

Genesis 1:1–2:3

Creation of the Cosmos



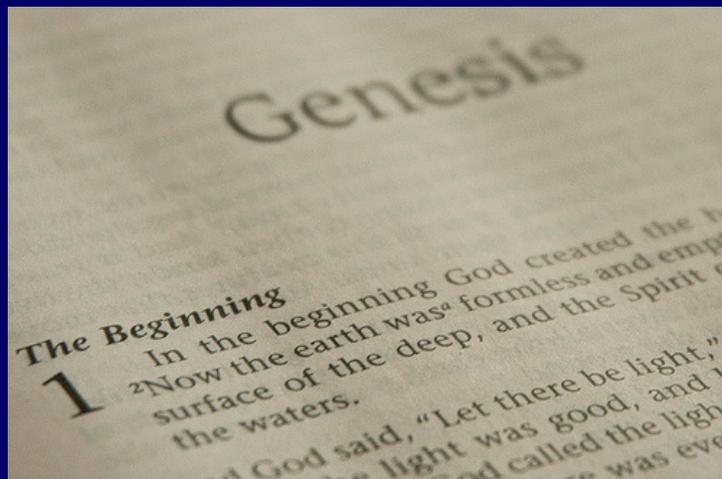
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II. Beginning of the Hebrew race (Gen. 12–50)



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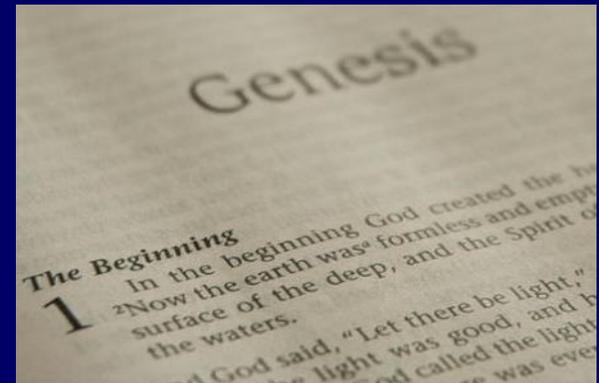
I. Genesis 1-11 (four events)

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B. Fall (3-5)

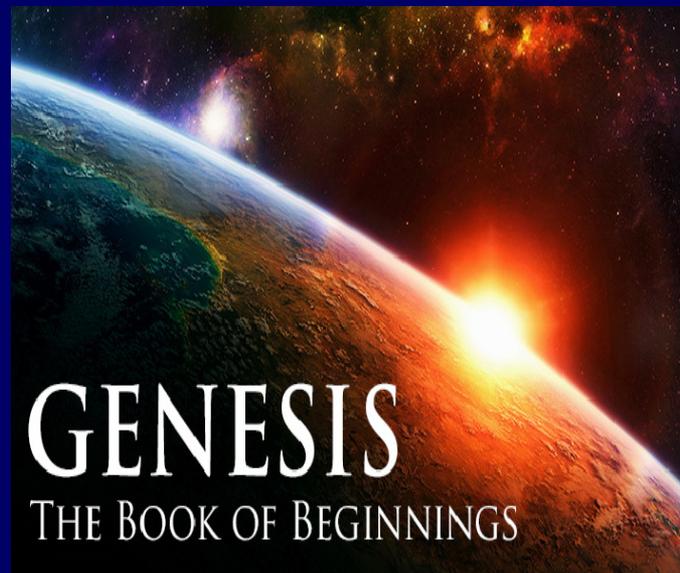
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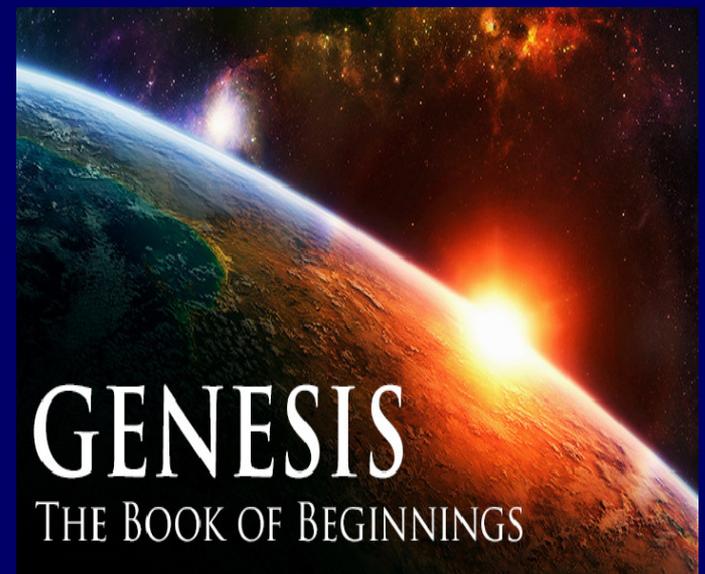
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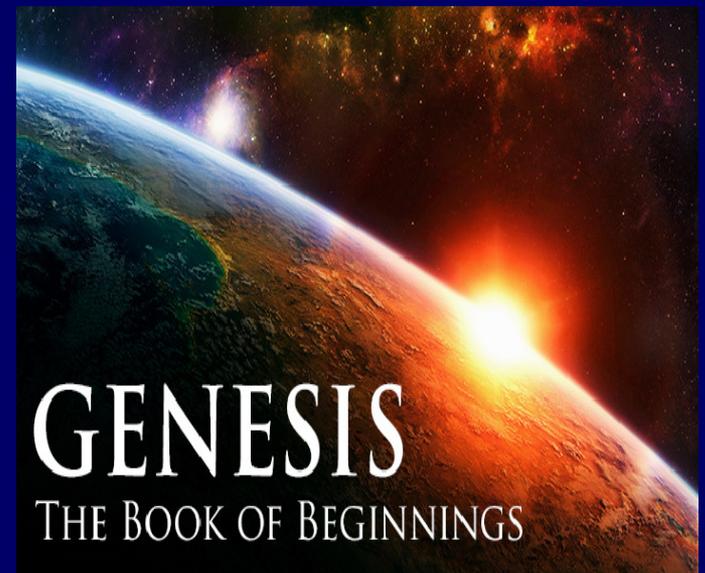
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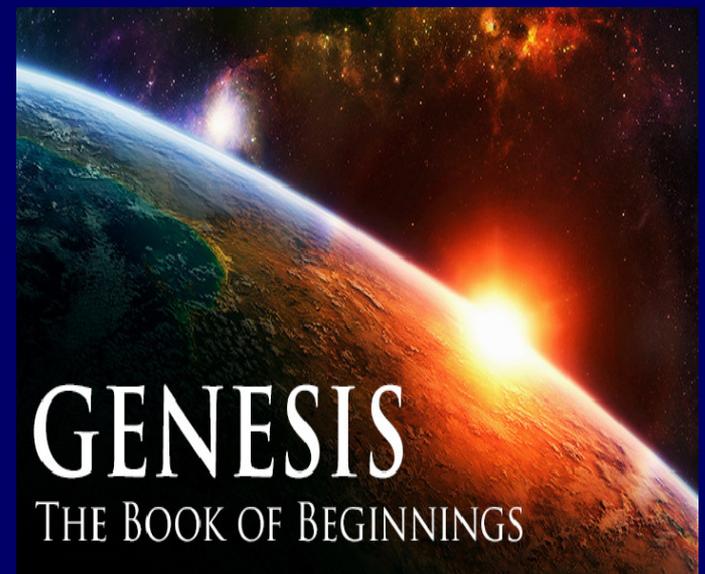
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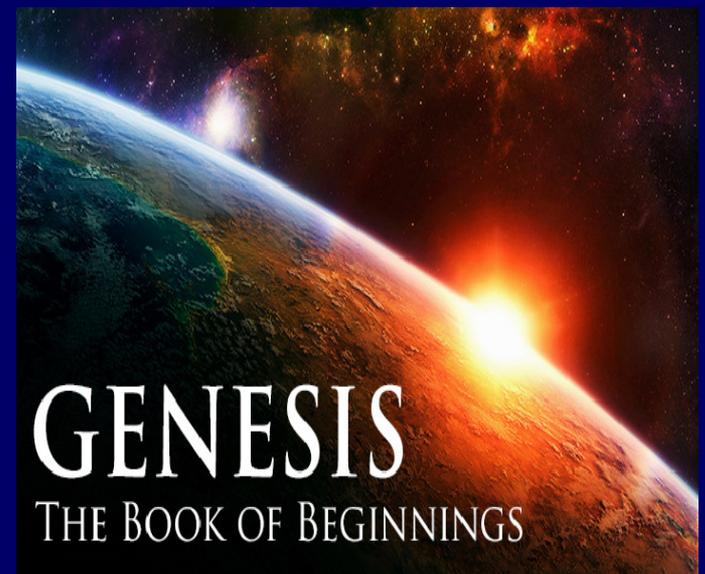
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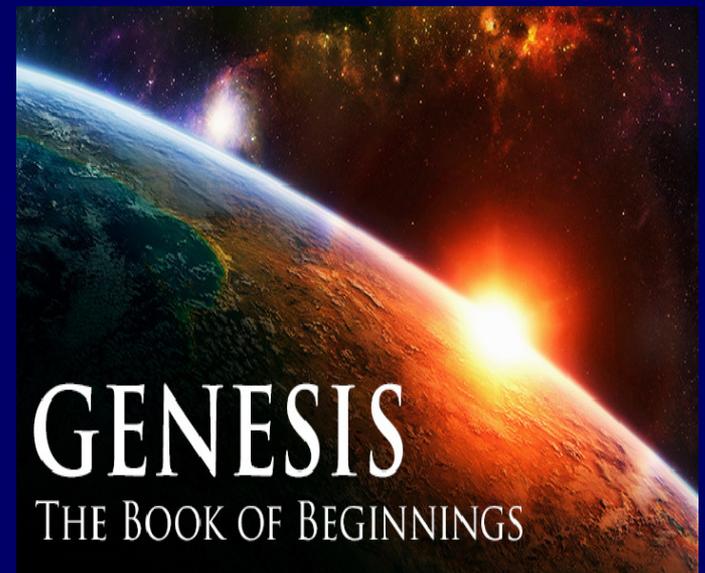
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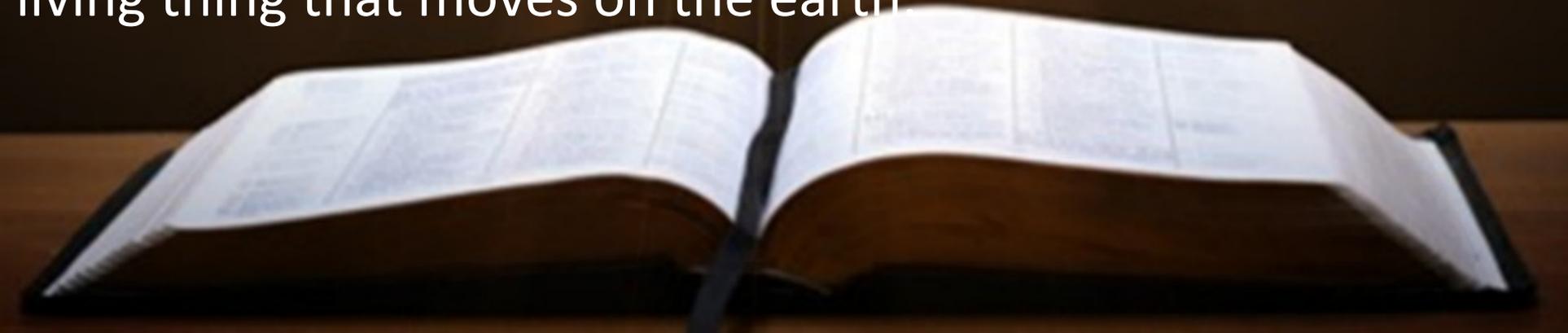
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Genesis 1:26-28

²⁶ Then God said, “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” ²⁷ God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. ²⁸ God blessed them; and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”



Genesis 1:31

“God saw all that He had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.”



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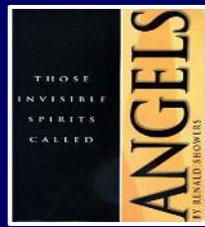
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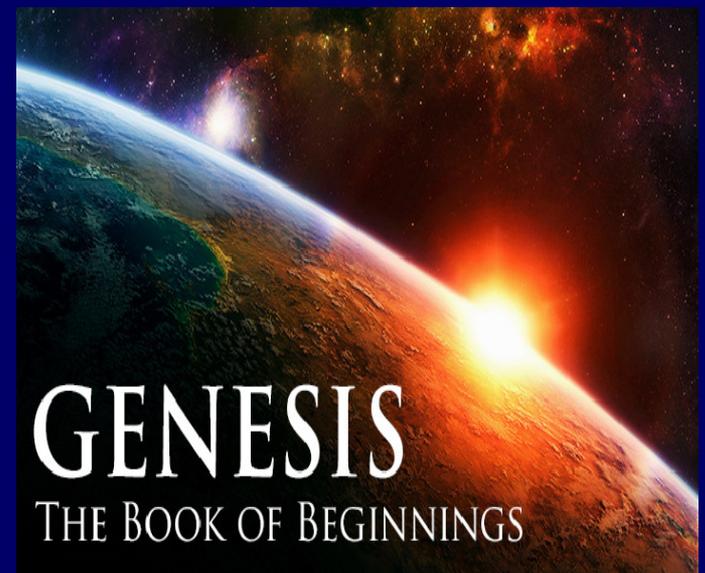
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“When did Satan fall away from God? We noted earlier that sin was nonexistent in every part of God’s creation, including the angels, through the end of the sixth or final day of creation (Gen. 1:31). Satan’s fall therefore took place after the end of creation. However, Satan was evil by the time he came to earth to tempt man to fall away from God (Gen. 3). These things prompt the conclusion that Satan’s fall took place in the interval between the end of creation and the fall of man. How long was the interval? It must have been quite short because when God created the first man and woman, he commanded them to be fruitful and multiply through procreation (Gen. 1:27–28), but there was no human conception until after the fall of man (Gen. 4:1).”

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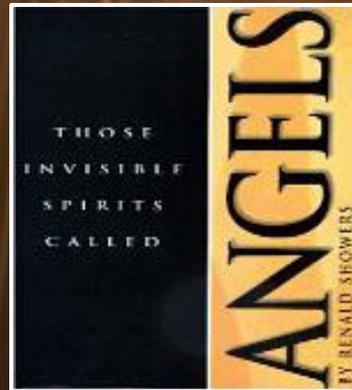
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1 Kings 22:19

“¹⁹ Micaiah said, ‘Therefore, hear the word of the Lord. I saw the Lord sitting on His throne, and all the host of heaven standing by Him on His right and on His left.’”



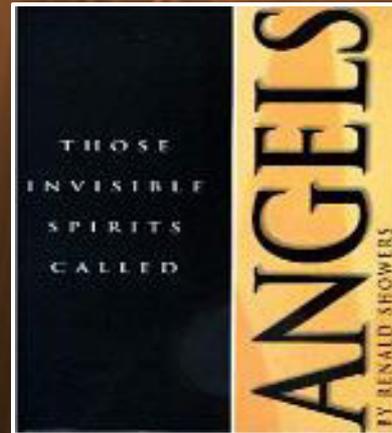
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Jeremiah 23:24

“Can a man hide himself in hiding places So I do not see him?’ declares the Lord. ‘Do I not fill the heavens and the earth?’ declares the Lord.”



Exodus 20:8-11

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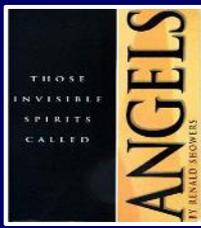
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“It [Genesis 1:1; Exodus 20:11] strongly implies that the angels were created within the scope of the six days of creation of Genesis 1, not before or after those days...Thus, the angels were created by God on the first day of the six days of creation, but before the earth was created on that same day. It is interesting to note the order of Moses’ statement in Genesis 1:1. He referred to the heavens first, then the earth. It would appear that early on the first day God created the heavens. Later on that day He created the angels to inhabit the heavens. Still later on that first day He created the earth in its undeveloped, uninhabited state.”

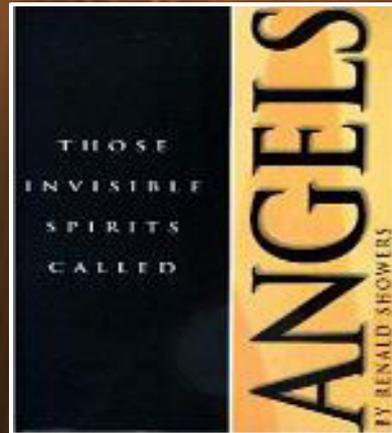
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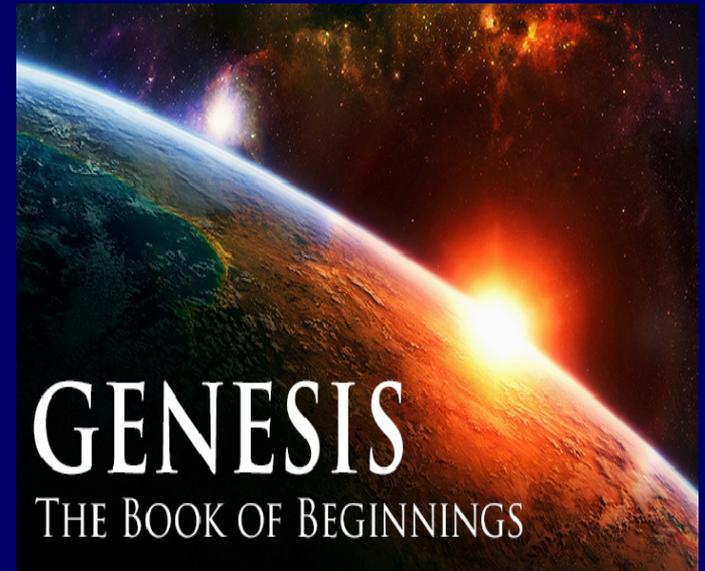
Hebrews 1:14

“Are they not all ministering spirits, sent out to render service for the sake of those who will inherit salvation?”



Key Issues in Genesis 1

- I. Importance of Gen. 1:1
- II. Gap Theory?
- III. Length of the creation days
- IV. Canopy Theory (day 2)
- V. Light before the sun (day 4)
- VI. Creation of man (day 6)
- VII. Sabbath (day 7)
- VIII. Evolution?



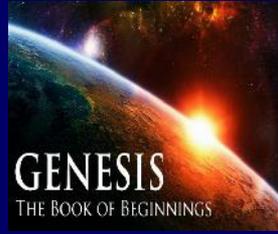
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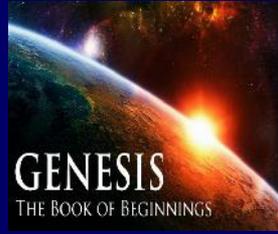
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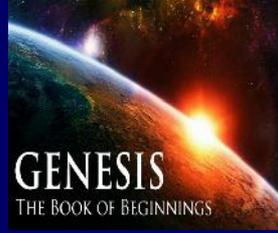
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Exodus 31:15-17

¹⁵ 'For six days work may be done, but on the seventh day there is a sabbath of complete rest, holy to the LORD; whoever does any work on the sabbath day shall surely be put to death. ¹⁶ 'So the sons of Israel shall observe the sabbath, to celebrate the sabbath throughout their generations as a perpetual covenant.' ¹⁷ "It is a sign between Me and the sons of Israel forever; for in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, but on the seventh day He ceased *from labor*, and was refreshed."







CASPIAN SEA

• HARRAN

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• SIDON
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Jordan River

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Euphrates River

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Chebar River

BABYLONIA

• SUSA

ELAM

• UR

CHALDEA

PERSIAN GULF

ARABIAN DESERT

THE CHEBAR RIVER
Ezekiel 1:1

Matthew 24:15-16, 20

“¹⁵ Therefore when you see the ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION which was spoken of through Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place (let the reader understand) ¹⁶ then those who are in Judea must flee to the mountains...²⁰ But pray that your flight will not be in the winter, or on a Sabbath.”



Thomas L. Constable

“Notes on John,” online: www.soniclight.com,
accessed 12 September 2020, 528.

“John located this post-resurrection appearance on the eighth day after (seven days later) Easter Sunday, namely, the following Sunday. His "eight days" (Gr. *hemeras okto*) evidently included both Sundays. Perhaps he identified the day because, by the time John wrote, Sunday had become the day of worship for Christians, when they commemorated Jesus' resurrection. They worshipped Him on Easter Sunday, then again the following Sunday, and then on succeeding Sundays from then on (cf. Acts 20:7). However, Sunday worship has its roots in tradition rather than commandment.”

Acts 20:7

“On the first day of the week, when we were gathered together to break bread, Paul began talking to them, intending to leave the next day, and he prolonged his message until midnight.”



1 Corinthians 16:1-2

“¹ Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I directed the churches of Galatia, so do you also. ² On the first day of every week each one of you is to put aside and save, as he may prosper, so that no collections be made when I come.”



SABBATH

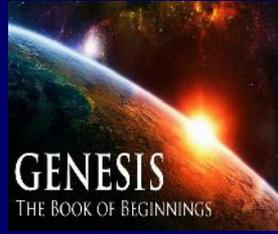
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Brewer, United States A Christian Nation, 27



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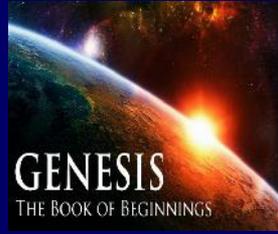
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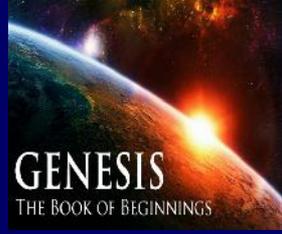
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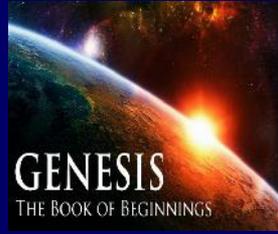


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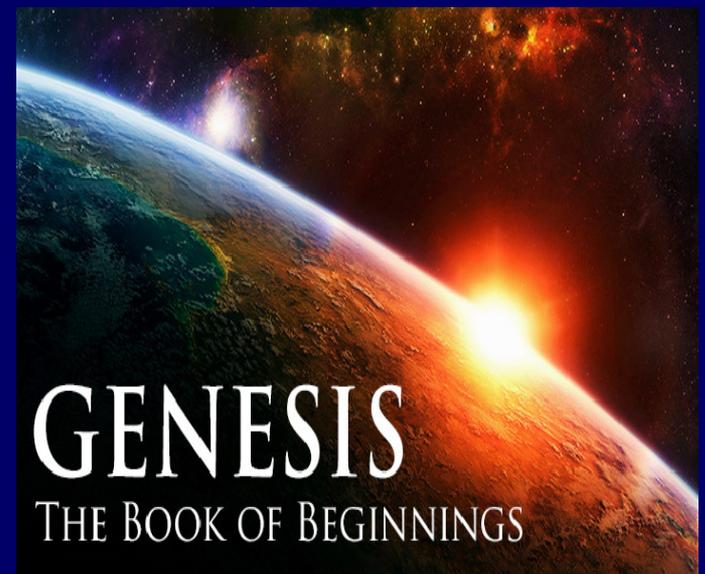
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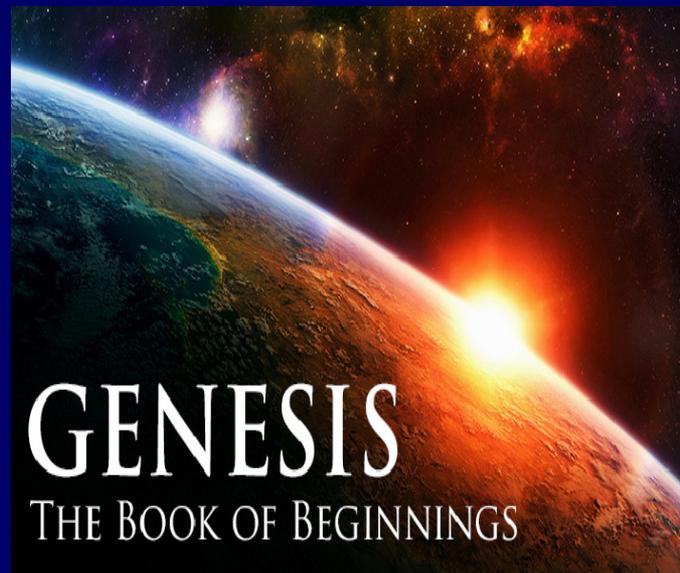
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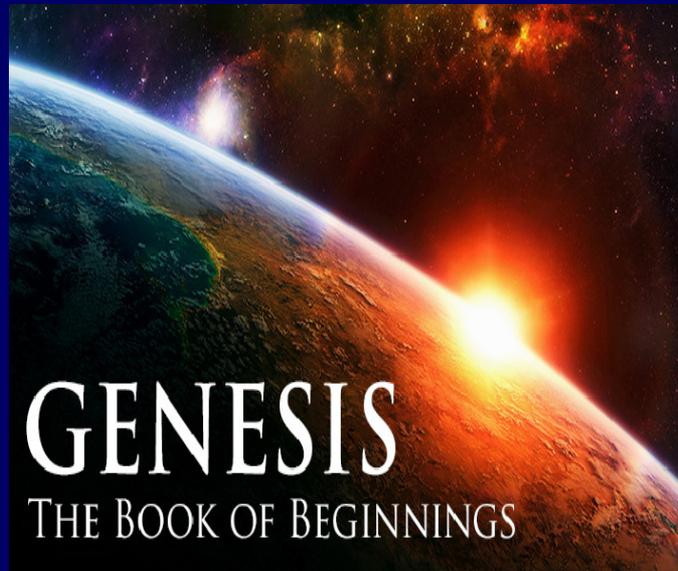
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