

Creation: Day 7 (Part 1)

Genesis 2:1-3

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Genesis 2:1-3 *Thus the heavens and the earth were completed in all their vast array. 2 By the seventh day God had finished the work He had been doing; so on the seventh day He rested from all His work. 3 And God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it He rested from all the work of creating that He had done.*

I. Emphasis in Genesis 2:1-3

- There is nothing accidental in Scripture
 - Holy Spirit has His reason for choosing every word or omitting word(s)
- What is missing from **Genesis 2:1-3**?

Genesis 1:5b *And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day.*

Genesis 1:8b *And there was evening, and there was morning—the second day.*

Genesis 1:13 *And there was evening, and there was morning—the third day.*

Genesis 1:19 *And there was evening, and there was morning—the fourth day.*

Genesis 1:23 *And there was evening, and there was morning—the fifth day.*

Genesis 1:31b *And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day.*

- Evening and morning were that day
 - Whenever Moses used that phrase = end of day
 - Seventh day has no such phrase
 - Seventh day did not end
 - More in part 3
- Repetition
 - Whenever in Scripture there is repetition => pay close attention
 - “Seventh day” repeated 3 times
 - Holy Spirit is telling us that this is a special day
 - “Work” He had done
 - Work He had done—Creation

II. Three Verbs of the Seventh Day

- Three verbs
 - Completed His work
 - Rested from all His work
 - Blessed the seventh day
- Completed His work
 - Creation was completed on the sixth day
 - No more creation
 - This directly contradicts the idea of macroevolution
 - Evolutionary theory (atheistic or theistic) says that everything is “improving” and continues to evolve
 - If God says that He is finished, then evolution is false
- Rested from all His work
 - His work was done
 - Rest = Heb—*shabath* (Sabbath is *shabbath*)
 - Rest does not mean that God was tired

Isaiah 40:28 Do you not know? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and His understanding no one can fathom.

Psalms 121:4 indeed, He who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

- Rest means to do no work

Exodus 20:10a but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work.

Exodus 23:12a Six days do your work, but on the seventh day do not work.

- Rested also mean that He is delighted, joyful

Exodus 31:17 It is a sign between Me and the children of Israel forever; for in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, and on the seventh day He rested and was refreshed.

- God was satisfied in the six days of work
- Blessed the seventh day
 - God made the day holy
 - It is a memorial, a sign

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- What is the seventh day?
 - A day to remind us that God is the Creator
 - A day to honor and glorify God's work as Creator

III. The First Sabbath?

- Is the **Genesis 2:1-3** a command for us to rest on the seventh day?
- This is not the Mosaic law
- This day is not even for man
 - God did not command man to rest on the seventh day
 - There is no requirement until the Mosaic Law (Sabbath)
- This rest describes what God did and how special it is
 - How do we read this Genesis account?
 - God stops all work from creation because it was finished
 - God enjoyed the work of His creation
 - Why?
 - Because it has never been done before
 - There was no death or decay
 - There was perfect fellowship between man and God
 - This day of rest was ongoing
 - It was a 24 hour day that was ongoing (the day of rest was prolonged into days 8, 9, 10, etc)

- How do we know this?
 - No mention of evening and morning
 - Indicates an ongoing period
- How long did it last?
 - The Bible does not say (the length of time or when man sinned)
 - The rest ended when man sinned
 - How do we know this?

John 5:17 Jesus said to them, “My Father is always at His work to this very day, and I, too, am working.”

- Seventh day is the day where we celebrate God as Creator
- First day of the week is when we celebrate God as Savior