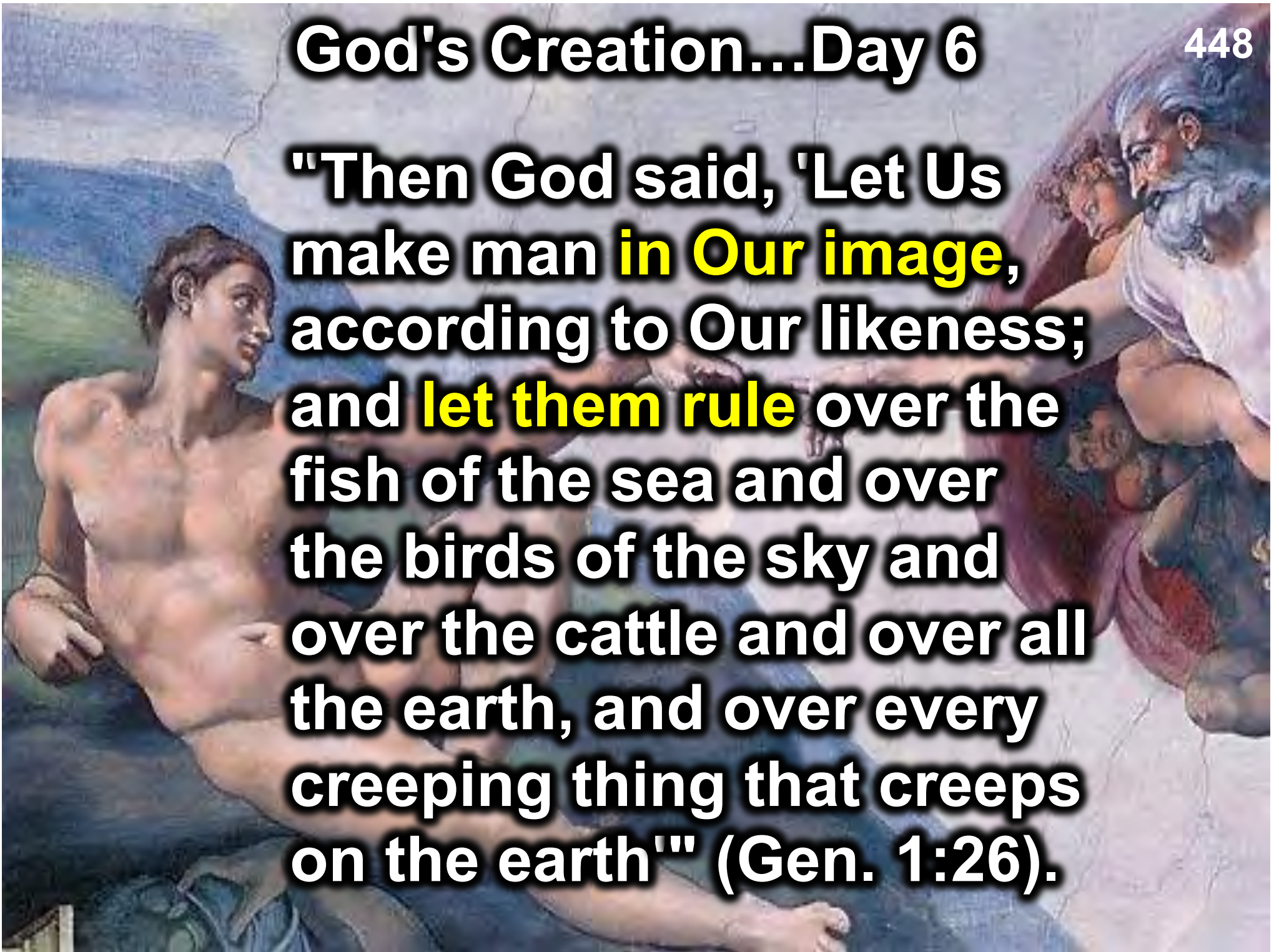
**There was evening and there was morning, a fifth day (23).**



**"Then God said, 'Let the earth bring forth living creatures after their kind: cattle and creeping things and beasts of the earth after their kind'; and it was so. God made the beasts of the earth after their kind, and the cattle after their kind, and everything that creeps on the ground after its kind; and God saw that it was good" (Gen. 1:24-25).**

## God's Creation...Day 6

"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 over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth'" (Gen. 1:26).

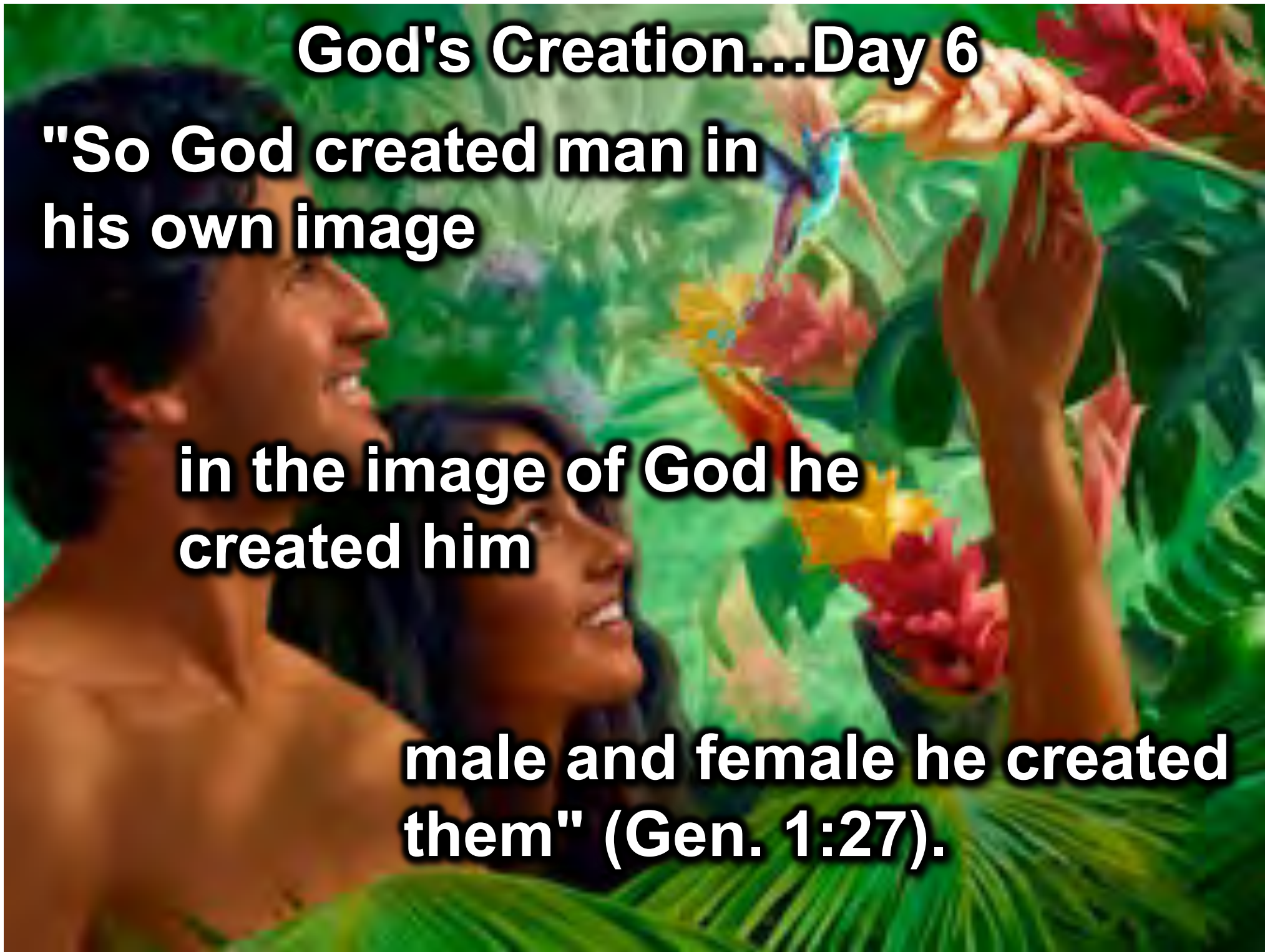


## **God's Creation...Day 6**

**"So God created man in  
his own image**

**in the image of God he  
created him**

**male and female he created  
them" (Gen. 1:27).**



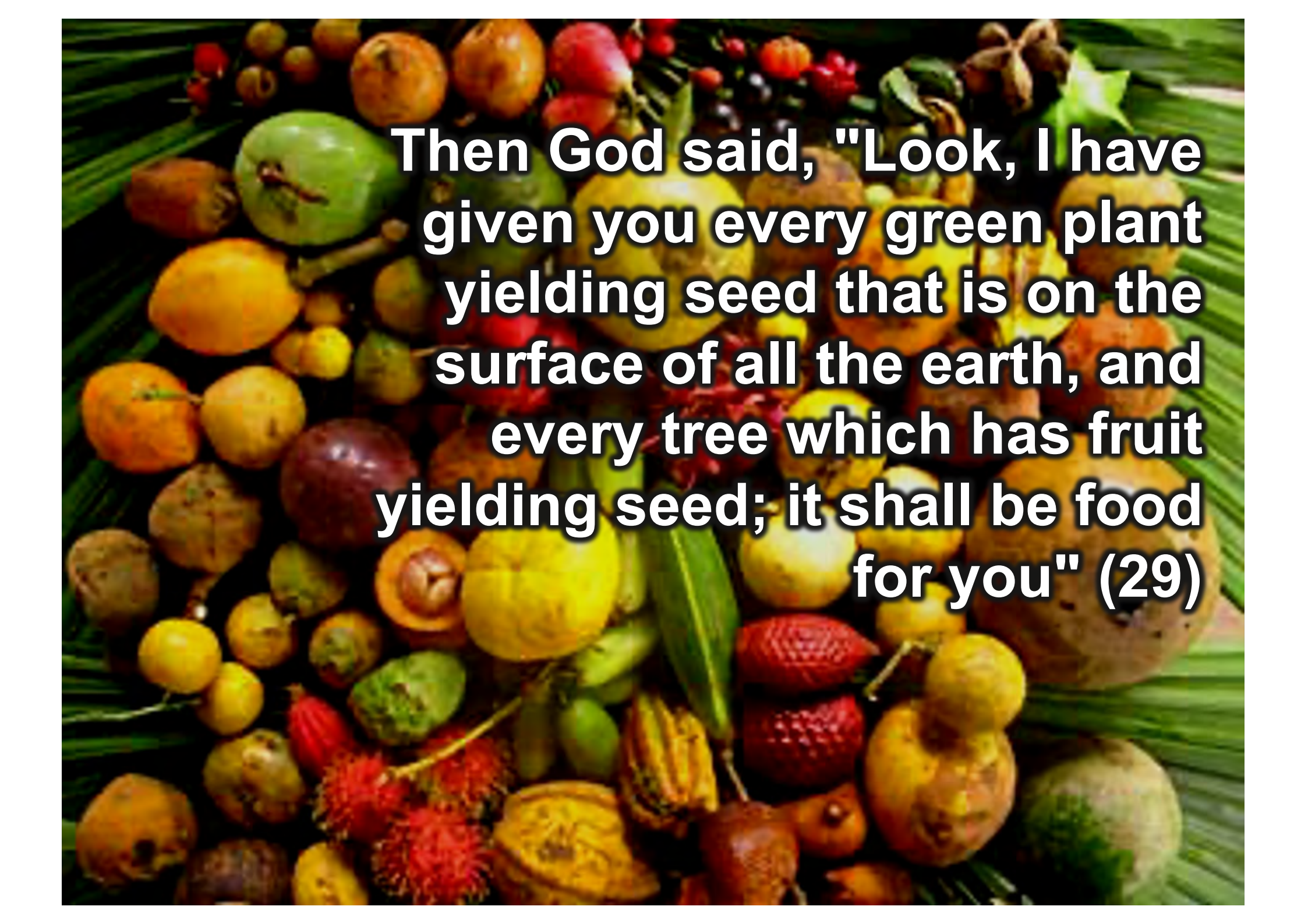
A pair of hands is shown holding a small, realistic globe of the Earth. The globe is centered on the Americas, showing North and South America in green and yellow, surrounded by blue oceans and white clouds. The hands are positioned at the bottom and sides of the globe, with fingers gently gripping it. The background is solid black, making the globe and hands stand out prominently.

and over the **birds**  
of the air

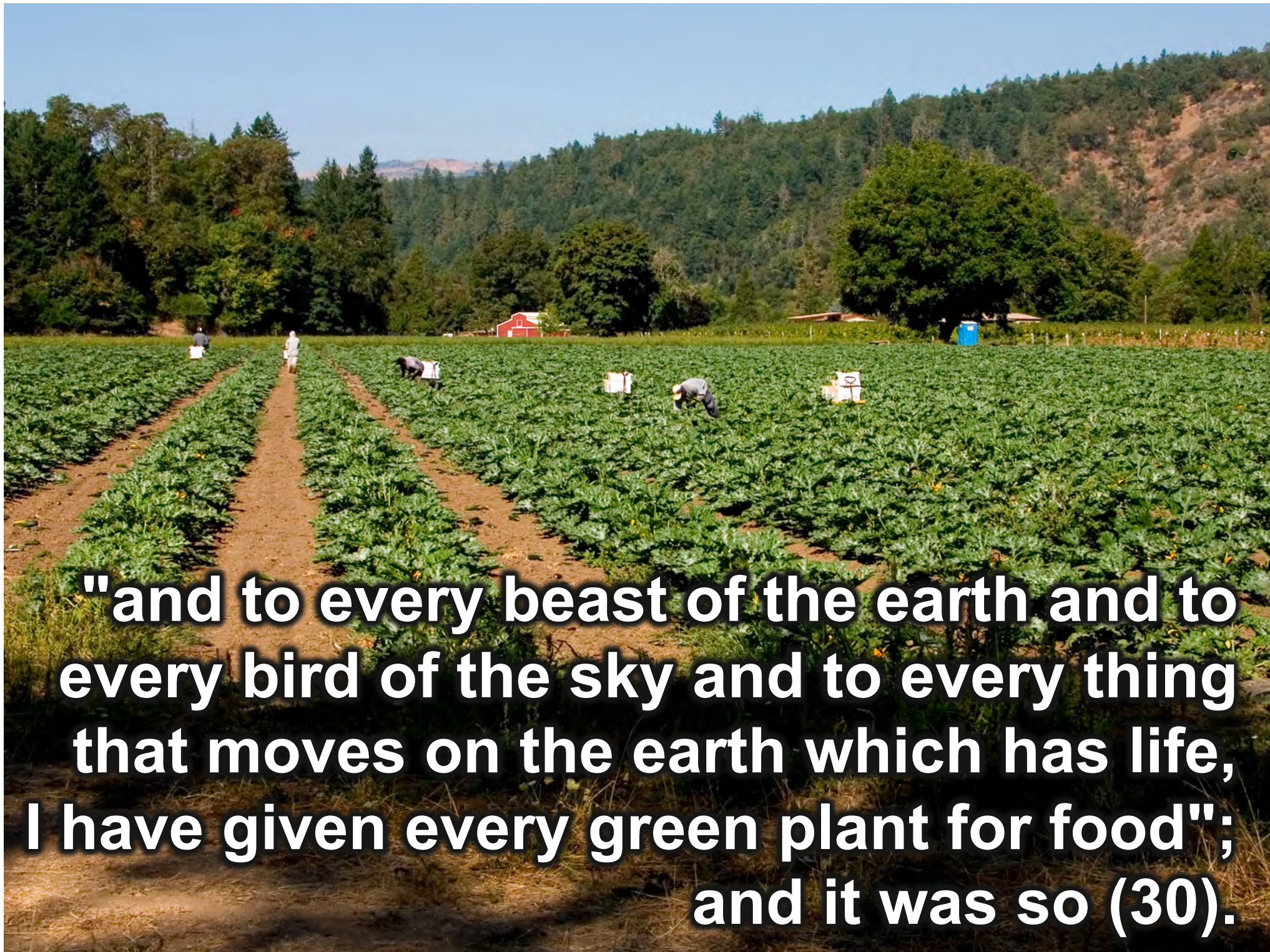
and have dominion over  
the **fish** of the sea

and over every living thing that  
**moves upon the earth**" (Gen. 1:28 NLT).

"And God  
blessed them,  
and God said  
to them, 'Be  
fruitful and  
multiply, and  
fill the earth  
and subdue it;



**Then God said, "Look, I have given you every green plant yielding seed that is on the surface of all the earth, and every tree which has fruit yielding seed; it shall be food for you" (29)**



**"and to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the sky and to every thing that moves on the earth which has life, I have given every green plant for food"; and it was so (30).**

# God's Creation...Day 6

A photograph of a sunset or sunrise over a mountain range. The sun is a bright, glowing orb on the left side of the frame, creating a prominent lens flare that radiates across the sky. The sky transitions from a deep blue at the top to a warm orange and yellow near the horizon. The silhouettes of mountains are visible against the bright light of the sun.

**God saw all that He had made, and it was very good.**

**And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day (31).**



# An All-Encompassing Theme

Genesis 1:26-28

"Then God said, 'Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish ... birds ... livestock ... all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground...' God blessed them and said to them, 'Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground.'"

Revelation 22:5

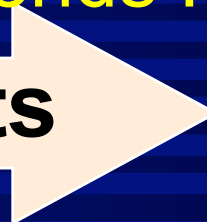
"There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever."

The Bible's Theme: God extends His rule to man

Command




Covenants



Fulfillment

# The Kingdom in Genesis 1

- **Uncreated God (1:1)**
  - **Creation by Word alone (1:4)**
  - **Creation with ease**
  - **Sun and moon [gods] created (1:16)**
  - **Shared rule with man (1:26)**
- 

# Where Does the Idea of Covenant Come From?

**Genesis  
1:1–2:3**



**"A Great King in authority over lesser rulers, with a historical background of doing good to them, with commands and with blessings, but also a curse in case of disobedience. These facts about the Genesis creation account are the stuff of covenant, and primordially so."**

Jeffrey J. Niehaus, "Covenant: An Idea in the Mind of God," *JETS* 52 (2009): 61

# Kingdom & Covenants Timeline

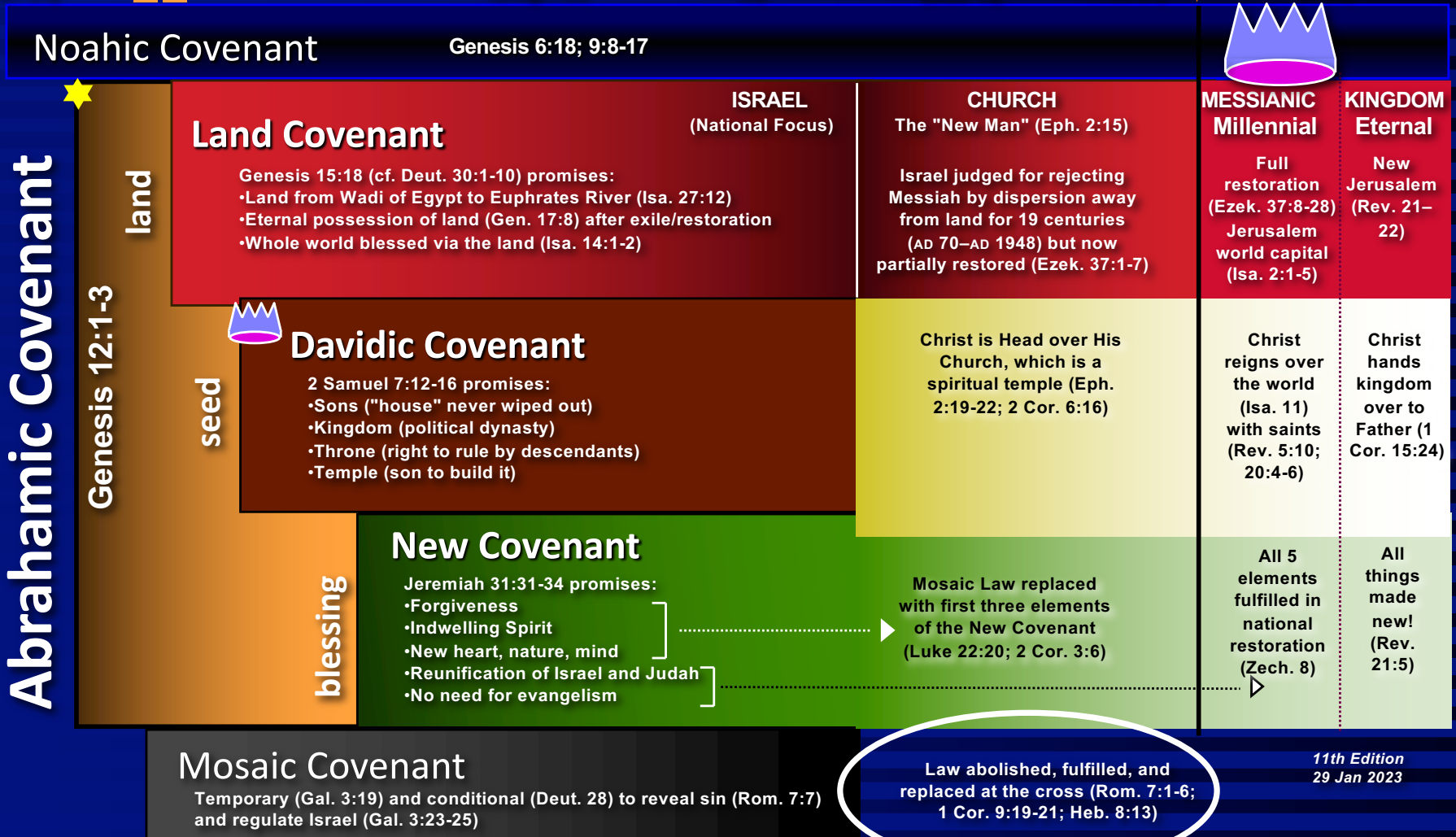


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## Kingdom Teaching...

Adam rules with God (Gen. 1:26, 28; 2:19) ↓  
 Satan begins rule as god of this world (Gen. 3:15; 2 Cor. 4:4) ↓  
 God covenants with Abraham to reestablish man's rule via Israel as a "kingdom of priests" (Gen. 12:1-3; Exod. 19:6) ↓  
 Israel's failure to witness to nations as a kingdom of priests is judged via exile under foreign rule ↓  
 Israel rejects Messiah's offer of kingdom (Matt. 12:41-42; 23:37-39) ↓  
 Jesus extends His kingdom in mystery form to the Church (Matt. 13) ↑  
 Christ subdues Israel's enemies and nation believes (Rom. 11:26-27) ↓  
 Christ rules over everything with saints (Eph. 1:9-10; Rev. 20:1-6; 22:5b) ↓

Fall of Man (Gen. 3)



Scripture has a dual kingdom-covenant theme. Israel's role from Abraham to Christ expands to include the Church (continuity) yet the Church never replaces the nation as the "new Israel" (discontinuity). Israel will enjoy world prominence after trusting Christ at His second coming.

# My View of the OT's Theme

The Old Testament narrates

***God's restoring man to participate in His kingdom rule for His own glory***

mandated in Eden but lost in the Fall

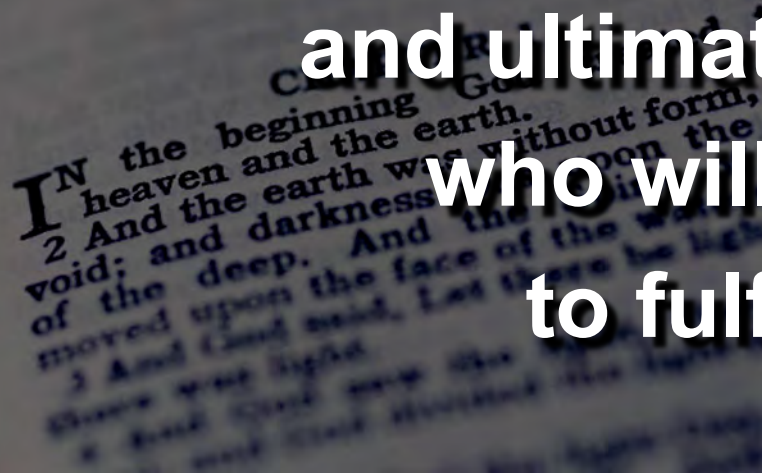
and accomplished by redeeming man

through Israel as a kingdom of priests

and ultimately through the Messiah,

who will reign as Savior and King

to fulfill the Abrahamic Covenant



IN the beginning  
2 And the earth was without form,  
void; and darkness was upon the  
of the deep. And the Spirit of God  
moved upon the face of the water.  
3 And God said, Let there be light,  
and there was light.

# Days of Creation

Formless → Forming

Void → Filling

**Day 1:** Light

**Day 4:** Sun, moon & stars arranged

**Day 2:** Water & air separated

**Day 5:** Fish & fowl

**Day 3:** Land & sea separated

**Day 6:** Animals & man

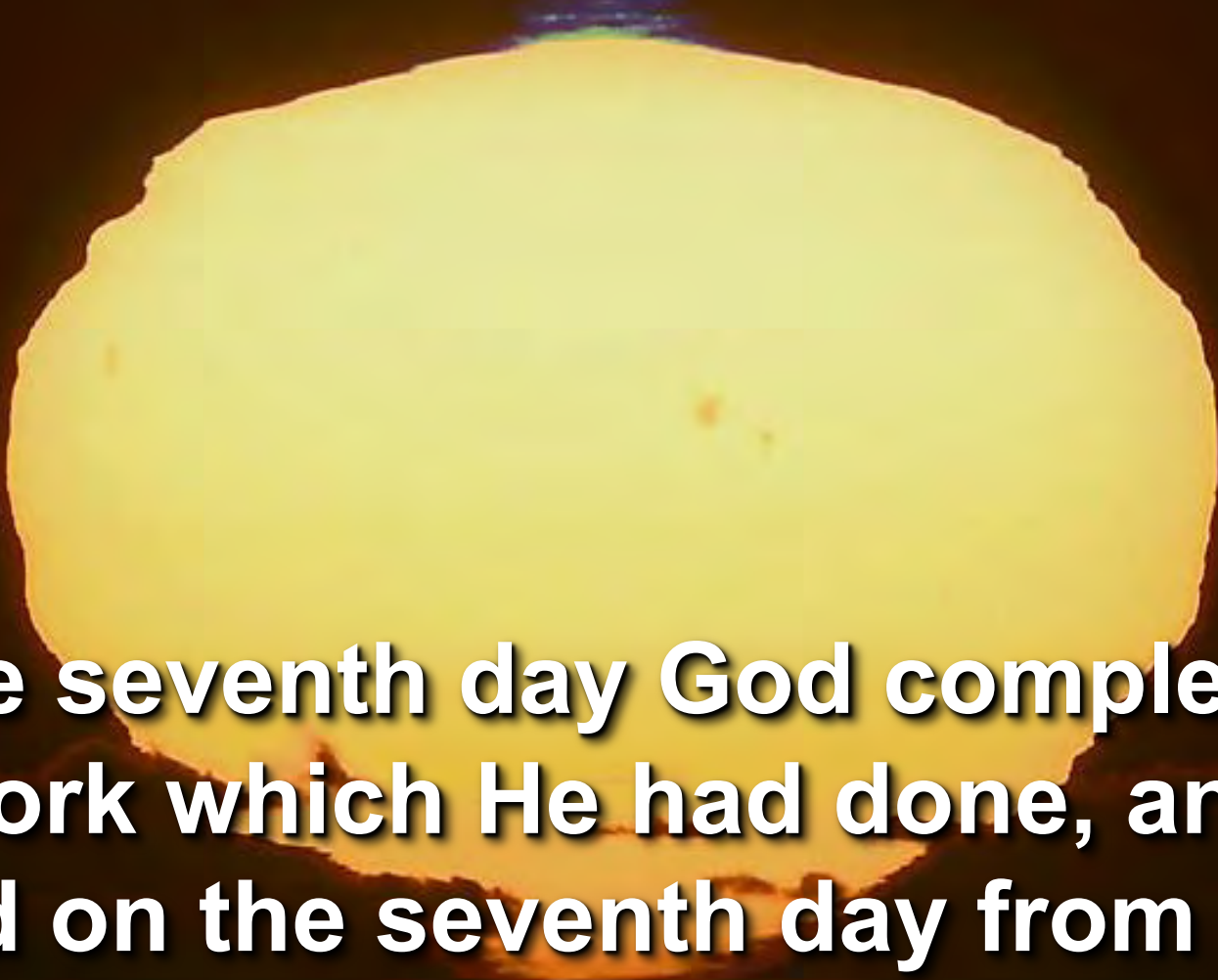


# God's Creation...Day 7

Day 7

**So the creation of the heavens and the earth and everything in them was completed (2:1).**

# God's Creation...Day 7



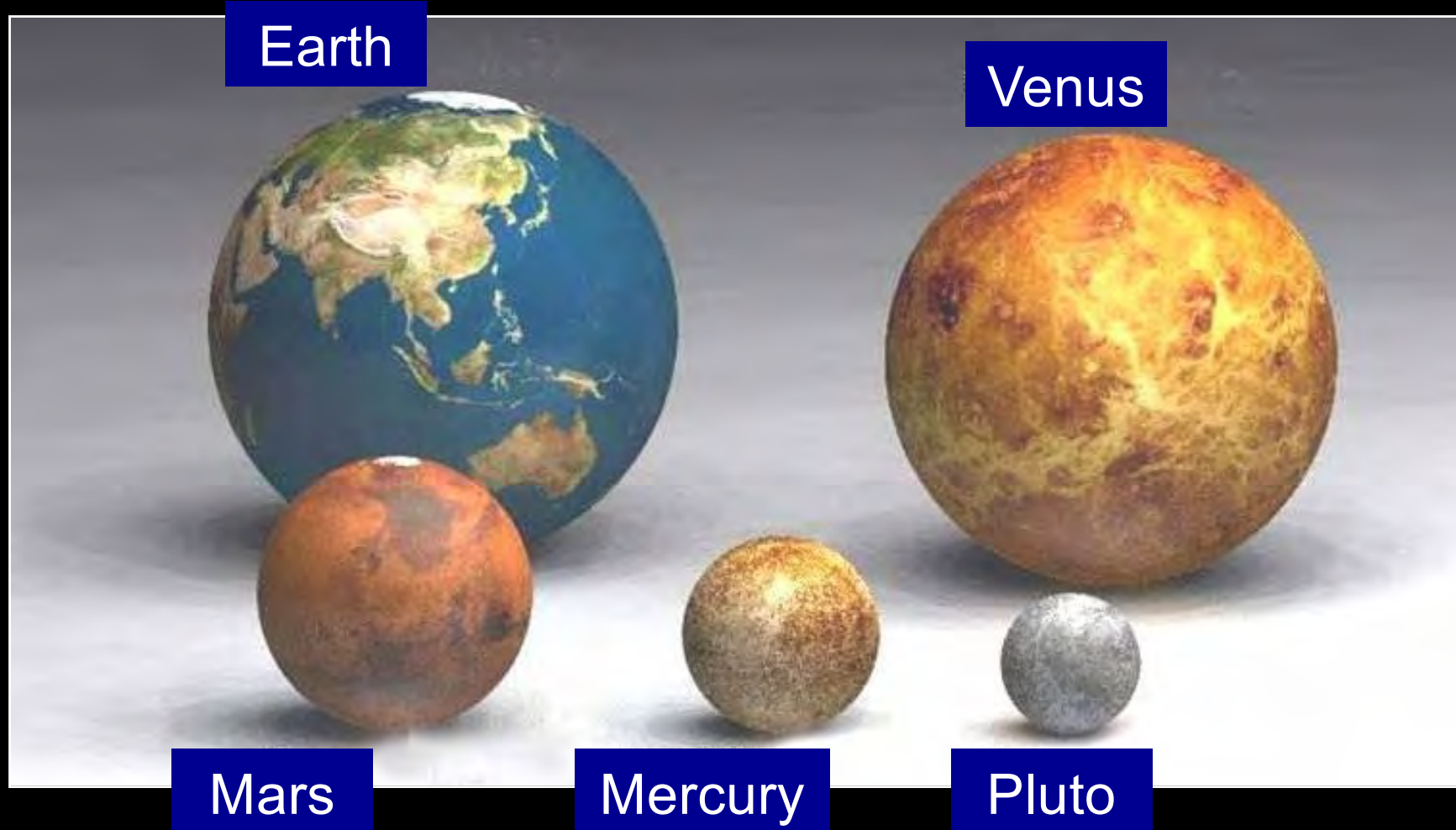
**By the seventh day God completed His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done (2:2).**

# God's Creation...Day 7

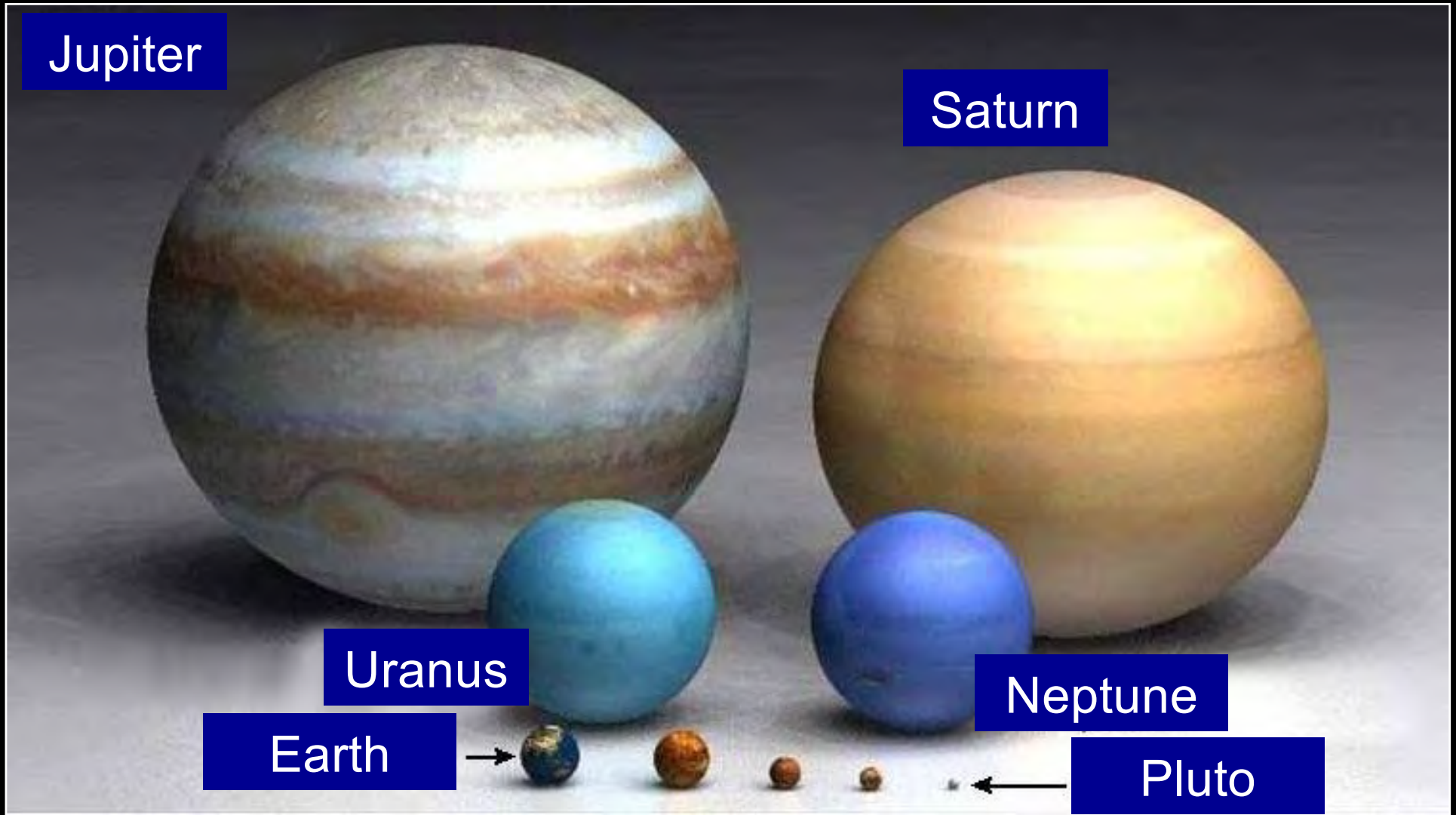
**Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made (2:3).**



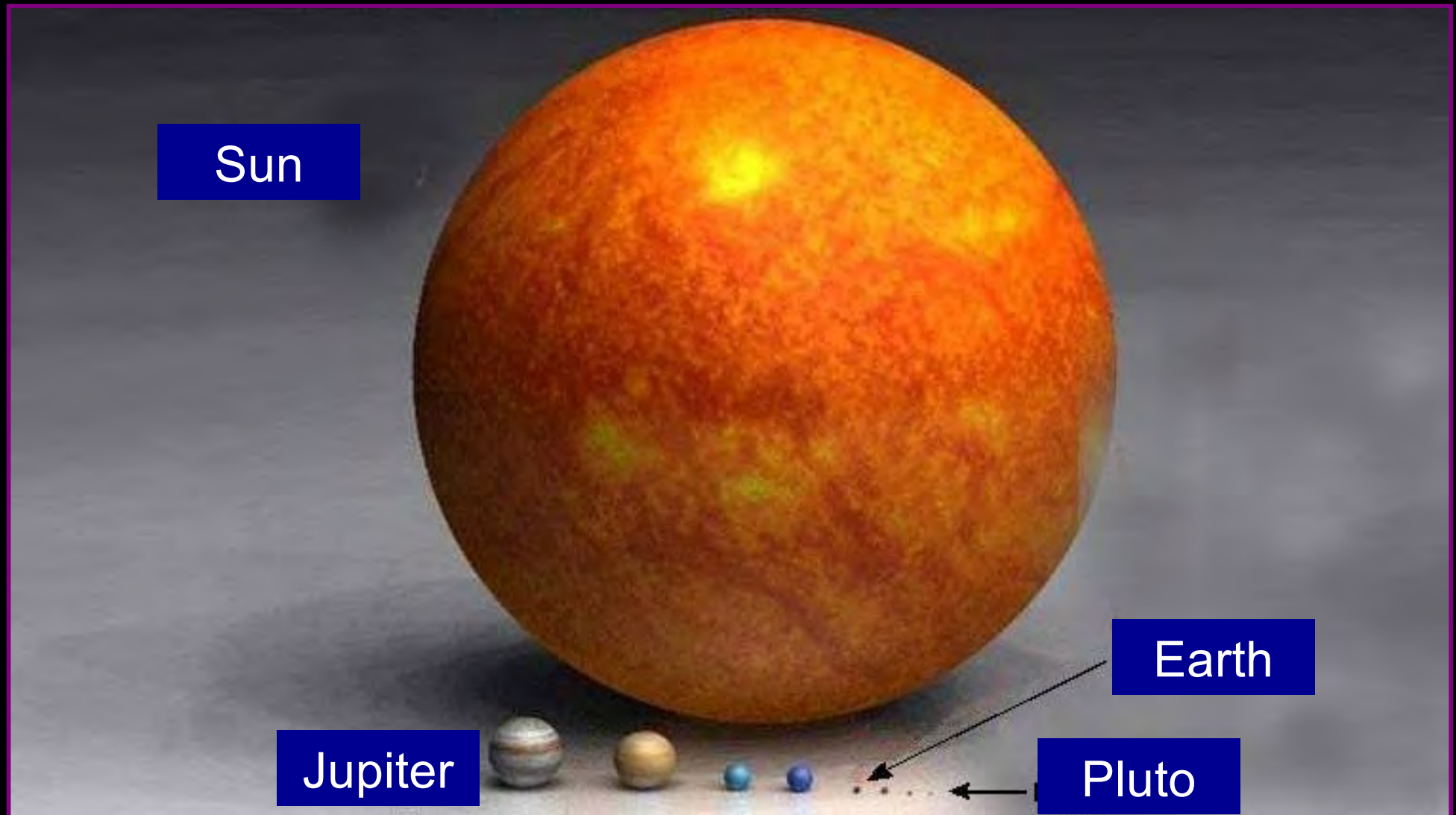
# How Big is the God of Creation? An Amazing Comparison



# Our 9 Planets



# Our Sun is Huge!



If you think *our own*  
solar system is  
amazing, beyond our  
sun it's an even  
bigger universe.



Sun



Sirius



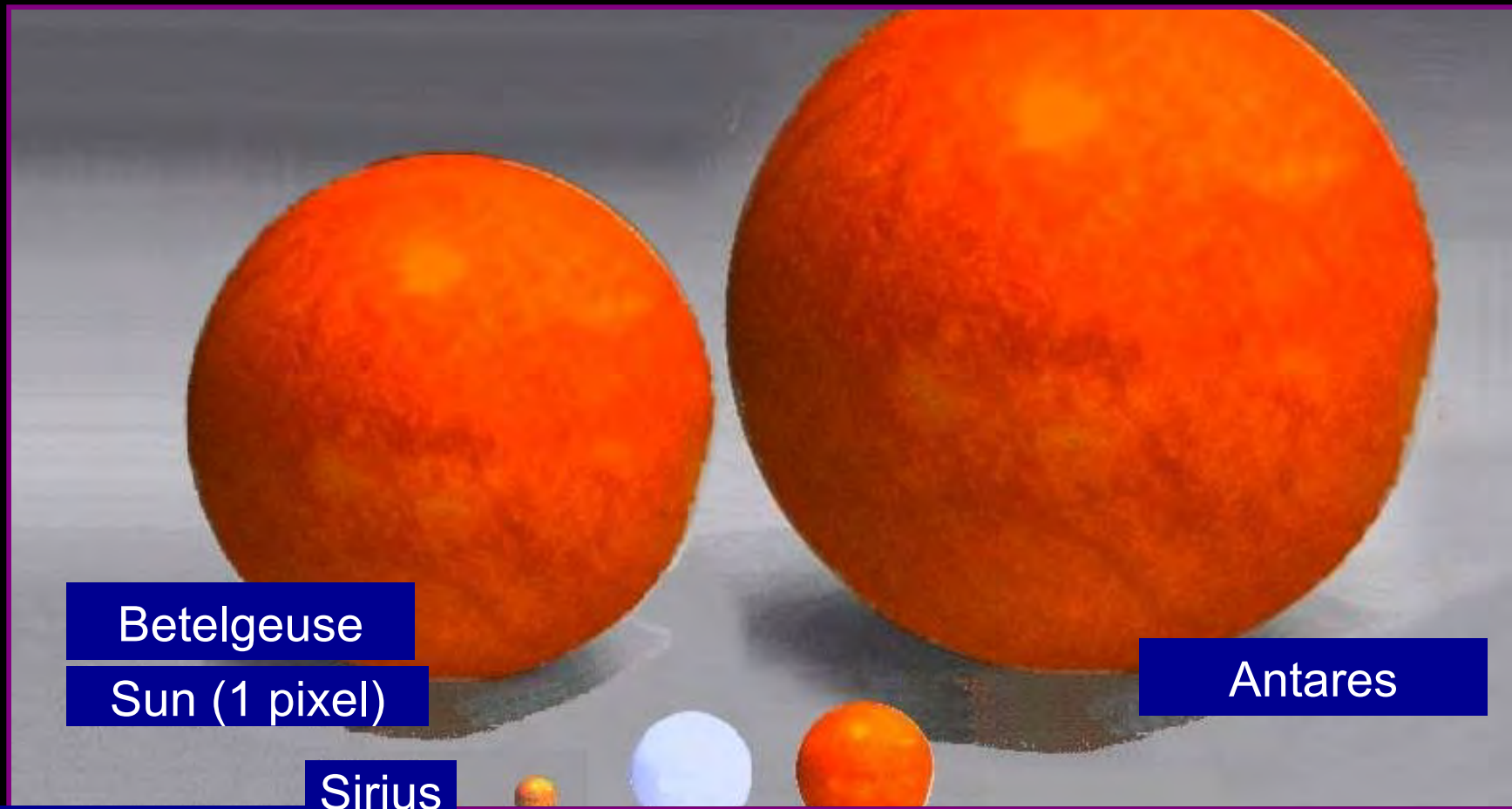
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Arcturus

Jupiter is about 1 pixel in size  
Earth is invisible at this scale

**Antares is the 15th brightest star in the sky.  
It is more than 1000 light years away.**



Betelgeuse

Sun (1 pixel)

Antares

Sirius

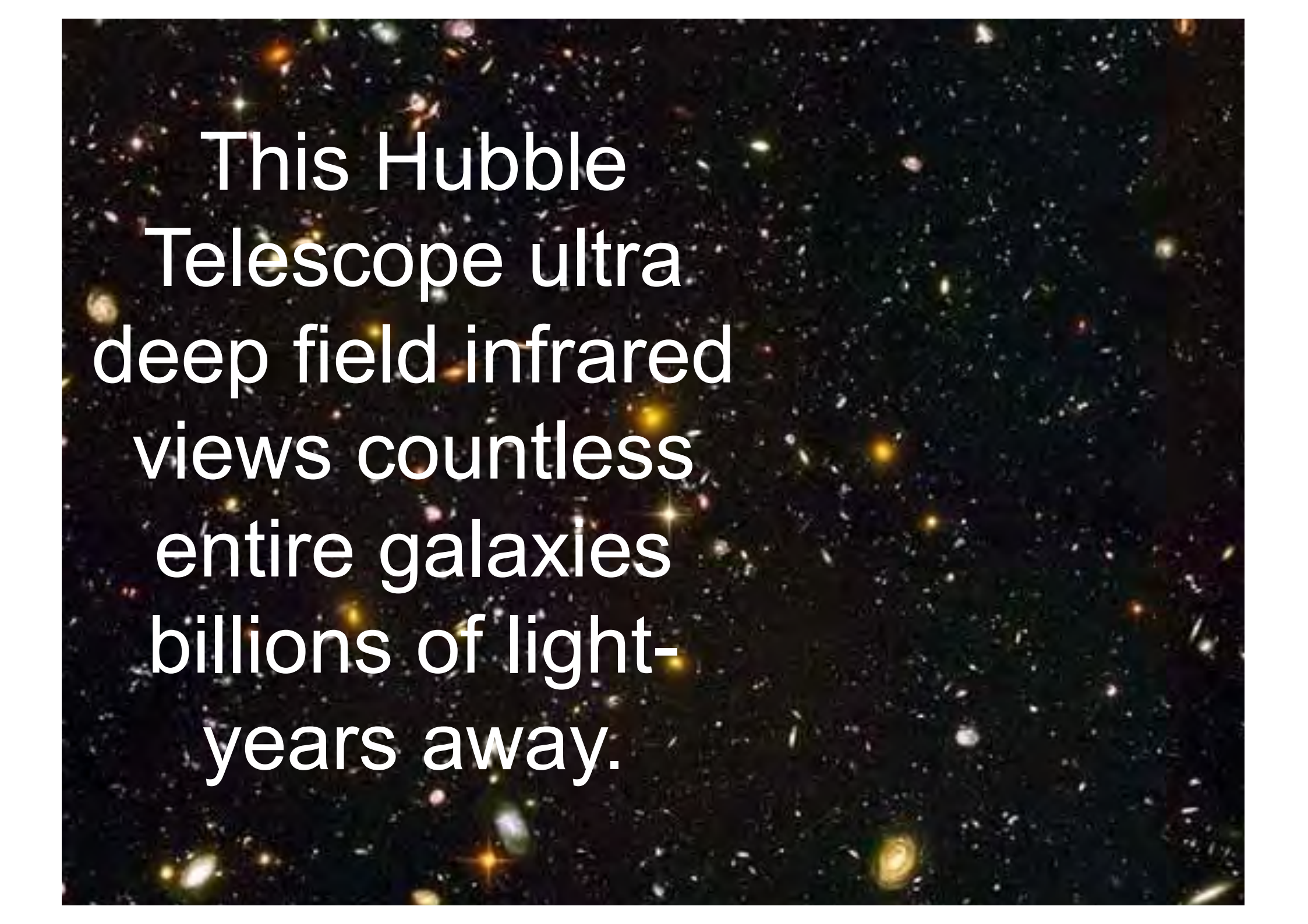
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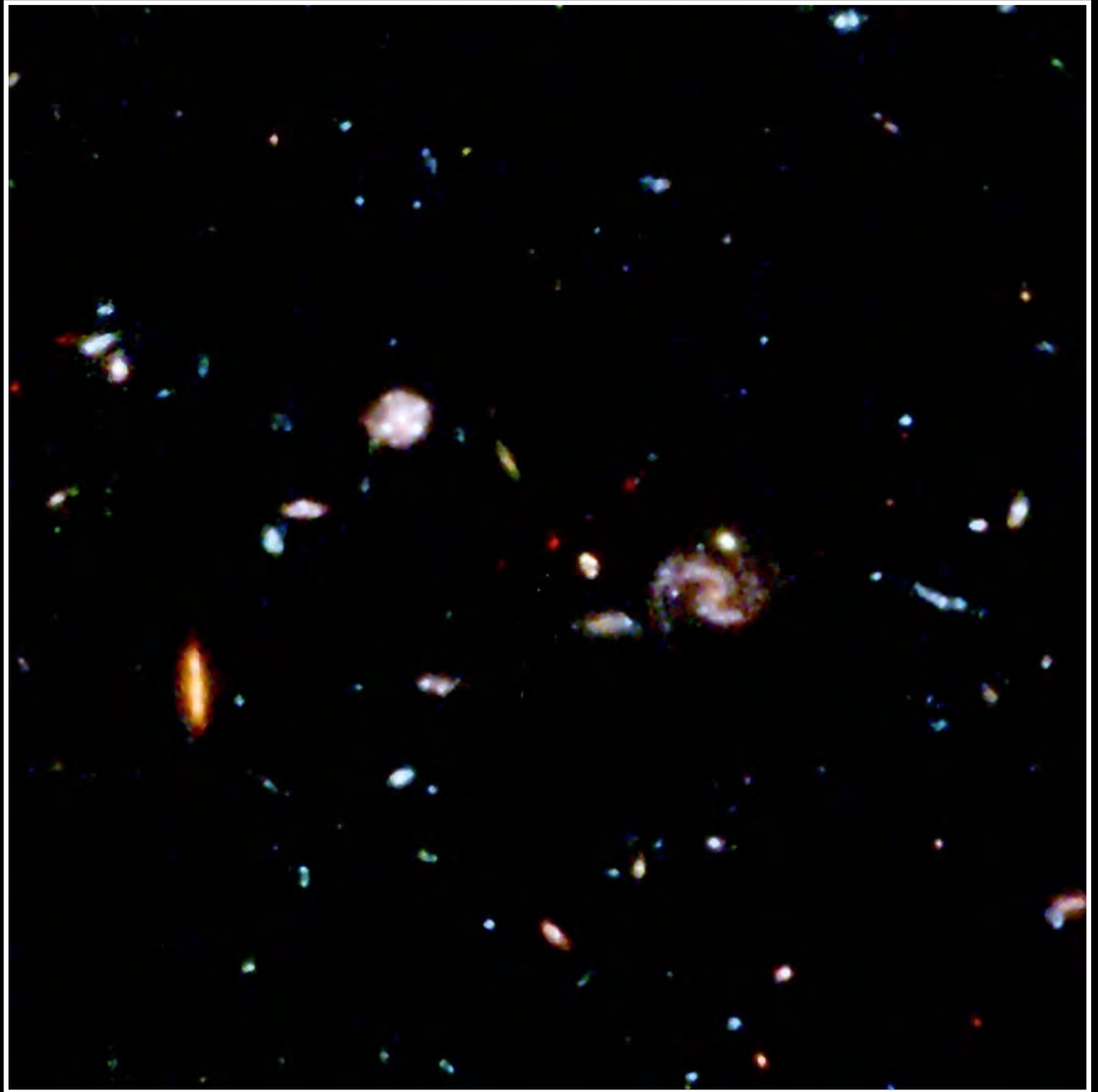
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This Hubble  
Telescope ultra  
deep field infrared  
views countless  
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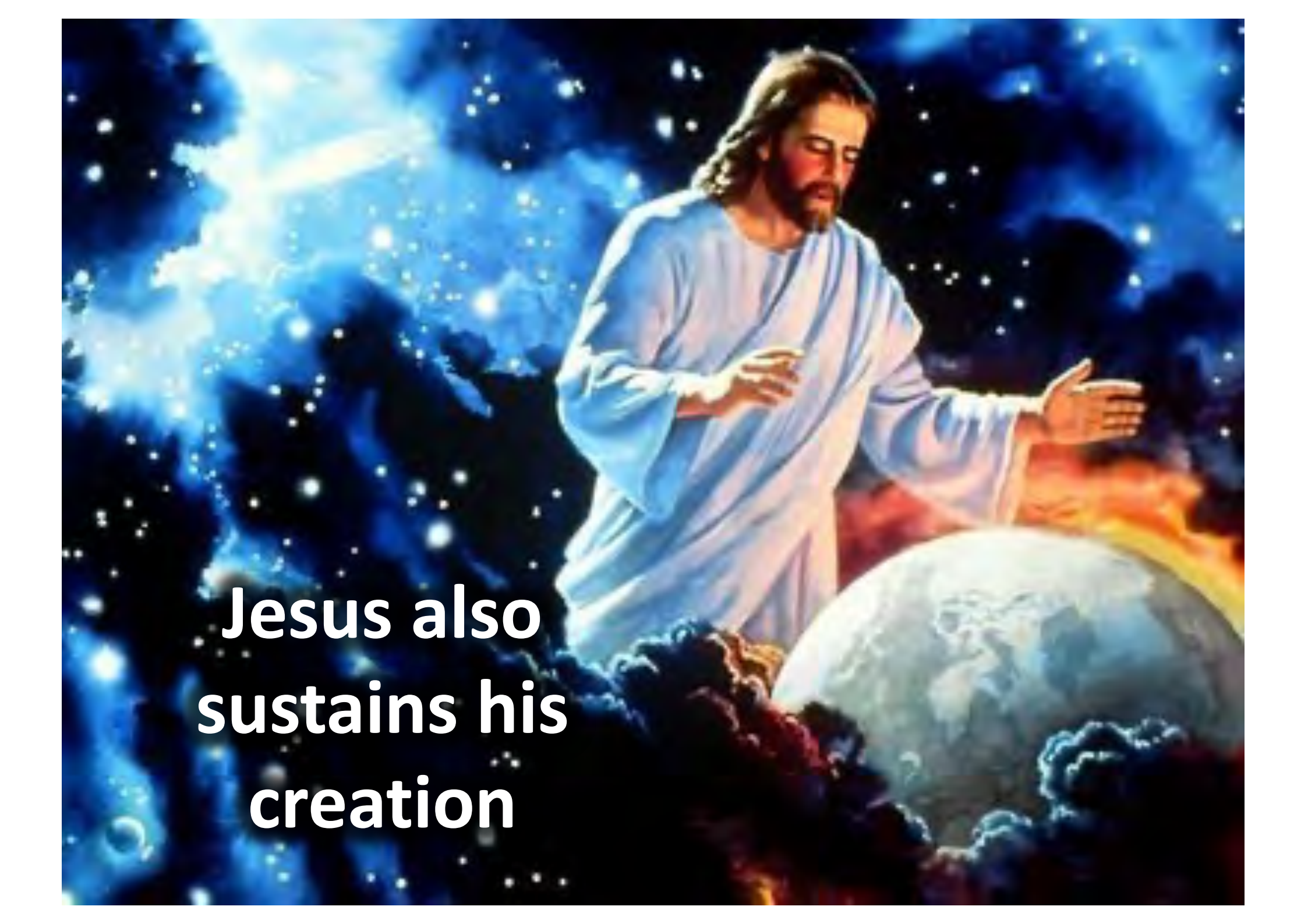


Humbling, isn't it?  
And yet, Father God  
knows how many hairs are on  
your head, and not  
even a single sparrow dies  
apart from his will  
(Matthew 10:29-31)

And yet, you are more  
precious to Father God  
than many sparrows.



Jesus is the  
source of all  
things  
existing today

A religious illustration of Jesus Christ with long brown hair and a beard, wearing a light blue robe. He is standing in a cosmic, starry space with a blue and white nebula. He is looking down at the Earth, which is partially visible in the lower right. His right hand is raised in a gesture of blessing or creation, while his left hand is open and held out. The overall scene is dramatic and spiritual.

**Jesus also  
sustains his  
creation**

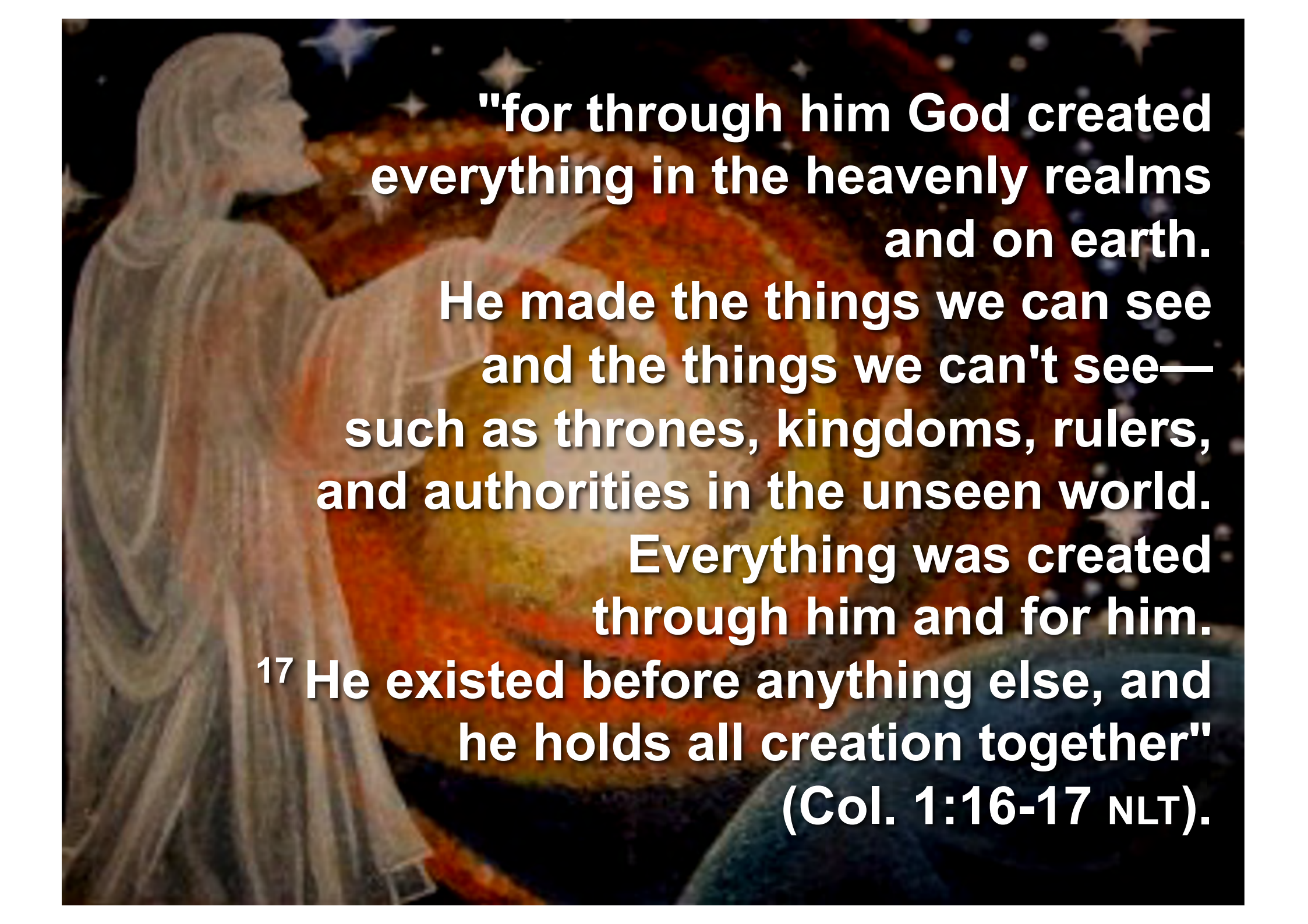
# CHRIST IN COLOSSIANS



**Creator/Sustainer**

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**"Christ is the visible image of the invisible God. He existed before anything was created and is supreme over all creation" (Col. 1:15).**

A man with long hair and a beard, wearing a white robe, is shown in profile from the waist up. He is pointing his right hand towards a vibrant, colorful nebula in a starry night sky. The nebula features shades of orange, red, and yellow, with numerous bright stars scattered throughout the dark background.

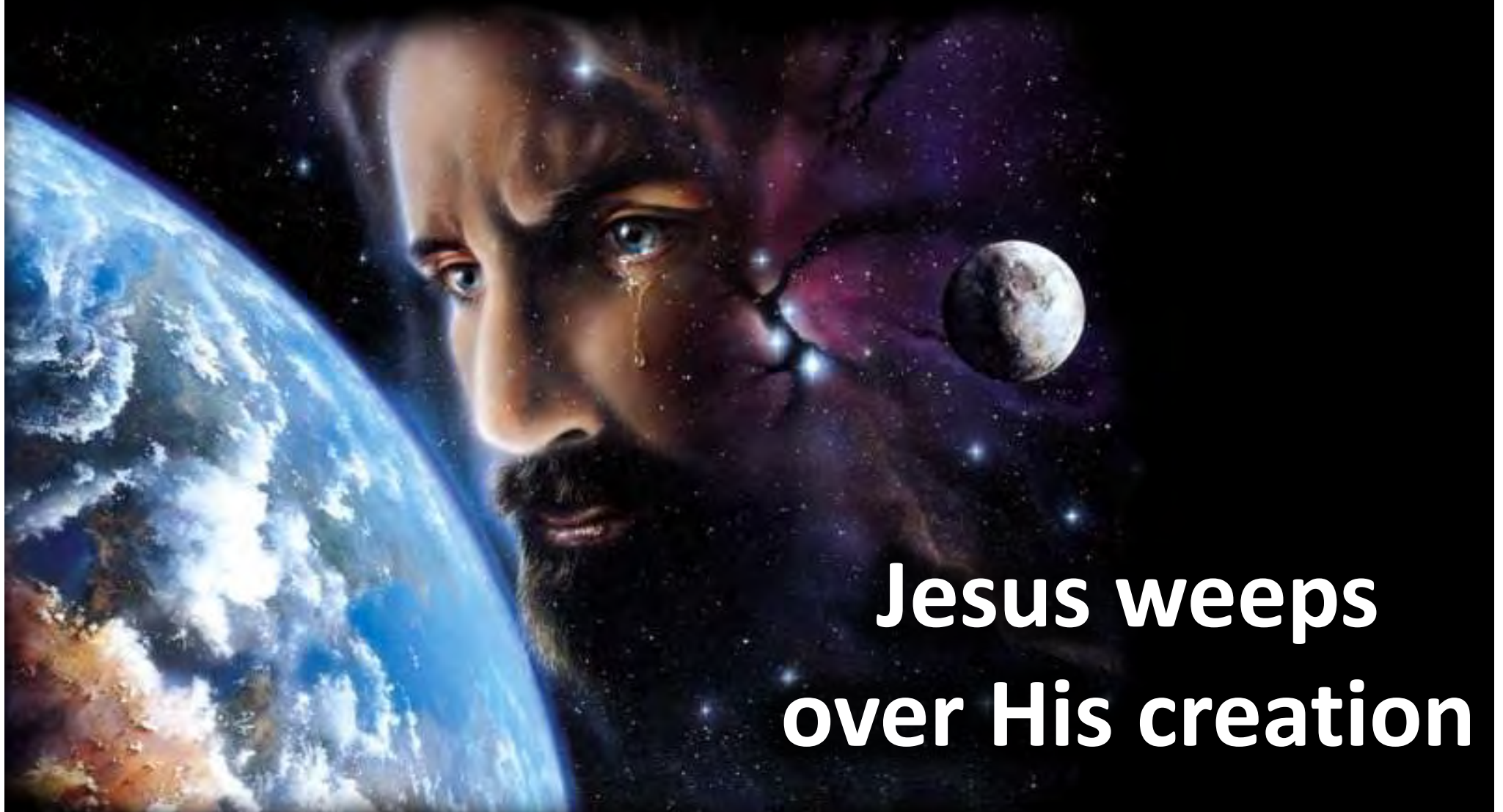
**"for through him God created  
everything in the heavenly realms  
and on earth.**

**He made the things we can see  
and the things we can't see—  
such as thrones, kingdoms, rulers,  
and authorities in the unseen world.**

**Everything was created  
through him and for him.**

**<sup>17</sup> He existed before anything else, and  
he holds all creation together"  
(Col. 1:16-17 NLT).**

**"He came into the very world he created, but the world didn't recognize him. <sup>11</sup>He came to his own people, and even they rejected him"  
(John 1:10-11 NLT)**



**Jesus weeps  
over His creation**

# Creation & Blessing

A GUIDE  
TO THE STUDY  
AND EXPOSITION OF

## Genesis

Allen P. Ross

## The Best Commentary on Genesis

- Very Readable
- Exegetical  
Outlines
- Sermon Outlines
- Theology of  
Genesis
- Evangelical

**"...and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters."**

**"Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep..."**

**Genesis 1:2 *NIV***

**"God's Spirit brooded like a bird above the watery abyss."**

**"Earth was a soup of nothingness, a bottomless emptiness, an inky blackness."**

**Genesis 1:2 *The Message***

# How Does 1:1 Relate to 1:2-3?

## Original Creation (Traditional View)

- Leupold, Keil, Cassuto, Young, Ryrie, Griffith, Tanner, Rooker

### 1- Creation out of nothing of the original mass on Day 1

"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth" (1:1)

### 2- Three disjunctive, parallel clauses describe the condition of the earth immediately after the creation of the universe.

"Now the earth **was** formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters" (1:2 **NIV**)

### 3- An independent, narrative sentence shows the manner in which God worked—by His Word.

"And God said, 'Let there be light,' and there was light" (1:3)

# How Does 1:1 Relate to 1:2-3?

## Gap Theory (or Ruin/Reconstruction)

- Pember, Hengstenburg, Scofield Reference Bible (1st ed.)

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### Satan's fall

### 2- Satan fell between 1:1 and 1:2, followed by God's judgment which put the earth into a chaotic state

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—an improbable translation of the Hebrew disjunctive

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## Relative Beginning (5 variations)

- Rashi/NEB, Speiser, Unger, Young, von Rad/Waltke/Ross

### Satan's fall

1- Relative clause (dependent or temporal to 1:2) or title

"**When God began to create** the heavens and the earth" (1:1)

2- Three circumstantial clauses with negative, disjunctive sense describe the condition of the earth when God spoke.

"Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters" (1:2)

3- An independent, narrative sentence shows the manner in which God recreated/refashioned the earth into its present state (not creation out of nothing) after divine judgment.

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2- 1 Implications:

a) "For the initial creation, or original creation, one has to look elsewhere in the Bible"

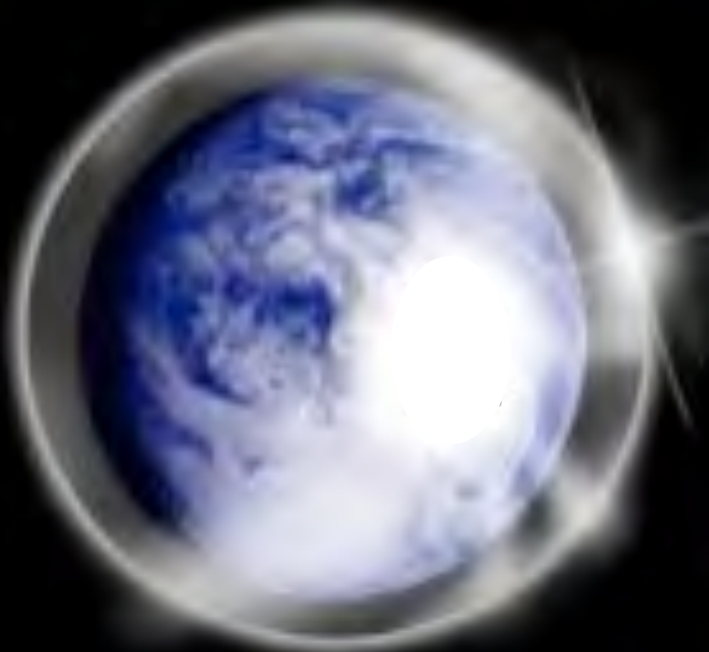
b) "This view in no wise teaches evolution or allows for it... It simply recognizes that 'beginnings' with God are not necessarily absolute

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# Water Vapor Canopy Theory



- **First proposed by Isaac Newton Vail in 1874**
- **Support sought in "Let there be an expanse between the waters to separate water from water" (Gen. 1:6)**
- **Provided enough water for universal flood (Gen. 7:11)**
- **Enabled long pre-flood life spans (reduced radiation)**
- **Held by young earth advocates**
- **Hotly contested!**

# Evangelicals Differ

**Reasons to Believe**

**Hugh Ross**

**Walt Brown**

**Old Earth**

**Progressive Creation**

**Mid-East Flood**

**Rain waters**

[reasons.org](http://reasons.org)

[godandscience.org](http://godandscience.org)

[creationscience.com](http://creationscience.com)

**Institute for Creation Research**

**Henry/John Morris, Duane Gish**

**Joseph Dillow, Ken Ham**

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**24-hour Creation Days**

**Universal Flood**

**Vapor canopy**

[answersingenesis.org](http://answersingenesis.org)


[genesispark.org](http://genesispark.org)

[icr.org](http://icr.org) critiques Ross at:

[icr.org/pubs/imp/imp-217.htm](http://icr.org/pubs/imp/imp-217.htm)



EARTH'S PRE-FLOOD VAPOR CANOPY  
FOREWORD BY HENRY M. MORRIS  
Revised Edition



**GOD: I just created a  
24-hour period of alternating  
lightness and darkness on  
earth...**

**GOD:  
Call it  
a day.**

**ANGEL:  
What are you  
going to do  
now?**

# Why 24 Hours?

- *Instantaneous creation*

*"By the word of the LORD were the heavens made, their starry host by the breath of his mouth" (Ps. 33:6)*

*"There is certainly no thought here of delay, or a trial-and-error process, or a gradual, step-by-step fulfillment"*

*– John Whitcomb, *The Early Earth*, 24*

# Why 24 Hours?

- *Instantaneous creation (Ps. 33:6)*
- *"evening and morning"*

A night sky with a green aurora borealis and a starburst.

Dan. 8:26 alone (besides Gen 1) has  
"evening & morning"  
—with a literal view

"The vision of the **evenings and mornings** which has been told is true; But keep the vision secret, for it pertains to many days *in the future*" (NASB).

# Why 24 Hours?

- *Instantaneous creation (Ps. 33:6)*
- *"evening and morning"*
- *Numerical adjective ("second...")*

*In Hebrew, when "day" (yom) is preceded by a numerical adjective, "day" is always literal!*



# Numbers 7:12

"Now the one who presented his offering on the **first day** was Nahshon..."

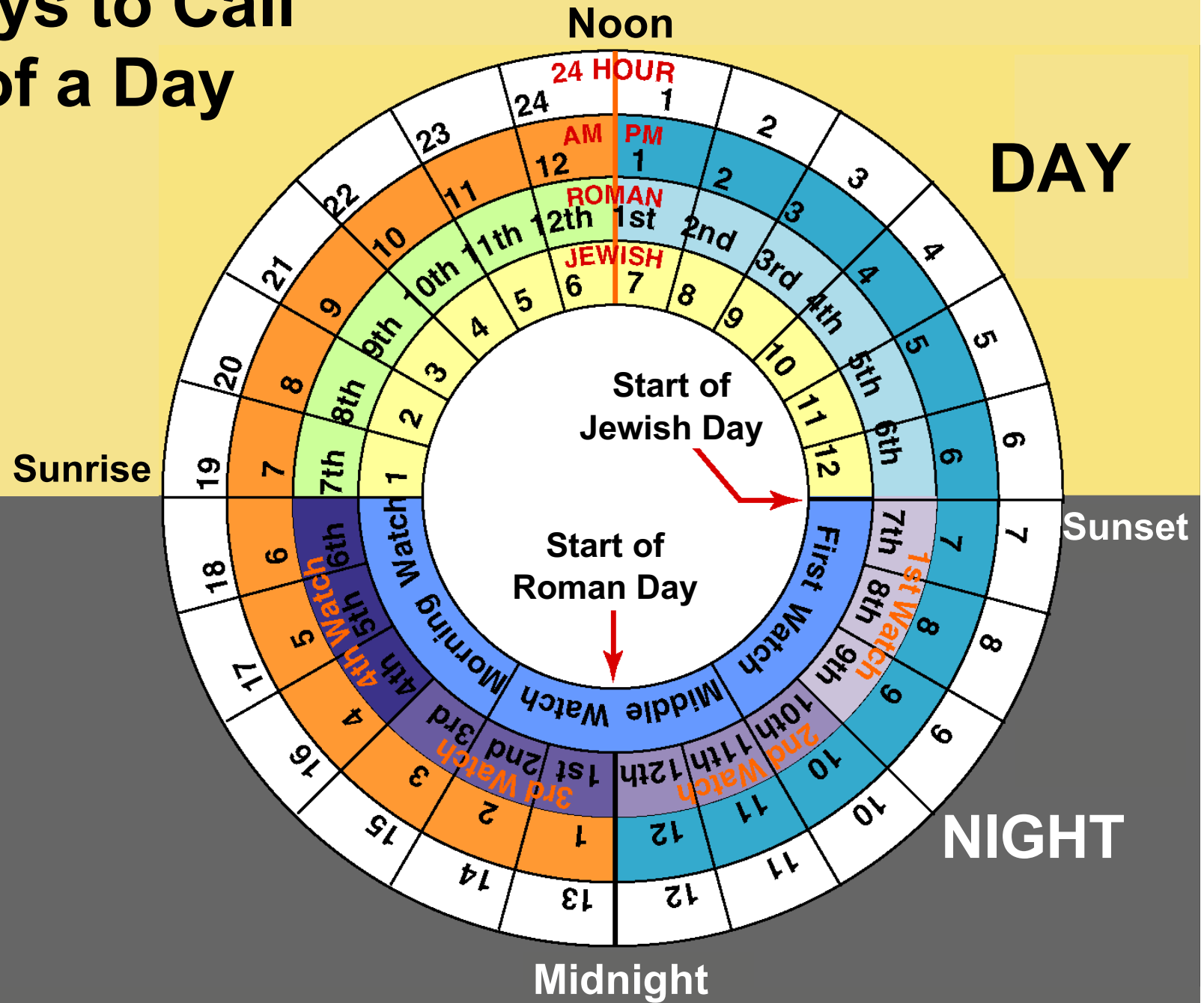
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# We get our 7-day week from Genesis 1



# Four Ways to Call Parts of a Day



White	24 Hour
Orange/Blue	AM/PM
Light Green/Blue	Roman
Yellow/Blue	Jewish



# *When to Start the Day...*



**6  
PM**

**12  
AM**

**6  
AM**

**12  
PM**

**6  
PM**

**12  
AM**

**6  
AM**

**12  
PM**

**6  
PM**

**Roman**

**Day 1**

**Day 2**

**Jewish**

**Day 1**

**Day 2**

**There was evening...**

**...and morning...**

**There was evening...**

**...and morning...**

**...one day.**

**...the second day.**

# Why 24 Hours?

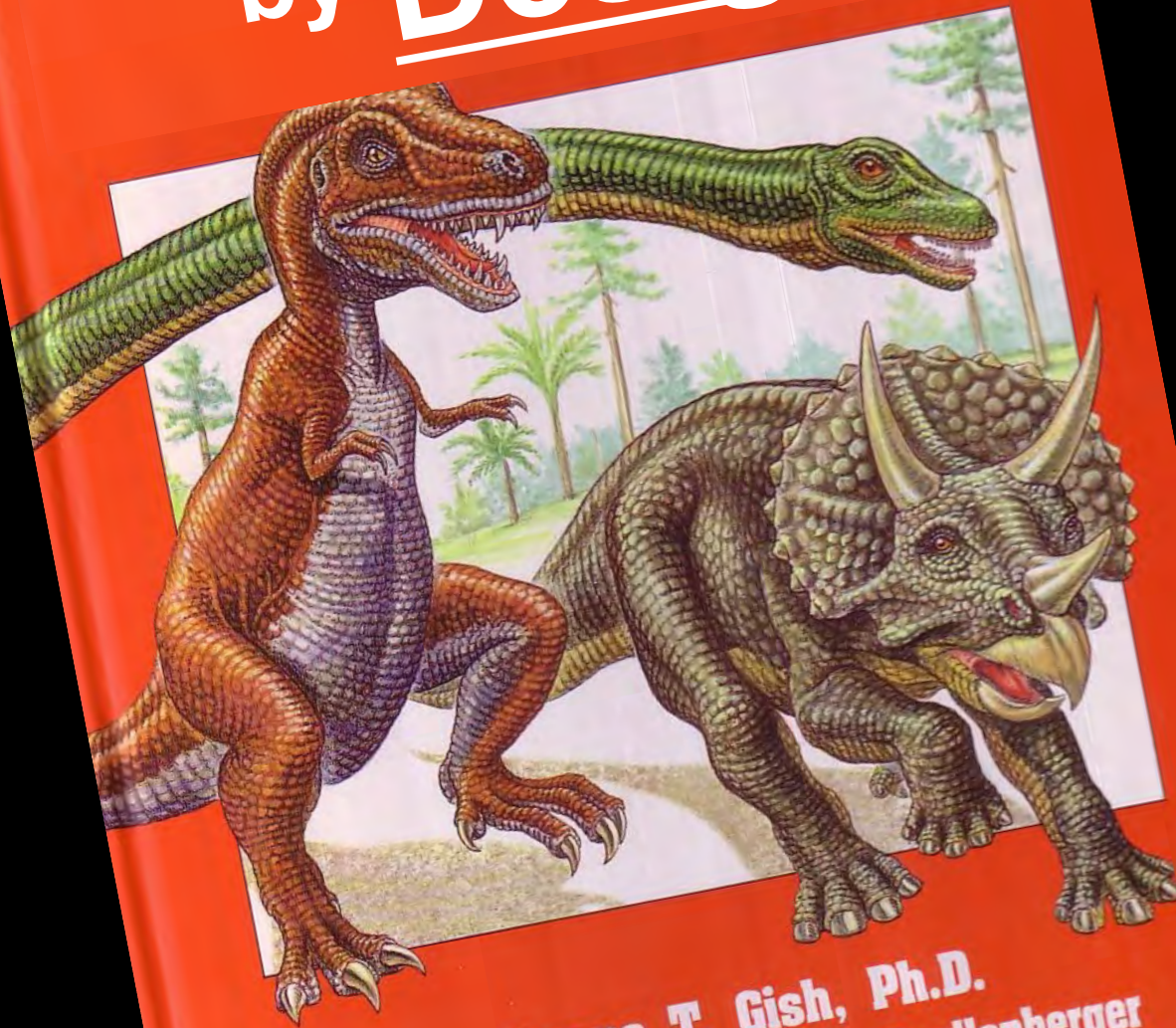
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- *Pattern for work & rest*
- *Sun & moon not until day 4*

Since the start of creation... people have seen God = literal 24-hour days

"For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse" (NIV).



# Dinosaurs by Design



Duane T. Gish, Ph.D.  
illustrated by Earl and Bonita Snellenberger

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**Did dinosaurs  
come before  
man?**

**Yes. God  
created  
dinosaurs  
earlier on the  
sixth day of  
creation!**

Evolution relies on a theory of transitional forms which would have been easy prey!

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Evolutionary Fairy



# Narrative Parallels to Genesis

- Memphite Theology
- Enuma Elish
- Atrahasis Epic
- Gilgamesh Epic
- Creation
- Creation
- Creation & Flood
- Flood



# Marduk Kills Tiamat

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**Ben Stein**

**EXPELLED**

**No Intelligence Allowed**

Big science has expelled smart new ideas from the classroom.  
What they forgot is that every generation has its **Rebel!**

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Premise Media Corporation Presents a Rampart Films Production "Expelled: No Intelligence Allowed"

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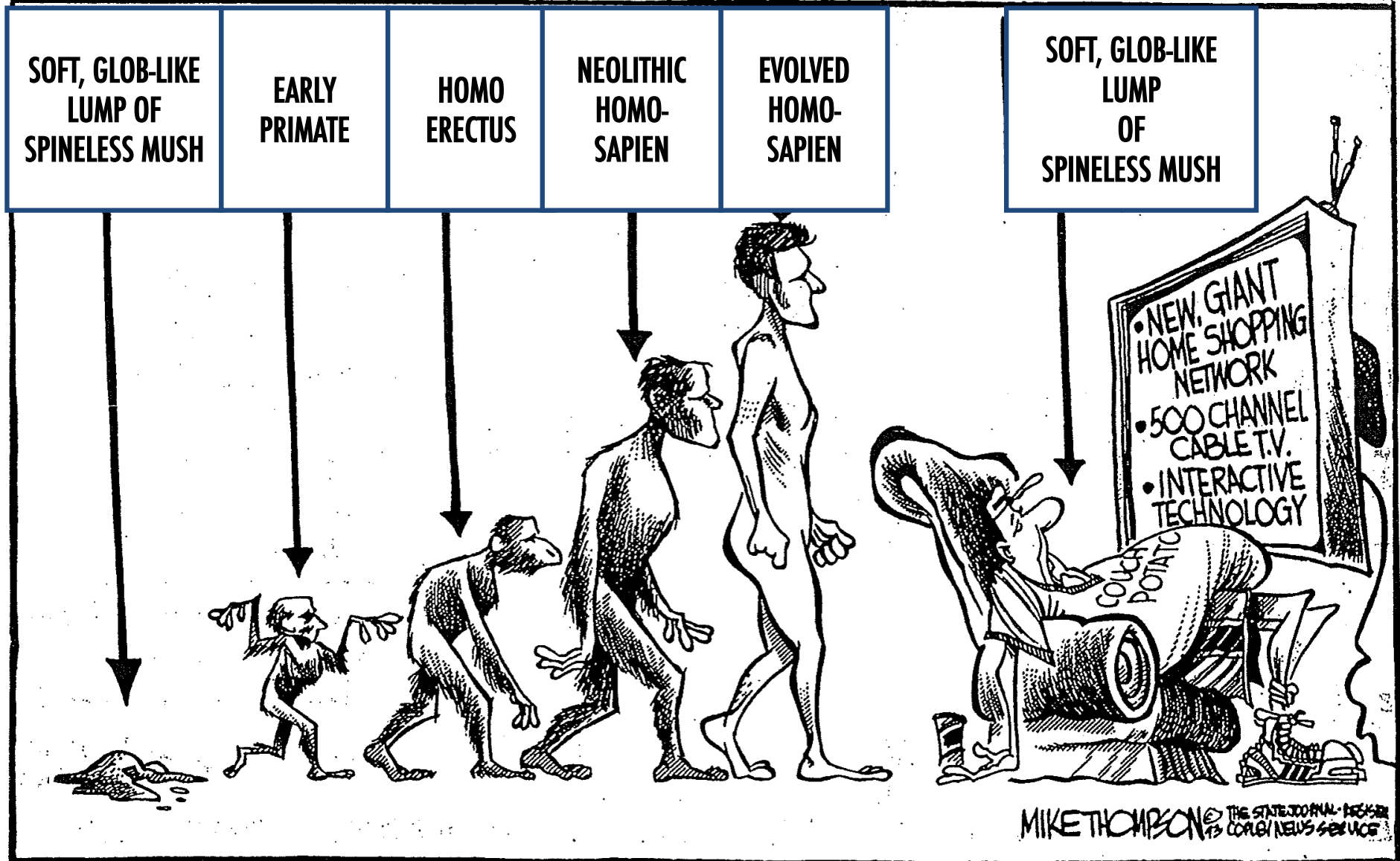
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# The Evolution of Man



Big Bang

Stars

Sun

Molten  
Earth

First  
Oceans



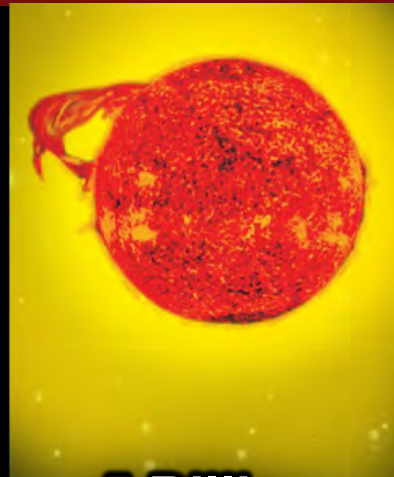
**Big Bang**

**Stars**

**Sun**

**Molten Earth**

**First Oceans**



**15 Billion  
Years Ago**

**10 Billion  
Years Ago**

**5 Billion  
Years Ago**

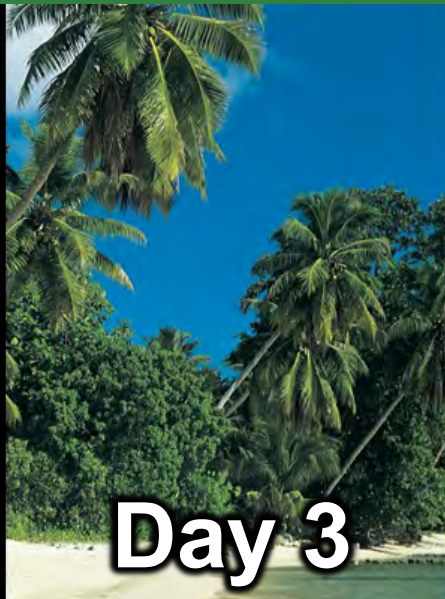
**4.5 Billion  
Years Ago**

**3.8 Billion  
Years Ago**

**Water Covered  
Earth**

**Dry Land  
and Plants**

**Sun, Moon,  
and Stars**



**Days 1-2**

**Day 3**

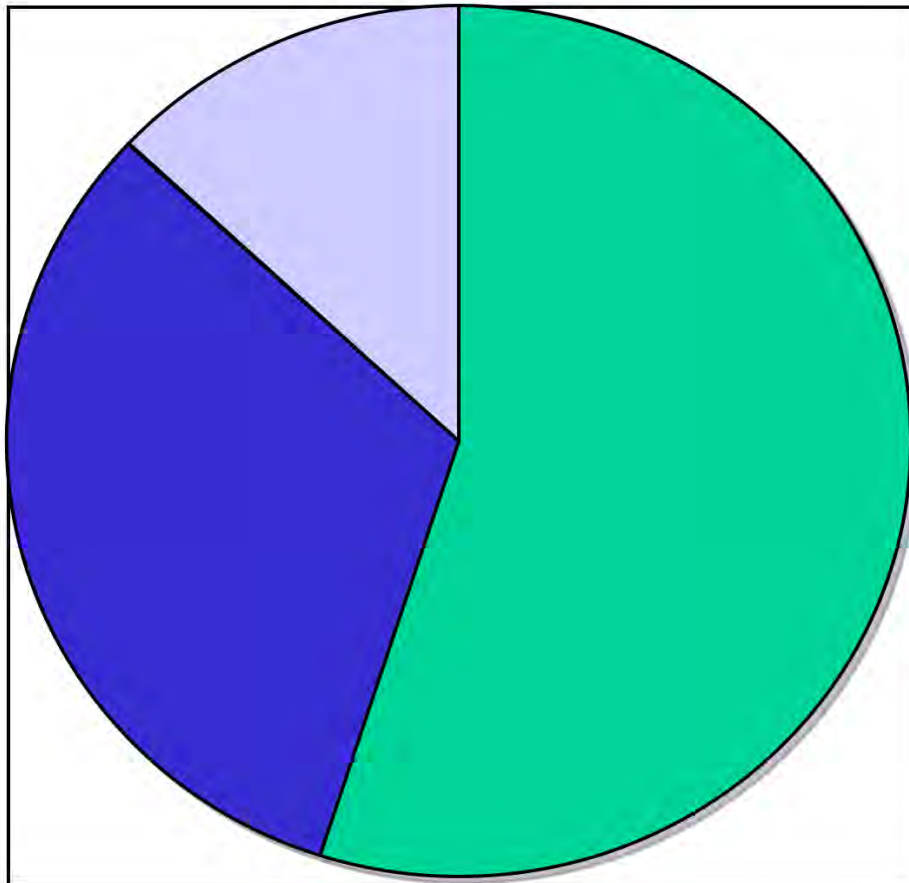
**Day 4**




Day	Biblical Creation	Points of Conflict	Big Bang Evolution	Sequence
1	Earth		Light	1
1	Darkness		Darkness	2
1	Water		Stars	3
1	Light		Water	4
2	Oceans		Solar system	5
3	Dry land		Earth	6
3	First life (vegetation)		Dry land	7
3	Trees		Oceans	8
4	Solar system		First life (single cellular)	9
4	Stars		Fish	10
5	Fish		Trees	11
5	Birds		Insects	12
6	Mammals		Reptiles	13
6	Reptiles		Birds	14
6	Insects		Mammals	15
6	Man		Man	16

Adapted from Dr. John Hartnett (Associate Professor, Physicist, Cosmologist at The University of Adelaide) at <http://johnhartnett.org/>



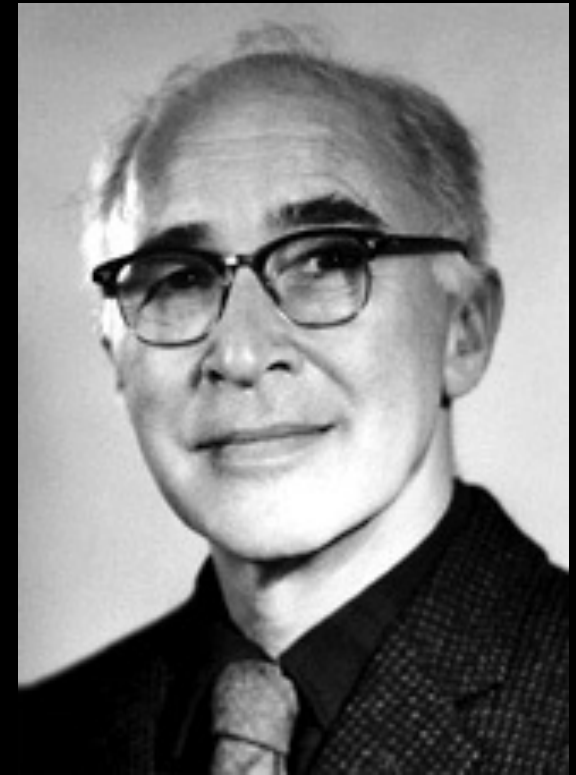
# Who believes what?



-  **Creationists (55%)**
-  **Theistic Evolutionists (32%)**
-  **Darwinists (13%)**  
(the view that leading scientists and educators accept)

# Did life originate as an accident?

**"There are only two possible explanations as to how life arose: Spontaneous generation arising to evolution or a supernatural creative act of God.... There is no other possibility. Spontaneous generation was scientifically disproved 120 years ago by Louis Pasteur and others, but that just leaves us with only one other possibility... that life came as an act of supernatural creation by God, but I can't accept that philosophy because I do not want to believe in God. Therefore, I choose to believe that which I know is scientifically impossible, spontaneous generation leading to evolution."**



Dr. George Wald  
Professor Emeritus of Biology,  
Harvard  
Nobel Prize winner in Biology,  
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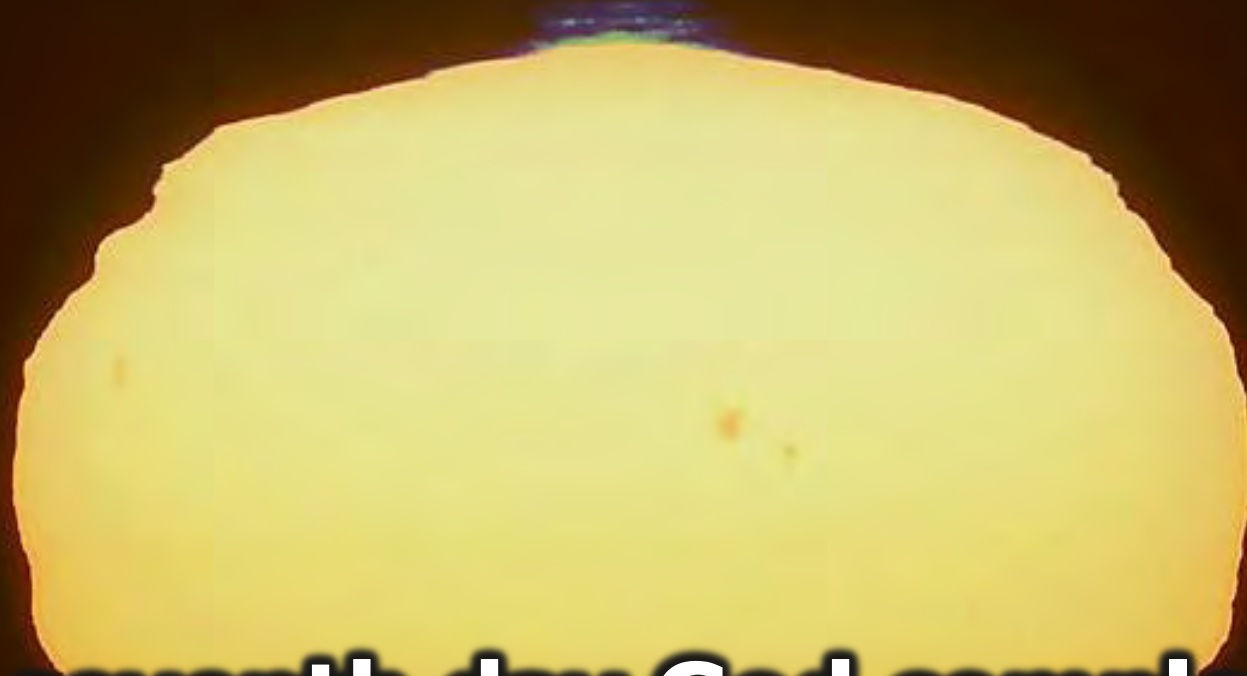
# Genesis 2

# God's Creation...Day 7

A night sky with the Milky Way galaxy and a dark, mountainous landscape. The Milky Way is a bright, multi-colored band of stars and dust stretching across the sky. The foreground shows dark, jagged mountain peaks under a starry sky.

**Thus the heavens  
and the earth were  
completed,  
and all their hosts  
(2:1)**

# God's Creation...Day 7



**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 (2:2).**

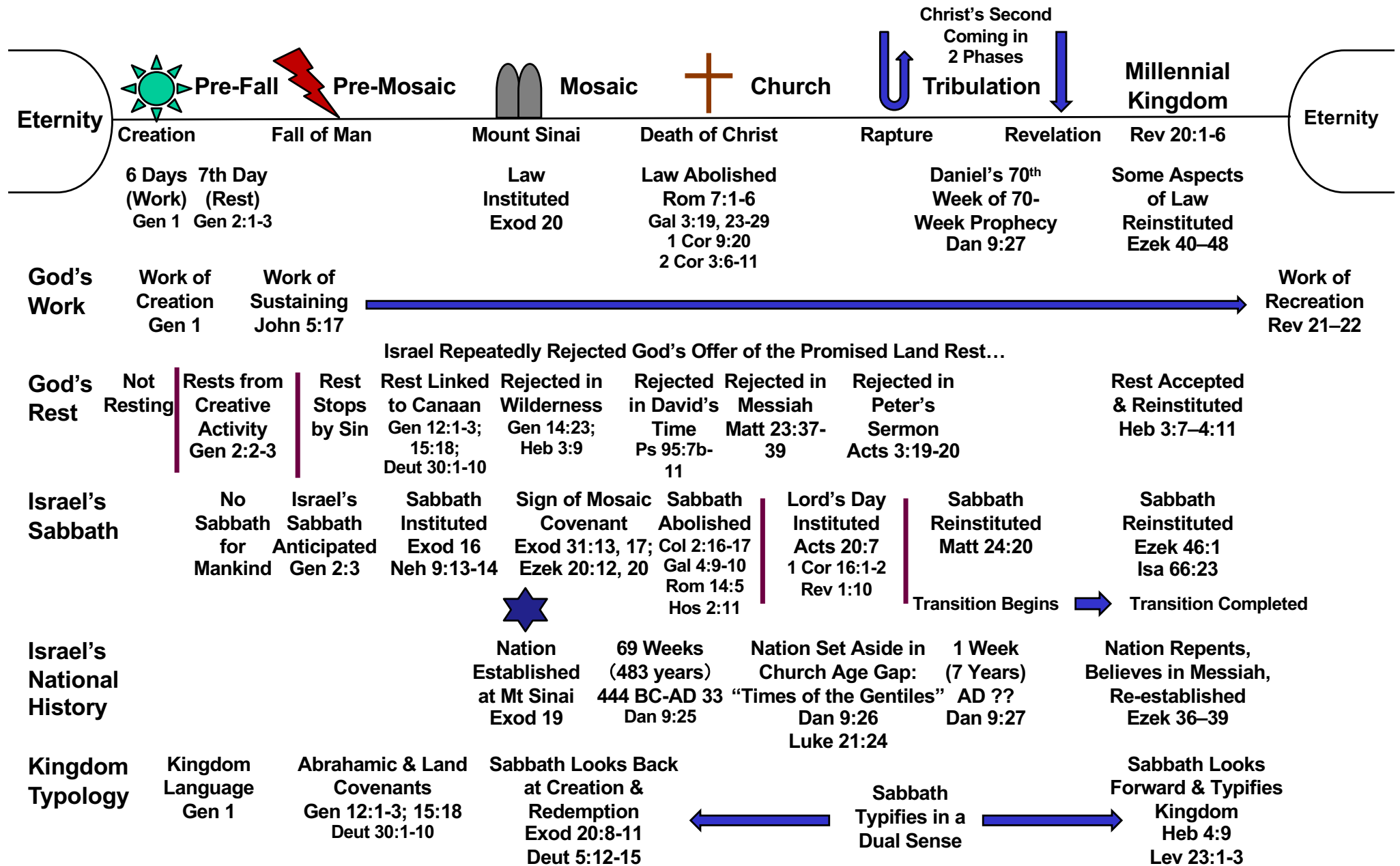
# God's Creation...Day 7

**Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made (2:3).**

# The Eschatological Significance of the Sabbath

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A visual summary of the ThD dissertation by Richard James Griffith, Dallas Theological Seminary, 1990



# Two Accounts of Creation

## Genesis 1

Use of "God" (*Elohim*)

Days 1-6

Creation of Everything

"In the beginning..."



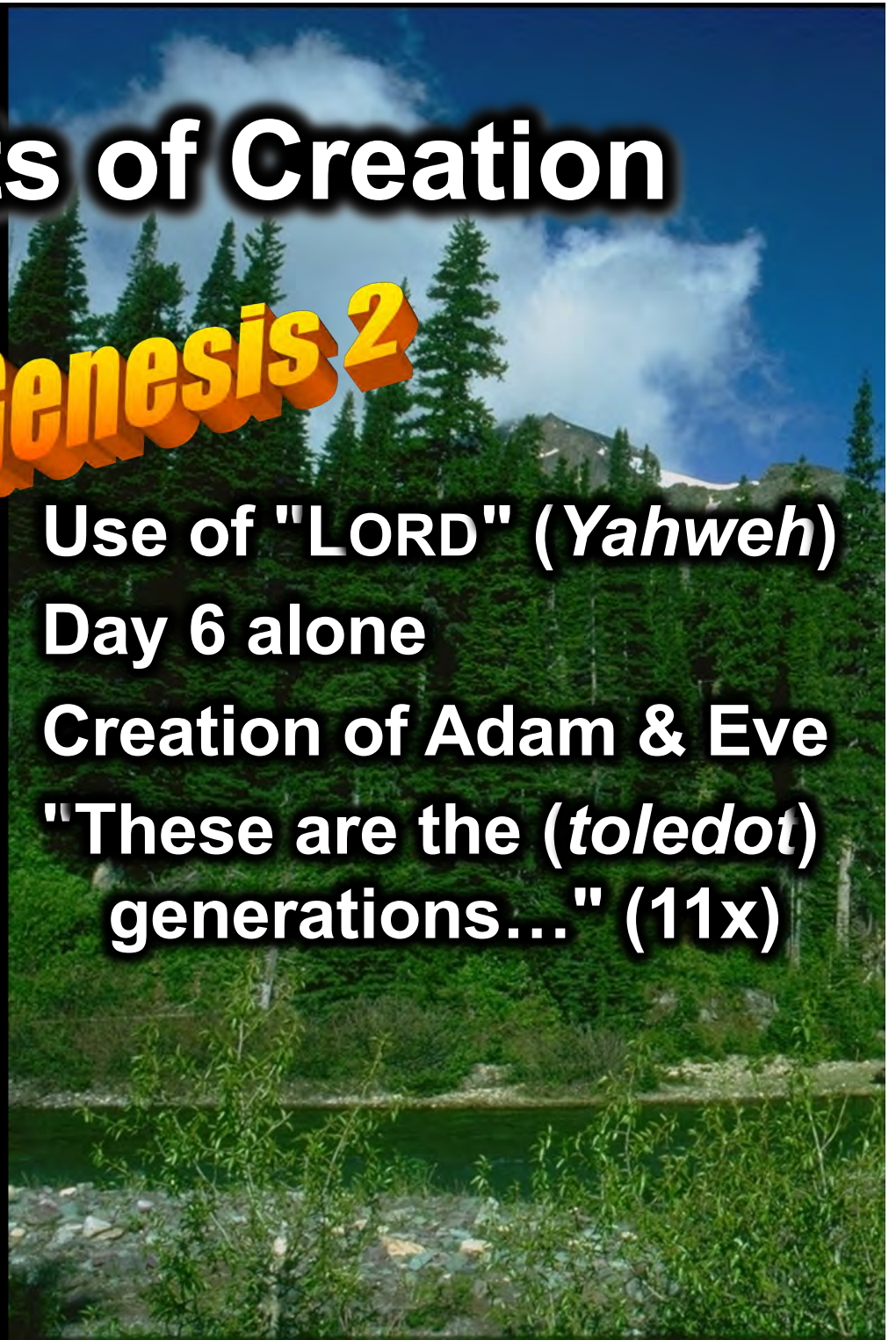
## Genesis 2

Use of "LORD" (*Yahweh*)

Day 6 alone

Creation of Adam & Eve

"These are the (*toledot*) generations..." (11x)

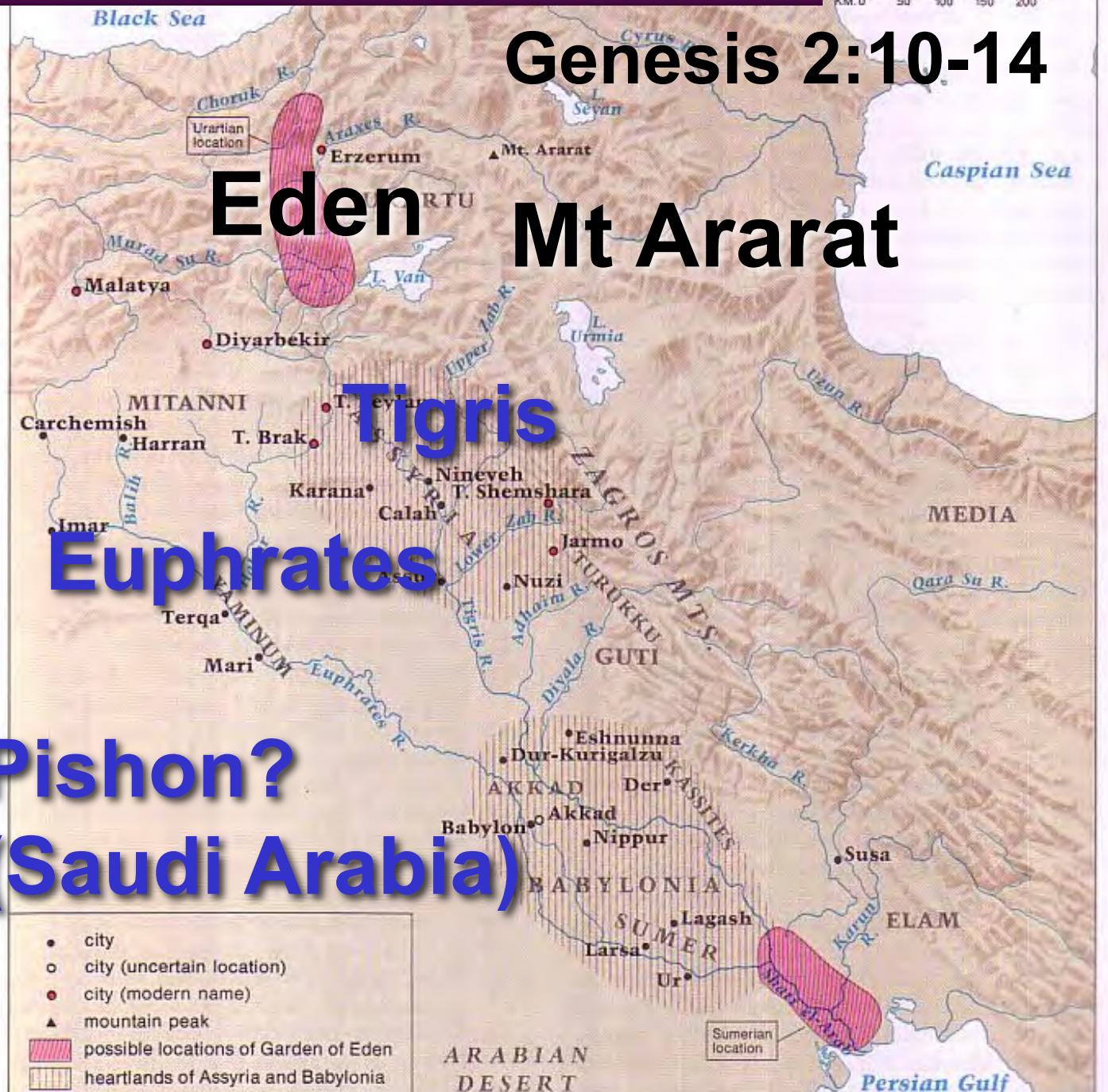


# Two Suggested Locations of Eden

Barry Beitzel, *Moody Atlas of Bible Lands*, 75

Genesis 2:10-14

Eden Mt Ararat

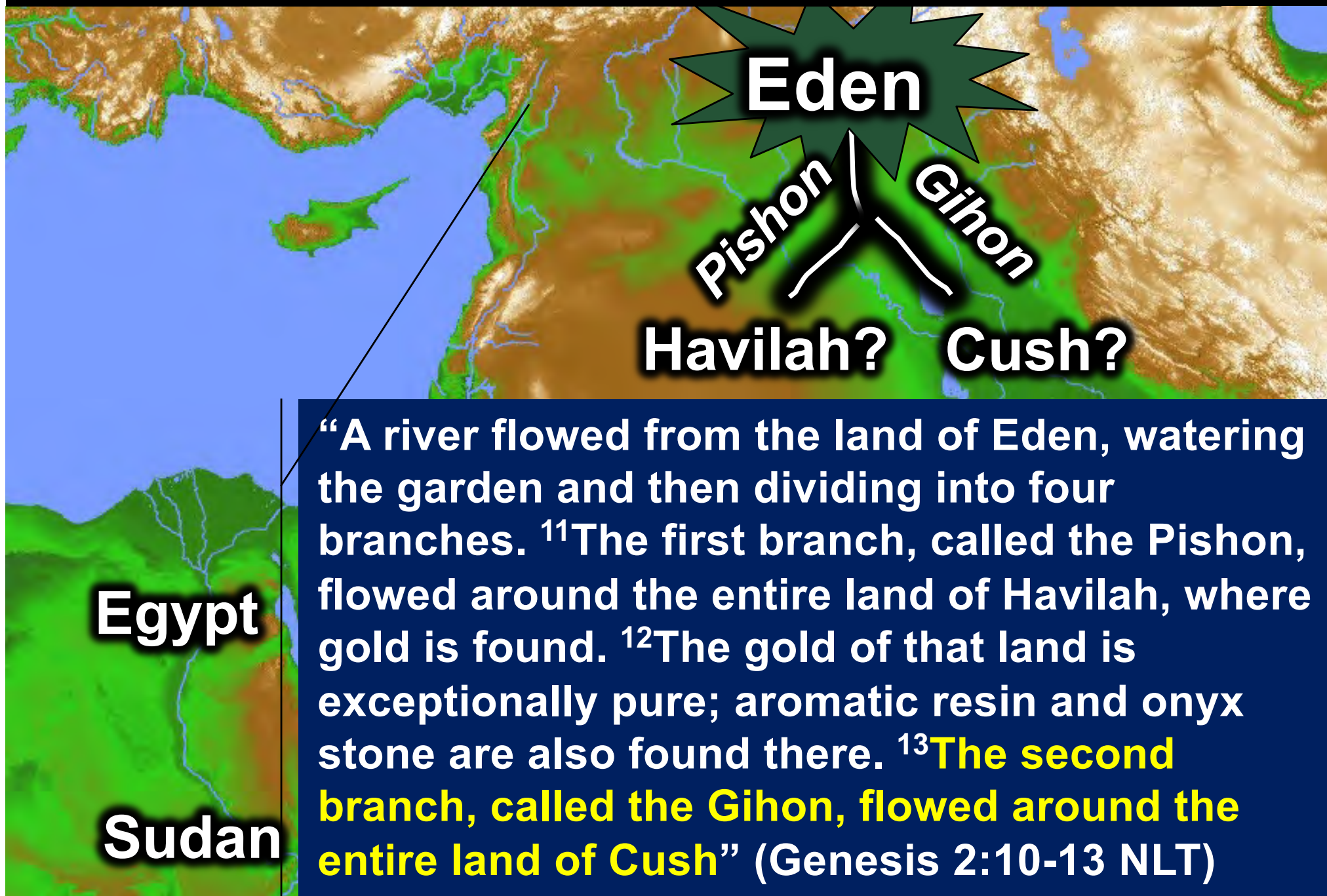


Gihon?  
(Ethiopia)

Pishon?  
(Saudi Arabia)

# Mesopotamian Cush First Noted in Genesis 2

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“A river flowed from the land of Eden, watering the garden and then dividing into four branches. <sup>11</sup>The first branch, called the Pishon, flowed around the entire land of Havilah, where gold is found. <sup>12</sup>The gold of that land is exceptionally pure; aromatic resin and onyx stone are also found there. <sup>13</sup>**The second branch, called the Gihon, flowed around the entire land of Cush**” (Genesis 2:10-13 NLT)

# Correct Location of Cush



**This is not the Cush of Genesis but a later settlement between Egypt and Sudan as part of Nubia stretching from Aswan, Egypt to Khartoum, Sudan**

# Rodinia—The World That Perished

## The transformation of Adam's world into today's world

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### SCIENTIFIC FACT:

The movement of the continental plates to their present positions did not take millions of years of slow plate shifting.

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[www.AnswersBookstore.com](http://www.AnswersBookstore.com)

In Genesis 6–8 we read of a catastrophe that impacted the earth in a way unlike any other disaster since that time. Such a catastrophe would impact not only the earth's atmosphere and inhabitants but also its very foundations. The earth's landmass during Adam's day was extremely different from the seven continents of our modern world. But what caused it to change so drastically? Catastrophic plate tectonics (CPT) is one possible contributing factor.



# THE WORLD THAT PERISHED

## The transformation of Adam's world into today's world



### Rodinia

Most secular and biblical geologists believe that all the land has been together more than once. One of these supercontinents is called "Rodinia" (from the Russian word for "motherland"). Although scientists continue to debate its exact shape, when God spoke the dry land into existence on Day 3 of Creation Week (Genesis 1:9–10), He may have created a landmass similar to Rodinia.



Breakup



Pangaea



Transitional Period



### Flood Period

The worldwide Flood covered the entire globe—over the highest mountains of that day by more than 15 cubits (up to 26 ft [8m]) (Genesis 7:20).



### Today's World

Today, we are left with evidence that the continents moved apart in the past. For example, the coastlines of South America and Africa fit together, like pieces of a puzzle.

Catastrophic plate movement also explains the fascinating magnetic pattern found in ocean floor rocks. These rocks record a "zebra stripe" pattern of magnetic pole reversals, switching back and forth between north and south (see below).

#### Break-Up

The Flood began with a breakup of the "fountains of the great deep" and an opening of the "windows of heaven" (Genesis 7:11; see below). This may have been the result of the breakup of the original supercontinent into huge plates of the earth's crust. These plates split, moved, and collided throughout the duration of the Flood.

#### Pangaea

There is evidence that suggests that, after the breakup, the land again smashed together, forming another supercontinent called Pangaea. This temporary supercontinent formed and broke up entirely during the Flood.

#### Transitional Period

Still during the flood, Pangaea broke apart, first into Laurasia and Gondwana and finally into the continents we have today. At the end of this period the Indian subcontinent slammed into the Eurasian plate, forming the Himalayan mountains.

## "Fountains" and "Windows"

When Noah, his family, and their cargo of animals were safely aboard the Ark, the Flood began.

Thousands of miles of the earth's crust (surface rock plates) split apart along lines traversing the globe. The mantle (hot rock beneath) rose to fill the voids between the splitting plates. When this 2,000°F (1,093°C) rock contacted the cool sea-

water above it, the seawater flashed into steam. This formed a line of steam jets along the boundaries of the plates (possibly the "fountains of the great deep").

The immense and incredibly powerful steam jets shot tens of thousands of feet into earth's atmosphere. Significant amounts of seawater were also lifted into the atmosphere. For several weeks, this

fell to the earth as intense global rain (possibly the "windows of heaven").

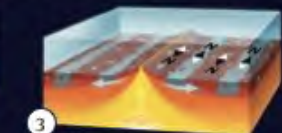
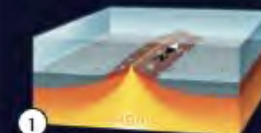
The rising of the mantle through earth's crust also resulted in a temporary rise in the global sea level, causing the oceans to flood the continents.

These simultaneous activities resulted in the dramatic shifting of the earth's crust to produce today's seven continents.

### Magnetic Reversals

Within the catastrophic plate tectonics model, heat was rapidly lost from earth's outer core. This cooling resulted in the earth's magnetic field quickly reversing during the Flood. These magnetic reversals were expressed at the earth's

surface as short periods of normal magnetization alternating with short periods of reversed magnetization. Illustrations 1–3 show how the reversals were expressed as a "zebra stripe" pattern on either side of the mid-ocean ridge.



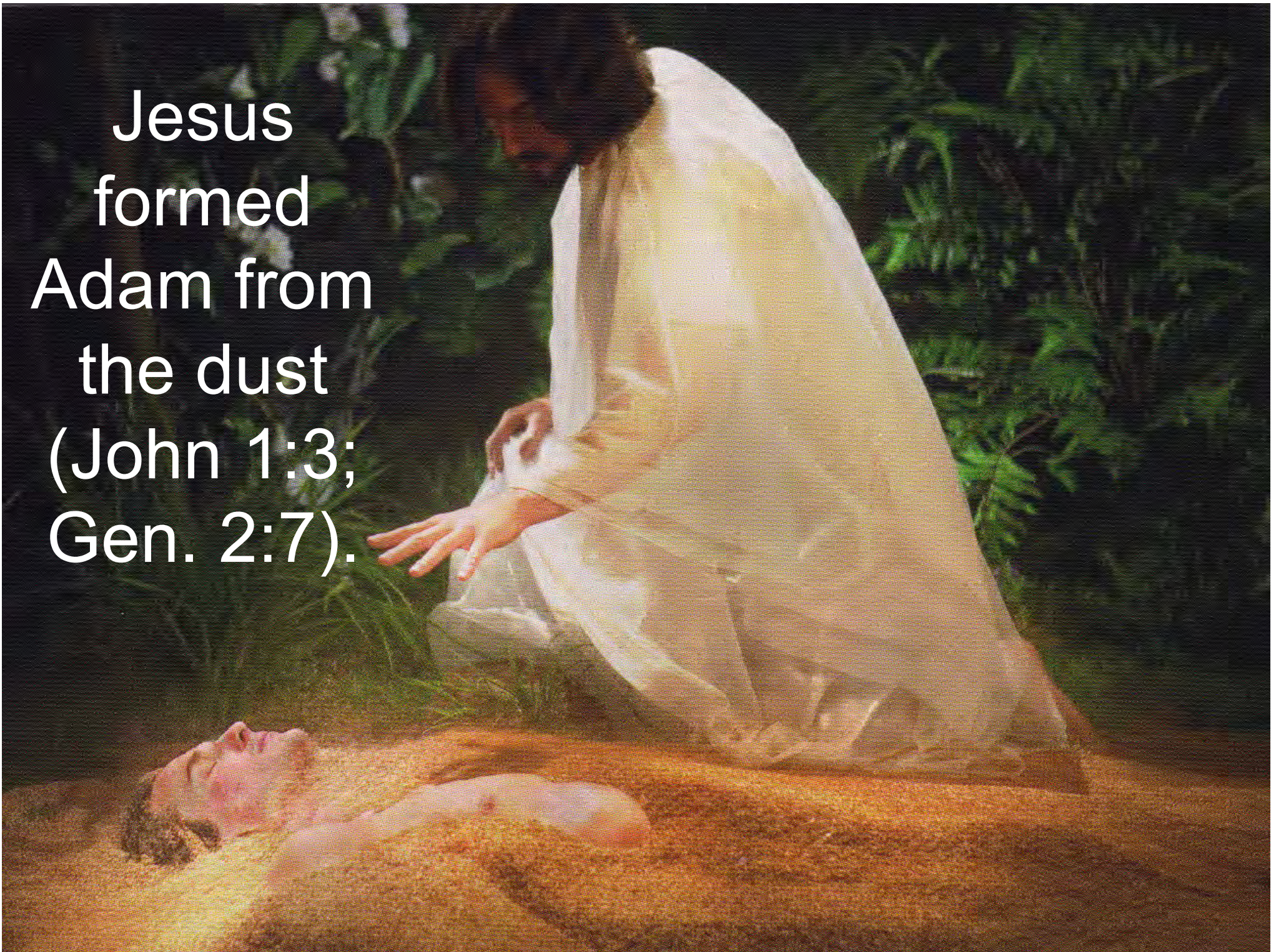
"Let the birth-goddess create offspring, and **let man bear the toil of the gods... create humanity that he may bear the yoke...** let Nintu mix clay, that god and man may be thoroughly mixed in the clay, let there be a spirit from the god's flesh"

(Arnold/Beyer,  
*Readings from the ANE, 24*)

# Atrahasis Epic

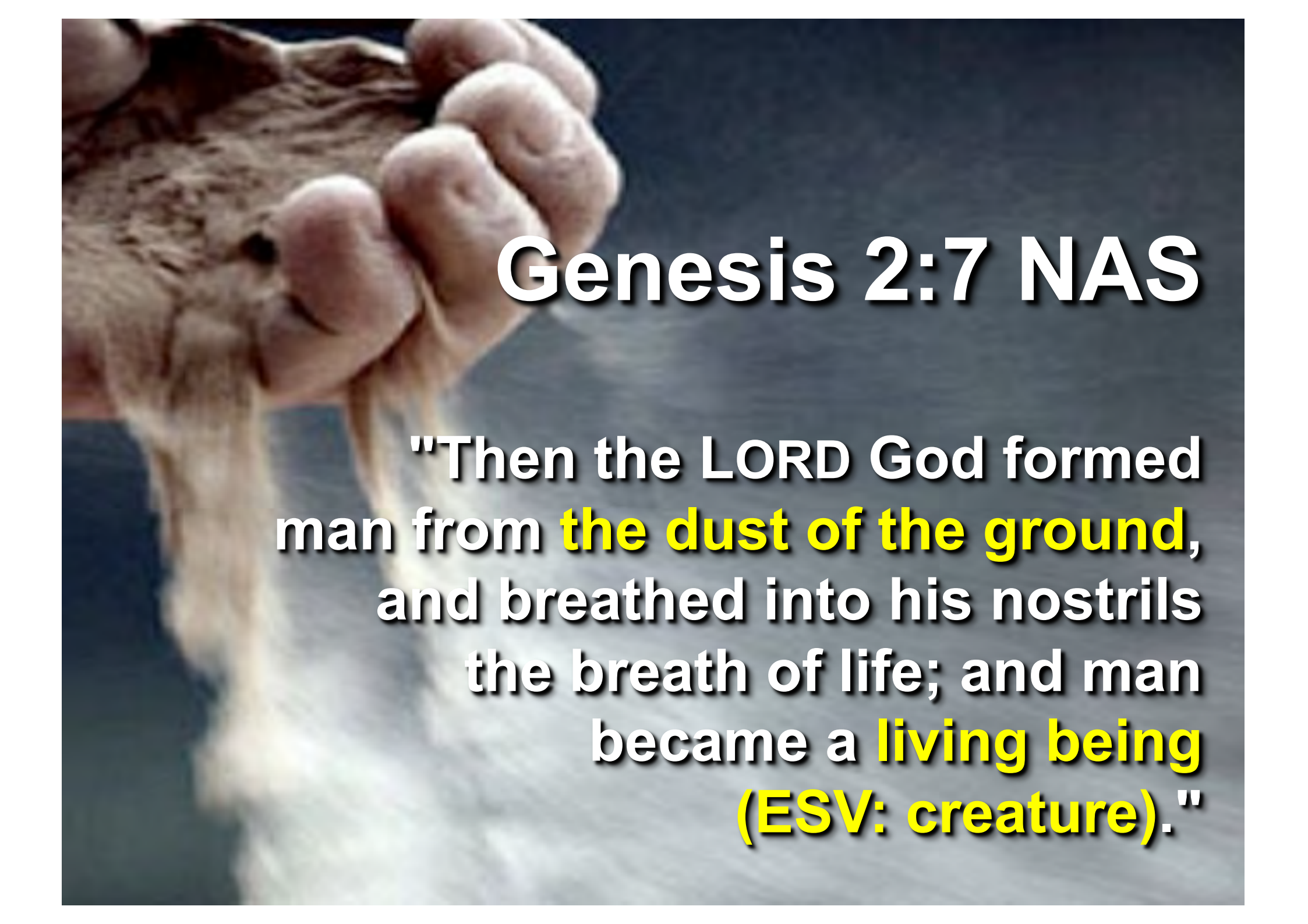
- Akkadian 1650 BC
- Creation & flood stories
- Man created to help overworked gods
- Man made from clay

Jesus  
formed  
Adam from  
the dust  
(John 1:3;  
Gen. 2:7).





**"If we're supposed to have eternal life, how come we were created *biodegradable*?"**



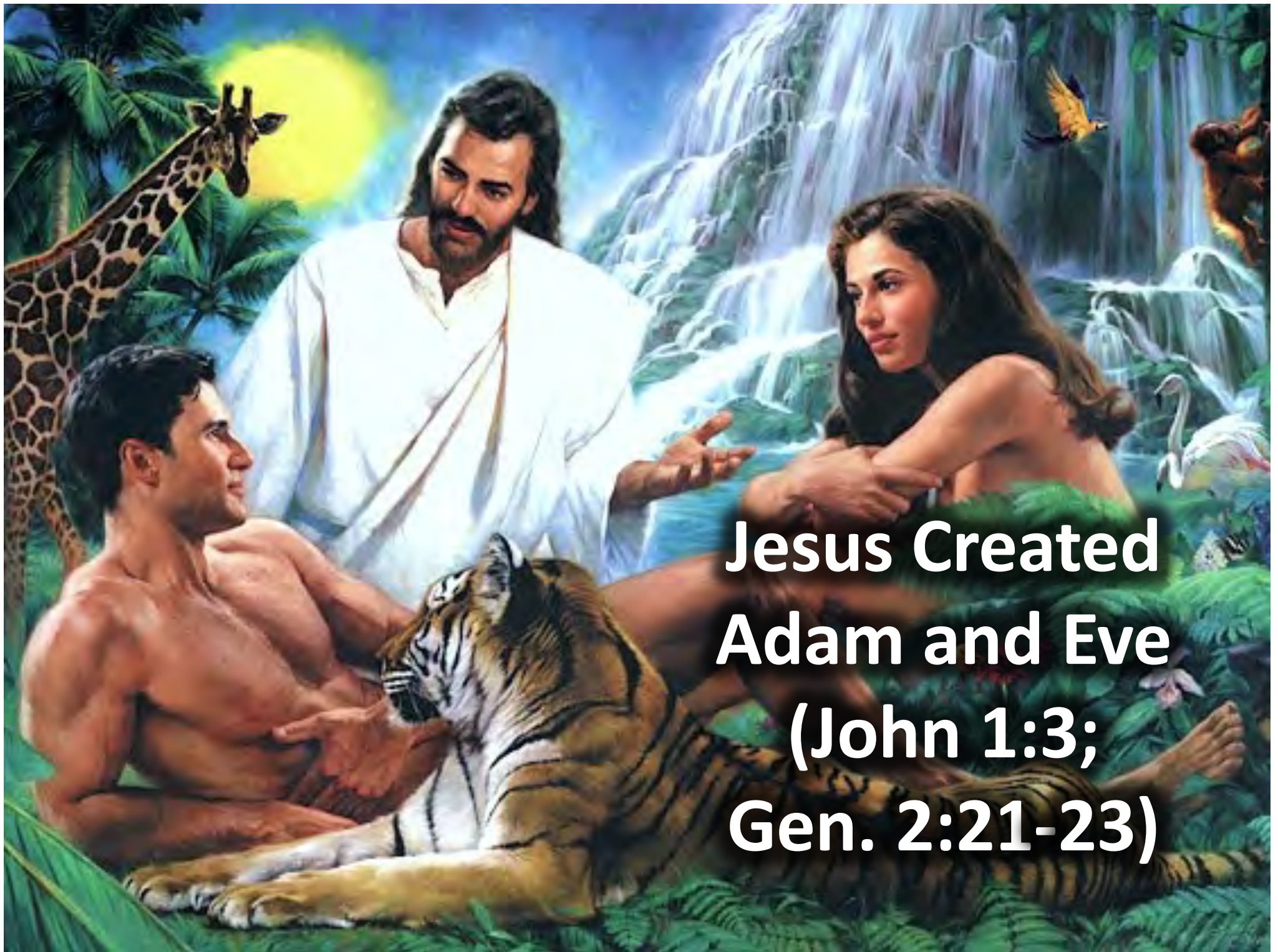
# Genesis 2:7 NAS

"Then the LORD God formed man from **the dust of the ground**, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a **living being (ESV: creature)**."

"The LORD God fashioned  
into a woman **the rib** which  
He had taken from the man,  
and brought her to the man."



Genesis 2:22



**Jesus Created  
Adam and Eve  
(John 1:3;  
Gen. 2:21-23)**



**What are these?**

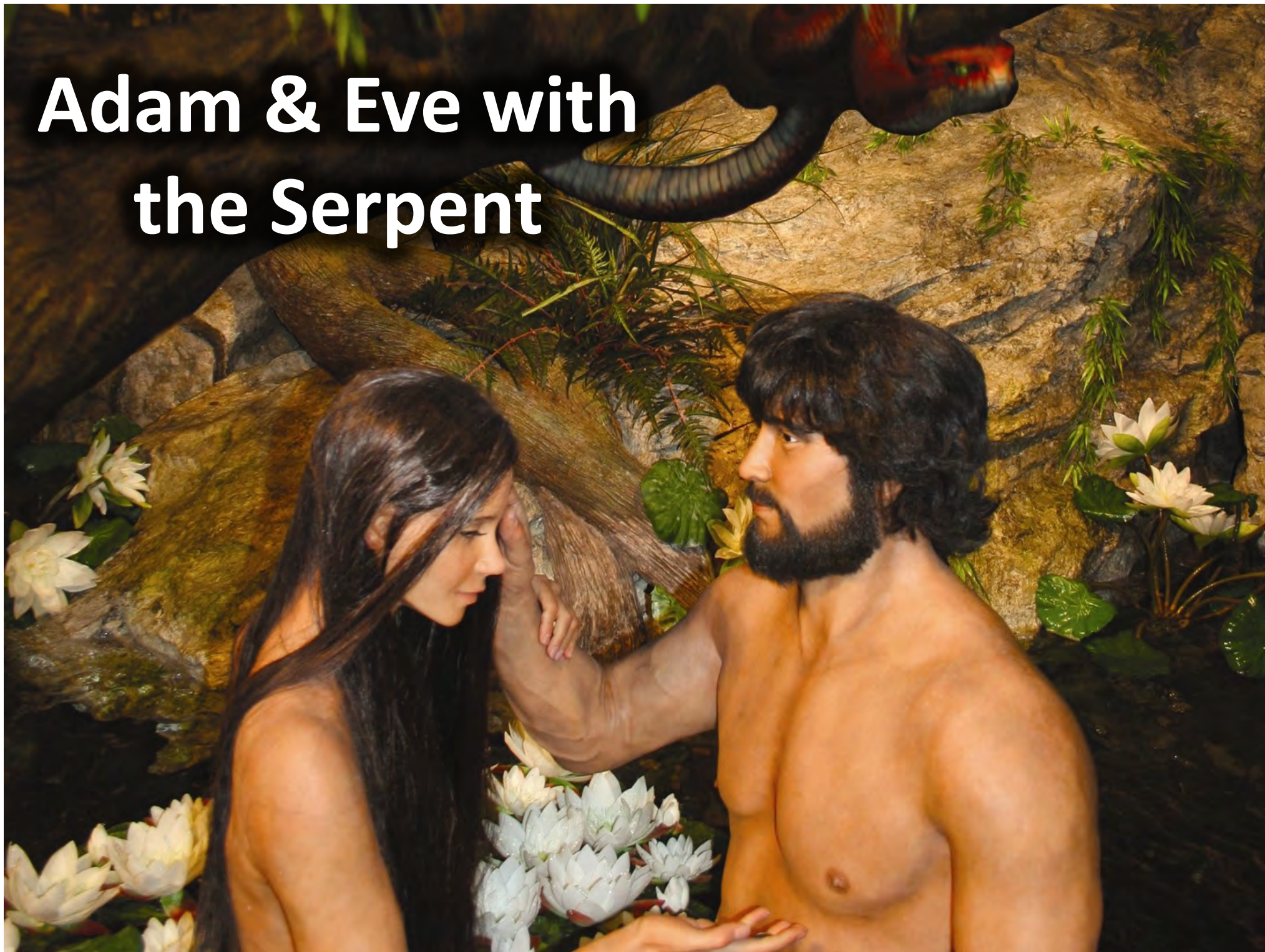




## Baby Pictures of Adam & Eve



# Adam & Eve with the Serpent



## What is it?

**Humans are distinct from animals:**

- **The right to rule creation (1:26)**
- **Dignity of humankind (9:6)**
- **Able to relate to God (2:16ff.)**



**IMAGO DEI**  
The Image of God

# Genesis 3:20

"Now the man called his wife's name **Eve**, because she was **the mother of all the living.**"

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園 = 土 + 口 + 口 + 亻 + 人

Garden = Dust + Breath + Enclosure + Person + Person

# 1 Corinthians 15:45

"So also it is written, '**The first man, Adam**, became a living soul....'"



# The Image of God

Ancient kings placed images (statues) of themselves in the remotest parts of their empires to represent their sovereignty—and so did God!

**KNOW**

**Mind**

**LOVE**

**Emotions**

**Man rules  
with God**

**Will**

**OBEY**

**Genesis 1:27**



# Creation Going into Genesis 3

- **Monotheism**
- **Sovereign God**
- **All is "Good"**
- **Man without sin**
- **No pain or evil**
- **Fellowship with God**

**Life started great for animals**



**Life started great for animals**



**Life started great for people**

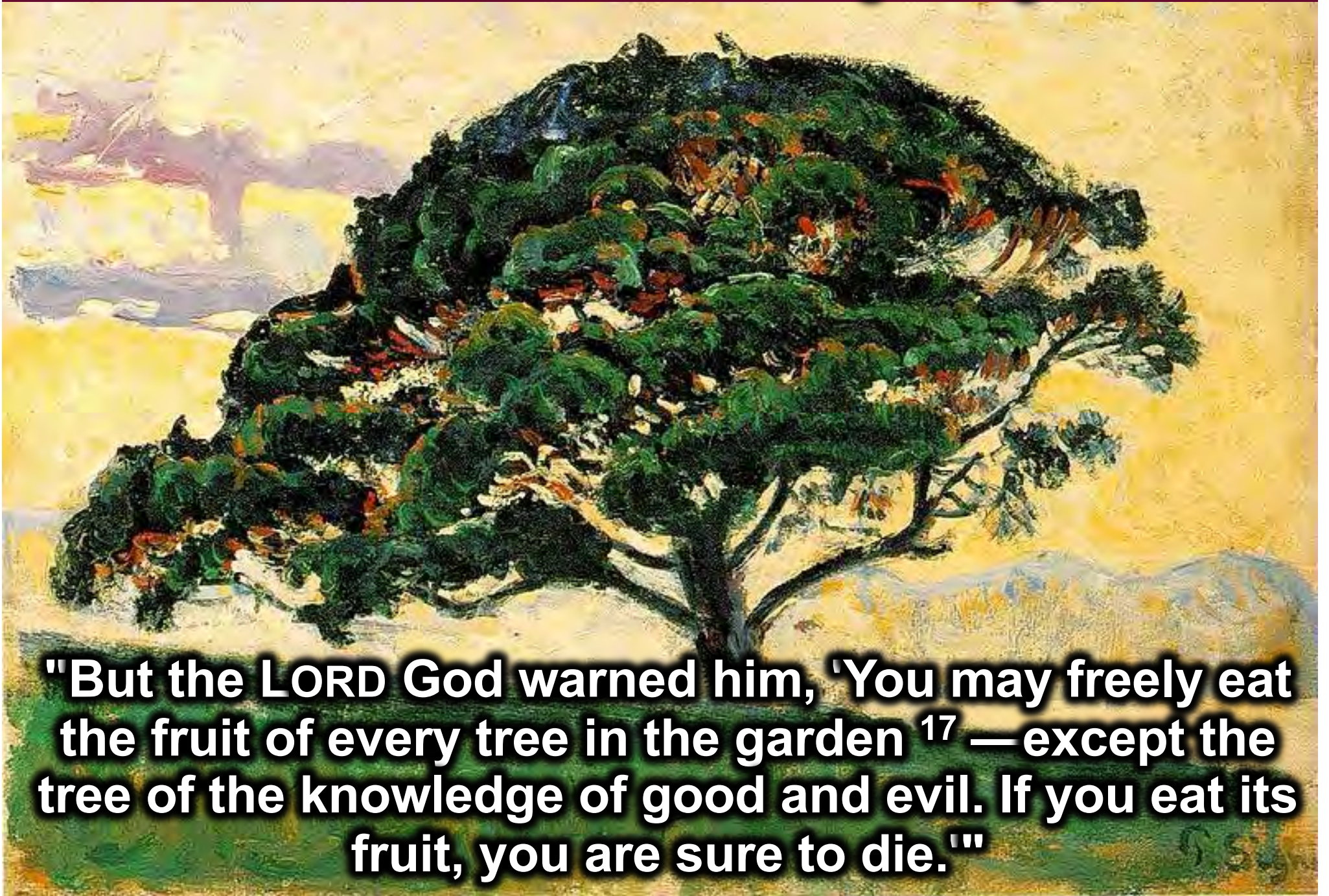




**But God needed to include the tree**



# Genesis 2:16-17 (NLT)



**"But the LORD God warned him, 'You may freely eat the fruit of every tree in the garden <sup>17</sup> —except the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. If you eat its fruit, you are sure to die.'"**

# **Satan fell very soon after the 7th day of history**



- 1. Ezek. 28 shows Satan was in his unfallen, perfect state in Eden.**
- 2. Everything was "very good" at the end of the 6th day—including angels.**
- 3. God sanctified the 7th day, so how could Satan have fallen that day?**
- 4. Once Satan fell, he would have immediately launched an attack on God.**
- 5. The Fall came soon after the 7th day as Adam and Eve apparently had no sex until after the Fall.**

*Terry Mortenson, 10 Oct 2014 email, adapted*

# Genesis 3



What **we**  
did **wrong**



What **God**  
did **right**

I. We trust **ourselves**  
instead of God.

**Jenn 13:1**

Praying won't help.  
Doing will.



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**We try to live without God (3:1-7).**



**"The serpent was the shrewdest of all the wild animals the LORD God had made. One day he asked the woman, 'Did God really say you must not eat the fruit from any of the trees in the garden?'" (3:1 NLT).**



**""Of course we may eat fruit from the trees in the garden,' the woman replied. <sup>3</sup>'It's only the fruit from the tree in the middle of the garden that we are not allowed to eat. God said, 'You must not eat it or even touch it; if you do, you will die'" (3:2-3 NLT).**



A yellow and black snake is coiled around a red apple with green leaves. The background is a solid blue color. The snake's head is positioned near the apple, with its tongue flicking out. The text is overlaid on the image in a bold, white font with a black outline.

**"We can't even *touch* it!"  
(Legalism)**

**Eve *doubted God's word* as a disgruntled legalist (3:1-3).**

Small Group Question:  
*What is our basic  
problem as humans?*



- 1. What does the main group that you minister to think is our key struggle? Buddhists, Hindus, secularists, etc. will have different answers.**
- 2. How do you respond to their answer?**

# Hippocrates

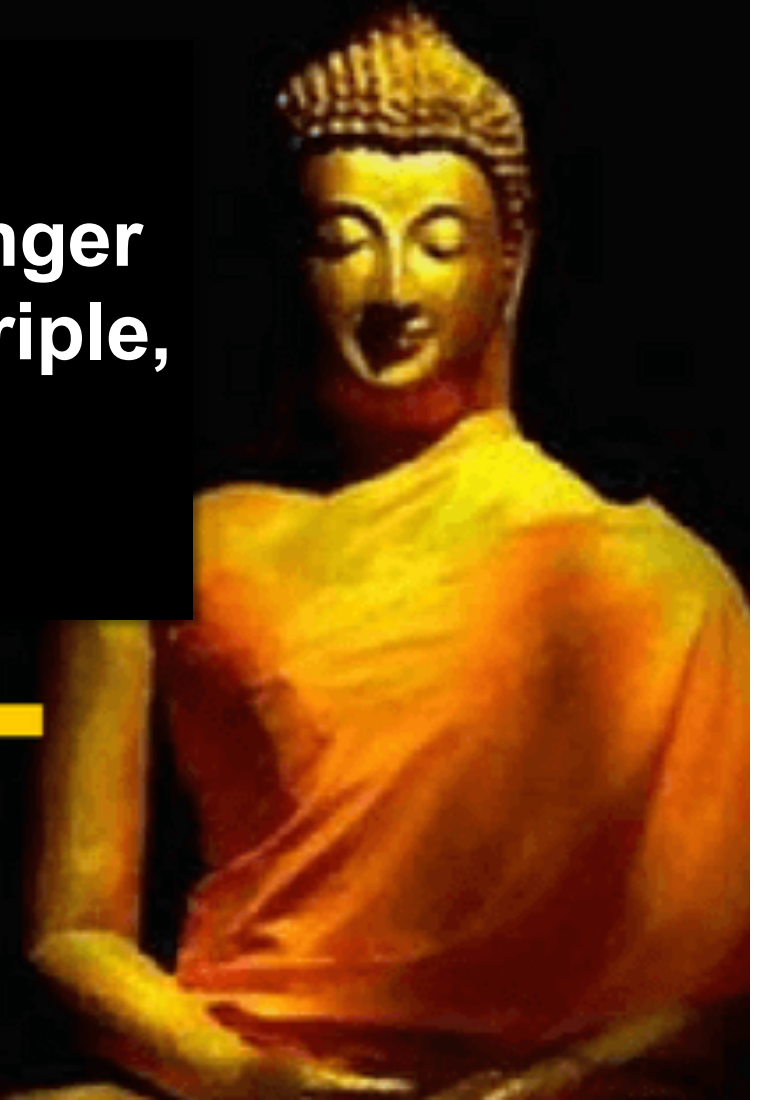


**A wise man should consider that health is the greatest of human blessings, and learn how by his own thought to derive benefit from his illnesses.**

# Buddhism

**The secret to living well and longer  
is: eat half, walk double, laugh triple,  
and love without measure.**

**— Chinese Proverb —**



WHO NEEDS  
~~CHRIST~~  
DURING

CHRISTMAS?

NOBODY.

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**“God free, happy, and inspired by wonder.”**

**Will Scharff, Sacramento  
Technology Analyst...Atheist**

**SAC.FFRF.ORG**

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A portrait of Brooke Byrd, a woman with short brown hair and glasses, smiling. She is wearing a dark jacket and a blue scarf. The background is a solid yellow color.

**“Believe in humanity,  
not god.”**

**Brooke Byrd, Sacramento.  
Volunteer...Atheist**

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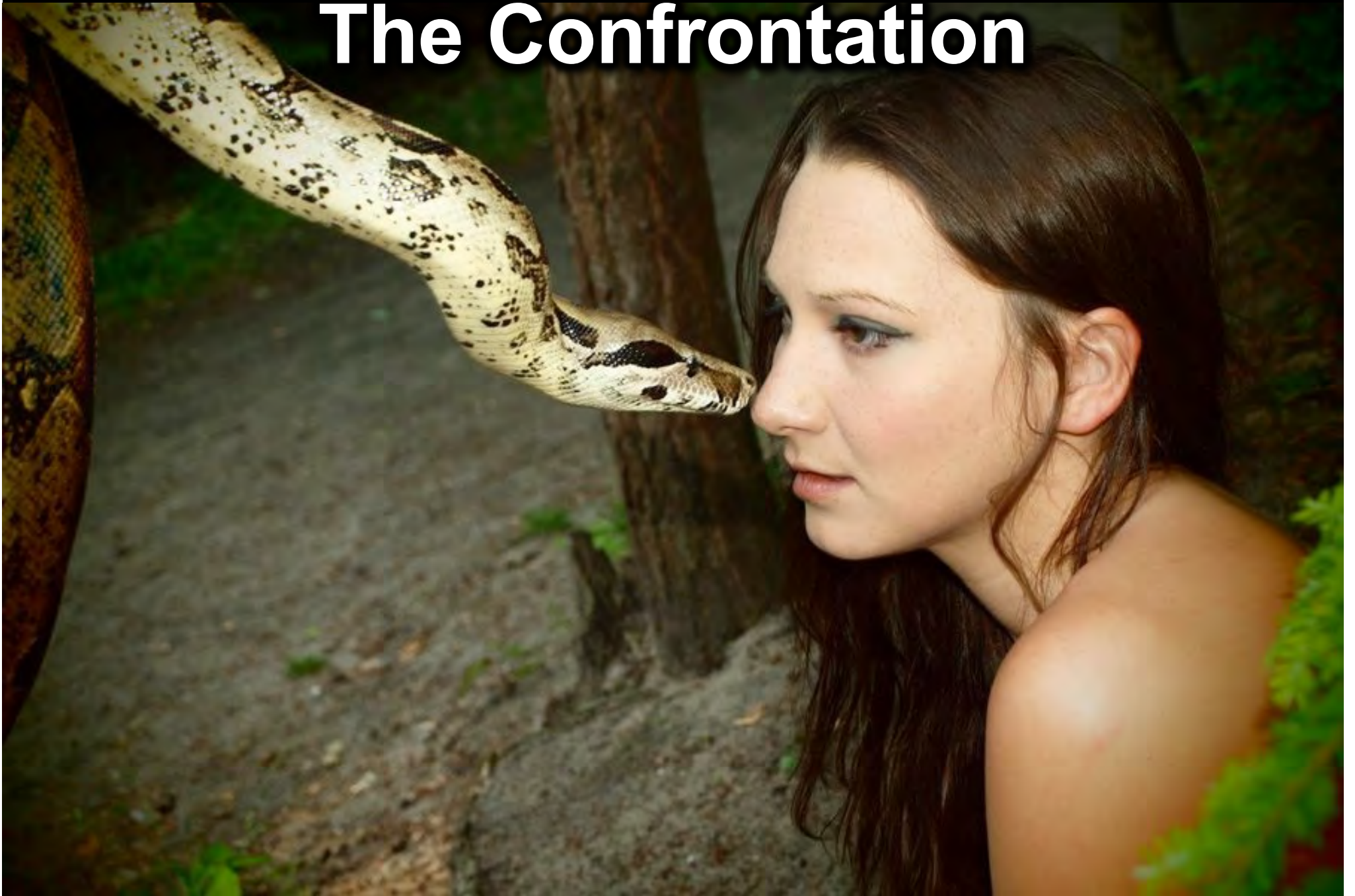
# We Trust Strangers, Even When It Doesn't Make Sense to Do So

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May 16, 2014



Paper Boat Creative  
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# The Confrontation



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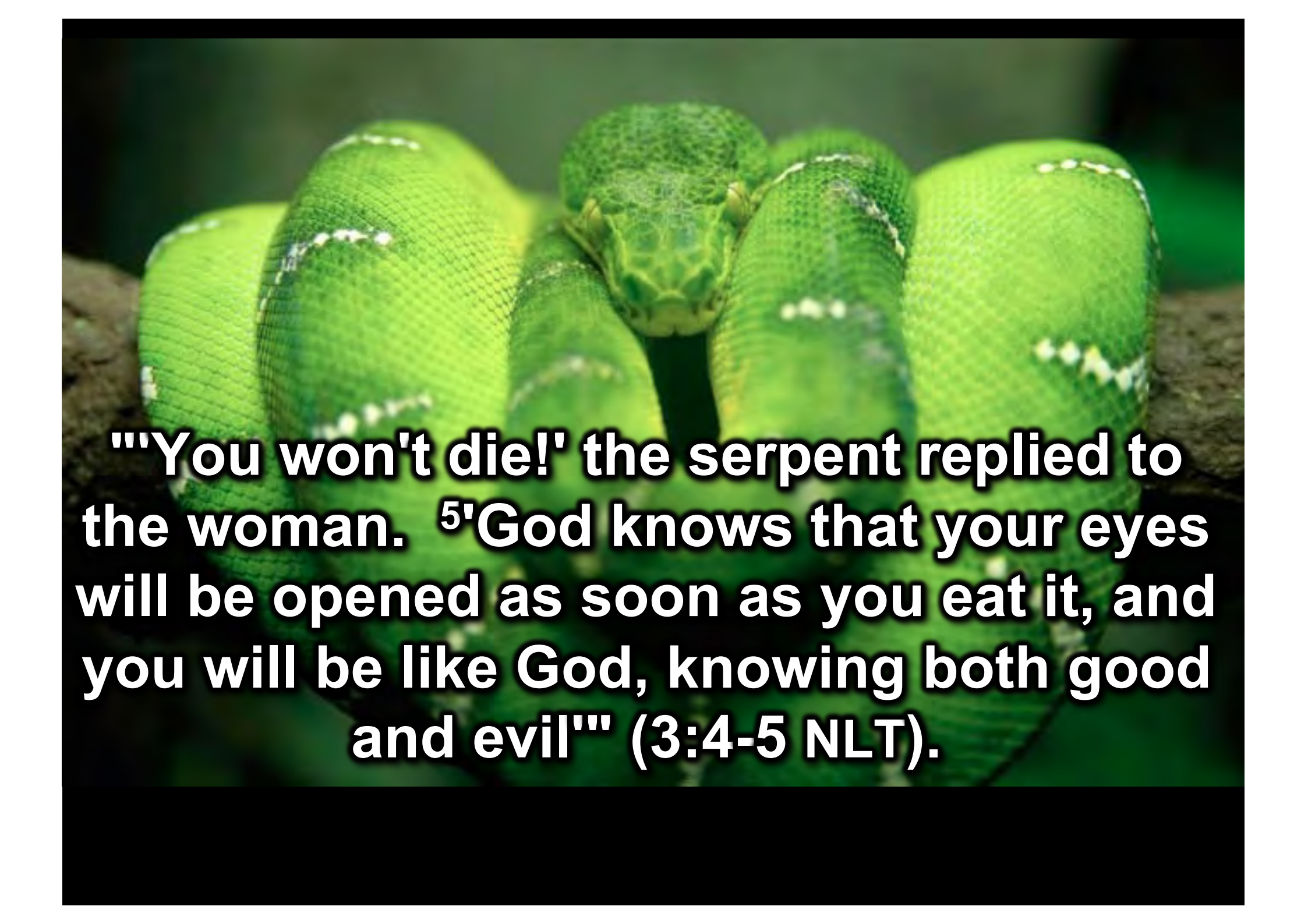
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A woman with long, flowing red hair is shown from the chest up, looking upwards with a contemplative expression. Her hands are raised towards a large, glowing red apple that is the central focus of the image. The background is a warm, reddish-orange glow, suggesting a setting or rising sun. The overall mood is one of desire and temptation.

**"I want to be like God!"  
(Pride)**

**Eve *doubted God's goodness* as  
if he jealously held her back  
(Genesis 3:4-5).**




**""You won't die!"' the serpent replied to the woman. <sup>5</sup>'God knows that your eyes will be opened as soon as you eat it, and you will be like God, knowing both good and evil'" (3:4-5 NLT).**



Dear Christians,

I share my toys.  
Why won't you share the season?

Happy holidays for all!

A young girl with dark hair, wearing a red and white Santa hat and a red jacket, is sitting at a desk. She is looking down at a piece of paper she is writing on. The background is a warm, bokeh light effect, suggesting Christmas lights.

Dear Santa,

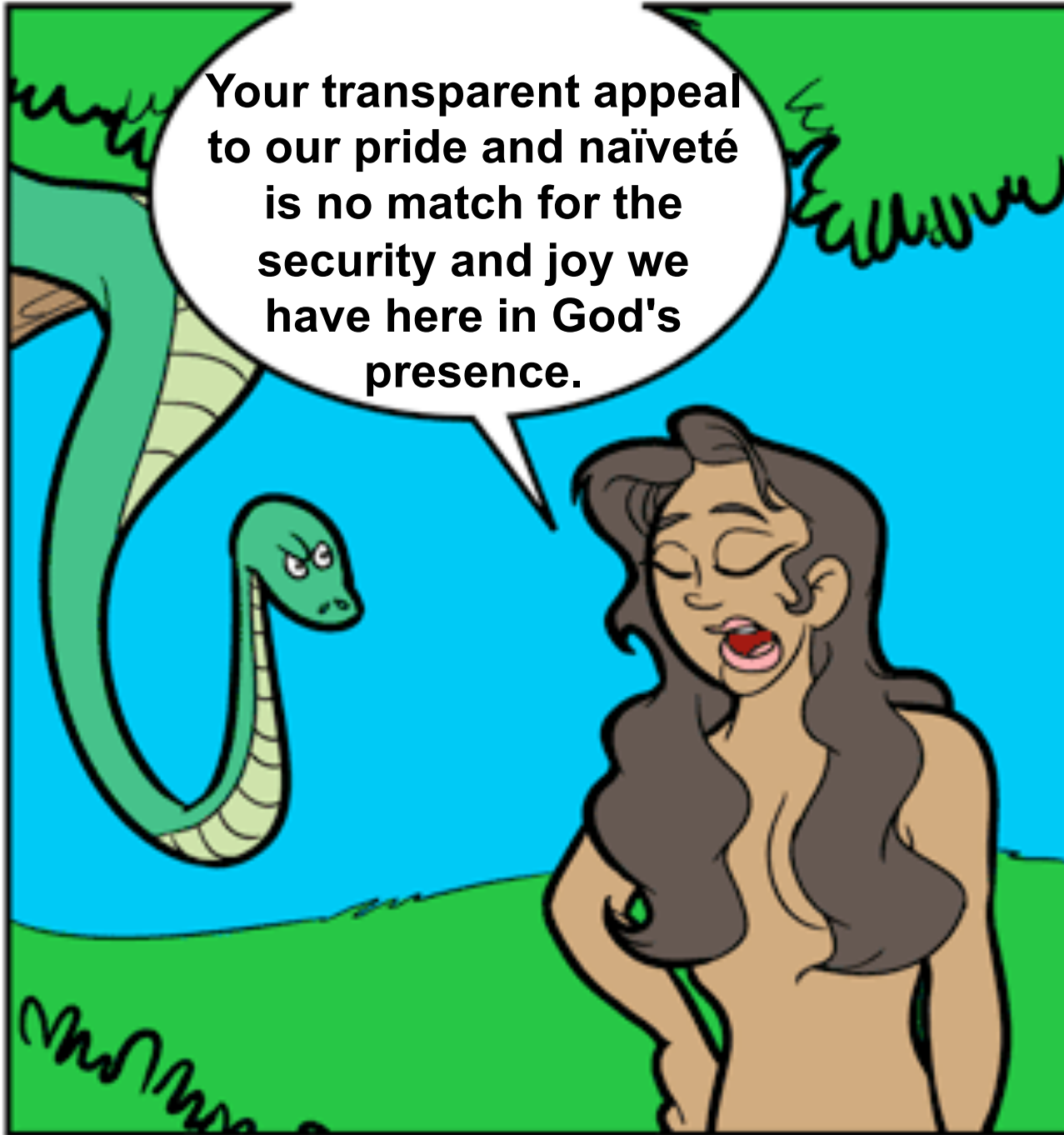
All I want for Christmas is to

skip church!

I'm too old for fairy tales.



Your transparent appeal  
to our pride and naïveté  
is no match for the  
security and joy we  
have here in God's  
presence.





It's organic, rich in antioxidants, and now available in convenient GO-PACKS.

We'll take **two**.

והנחש היה ערום מכל חית השדה אשר עשה יְהוָה אלהים

**"The LORD God commanded the man, saying, 'From any tree of the garden you may eat freely; <sup>17</sup>but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat from it you will surely die'" (Genesis 2:16-17 NAU).**



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**"The woman was convinced. She saw that the tree was beautiful and its fruit looked delicious, and she wanted the wisdom it would give her. So she took some of the fruit and ate it. Then she gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it, too" (3:6 NLT).**



# Yielding to Temptation

**DOUBT**

**Mind**

**DENIAL**

**Emotions**

**Satan rules  
against God**

**Will**

**DISOBEY**



**"She gave some to her husband who was with her" (3:6b NLT).**



# Our Problem: Evil



The Chinese pictograph for "evil" reflects Genesis 3. It has the **green symbol for "garden"** placed under a **"great expanse" in blue**. In the garden are two trees in black and a **child is playing** there. Right next to this child is a small mark that stands for **"whisperer."**



# The Things of the World

## *Comparing Some Key Texts*



<b>World</b> <b>(1 John 2:15-16)</b>	<b>Sources of</b> <b>Temptation</b>	<b>Eve</b> <b>(Gen. 3)</b>	<b>Christ</b> <b>(Matt. 4; Luke 4)</b>
<b>"Cravings of sinful man"</b>	<b>Ungodly bodily desires</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• sex outside marriage</li><li>• gluttony</li><li>• etc.</li></ul>	<b>"Good for food"</b>	<b>Stones to bread</b>
<b>"Lust of the eyes"</b>	<b>Greed, coveting</b> <b>(10th commandment)</b>	<b>"Pleasing to the eye"</b>	<b>Possess all kingdoms</b>
<b>"Boasting of what he has and does"</b>	<b>Pride &amp; boasting of:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• occupation</li><li>• position</li><li>• worldly advantages</li><li>• etc.</li></ul>	<b>"Desirable for gaining wisdom"</b>	<b>Acclaim by men</b> <b>("throw yourself from the temple")</b>



# **The Blame Game**



# The Blame Game



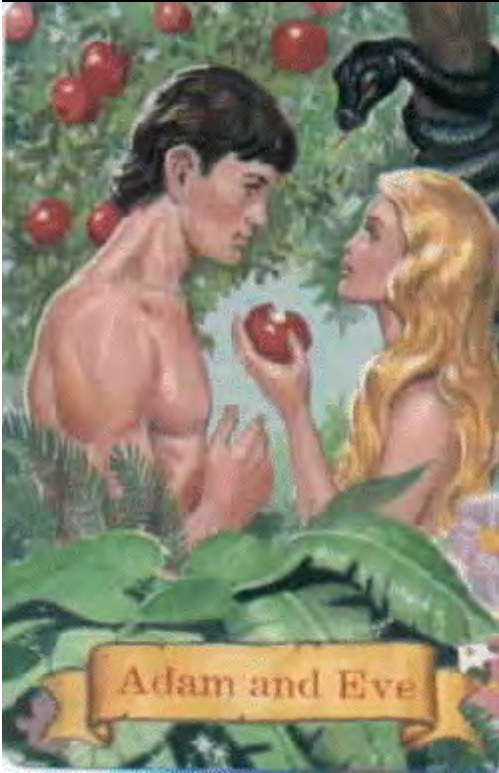


## The Sad Results

**Our independence  
brings blame,  
shame and pain  
(3:7-13, 17-19).**

**"At that moment their eyes were opened, and they suddenly felt shame at their nakedness. So they sewed fig leaves together to cover themselves" (3:7 NLT).**





# What Resulted from the Fall (3:7-24)?

For both Adam and Eve (7-13)

For the serpent (14-15)

For Eve (16)

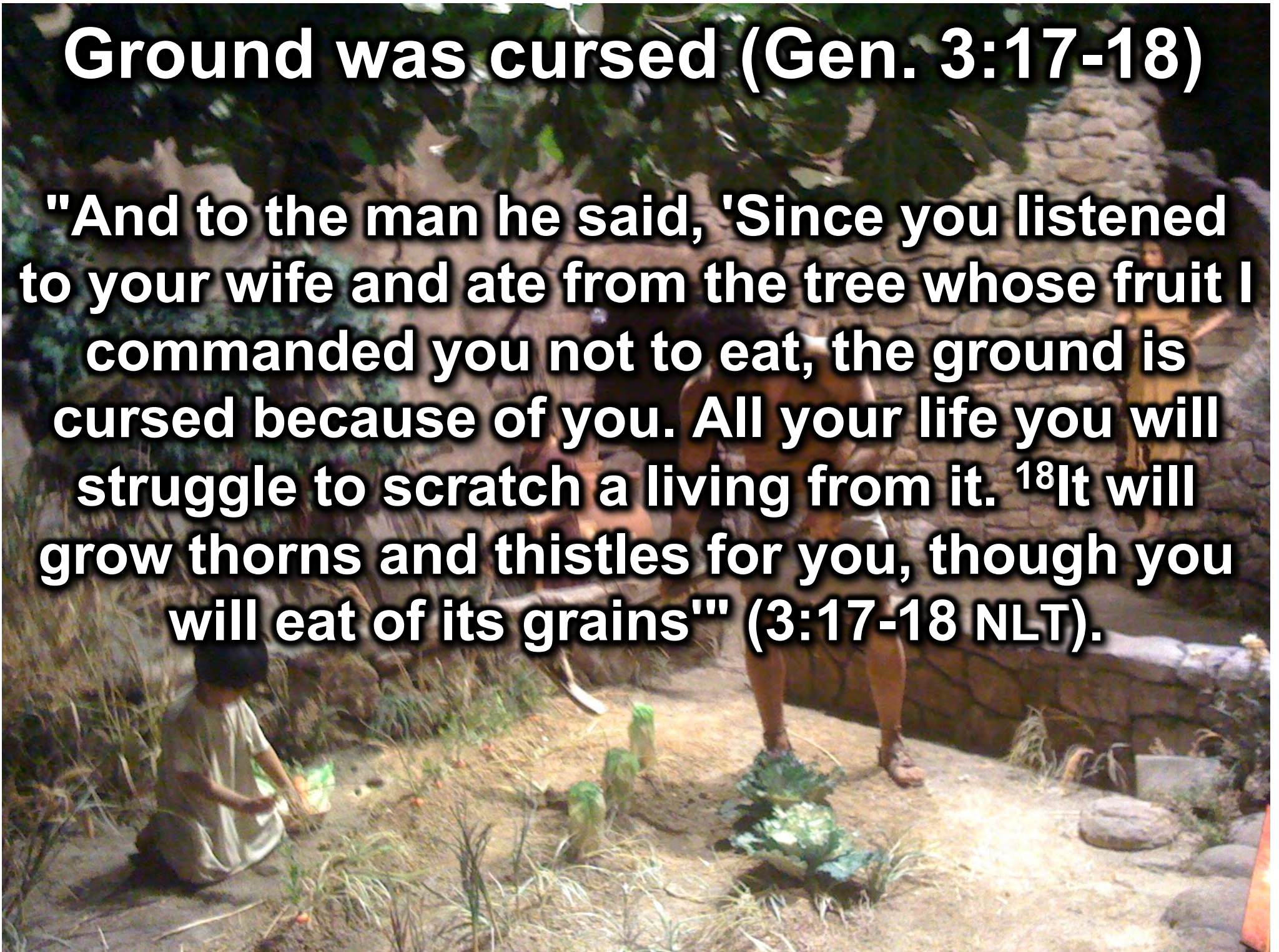
For Adam (17-18)

For Humanity (19)

**Shame**  
**Defeat**  
**Pain**  
**Toil**

# Ground was cursed (Gen. 3:17-18)

**"And to the man he said, 'Since you listened to your wife and ate from the tree whose fruit I commanded you not to eat, the ground is cursed because of you. All your life you will struggle to scratch a living from it. <sup>18</sup>It will grow thorns and thistles for you, though you will eat of its grains'" (3:17-18 NLT).**



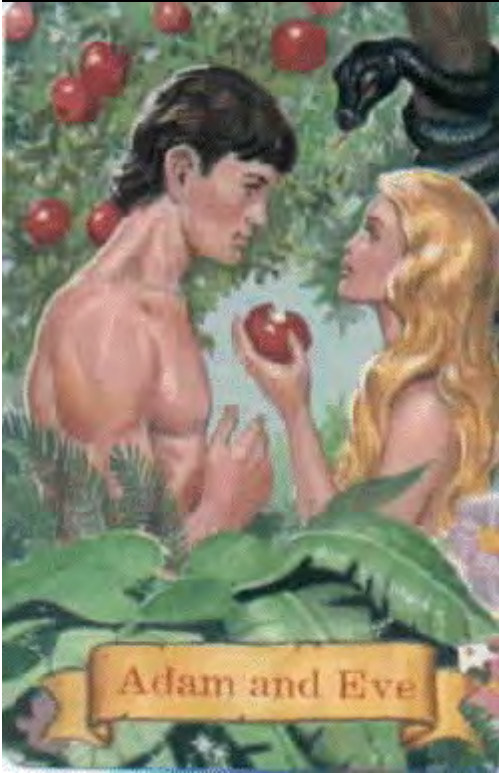
# Adam & Eve began to die **spiritually**



**"By the sweat of your brow will you have food to eat until you return to the ground from which you were made. For you were made from dust, and to dust you will return" (3:19 NLT).**

**Adam did not die for another 930 years  
(Gen. 5:5), but he did die**





# What Resulted from the Fall (3:7-24)?

For both Adam and Eve (7-13)

For the serpent (14-15)

For Eve (16)

For Adam (17-18)

For Humanity (19)

**Shame**  
**Defeat**  
**Pain**  
**Toll**  
**Death**

# Results of Sin

- **Shame: "At that moment their eyes were opened, and they suddenly felt shame at their nakedness. So they sewed fig leaves together to cover themselves" (Gen. 3:7 NLT)**
- **Separation from God: Adam hid in the Garden (Gen. 3:8)**
- **Death: "In the day you eat from it, you shall die" (Gen. 2:17 NAU)**

**When did death come into  
the world?**



# Did death exist before sin?

## What do you think?

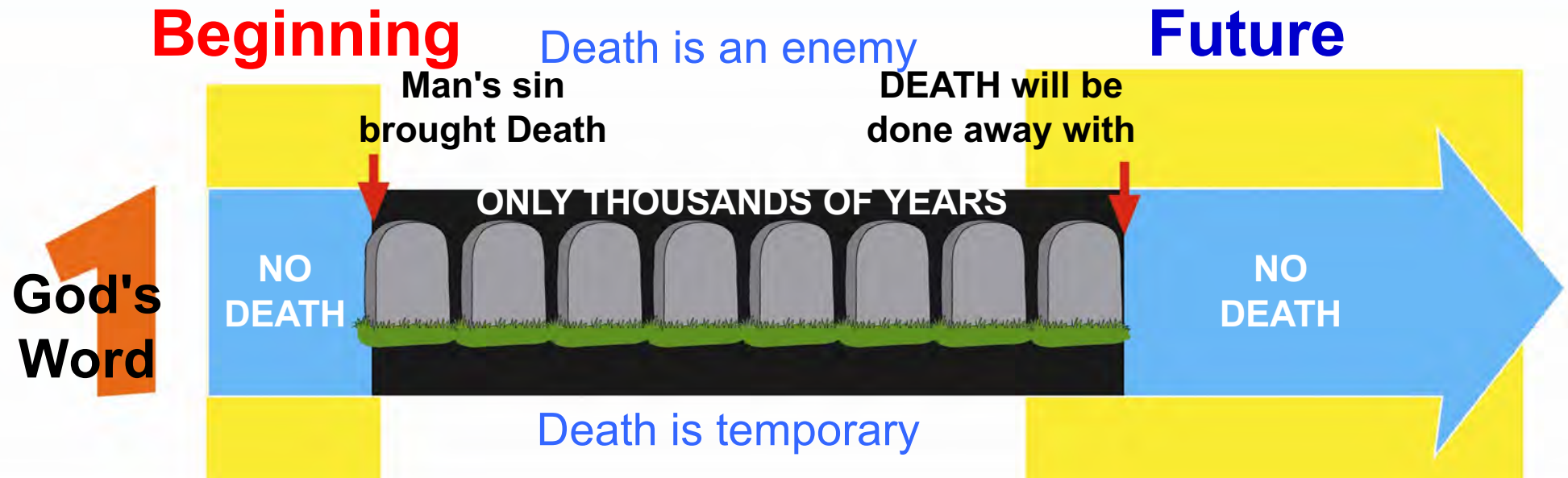
**VERY  
GOOD**



### What does it mean that creation was "very good" if death existed then?

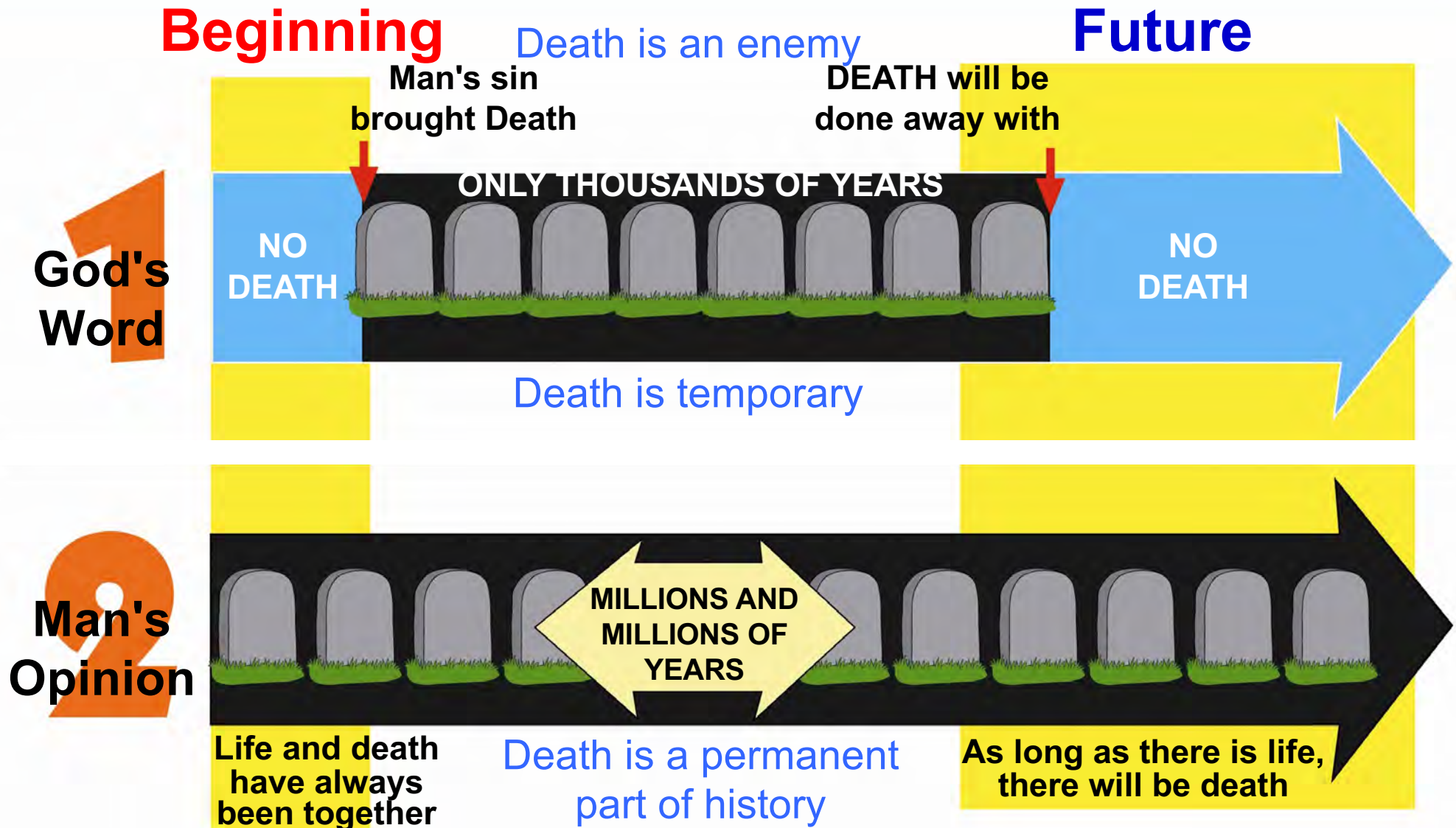
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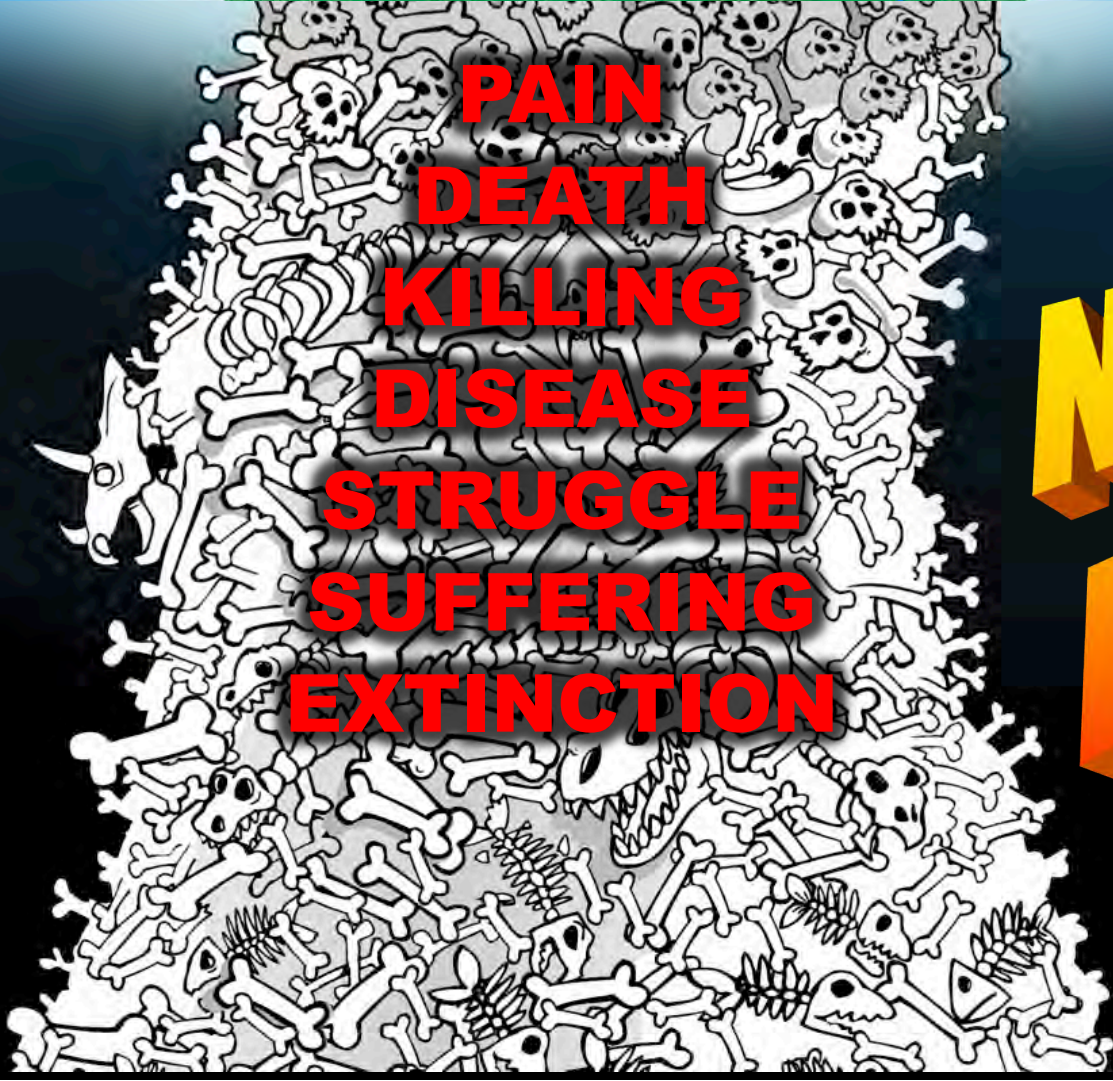
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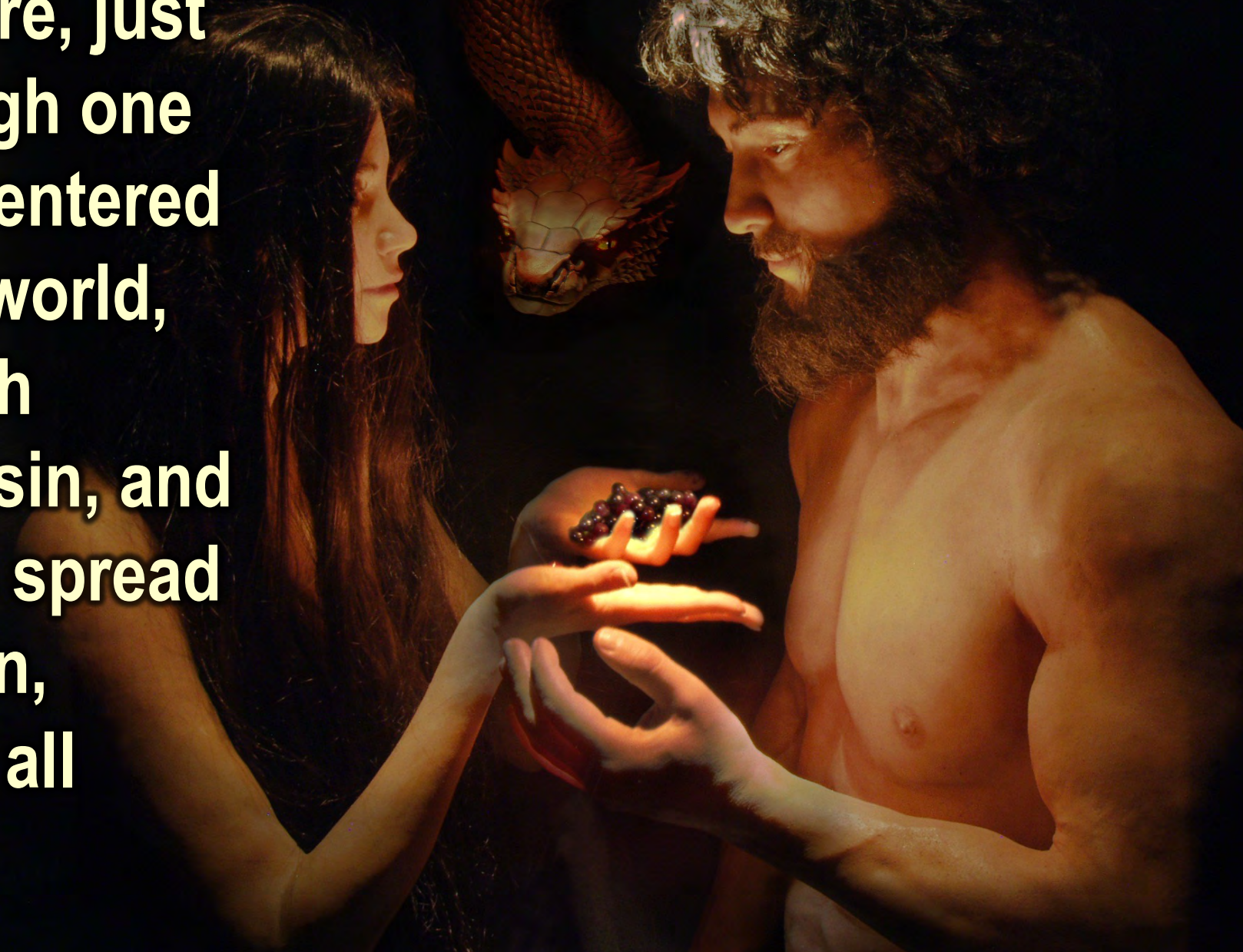
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**DEATH**  
**KILLING**  
**DISEASE**  
**STRUGGLE**  
**SUFFERING**  
**EXTINCTION**

**FOSSIL  
RECORD**

# **Noah's Flood**

## Romans 5:12 (NAU)

**"Therefore, just as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sinned"**



## Romans 5:12 (NLT)

**"When Adam sinned, sin entered the world. Adam's sin brought death, so death spread to everyone, for everyone sinned"**



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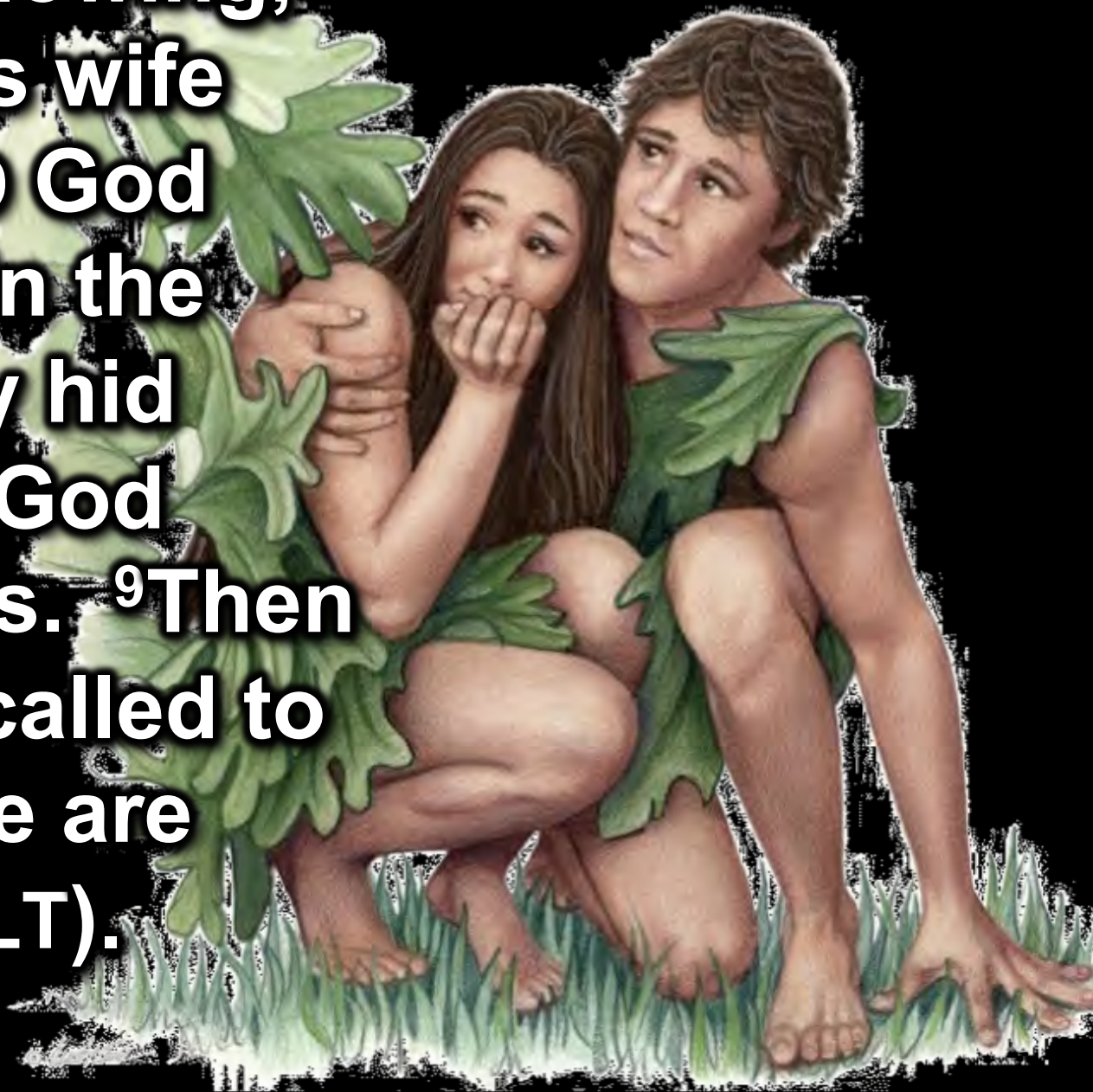
**We need a Savior**



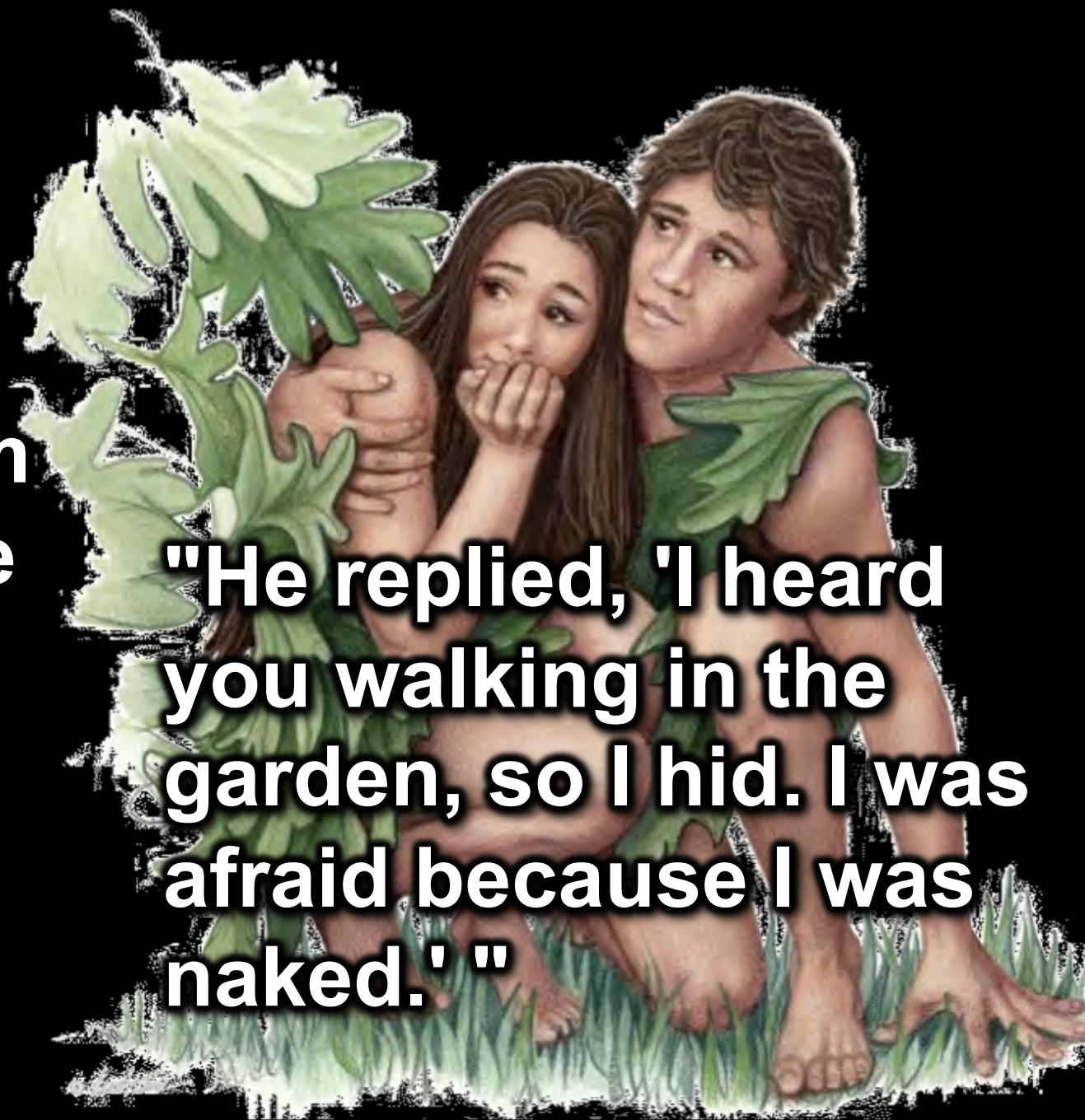
# II. Jesus **saves** us from sin's penalty.



**"When the cool evening breezes were blowing, the man and his wife heard the LORD God walking about in the garden. So they hid from the LORD God among the trees. <sup>9</sup>Then the LORD God called to the man, 'Where are you?'" (3:8-9 NLT).**



**11"Who told you that you were naked?" the LORD God asked. 'Have you eaten from the tree whose fruit I commanded you not to eat?'"  
(3:10-11 NLT).**



**"He replied, 'I heard you walking in the garden, so I hid. I was afraid because I was naked.'"**

**Who likes  
stepping on  
snakes?**

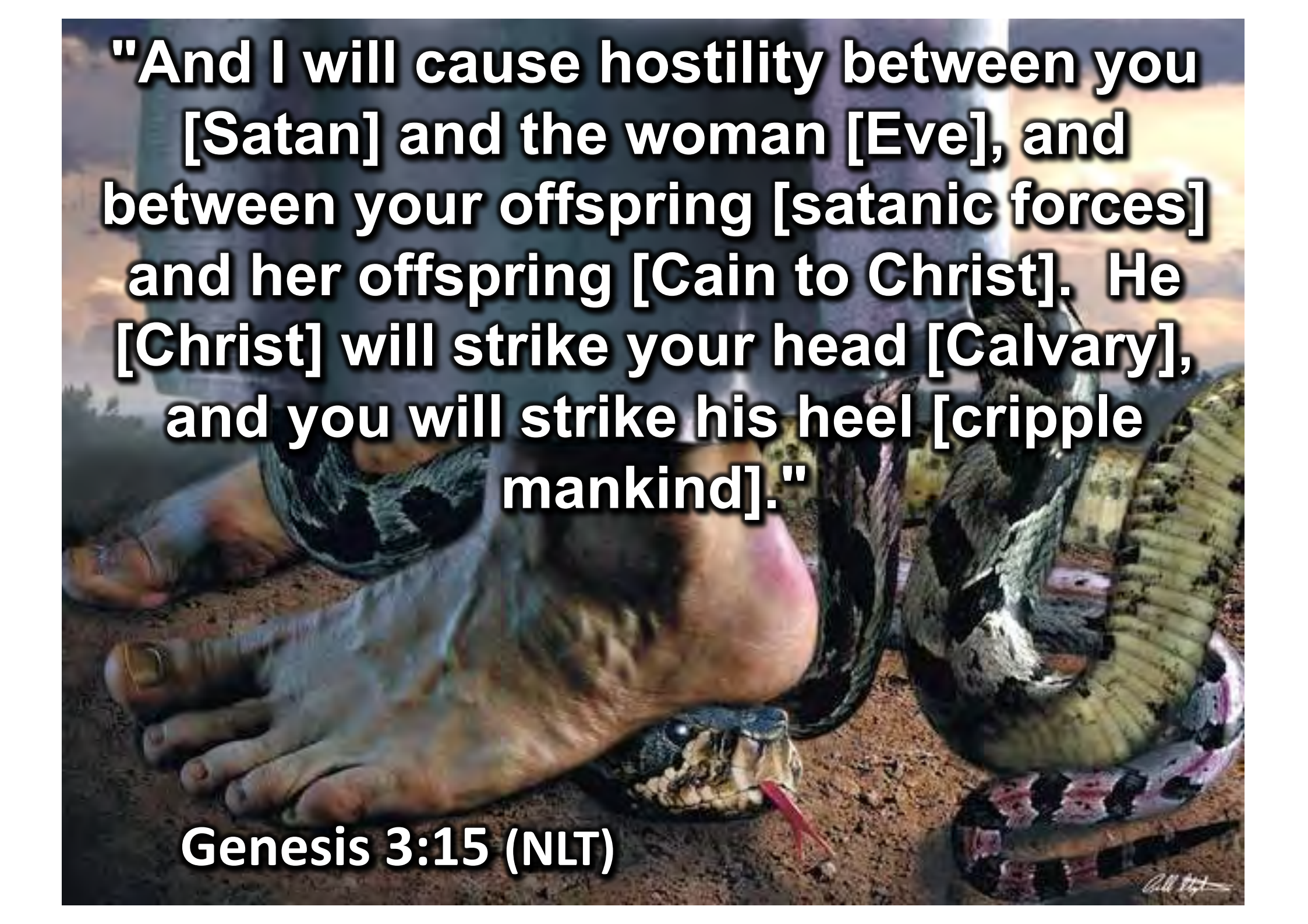


**"Then the LORD God said to the serpent, 'Because you have done this, you are cursed more than all animals, domestic and wild. You will crawl on your belly, groveling in the dust as long as you live.'"**

**Genesis 3:14  
(NLT)**



**Serpent** cursed (Gen. 3:14)

A detailed painting of a woman's foot stepping on a snake's head. The woman's foot is large and realistic, with a pinkish-red heel. The snake is coiled on the ground, its head crushed under the woman's foot. The background is a soft, hazy landscape with a sunset or sunrise sky. The overall tone is dramatic and symbolic.

**"And I will cause hostility between you [Satan] and the woman [Eve], and between your offspring [satanic forces] and her offspring [Cain to Christ]. He [Christ] will strike your head [Calvary], and you will strike his heel [cripple mankind]."**

**Genesis 3:15 (NLT)**

**Eve judged **greatly**: increased  
pain in childbirth (Gen. 3:16)**





**"Then the man—  
Adam—named  
his wife Eve  
[Heb. *living, life*],  
because she  
would be the  
mother of all who  
live"  
(3:20 NLT).**

**Genesis 3:21**

**Redemption  
through a  
sacrifice gave  
them animal skin  
coverings**





# Leaves to Leather (3:21)

*Redemption  
Foretold Again*



**Adam & Eve Banished**

**"Then the LORD God said, 'Look, the human beings have become like us, knowing both good and evil. What if they reach out, take fruit from the tree of life, and eat it? Then they will live forever!'" (3:22 NLT).**



# EXILED



**"So the LORD God banished them from the Garden of Eden, and he sent Adam out to cultivate the ground from which he had been made" (3:23 NLT).**



**"After sending them out, the LORD God stationed mighty cherubim to the east of the Garden of Eden. And he placed a flaming sword that flashed back and forth to guard the way to the tree of life"  
(3:24 NLT).**



**What other results  
came from the Fall  
besides those in  
Genesis 3?**



# The Bible's Chiasm

*Repeated Patterns in Reverse Order*

**Christ's  
Redemption**

**Christ's  
Rule**



**Man's  
Rule**

**Man's  
Rule**

**Lost at  
Fall**

**Restored at  
Millennium**

**Creation**



**New  
Creation**



A silhouette of a person kneeling in prayer on a wooden chair against a blue background. The person is facing left, with their head bowed and hands clasped in front of them. The chair is a simple wooden chair with a backrest. The background is a solid light blue color.

**WHY?**

**DID GOD GIVE US A  
SAVIOR?**

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**Jesus *saves* us  
from sin's  
penalty.**

**Main Idea**

# *Significant Gifts:*

*Frankincense*

*Gold*

*Ruling King*

*Myrrh*

*Redeeming Savior*



# Genesis 3



What **we**  
did **wrong**



What **God**  
did **right**

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***Keep the MERRY!***



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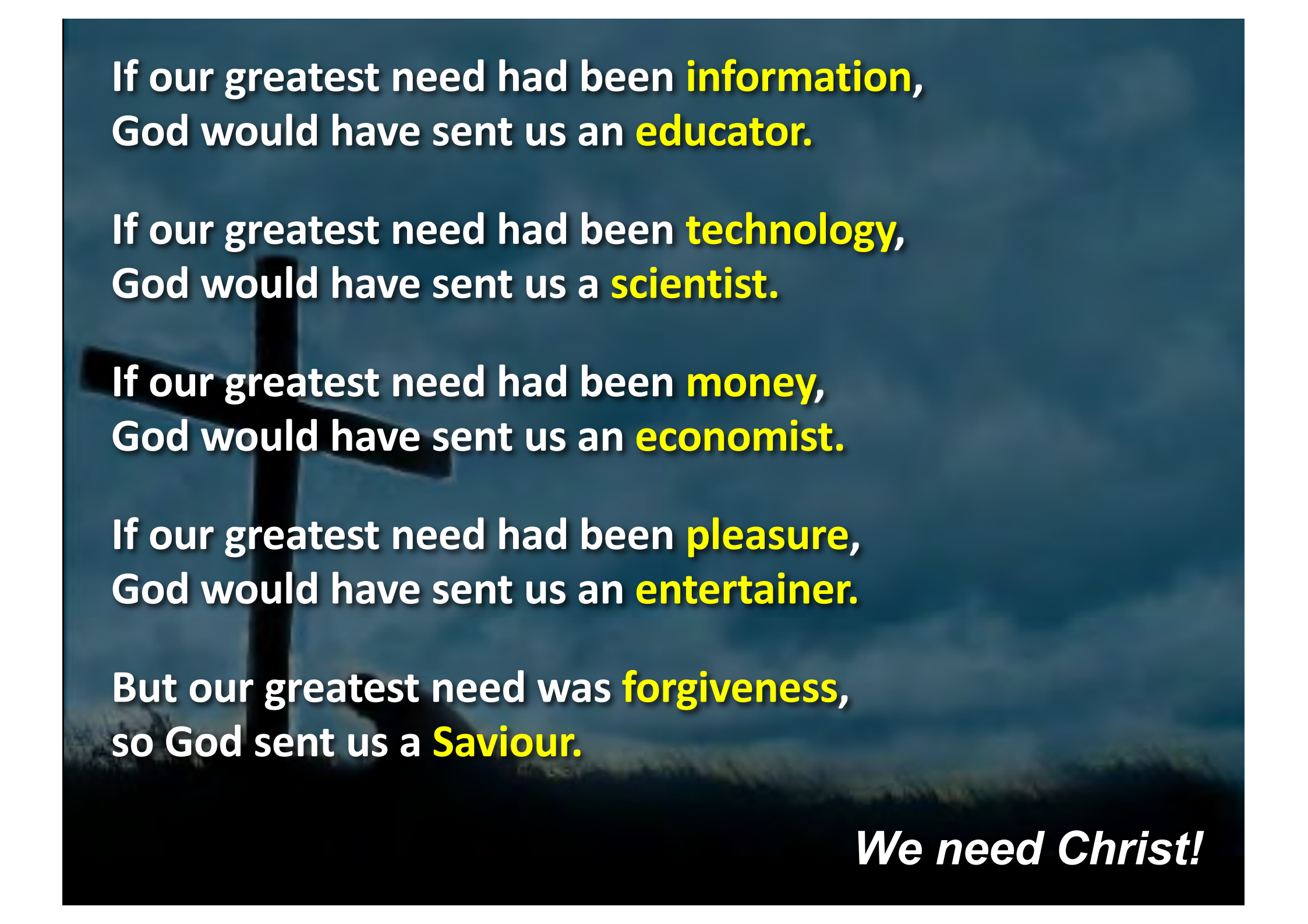
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**WHAT IF GOD  
DOES NOT BELIEVE  
IN ATHEISTS?**

**What if God does not believe in  
atheists?**



If our greatest need had been **information**,  
God would have sent us an **educator**.

If our greatest need had been **technology**,  
God would have sent us a **scientist**.

If our greatest need had been **money**,  
God would have sent us an **economist**.

If our greatest need had been **pleasure**,  
God would have sent us an **entertainer**.

But our greatest need was **forgiveness**,  
so God sent us a **Saviour**.

***We need Christ!***

**We need a RISEN Savior**



**What or who are you trusting to  
save you from your sin?**



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