

a) Introduction

This is an on-going Hebrew Research Project and it will be updated as the research progresses.

The reason why I am presenting the Hebrew Text is to help alleviate some of the mystery.

The older generations (older than me) grew up with the Scofield Bible. On the very first page he introduces 'The Gap Theory' in the notes. It's pure non-sense! There is no way that the Hebrew Text allows for it!!!!!!

Another thing that got me started is Dr Kent Hovind. In his Creation Science Seminar he says that each day of Creation is called '*the*' (whatever day it is).[quoting from the KJV of course] When I pointed this out to a Messianic Jewish Rabbi, I was really surprised by his answer. My question to him was, "David Stern[Complete Jewish Bible] translates B'resheet (Genesis) 1:5, 'one day, 1:8 'a second day' 1:13 a third day 1:19 'a fourth day 1:23 a fifth day 1:31 a sixth day. It should be translated, 'the first day', 'the second day', 'the third day', 'the fourth day', 'the fifth day', 'the sixth day' according to The Holy Scriptures (Hebrew Publishing Company, New York copyright 1930, copyright 1939)."

My friend's response was absolutely profound! He replied:

"I realize that you probably don't have the resources that I have, so I have taken the liberty of looking up the creation account in five different translations for your information, and I, my limited knowledge of Hebrew notwithstanding, have also looked at it in the original language. Fortunately, it is very simple to translate. A couple of very interesting points emerge. For your case, there is one bit of very good news. I'll touch on that later. Watch this.....I will not quote verses, just the lines you are concerned about from each translation...we both know the verses.

The Margolin Torah Moore

One day

A second day

A third day

A fourth day

A fifth day

The sixth day

The seventh day

The living Torah Kaplan

One day

A second day

A third day

A fourth day

A fifth day

The sixth day

The seventh day

The Stone Chumash Artscroll Publishing

One day

A second day

A third day

A fourth day

A fifth day

The sixth day

The seventh day

Sterns Jewish Bible

One day

A second day

A third day

A fourth day

A fifth day

A sixth day

The seventh day

Jps Tanakh Jewish Publication Society Modern English

A first day

A second day

A third day

A fourth day

A fifth day

The sixth day

The seventh day

In the Hebrew, it is just like the majority of these translations...One day, day second, day third, etc. Stern translated it that way because that is the way G-d wrote it. (Remember, the Torah is unchanged letter-for-letter from the way Moshe received it from G-d, and gave it to us. It has required going to incredible lengths to insure this, but it is accurate,) The belief is that the sixth and seventh day are preceded (In most translations...I believe Stern may be in error here) by the word "The," to set them apart as the day G-d completed His work, and the day He rested.

But, the key here for your creation argument, is the word that nearly everyone is translating as "One," on the first day. It is the Hebrew word Echad. It is translated as, "One", rather than first. It is also the word used to refer to G-d in the Shema, which says, "Hear, Oh Israel, the L-rd our G-d, the L-rd is ONE." Now, the prayer book that I use every day interprets the Shema to say, "Hear Oh Israel the L-rd is our G-d, the L-rd ALONE," because one of the translations of Echad is, "one and only" (The ultra-Orthodox maintain that this word is used in the creation account because, as of the first day, G-d was alone, he didn't make the angels until the second day.) But, I believe it is safe to say that it can be read, "the one and only first day!" That seems to fit, and corroborate the creation account, doesn't it?"

[IMHO] Lots of people in the Creation Science Movement talk about Genesis, but most of them quote other people's opinions instead of doing their own research. It's one thing to quote somebody else's Creation Science Research, but it's an entirely different matter to quote somebody else's research into the scriptures, when you

are a mature Believer & haven't studied it out yourself, when God has given you the ability to do so... There's a lot of miss-information that has been pass on, & then passed on some more, & then continually passed on after that, which is not correct. [For example, how long did it take Noah to build the ark? **It was not 120 years!**]. Anyone of us can be guilty of this.

Right from the beginning the Holy Spirit, in His own unique way, has continually not let ideas that were wrong bear witness with my spirit, & that's been part of the motivation for this research. And to add to it, when I had questions, usually the people around me didn't have the answers, & the 'old' Bible commentaries were written before Creation Science research began, & more often than not, when I tried contacting those who did have the answers, they were so inundated with other people asking them questions, that I finally gave up in that department. But God has continually answered my questions, & He almost always has surprising ways of doing so, & most of the time He has provided the answers before I even came up with the questions!! The biggest surprise though, was the open door He provided for learning Hebrew & the incredible on-going blessing that it is....

It's my personal opinion that everybody in the Creation Science Movement should learn the Hebrew language. There's a great deal of pertinent information that pertains to Creation Science research that gets left out when Hebrew is translated into English. [And another thought to add to this, is that Pastors & Teachers will take Hebrew words & expound on their meanings, but they are still missing a lot of what's there, because they should also include the whole context of the Scripture Passage.]

My research is simple compared to the same research that my Hebrew teacher does, (& he is also very much into Creation Science. He owns almost every multimedia presentation that AIG & ICR have come up with!). If you find something in the Hebrew research presented here that you question, then let that motivate you to learn to research the Hebrew for yourself. Learning Hebrew is not as hard as you might think. Start off by learning the Hebrew Alphabet. A good resource is www.hebrewresources.com They even have an alphabet chart www.hebrewresources.com/viewpage.php?page_id=22 See also 'Hebrew Study Tools' on this web site.

And....

If you want to learn Hebrew, it's better if you learn Hebrew from a Messianic Jewish Perspective than a 'Non-Jewish' Christian Perspective, especially when it comes to researching Genesis chapters 1 through 11. The reason is because the Hebrew language is based on 'Hebrew thought through Jewish eyes'. You're going to miss a lot if you aren't familiar with Jewish culture. You can either 'have somebody explain the culture' to you, or you can 'dive into the culture' & find out for yourself (which is far better!). The way to go about this is to find yourself a Jewish Messianic Congregation (that you feel comfortable with) & pour yourself into serving The LORD there. Messianic Jewish Congregations promote Biblical Jewish culture & The Hebrew language, all centered around putting one's trust in Yeshua HaMashiach [Jesus The Messiah/Anointed-One/Christ]. Where do you find one of these? Ask the LORD....

and if the LORD leads you there,

don't be surprised if you get some flack from some Christians...

They'll say, "Aaaahhh, you're going into legalism....."

No you're not!

There's nothing you can do to earn your salvation...

**& there's no way that you could ever make atonement for your own sins,
'cause you started sinning before you were ever old enough to understand sin.**

The only way to gain God's favor is to put your trust in Yeshua.

He was born sinless & lived a life without ever sinning.

Then He allowed Himself to be nailed to an execution stake

where He as God's Lamb

had all our sins placed on Him

& then was sacrificed on our behalf

As it says in **Messianic Jews (Hebrews) 9:11-12**

"But when the Messiah appeared as cohen gadol of the good things that are happening already, then, through the greater & more perfect Tent which is not man-made (that is, it is not of this created world), he entered the Holiest Place once & for all. And he entered not by means of the blood of goats & calves, but by means of his own blood, thus setting people free forever" {Complete Jewish Bible¹}

& further down in **verse 28** it says,

"and also the Messiah, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to deliver those who are eagerly waiting for him."

& if you get some flack from some Christians,

ask them, "Are you trying to win God's favor by your own good works,

or by putting your trust in Messiah & letting Him work His good works through you?

Philippians 2:13 says "for God is the one working among you both the willing & the working for what pleases him." {Complete Jewish Bible¹}

Have you not read **Luke 18:9-14?**

'Also, to some who were relying on their own righteousness and looking down on everyone else, He [Yeshua] told this parable: "Two men went up to the Temple to pray, one a Parush and the other a tax-collector.

The Parush stood and prayed to himself, 'O God! I thank thee that I am not like the rest of humanity----greedy, dishonest, immoral, or like this tax-collector! I fast twice a week, I pay tithes on my entire income,....

But the tax-collector, standing far off, would not even raise his eyes toward heaven, but beat his breast and said, 'God! Have mercy on me, sinner that I am!'

I [Yeshua] tell you, this man[the tax-collector] went down to his home right with God rather than the other.' {Complete Jewish Bible¹}

Dive in, the water is deep! The surface looks flat & empty, but when you dive in, there's so much there, it can't be measured!

Thank you LORD for the treasure of Your word that is beyond measure. Please LORD open our eyes to see it. Please cause us to focus on the things that You want us to focus on.....