

Book of Genesis: Chapter 1:6-8

I'd like to pick up where we left off; so, let's begin with Genesis 1:6 and see how far I can get today.

Verse 6-8

⁶ And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters.

⁷ And God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament: and it was so.

⁸ And God called the firmament Heaven. And the evening and the morning were the second day.

There have been numerous times when I have wished I learned Hebrew, that way I can just read the original text to learn what was meant, because that one word in Hebrew, may take a sentence for us to define what it means. As an example, in verse 6 of the King James translation, the word firmament is used; well, the Hebrew word is “rocweah” which means limitless expanse meanwhile, firmament means the upper atmosphere surrounding the earth. Due to man having assigned atmospheric levels, I forgot that the sky is far more vast than what we can see or capable of studying. Have you not noticed that scientists cannot determine whether the universe is expanding or not expanding? Growing up I remember hearing scientists debating whether the universe was at a fixed size or if it was constantly expanding, and their “expert” answer has changed twice, maybe three times, in my lifetime.

The more I read verses 6-8, the more I begin to understand it. So, verses 6-8 are about the creation of the heavens, or you could say it's about our atmosphere. These verses are saying God put a layer of suspended water in the atmosphere above us, which aids the climate of the Earth. This can explain why mammoths were discovered in Siberia encased in ice and found tropical vegetation when a gastrointestinal (GI) exam was performed. One may also deduce that this layer of suspended water is protecting the Earth from solar radiation and the magnetic field that surrounds the planet.

After extensively researching I believe I found the Dutch scientist who first measured the magnetic force on the Earth, and I believe his name was Hendrik A. Lorentz. The “magnetic force” that the Dutch scientist measured is what we now refer to as the magnetic field. After he first measured the magnetic field, we have been measuring the magnetic field around the earth and have concluded that the field has been diminishing at a constant rate. For the climate change folks out there, an article released in August of 2021 from NASA under Ask NASA Climate states that this diminishing magnetic field does not correlate to “climate change”. This is the first quantifiable thing we've been able to measure for a long period and the magnetic field is vital to life on Earth. With the figure eight-shaped movement the radiation reflects off the magnetic field and acts like a form of protective barrier or almost like a fire blanket.

The ozone layer or if you will, blanket, is discussed in the book Job in chapter 38. When God spoke to Job about the creation of the Earth He said he made an electromagnetic blanket of

moisture around the Earth to shield the Earth from the cosmic radiation. After the flood in Genesis, one may deduce that the blanket that surrounded the atmosphere was removed or not performing optimally, thus the reason why the children of Adam and Eve lived so long and that it was the beginning of the cells' mutation preventing man from living longer thus being effected after the flood.

God created this layer on the second day of creation and separated the water in the atmosphere from the water and the "firmament" He called heaven and the seas. Why did God use the plural for sea? The simple answer is, God knew there are multiple bodies of water and oceans and seas that we were not yet aware of.

It is commonly believed that Moses was the Author of the book of Genesis, but the question remains, how did he know all of this and where did he get the knowledge? It is apprehensible to believe that Adam himself wrote the first record. Pastor Chuck Smith, the founder of Calvary Chapel, spoke on this, and here is what he said:

This evening, I was just fooling around with some of the ages here in chapter five, and I came up with an interesting little fact, and that is that Lamech, the father of Noah -- Adam was still alive when Noah's father was born, and they lived contemporary for many years. So it is very possible that Noah's father heard directly from Adam himself about the garden of Eden, and about their being put out of the garden and the angels that was put there to protect and all. And Lamech told his son Noah. Lamech heard it directly from Adam. And Lamech told Noah. And Noah told his sons Ham, Shem and Japheth. And Shem was living at the time that Abraham was born. So you really don't have the story passing through too many hands to get it down even as far as Abraham.

After some thinking and praying, I believe Pastor Chuck Smith, is correct and we should consider the ages we are given to deduce how the knowledge was passed to each generation.

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