

# **HOW TO INTERPRET THE BIBLE - PART 9**

# Outline #9 Creation: Genesis as Foundation – Part 2

Let the Word of Christ - Colossians 3:16

## 1. An antiquated unscientific cosmology?

- a) Revelation 7:1, 20:7-8 Some suggest these portions of Scripture teach a flat earth, a view that is clearly unscientific. How would you respond?
- b) Who was Job and what truth was revealed to him by the Creator? Job 1:1, 26:7-10
- c) What revelation was given to the prophet Isaiah regarding the created cosmos? Isaiah 40:21-22, 26

#### 2. A borrowed creation account?

- a) Some suggest the Genesis account of creation was borrowed from or dependent on other ancient Near East accounts.
- b) Genesis 1:1-4. How does the Genesis creation account differ from other non-biblical stories?
- c) What other plausible explanation can we give for certain parallels between the Genesis account of creation and other non-biblical creation accounts?
- d) How does the wording of Genesis 1:14-19 correct erroneous pagan views regarding creation?
- e) What unique perspective on the creation of our first parents is provided in the inspired biblical account? Genesis 2:7, 18-24
- f) No non-biblical creation account includes the creation of the Sabbath as a blessed time set apart to fellowship with our Creator. Why is the Sabbath such an important part of the biblical account of creation?

## 3. An accurate chronology?

- a) Genesis 5:1-20, 21-24, 25-32 Why do you think Moses was inspired to include this genealogy from Adam to Noah in the Book of Genesis?
- b) What questions do you have after hearing this genealogy from Adam to Noah?
- c) What else do we know from Scripture about Enoch besides the fascinating description found in Genesis 5:21-24? Hebrews 11:5, Jude 14-15

#### 4. Affirmation of Biblical Creation account

- a) By Jesus Matthew 19:4-5, Matthew 24:37-39
- b) By the early Christians
  - i) Peter 1 Peter 3:20
  - ii) James James 3:9
  - iii) Paul Acts 14:15, Romans 1:20, 2 Corinthians 4:6, Ephesians 3:9
- c) When did you become convicted that the first chapters of the Bible are a reliable account of the origin of life and early history on earth?
- d) How would you respond to a friend who says, "How can so many of my teachers be mistaken regarding the origin of life on this planet?

