

ONCE UPON A TIME ?

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“Once upon a time” is a good beginning for a fairy tale, but not for the Bible. It is no fairy tale. “In the beginning” implies a point in time and suggests a time when God began. The truth is that God lives “outside” the boundaries of time... The God of no beginning.

May I suggest we take a closer look at Genesis 1:1. It is so “easy” to accept the translators ideas; but we are commended to study. You are not guilty if you question.

Biblical history forces us to conclude that Truth is progressive. i.e. Moses knew aspects of God’s nature that were hidden to Abraham, Issac and Jacob; Jesus knew God in a dimension Moses did not; Daniel was told to seal up his prophecy until the time of the end; Paul said that things would be revealed which had been hidden for ages and generations. Progressive truth requires us to keep examining and searching.

“In the Beginning God Created the heaven and the earth.” Originally written in the Hebrew language - let’s dissect it:

- 1) **Beginning** - #7225 Strongs: **Reshiyth**, def.; the first, rank, first place, beginning. from #7218: **rosh (re)**; head, rank, chief, company, highest. #7896 & 7897: **shiyth**, to appoint, to dress, attire. (My definition for the word **beginning**: “In the Headship Company” or “In the Appointed Headship Company”)

The word “Beginning” does NOT suggest a point in time.

- 2) **God** - #430 Strongs: **Elohiym**, plural of #410: **El**.
- 3) **Created** - #1254 Strongs: **bara**, a primary verb; to create, choose, cut down
- 4) **heaven** - #8064 Strongs: **shamayim**, lofty
- 5) **Earth** - #776 Strongs: **Erets**, to be firm

I wish to propose the translation: “In the Headship Company the Elohiym appointed them to create a spiritual dimension and a physical dimension, heaven and earth.”

In Genesis chapter one, is accounted the progressive steps in creating a perfect spiritual dimension which included a perfect spiritual man; or a perfect spiritual manifestor of the nature and character of the Kingdom of the Elohiym... “And it was very good.”

Genesis 1:31, “And {Elohiym} saw everything that He had made, and, behold, {Look} it was very good.” Genesis 2:2, “And {Elohiym} rested on the seventh day from all His {Elohiym} work.”

Now, please carefully note Genesis 2:4, “... in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens” - note the order - earth and heavens.

Please consider... “the LORD God made the earth after the pattern of the heavens.” Genesis 2:5, “every plant of the field before it was in the earth...”.

Did you see it? The LORD God - not Elohiym. The LORD Elohiym - could it mean The LORD of the Elohiym; The Head of the Headship Company? Genesis ?? says, “And God {Elohiym} sanctified the man and the creation.” It was good, it was perfect, it was spiritual and it was set apart; protected from the infection of evil. That is the **1st** creation.

This first man, the image of the Elohiym, was spirit. He is the LORD God of Genesis 2:7, who formed man of the dust of the earth. He breathed into this earthy man His spirit life, and the earthy man was made a living soul. This spiritual man had, as Jesus after His resurrection, a visible body.

The LORD God joined Himself to the soul of His visible, physical man. Rudy, was this considered the original covenant "union" that God made with man? And was it this "covenant" that God later tried to visibly demonstrate to Abram when He made that covenant in which He added the 'ha' (meaning breath of God) to Abram's name? Looking back through the corridors of Bible history, could this LORD be the LORD in the New Testament Who no man can call LORD except by the Holy Spirit? I believe the answer is yes. He is the Head of the corporate body.

Back to the Genesis account; please notice that it is the spiritual, sanctified man who is given dominion (Gen. 1:26) over all the earth.

In Hebrews 2:7, "Thou madest him {man} a little lower than the angels {Elohiym}..." Hebrews 2:8, "Thou hast put all things under his feet." --- He left nothing that is not put under him. But now we see not yet all things put under him. Hebrew 2:9, "But we see Jesus who was made a little lower than the angels {Elohiym} for the suffering of death."

This Jesus, the Christ, our LORD is head of His body, (the true church). He is the Head - the Amnon Lamb, who is in heaven, the highest position of authority. His body, the Arnion lamb of Revelations whose citizenship is in heaven (because of the head of the body's position and authority in heaven), is seen in Revelations 5:6 as the Lamb (amnon) "as it had been slain" in the midst of the throne. Because what is true of the head is true of the body. This man cannot be divided. He is One. The Amnos lamb and the Arnion lamb are two parts of the whole. Christ's earned position (given a name above every thing that is named - and having all authority - in heaven and in earth) is completely ineffective - unless the body (on earth) implements His authority on the earth.

There is a problem; the body cannot have a different nature than its head. The two must be one.

As Jesus the Christ, He has the Father's life and nature. Christ in us identifies the potential; but as James teaches - without works, it is without life, the Word must become flesh.

I'm sure someone has said, "I thought Paul said, 'the first man was of the earth, earthy.'" Yes, he did. He was talking to people who he said were yet carnal. He addressed them from their viewpoint. They could only know the natural earthy man Adam, for the natural man (mind) cannot receive anything spiritual. Paul introduces Jesus as the second man - or the last man Adam as the spiritual man - as the life giving spirit.

In the Revelation - the Christ identifies Himself as the first and the last.

He was the spiritual, sanctified man of Genesis chapter one, Who invested His spirit into the second man - the earthy man. And as the earthy man, He could suffer death and through death, remove sin for the earth. And out of death bring forth life.