

"SEEING JESUS...IN THE OLD TESTAMENT"

PART I: "Seeing Christ In The CREATION"

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OPENING TEXT: GENESIS 1

- I. In the phrase; "In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth" (Genesis 1:1), the word "God" is the Hebrew word "ELOHIM" and is a PLURAL noun. Therefore, from the onset of scripture, we are forced to think of CHRIST'S involvement in CREATION. (cf. John 1:3, 10, 14; I Corinthians 8:6; Ephesians 2:10a; Colossians 1:15-19; Hebrews 1:1a,2, 8a, 10,12)
- II. The Hebrews 1 passage (cited above) is a direct quotation of PSALM 45:6,7 and 102:25-27 - all clearly speaking of "ELOHIM", The Creator. Yet it is critical to understand that the Hebrew's writer, under inspiration of the Holy Spirit of God, identified the One being written about in these passages as JESUS (The SON).
- III. Therefore, we learn here that EVERY time that the Bible says that "God CREATED", we actually have yet one more glimpse of the PRE-INCARNATE Christ and His glory as The FATHER worked through The SON. (By Him...)
- IV. The word "BEGINNING" in Genesis 1:1 is the Hebrew word "ARCHE" from which we ALSO get our word "ARCHITECT". Therefore, far from being a PRODUCT of creation, Jesus was actually the "ARCHITECT" (or, Chief Worker) OF the creation!
- V. We must not miss the Holy Spirit's role in the Creation as well (Genesis 1:2)
- VI. According to Genesis 1:26, all Three members of the Godhead (Trinity) were very active in the creation. ("... US ... OUR ... OUR")
- VII. TEN separate times in Genesis chapter 1, our Creator flashes across the pages with the words, "And God said". And when He spoke, He used the Word. The scripture leaves NO DOUBT as to WHO this is! (see John 1:1,3,14)
- VIII. Furthermore, Jesus would one day say about Himself that He was the "true LIGHT, which lighteth ever man that cometh into the world". Since the SUN, MOON and STARS were not created until DAY 4, the "Light" created on DAY 1 must have been a special foreshadowing of CHRIST, our Spiritual

Light!

{ Is. 9:2; John 1:4 - 8:12; 12:35,46
Cor. 4:6; Eph. 5:14, I John 2:8
"Sun" typifies Christ (Ps 19:4b-6)
"The Lamb (Jesus) will be the light of the world" (Lk. 21:23) }

- IX. Notice HOW the LAND came to be. It came up out of the WATER. (1:9,11) This is a picture of the RESURRECTION which is then reenacted every SPRING - ALL a beautiful reminder of the basic principle of "LIFE out of DEATH"!
- X. By the way, can we think it to truly be ONLY a "COINCIDENCE" that this occurred on the 3RD Day of creation?! NO! This was rather carefully planned in order to set the stage for that which Jesus talked to His disciples on 10 separate occasions in the scriptures...namely, the fact that He had to DIE BUT that on the Third Day, He would Rise again!(aka "the Gospel") (For example, Matt. 16:21; Mark 9:31; Luke 9:22)
- XI. And to reiterate, Genesis 1:26 records a conversation amongst ALL Three Members of the Godhead. God SURELY did not speak this to the ANGELS, who were themselves created beings who were incapable of "REPRODUCTION" or CREATING - ESPECIALLY of a species who would one day "judge ANGELS" (I Cor. 6:3) ! This HAD to be a discussion between ALL THREE CO-CREATORS - thus, all serve as additional GLIMPSES into the participation of Christ in the Creation.
- XII. Finally, there is one more key word which points to Jesus in Genesis 1 and it is the word "IMAGE" (1:27)...because though man at his very best is only a dim REFLECTION of God (Romans 5:14b), Jesus Christ was and is "the image of the INVISIBLE God. (Col. 1:15; 2 Corinthians 4:4b; Hebrews 1:3)
- XIII. REVIEW: Beginning (Christ is The "Alpha") - 1 time
 Elohim (plurality includes Him) - 31 times
 Created (all things BY Him) - 5 times
 God said (Employing The Word) - 10 times
 Made (all things made BY Him) - 5 times
 Light (Christ is The True Light) - 10 times
 Resurrection (typified) - 1 time
 Us, Our, Our (all three in 1:26) - 3 times
 Image - (He is the Express Image!) - 3 times

TOTAL: 69 TIMES

IS CHRIST REFLECTED IN GENESIS 1!

- XIV. While it is true that not EVERY page of scripture has this many GLIMPSES of Christ as Genesis 1, He DOES still show up - PAGE AFTER PAGE! So, let's prepare our hearts to sit up and to take notice of the GLORY which our Savior had with His Father before the world was!