

CB102 The Foundation of the World

On the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made, [Ge 2:2]. The writer of Hebrews quoted from this verse to identify the Creative Days as The Foundation of the World, [Heb. 4:3-4]. Except for Ge. 1:1, the entire Bible rests on this foundation.

Before building on this foundation, examine the wording of Ge. 1:2. The KJV reads, *“And the earth was without form, and void...”* However, the earliest Hebrew text reads, *“And the earth had become without form...”*, showing that a major upheaval occurred after Ge. 1:1 but before Ge. 1:2.

Isaiah 45:18 agrees: *“For thus saith the LORD that created the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it; he hath established it, he created it not in vain, he formed it to be inhabited:....”*

Modern theologians name this discrepancy “The Gap Theory.” We need to solve this mystery, but this must wait until Part-3 of this course. The answer is important because it reveals that every scripture in “The Foundation of the World” is figurative.

The Foundation, Kingdoms & Days

You know there are 66 books in your Bible. You may also know that all chapter and verse divisions, as well as all punctuation and capitalization, are not in the original texts. But did you know that the entire bible divides into a massive collection of Bible Stories?

In the story of the Creation, God worked 6 days and rested the 7th day. There are 10 “*God said*” commands in this story. These commands form a template that divides every Bible Story into 10 parts.

Currently in my studies, I see all bible stories dividing into two groups. One group contains 18 stories; the other group contains 10 stories.

The stories in 5 books in the OT and 5 books in the NT form the 18-story groups. These Major in doctrine and Minor in prophetic history. The stories in the remaining 56 books form the 10-story groups. These Major in prophetic history and Minor in doctrine.

Some of the 66 books divide into even numbers of groups; other books have some stories left over. Here are two examples: The Book of St. John divides into 3 groups of 18 with no stories left over. The Book of Revelation divides into 3 groups of 10 with 5 stories left over. I will address these differences in Part-3 of the study course.

Concerning the doctrine group, Days 1-3b represent the Kingdom of Heaven. Days 4-6b represent the Kingdom of God. Day-7 divides into 2 half days which work as witnesses that help the scholar divide the scriptures.

Foundation of the World	
Kingdom of Heaven	
D 1	Ge 1:2 <i>And the earth was without form, & void; & darkness [was] upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. 1:3 ¶ And God said, Let there be light: & there was light. 1:4 And God saw the light, that [it was] good: & God divided the light from the darkness. 1:5 And God called the light Day, & the darkness he called Night. And the evening & the morning were the first day.</i>
D 2	Ge 1:6 ¶ <i>And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, & let it divide the waters from the waters. 1:7 And God made the firmament, & divided the waters which [were] under the firmament from the waters which [were] above the firmament: & it was so. 1:8 And God called the firmament Heaven. And the evening & the morning were the second day.</i>
D 3 a	Ge 1:9 ¶ <i>And God said, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, & let the dry [land] appear: & it was so. 10 And God called the dry [land] Earth; & the gathering together of the waters called he Seas: & God saw that [it was] good.</i>
D 3 b	Ge 1:11 <i>And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, [and] the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed [is] in itself, upon the earth: & it was so. 12 And the earth brought forth grass, [and] herb yielding seed after his kind, & the tree yielding fruit, whose seed [was] in itself, after his kind: & God saw that [it was] good. 13 And the evening & the morning were the third day.</i>
Kingdom of God	
D 4	Ge 1:14 ¶ <i>And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; & let them be for signs, & for seasons, & for days, & years: 15 And let them be for lights in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth: & it was so. 16 And God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, & the lesser light to rule the night: [he made] the stars also. 17 And God set them in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth, 18 And to rule over the day & over the night, & to divide the light from the darkness: & God saw that [it was] good. 19 And the evening & the morning were the fourth day.</i>
D 5	Ge 1:20 ¶ <i>And God said, Let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving creature that hath life, & fowl [that] may fly above the earth in the open firmament of heaven. 21 And God created great whales, & every living creature that moveth, which the waters brought forth abundantly, after their kind, & every winged fowl after his kind: & God saw that [it was] good. 22 And God blessed them, saying, Be fruitful, & multiply, & fill the waters in the seas, & let fowl multiply in the earth. 23 And the evening & the morning were the fifth day.</i>
D 6 a	Ge 1:24 ¶ <i>And God said, Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, cattle, & creeping thing, & beast of the earth after his kind: & it was so. 25 And God made the beast of the earth after his kind, & cattle after their kind, & every thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind: & God saw that [it was] good.</i>
D 6 b	Ge 1:26 ¶ <i>And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: & let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, & over the fowl of the air, & over the cattle, & over all the earth, & over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. 27 So God created man in his [own] image, in the image of God created he him; male & female created he them.</i>
The Seventh Day	
D 7 a	Ge 1:28 <i>And God blessed them, & God said unto them, Be fruitful, & multiply, & replenish the earth, & subdue it: & have dominion over the fish of the sea, & over the fowl of the air, & over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.</i>
D 7 b	Ge 1:29 <i>And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which [is] upon the face of all the earth, & every tree, in the which [is] the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat. 30 And to every beast of the earth, & to every fowl of the air, & to every thing that creepeth upon the earth, wherein [there is] life, [I have given] every green herb for meat: & it was so. 31 And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, [it was] very good. And the evening & the morning were the sixth day.</i>

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The Kingdom of Heaven is God's Plan; the Kingdom of God fulfills God's Plan. [See ML105.] Below are the days within each kingdom in the Doctrine group.

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| [1] Kingdom of Heaven (KH) | D1, D2, D3a, D3b |
| [2] Kingdom of God (KG) | D4, D5, D6a, D6b |
| [3] Day of Rest | D7a, D7b |

Concerning the History group, Days 1-3b also represent the Kingdom of Heaven. But Days D4-D7b are counted within the KG in this group of stories.

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| [1] Kingdom of Heaven (KH) | D1, D2, D3a, D3b |
| [2] Kingdom of God (KG) | D4 through D7b |

One "God said" identifies each Day and one "God said" identifies each half Day. One work follows each of the 1st 8 commands, but no work follows the 9th and 10th commands. Count these 10 commands in the "Foundation of the World" on Page-4 AND in your Circles Chart on Page-3.

Next, notice the 6 summaries of the 6 days: "And the evening and the morning were the # day." Locate these summaries in the "Foundation of the World" on Page-4.

Also, notice that D1, D2, D4, and D5 have one "God said" command and one summary each. Then notice that D3 [D3a & D3b] has two "God said" commands and one summary.

In the KH and KG [see the bottom of Page-4], D3, D6, and D7 divide into half days. But D6 in the "Foundation of the World" has 4 "God said" commands. Find this now the chart on Page-4. These 4 disagree with the number of commands that should be in D6. Why?

When Israel murmured about a lack of bread [Ex. 16:3-5], the LORD said that He would rain bread from heaven. Then He

commanded the people to gather a certain amount of this bread each day. However, He told them to gather twice as much on the 6th day to allow them to rest on the Sabbath.

This explains the extra "God said" commands in D6. Commands 1-2 refer to the bread for Friday, commands 3-4 refer to the bread for Saturday.

God rained this bread on the morning dew. When the dew evaporated, the bread appeared. Not knowing what they were seeing, Israel called the bread "Manna." Manna means "What is it?"

Now, Manna represents scriptures that you don't understand. Thus, the question, "What is it?" This question applies to any part of the word that you don't understand. But the Manna disappears when you learn the answer.

Israel's Manna tells us something else: Every scripture in "The Foundation of the World" is figurative. This means that nothing in the Creative Days is literal. Therefore, we must convert every symbol from Manna to plain speech before we can use them to understand doctrine.

One more thing: Read the scriptures after the 3rd and 4th commands in D6 and notice that, unlike the previous 8 commands, God did no work. This confirms that these two commands belong to the Sabbath.

Now you can see why I inserted — The Seventh Day — between the 2nd and 3rd "God Said" commands on the 6th day in the chart on Page-4. And the summary for the 7th day is Ge. 2:2-3, only this one does not have an evening and morning.

I will discuss the "Foundation of the World" again in Part-3 of this course. Its construction reveals an important revelation that contributes to the CBSM.