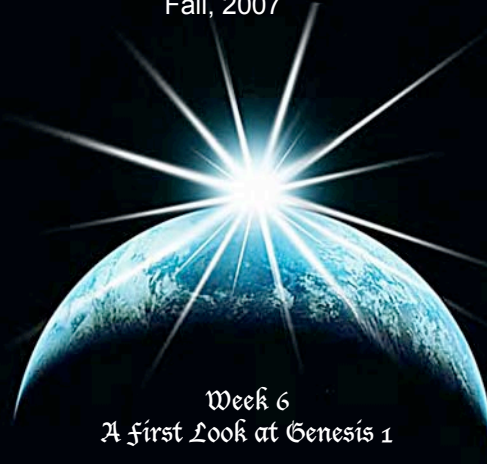


Science and the Bible

A Course of Study
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Week 6
A first Look at Genesis 1

This is week 6 in a course of study in Science and the Bible.

An Introductory look at Psalm 19

Verses 1-6: The Book of God's Works

"God" = El, Elohim = God the Creator
- The Name used in Genesis 1



Verses 7-13: The Book of God's Words

"God" = Yahweh = God the Redeemer
- The Name used in Genesis 2-3
(start of the redemption story)



Review: Up to this point we were in Psalm 19 which talks about both the Book of God's Works and the Book of God's Words.

Now we are going to look at the Creation account in Genesis 1. I expect that this will take some time.

As we noted before, the Creator God in Genesis 1 is El or Elohim (singular and plural of the same name) = God the Creator.

A parallel creation account expressed with a poetic flavor is found in Psalm 104.

An Introductory look at Genesis 1

- Why does the Bible begin with the Creation account?
 - What mattered to people in that day?
 - their gods
 - their crops
 - their prosperity and success
- What does Genesis 1 have to do with that?

} Uncontrollable
forces in
their lives

Have you ever wondered why the Bible begins with Genesis 1?

An Introductory look at Genesis 1

- The message of Genesis 1:
 - God is NOT part of Nature
 - Nature gods are not gods at all.
 - All of Nature is designed by God and under His control.
 - The natural world is "good."
 - purposeful and harmonious.
 - [- what happens with the Fall?]
 - Creation had a beginning
 - Humans are created in God's image
 - God put them in charge of his creation
- ⇒ The "Science" in the Creation Account is incidental
(but accurate)

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