David Hodges GCBC 10/08/23 Genesis #3

Forming and Filling the Earth Genesis 1:3-31



Note 1:1-2:3 = summary of creation; 2:4-25 = specifics of man's creation.

DAY ONE:

Light and darkness are separated. This divine light (Rev. 21:23, 22:5) marks the beginning of 24 hour periods. Note *evening/morning*, v. 14 (*seasons, days, years*), use of *day* with numerals, and also Ex. 20:11.

SECOND DAY:

Waters are separated to allow for an atmosphere versus dense, moist fog covering the earth. No divine evaluation yet but twice for 3rd day.

THIRD DAY:

Land is separated from water which then allows for the command of vegetation covering the land, obviously in preparation for consumption.

FOURTH DAY:

Divine light had separated day from night. Now the sun, moon, stars will fill that function and fill the empty heavens to give light & a time frame.

FIFTH DAY:

The empty seas and heavens (sky) are now filled with fish and birds. Even the greatest of sea creatures are merely created beings.

SIXTH DAY:

Land creatures and man now fill the land (*after its kind* = species, 1:21). Mankind is unique—we were the final crowning point of creation. We began in the image/likeness of God, 9:6, Js. 3:9. We began with dominion over creation, 2:19, Ps. 8, Heb. 2:6-8. We began vegetarian with a commission to multiply and fill the earth. What we should be impressed with in the creation account: