



Gems of Genesis



TEACHING 2

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A study of Genesis is a study of beginnings. It's also more than just a history lesson. Genesis provides gems of truth that we can discover and apply to our lives. If you read the first teaching in this series then you understand that this 6-part teaching is going deep into the Word of the LORD YHWH to discover hidden treasures of truth. Again, these things are not hidden from us but FOR us. The Bible is a treasure trove of gems and gold nuggets of truth. This is especially true for the book of Genesis.

Speaking of which...

Adam was walking around the Garden of Eden feeling very lonely, so God asked Adam, "What is wrong with you?"

Adam said he didn't have anyone to talk to.

God said he was going to give him a companion and it would be a woman. He said, "This person will cook for you and wash your clothes, she will always agree with every decision you make. She will bear you children and never ask you to get up in the middle of the night to take care of them.

She will not nag you and will always be the first to admit she was wrong when you've had a disagreement. She will never have a headache and will freely give you love whenever needed."

Adam asked God, "What will a woman like this cost?"

God said, "An arm and a leg."

Adam said, "What can I get for just a rib?"

During the first teaching message we discussed...

- How Elohim God declares the end from the beginning

- A study of Genesis is a study of prophecy, history, and the Messiah
- The Law of Moses isn't just "law" but teachings and instructions for us today
- Questions are an open door to the truth and learning
- The Holy Spirit inspired Moses to write Genesis through Deuteronomy
- The 7 days of creation are symbolic of a 7,000-year plan of man on earth
- The garden of Eden could possibly have been in Jerusalem, Israel
- Everything was made for Christ, by Christ, and through Christ
- The Hebrew language holds depth of meaning and understanding for us
- The Hebrew word of "God" is "elohim" and is actually plural
- The first and last Hebrew letters, the alef and the tav, appear throughout the Older Testament as a code word for the Messiah
- The alef is sign and symbol of strength and the tav is a picture of the cross
- There is a bigger picture of redemption through the cross found in the Hebrew
- "In the beginning God" created the universe but had you on His mind
- "You are God's handiwork, created in Messiah to do good works, which He prepared in advance for us to do," Ephesians 2:10

Genesis chapter 1:1-5 says, "In the beginning Elohim God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of Elohim God was hovering over the waters. And Elohim God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. Elohim God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. God called the light "day," and the darkness he called "night." And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day."

The second verse of Genesis 1 gives us even more to question and consider... In English this says "the earth was formless and empty." In Hebrew this is "tohu wa bohu." Some Bible scholars like Scofield and Drake teach that an entire civilization and millions of years passed during the two words. Of course this idea comes by stretching the Bible to meet man's ideas. This isn't how the Scriptures work. The truth is not a piece of bubble gum to be stretched and blown up. When we do this we do nothing but create divisions and lose sight of the bigger picture. What's really happening in verse 2 is another prophecy about the Messiah and application for us today.

The truth is that when the earth was made void it was actually made blank and dark. The Almighty artist took a blank canvas and made the masterpiece of all that exists. This canvas was not white but totally dark and black. Now, here's something interesting. Black is not a color. Black is the absence of color. It absorbs light (that's why black clothing gets hot in the

sun.) Black can be defined as the “visual impression experienced when no visible light reaches the eye.” White isn’t a color either. White reflects light and actually is the presence of all colors. So, the Almighty first spoke into the darkness or void. He took nothing and made everything – “ex nihilo.” He formed all from the absence of anything except for Himself. Genesis 1:3 gives us the vehicle of creation. " Elohim God said 'let by light.'" The Almighty spoke and everything came into being. The power of life and death is in the tongue. Light was because the Lord said "let there be..." Our words as well bring light or darkness. If we chose to speak uplifting or encouraging words, then we can bring light into the faint bleak abyss of darkness. We as well say “let there be” when we say things like “I am sick” or “I am poor” or “I am thankful” or “I am blessed.” The tongue holds the power of creation.

In Genesis we read that the first words ever spoken were “let it be.” Whatever YHWH the LORD said was. It is the same today as whatever you verbalize will be. Like the LORD YHWH, the words we say are actually a powerful force of creation. You create life or death with what you say. We must be careful that our words are not like a mixture of both good and evil like the tempting tree of the Garden. Anyone who loves lying will not be allowed to enjoy the Garden of Eden when the universe is returned to perfection. This may seem harsh, but remember that it was the deceptive lying lips of a snake that mislead Eve to sin originally. As a remedy, the LORD gave us His Word and the living Word. Just why are the words of our mouth so important? Maybe because it was through the power of language that the LORD created the World and communicated with mankind first in Eden, then at Sinai, and finally with His Son. THE LORD sent His Word and healed our diseases. How dare we take words and misuse them.

In the first lesson, we learned about the first word of the Bible as “beresheet” or Genesis. This word literally means “in the beginning.” The very first six letters of the Bible say “beresheet” in Hebrew. They are sometimes compared to the first six days of creation. The first and last two letters of this ancient word form the writ “brit” which is Hebrew for covenant. The remaining inner letters are alef and shin which spell the word “fire.”



Creation is a covenant (brit) of fire (esh). Remember that God declares the end from the beginning. The world was started with a covenant of fire and will end when fire consumes all (2 Peter 3:10.) Fire, of course is light! Fire came from the void of color and set the universe aflame. Fire is light in its purest form. And did you know that fire doesn't produce a shadow? Check it for yourself the next time you spark a lighter – hold the flame to the wall and you will not see a shadow. James 1:17, "Whatever is good and perfect comes down to us from God our Father, who created all the lights in the heavens. He never changes or casts a shifting shadow." What does this mean for us? Hebrews 12 says that our Elohim God is an all-consuming fire. We can trust that the God of fire, "elohim ha esh," will always do good for us and towards us. So, could the light that was created on day one simply be an extension of God himself?

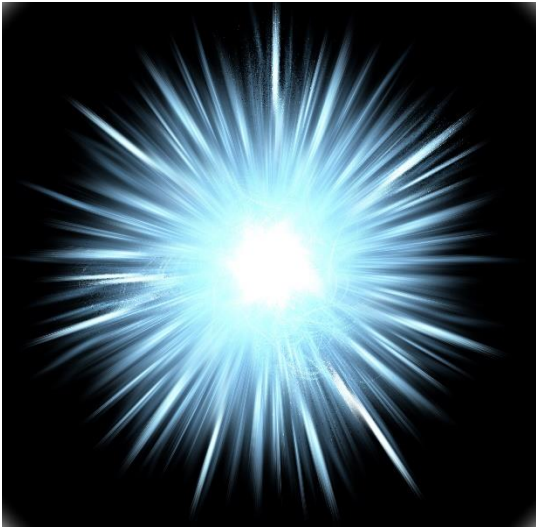
The Scriptures are a fire according to Jeremiah 23:29, "Is not My word like fire?" declares the LORD." And remember that it was from a burning bush the Almighty revealed himself to Moses the prophet. 2 Thessalonians, 1:6-9, "God is just: He will pay back trouble to those who trouble you and give relief to you who are troubled, and to us as well. This will happen when the Lord is revealed from heaven in blazing fire with his powerful angels. He will punish those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel of our Lord. They will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might"

We need the fire of the Lord in our lives. Why? To deal with the darkness. Just as there was darkness before light in creation, in our lives we have to face a good bit of gloom. Before you were born again you were in spiritual darkness. When light was shed upon your soul you came to the realization that the darkness had made you blind. Even Israel was led out the dark bondage of slavery to Pharaoh at night during the initial Passover. And years later, light burst into a special borrowed tomb. The darkness of death, hell and the grave was expelled. Darkness is extinguished by light. Just a small flicker can fan a great flame. Darkness can never put light out. This may be why light is the first of God's creation. The void and the darkness in your life is nothing compared to Elohim God's marvelous light! Just as He spoke light and fire into creation we need to allow Him to speak light and life into us today.

Light is an important concept for us to consider. It is a code word for the teachings of the Bible including the Old Testament and the words of our Messiah Y'shua / Jesus. Whenever you think of light, think of the Bible. "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path," Psalm 119:105. To walk in truth is to walk in light. Let's look at some more verses concerning light at the truth...

- Proverbs 6:23, “For the commandment is a lamp; and the law is light; and reproofs of instruction are the way of life.”
- “And if we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we are liars and we do not walk in truth,” 1 John 1:6
- "I am the light of the world; whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light which gives life." John 8:12

In the Scriptures, light is the Hebrew word “ore.” According to Strong’s Exhaustive Concordance and Dictionary “ore” literally means “to be luminous literally and metaphorically: break of day, glorious, kindle, set on fire, shine.” The word “ore” appears 5 times on the first day of creation, representing the 5 books of the Torah that bring Light to the world. This is also symbolic of the 4 gospels plus the book of Acts. Light is used as a synonym for the word of YHWH God. “Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light (Torah) unto my path,” says Psalm 119.



It was on day one “ore” or light was created. It wasn’t until day 4 that the sun, moon, and stars were made. So, what was created on day one? We know the Bible says that it was light but exactly what type of light? We know that it's not the stars and sun. So to answer this question let's turn to the Book of Proverbs chapter 8 to read about creation from another perspective. Here we see that wisdom was the foundation of everything that has ever been made. In this chapter we see that wisdom was a part of the creation account. Now when you read the book of Genesis you don't see the word wisdom in relation to the 6 days of creation. However, it was the

absolute first creation. Wisdom or light was fashioned formed before anything. In fact, you might could say that it was emanated from the Almighty and wasn't per se created but expressed.

“Before the mountains were settled... when He marked out the foundations of the earth, then I was beside Him as a master craftsman, and I was daily His delight, rejoicing always before Him, rejoicing in His inhabited world, and my delight was with the sons of men,” Proverbs 8:22–31. Read the entire chapter of Proverbs 8 for more on this!

There are many verses in Scripture that talk about the light and the darkness. In fact, Y’shua / Jesus said “I am the light of the world” (John 8:12). He also taught the crowd about light in Matthew 5:14-16. The text states, “You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot

be hid. Nor do men light a lamp and put it under a bushel, but on a stand and it give light to all in the house. Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.”

The word of God is like the rays of sunshine that peek through an open window. Just looking through the room you might see furniture or a television. Yet when light shines through the window it is easy to see dust and particles in the air that were not noticeable before. The scriptures illuminate places that we thought were clean. The light of the truth shows us the truth. The scripture also brightens the darkness so we don't have to stumble around like a man at night who bumps his toes on everything in the dark. In the beginning God created light and we should learn from this that are beginning should start with some of the light some of the wisdom that comes from above.

There's an interesting parallel between the world in Genesis 1:2 and the birth of the Messiah. The Holy Spirit hovered over the face of the deep. Later, life came from the waters and the land. The Holy spirit also hovered over Mary and she became pregnant though she'd never been with a man. Today the Holy Spirit hovers over us to dwell in US and bring forth the abundant life. All of this is done through light!

Light is a code word for the instructions of the Bible. Light is also a picture of the Messiah, the firstborn of all creation. “I am the light of the world; whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light which gives life,” John 8:12. Light symbolizes the Word and the Light symbolizes the Messiah. This makes sense since Jesus / Y'shua is the Word made flesh and the living word.

Indeed, by reading the first chapter of the Gospel of John we can actually see a repetition of the creation account from another perspective. "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God Elohim in the beginning. All things came to be through Him, and without Him nothing made had being. In Him was life, and the life was the light of mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not suppressed it and the Word became flesh and dwelt among us," John 1:1-5, 14.

There is a pattern in Genesis 1:2 that is repeated throughout the Bible. Elohim God spoke and brought light from darkness. He still does the same today. 1 Peter 2:9, “But you are A CHOSEN RACE, A ROYAL PRIESTHOOD, A CONSECRATED NATION, A [special] PEOPLE FOR God’s OWN POSSESSION, so that you may proclaim the excellencies [the wonderful deeds and virtues and perfections] of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.” Light expels darkness every time. We are in error when day that "God works on mysterious ways." God always works through light and in light. God works in ways that are in line with his character and previous actions. We might not understand His workings but that doesn't mean He is being mysterious or

sneaky. He is only a mystery because we don't understand His ways. His thoughts are higher than our thoughts. Light from darkness is a pattern to understand and study.

Right after the creation of light came the separation of light. Light and darkness cannot dwell together. As children of the light we will also have to make distinctions. Every day we are faced with hard choices regarding the light of life. Will we shine for the faith? How much darkness from the television or Internet will we allow? When will we draw back the curtain of our soul and allow light to put out the darkness? Israel was called to distinguish between the "holy and the profane, the clean and the unclean, the common and the uncommon." This calling is upon us today.

The LORD separated the light from the darkness. Don't miss this! In the real world, greatness comes in face of obstacles and problems. It's only under the stress of a storm or earthquake that a building's strength can truly be measured. And it's those who refuse to give up, even in the face of ridicule, that experience the best in life. The best sailors have faced the darkest roughest seas!

Consider Genesis 1 and the creation account. The earth is first created like a void and without form. Darkness covers the globe. Then the Holy Spirit hovers over the cast emptiness and the Almighty YHWH says, "let there be light." From the depravity of darkness come a glorious heavenly light. That's a pattern repeated over and over again in the Bible.

The bleakest situations often lead to a great inspiration. Valleys proceed peaks and dry spells happen before the rain. Like a natural cycle of life, good seems to come after evil. Get this today. Whatever you are going through will lead to His light and glory. Weeping may last for the dark night but joy comes in the bright morning! Seek his light. Let his light shine upon your life what is word come into the darkness. You're just walking "through" that valley in the shadow of death. You will get through this! And things will be better.

Let's return to Genesis 1... "God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. Elohim God called the light "day," and the darkness he called "night." And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day," Genesis 1:4-5.

Notice that YHWH God called the first day of creation "good."

When we study the Bible there is a concept that we should consider called the Law of first mention. This means that the first time a word or concept or idea is presented in the Scriptures it bears great importance. The first mention of “good” is in Genesis verse 3. Elohim God saw that the light was good. The Almighty chose to look up on the bright side and declare it blessed. In Hebrew the word for good is “tov.” It's not until later with the creation of man that something is called very good or “mucho tov.” Light is good. Light is wisdom and knowledge. Light is the word. Light is tov. Evening and morning follow.



Now, today the clock ticks 12 midnight to start a new day. The Biblical reckoning of time starts with evening and runs until morning. This is why even today; the Jewish people recognize the day starting at night. Darkness comes before the light of day! On day one there was darkness and light / evening and morning.

The next few days of creation occur in a specific order to establish a pattern that gives us depth of meaning. The pattern is easy to spot - creation, blessing, then evening and morning.

Day 2 (Genesis 1:6-8) is when the sky forms a barrier on the earth and the atmosphere is formed. Notice that evening comes before day again. Today we often consider the day to start as the sun rises but the Bible teaches that the day starts with the sunset.

Day 3 (Genesis 1:9-13) is when the LORD YHWH brings forth dry land, continents, islands, and the large bodies of water. All is declared good or tov. Plants, trees, and grass are made. They have the ability to produce after each own kind. This is worthy of a pause. Each plant or tree can only produce after its own kind. The fruity will bear fruity. The nutty will bear nuts. This is why it is so important that we as believers find a strong spiritual leader to submit under and support. As that spiritual leader is so will the followers be. Each will produce after its own kind. This is also why we must be careful to set the proper example of love and faith. You will only produce after yourself. What if the entire world was filled with Bible believers that were just like you? Would it be a better or worse place?

Day 4 of Creation (Genesis 1:14-19) is really cool. This is when the stars and heavenly hosts are made. Notice why they are made – “for signs, seasons, days, and years.” The LORD YHWH knew that mankind would use the stars and sun to track time. The movement of the sun and

moon would for ancient and modern man be a time keeper. Biblical dates and days are determined by the sun and the moon. The moon gives us a reference and a starting place for each new month and each holy day. The constellations also tell us of the seasons. The Almighty has given us amazing time pieces in the sky!

Day 5 (Genesis 1:20-23) is when all animal life in the water was made. And the birds were formed as well. From the great white shark to the sunny toucan to the seagull and owl, all of the featured animals and possibly insects were created from the word of God on this day. Again, everything is declared “tov” or good. And again, each produces after its own kind. The migration of the birds and the fish often parallel each other.

Day 6 (Genesis 1:24-31) is magnificent. This is when all the land animals were formed. Everything that was not created before now was formed, including the monkeys, elephants, kittens, and cows. Then, something interesting happens. Elohim says, “let us make man in our own image.” Man is formed from the dust of the earth and given authority to be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth. Man is given the plants and vegetation to eat for nutrition. All of creation is finished by the end of day six. We will discuss more about the creation of man in next week’s study. However, we should consider something hidden in the Hebrew scriptures. In Hebrew the word for fire is “esh.” In Hebrew the word for man is “ish.” It has the exact spelling in Hebrew, yet with different pronunciations. The man was created as a light bearer and fire. Man was made to shine forth the light of Messiah. From the very beginning humanity was rated to be a lesser light (like the moon) and point people to the greater light (like the sun.)

The Word of Elohim God is like fire to our bones. This Word is a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path. As children of YHWH God we are light bearers or torch carriers. Who can you share the light of truth with this week? Remember that light can often irritate and even blind someone in darkness. No one likes bright lights when they wake up at first in the morning. The point is that being a light is different than just being a heat. Heat burns people. Light attracts. Heat hurts. Light heals. Heat flicks and flutters while light is steady and everlasting. The LORD never called you to be heat to anyone but He did call you to be a light to your family and your generation and the utter ends of the earth. He made a covenant of fire with you and put His word like fire in your bones so that could let your light shine before men. Remember, you are the only light many people see. You are the only Bible many people read. And you are the only chance for hope that the world has. In the beginning God said, “let there be light.” Thousands of years later, the Savior said “you are the light.” Believe it or not, you are the light spoken of in Genesis. Can you take this truth and make an impact on your world this week? Pray for an opportunity to share the light each week with someone. Look for an opportunity each day to speak the word (light) to others.

Genesis is better than the best gold's mine. There are gems to discover. Next week we will talk about how man was made in the image of God. We will also see how the first thing mankind did was rest in the Lord. This original losing up the plan for even us today. As we trust in the Lord and shine our Light we are guaranteed that He will make all things work together for our good.



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"And God said, "Let there be lights in the vault of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them serve as signs to mark sacred times, and days and years, and let them be lights in the vault of the sky to give light on the earth." And it was so. God made two great lights—the greater light to govern the day and the lesser light to govern the night. He also made the stars. God set them in the vault of the sky to give light on the earth, to govern the day and the night, and to separate light from darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the fourth day," Genesis 1:14-20.