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The Account of Creation

It is often assumed that the account of Creation, in the first chapter of the book of Genesis, is the description of a single event in the history of the Earth. However, this is not accurate. An extended period of time may have transpired between verse 1 and 2,

In the beginning (see The Brief #101) God created the heavens and the earth (Genesis 1:1; NKJV used throughout unless otherwise noted; Ed. note in parenthesis).

After Christ's in-depth training, he began the process of creating all things under the supervision of his Creator and Father,

He (Christ) is the image of the invisible God (the Father), the firstborn over all creation (cf. Rev. 3:14). ¹⁶ For by him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities (rulers) or powers (authorities). All things were created through him and for him. ¹⁷ And he is before all things, and in him all things consist (Colossians 1:15-17; Ed. notes in parentheses).

We see both the Father and Christ discussing one aspect of Creation in Genesis 1:26. However, "The Brief #103" will confirm that the timing here is associated with "a re-creation of all things" which followed the rebellion of Lucifer, as described in Genesis 1:2,

Then God (Heb. elohim; plural of Eloah who is the Almighty God) said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness (Genesis 1:26a; Ed. note in parenthesis; emphasis added).

Going back to Genesis 1:1, when Christ had finished "the original creation of all things," it included an innumerable number of angels as described in the book of Job,



How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer (Day Star)

*Where were you (Job) when I laid the foundations of the earth? Tell Me, if you have understanding. ⁵ Who determined its measurements? Surely you know! Or who stretched the (measuring) line upon it? ⁶ To what were its foundations fastened? Or who laid its cornerstone, ⁷ When **the morning stars** (higher ranking angels) **sang together, and all the sons of God** (angels) **shouted for joy?** (Job 38:4-7; Ed. notes in parentheses).*

One of these "morning stars" was given responsibility to serve in the heavenly realm and then over a third of the angels located on earth (cf. Rev. 12:4), but he rebelled against the law and commandments of Almighty God. Sadly, the consequences of this rebellion were devastating to the original creation,

How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer (Day Star), son of the morning (morning star)! How you are cut down to the ground (cf. Genesis 3:14), you who weakened the nations! ¹³ For you have said in your heart: 'I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne (the authority granted to him) above the stars (angels; cf. Rev. 1:20) of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation on the farthest sides of the north; ¹⁴ I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High (Isaiah 14:12-14; cf. Eze. 28:12-19; Ed. notes in parentheses; emphasis added).

Christ witnessed all these events and watched Lucifer, now known as Satan, being thrown out of heaven; after which his activities were limited to this earth,

And he (Christ) said to them (70/72 disciples), "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven." (Luke 10:18; Ed. notes in parentheses; emphasis added).

In "The Brief # 103", we will examine the consequences of Satan's rebellion, starting with Genesis 1:2.