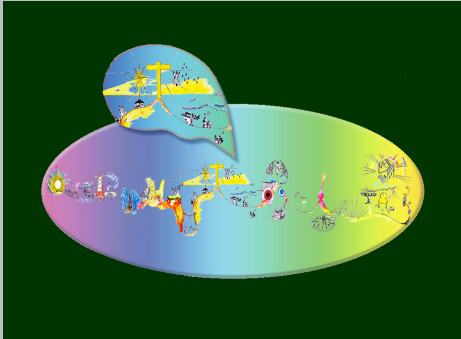


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HULDAH MINISTRY

LETTER TO THE BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST

【MAN'S SIN REFLECTED IN TODAY'S DYING WORLD】

Lord, you have been our dwelling-place throughout all generations. Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the earth and the world, from ever lasting to everlasting you are God. You turn men back to dust, saying, "Return to dust, O sons of men." For a thousand years in your sight are like a day that has just gone by, or like a watch in the night. You sweep men away in the sleep of death; they are like the new grass of the morning— through in the morning it springs up new, by evening it is dry and withered.

We are consumed by your anger and terrified by your indignation. You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your presence. All our days pass away under your wrath; we finish our years with a moan. The length of our days is seventy years— or eighty, if we have the strength; yet their span is but trouble and sorrow, for they quickly pass, and we fly away.

Who knows the power of your anger? For your wrath is as great as the fear that is due to you. Teach us to number our days alright, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.

Relent, O LORD! How long will it be? Have compassion on your servants. Satisfy us in the morning with your unfailing love, that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days. Make us glad for as many days as you have afflicted us, for as many years as we have seen trouble. May your deeds be shown to your servants, your splendour to their children.

May the favour of the Lord our God rest upon us; establish the work of our hands for us— yes, establish the work of our hands.

PSALM 90.

Last month we examined how this world, the entire creation, is continuing to “deselect” more through disease, which means that it is increasingly under the effects of decay and corruption, contrary to the Darwinian philosophy that living forms find a way to improve and survive by increasing their functional and biological mechanisms. There is plenty of information available today to prove that God’s perfect creation became plagued with diseases and death after man’s sin. Scripture claims that because of man’s sin the whole universe has been cursed, and this fact is accurately reflected in today’s dying world as Paul depicted: ***‘The creation waits in eager expectation for the sons of God to be revealed. For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the glorious freedom of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time’ (Ro.8:19-22).***

We will continue to pick up some interesting scientific articles this month as well. Brian Thomas, a science writer at the Institute for Creation Research puts it in the article under the title of “*New Genomes Project Data Indicate a Young Human Race*” posted on 9th November, 2010: ‘In 2008, an extensive international effort was begun to sequence in unprecedented detail over 1,000 representative human genomes from around the world. The results of three preliminary pilot projects were published in October 2010—one of which uncovered a result that points to a youthful age for the human race. In this pilot project, researchers examined in great detail the DNA base sequences from two families, including the mother, father, and child of each. A summary of the results appeared in *Science*, which stated that based on the data, “offspring inherit about 60 mutations that arose in their parents”.....The measurement of close to 60 new mutations occurring within the reproductive cells of each generation is less than a prior estimate of 100. This figure can help answer key questions. For example, does this number of mutations provide enough “fuel” for change to have innovated modern humanity from primate ancestors? Also, can the potentially harmful effects of this rate of mutation accumulation be somehow reversed before too many incorrect DNA bases compromise humanity's survival? Currently, the most accurate way to answer these questions is to use the freely downloadable population genetics modeling program called Mendel's Accountant [Mendel's Accountant: Simulating Genetic Change Over Time. Posted on mendelsaccount.sourceforge.net, accessed November 2, 2010]. Developed by a team of scientists, including Cornell University plant geneticist John Sanford, the program calculates the cumulative effects on the fitness (average survivability) of individuals that inherit mutations—some beneficial, some harmful, but mostly neutral—over multiple generations. The study of mutations that have no, or almost no, effect has presented a longstanding problem for evolutionary biology. Since these near-neutral mutations produce such tiny effects in cells, they do not appreciably affect any trait that is expressed in the organism. Therefore, these mutations are undetectable by any imagined natural process and simply add up over the generations.

Mendel's Accountant can simulate, with unprecedented biological accuracy, the result of this accumulation. Assuming a population size of 2,000 individuals, assuming that each mother has six children, and using the rate of 60 mutations per generation in the algorithms, the simulation shows the extinction of the human race after only 350 generations. This also assumes that natural selection would have been effective at removing the least fit from the population every generation. If this result is anywhere close to correct—that humanity's genetic mutations would have led to extinction within 350 generations—how could that possibly fit within evolution's long ages? But if the total age of the world is about 6,000 years, as is consistent with biblical history, then mankind has been here for fewer than 300 generations [In reality, the number of generations since creation is smaller, since the average generation time among pre-Flood peoples was 117 years, not 20. Factoring this in yields about 231 generations from creation to 2010 A.D.]. Thus, the latest and most accurate research into human genetics confirms a straightforward reading of the biblical account of origins and human history’. Thomas also writes in the article titled “*Mutational Buildup Indicates Living Populations Are Young*”: ‘It has been calculated that with 100 mutations per 20-year generation, the human genome would not last much longer than 500 generations. Because mutational buildup acts as a clock ticking down toward extinction, and because so many animals have yet to reach that point, this is strong evidence that life on earth is only thousands, not millions, of years old’ (www.icr.org/science/).

The following is an excerpt adapted from Henry Morris' article "*Recent Creation Is a Vital Doctrine*" in the June 1984 edition of *Acts & Facts*, where Morris advocates a literal interpretation of Scripture, i.e., the creation days were 24-hour days, and not indefinite periods, such as the geological-ages: 'There is no aspect of creationism which is under greater attack by evolutionists than the biblical doctrine of recent creation. The evolutionist, knowing the weakness of the scientific case for evolution, almost always directs his own argument not against creation per se, but against recent creation and its corollary, Flood geology. As a result, many people who consider themselves creationists have been intimidated against this biblical concept. Instead, they try to cling to the 19th-century evolutionary compromise now known as the "day-age theory" and "progressive creation.".....We "young-earth creationists" are an embarrassment to both the progressive creationists and the gap creationists and so they urge us to acknowledge that recent creation is merely an optional interpretation which is unimportant and expendable..... When the biblical and theological data are also considered (as in a church or other Christian context), the doctrine of recent creation becomes critically significant, integrally interwoven with the doctrine of creation itself. Outlined below, very briefly, are a few of the reasons why the doctrine of recent creation is vitally important to true biblical Christianity.

Historical Reasons "Progressive creationism" is not a modern interpretation developed to bring the Genesis record into harmony with modern science, but a very ancient concept devised to impose a theistic connotation upon the almost universal pagan evolutionary philosophies of antiquity.....Compromising monotheists, both in ancient Israel and in the early Christian church, repeatedly resorted to various allegorical interpretations of Scripture, involving some form of protracted creation, seeking to amalgamate creationist/redemptionist theology with pagan humanistic philosophy. Almost inevitably, however, such compromises ended in complete apostasy on the part of the compromisers.....

Theological Reasons Even if one does not accept the Bible as the inerrant Word of God, the concept of a personal, omnipotent, omniscient, loving God is fatally flawed by the old-earth dogma..... It should be obvious that the God of the Bible would create everything complete and good, right from the start. The wastefulness and randomness and cruelty which is now so evident in the world (both in the groaning creation of the present and in the fossilized world of the past) must represent an intrusion into His creation, not a mechanism for its accomplishment. God would never do a thing like that, except in judgment of sin!..... Surely all those who really believe in the God of the Bible should see that any compromise with the geological-age system is theological chaos. Whether the compromise involves the day-age theory or the gap theory, the very concept of the geological ages implies divine confusion and cruelty, and the God of the Bible could not have been involved in such a thing as that at all.

Biblical Reasons As far as the biblical record itself is concerned, there is not the slightest indication anywhere in Scripture that the earth endured long ages before the creation of Adam and Eve. The Lord Jesus Christ Himself said: "But from the beginning of the creation God made them male and female" (Mark 10:6). The crystal-clear statement of the Lord in the Ten Commandments completely precludes the day-age interpretation of the six days of creation.....(Exodus 20:8-11) If God's six work days were not the same kind of days as the six days of man's work week, then God is not able to say what He means. The language could hardly be more clear and explicit. Note also its further confirmation later in the book.....(Exodus 31:17-18).....Still further, the record of the six days of creation concludes with the statement by God that everything in His creation was "very good" at the end of the six days (Genesis 1:31). There is no way this could be harmonized with a worldwide fossil graveyard a mile deep all around the earth. The Bible makes it plain, in fact, that death never even entered the world until Adam sinned (Romans 5:12; 1 Corinthians 15:21) and brought God's curse on the ground (Genesis 3:17; Romans 8:20-22).

Scientific Reasons Those who insist on accommodating the geological ages, despite all the biblical, theological, and historical arguments against them, do so on the grounds that "science" requires it.....For that matter, the earth does not really look old anyway. Evolutionists have tried to make it look old by imposing the unscriptural and unscientific dogma of uniformitarianism on the geologic record of earth history as preserved in the rocks of the earth's crust. The fact is that geologists are today finally abandoning their outmoded 19th-century uniformitarianism, realizing that catastrophism provides the only realistic explanation for the great geological structures of the earth.....they do recognize now that the earth's various geological features were each formed rapidly.....The continued insistence on an ancient earth is purely because of the philosophic necessity to justify evolution and the pantheistic religion of eternal matter. If it were not for the continued apathetic and compromising attitude of Christian theologians and other intellectuals on this vital doctrine of recent creation, evolutionary humanism would long since have been exposed and defeated.....' (Line added, www.icr.org/article/5360/).

The passage quoted from Psalms 90 at the beginning of this letter is a prayer psalm by Moses, in which Moses implicitly or explicitly states some important biblical doctrines of divine creationism. It

starts with a sharp contrast between the greatness of an everlasting God and the littleness of mortal man. Reinforced is the transience of man's **'all generations'**, i.e., the entire created things, compared with man's eternal **'dwelling-place'**, God Himself, in which God formed man from dust and man is to return to dust as the book of Genesis proclaims. Even those who lived before the global flood and whose life-span was nearly millennial came to death without exception. Jews believe that the entire human history should be correlated to God's six day creation and the seventh day rest illustrated in Genesis, and they interpret that the creation days represent 6,000 years of human history and God's Sabbath rest represents the Messiah's Millennial age as here in verse 4: **'For a thousand years in your sight are like a day that has just gone by, or like a watch in the night'**, Moses implies it. Peter made reference to this verse as well: **'But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day' (2Pe.3:8)**. We are very much approaching the end of the sixth millennium of human history and if Moses also implies in verses 10-11: **'The length of our days is seventy years— or eighty, if we have the strength; yet their span is but trouble and sorrow, for they quickly pass, and we fly away. Who knows the power of your anger?'** that the last generation should be between seventy and eighty years, and those years after seventy will be the years of tribulation, indeed, we need to learn how to **'number our days aright, that we may gain a heart of wisdom'** so as to prepare ourselves for the Lord's Coming. The faithful believers of Christ know His appearance will be His second coming, and the Jewish remnant will realise that their Messiah has already come once as the New Testament clearly proclaims and they will cry out **'Relent, O LORD! How long will it be?'** in the midst of their tribulation.

While today's advanced medical and environmental technology tends to reinforce the illusion that man could achieve immortality, God's statement is more than clear: **'Just as man is destined to die once, and after that to face judgment, so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many people; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him' (He.9:27, Line added)**. The Bible does not support the idea of reincarnation and all man must die as a result of sin. We are destined to be mortal because of God's indignation. God is angry because of our sinfulness. Why has there been such a steep decline in life expectancy of **'seventy years— or eighty'** in verse 10 from the nearly thousand years at the beginning of Scripture? Such are the wages of sin. So, Moses teaches us six prayer points that humble penitents should make to the eternal God, once we acknowledge ourselves a sinner needing to be forgiven by Him as David confessed: **'Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD" — and you forgave the guilt of my sin' (Ps.32:5)**. 1) 'Teach us'. The knowledge of our sinfulness is the heart of wisdom. 2) 'Relent'. While death is inevitable for the unrepentant sinners, God has assured a repentant sinner of the hope of redemption. 3) 'Satisfy with joy and gladness', and the covenant of love of God enables us, 'sinners' to make it. 4) 'Make us glad with blessings in proportion to our afflictions'. The knowledge that the eternal glory far outweighs our present light and momentary troubles helps us not to lose heart because **'though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day' (2Co.4:16)**. 5) 'Reveal Himself and His deeds' and 6) 'May His favour rest upon us'. God who blesses 'sinners' despite their sin will finally let them see victory over death, as the apostle Paul writes: **'When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with the immortality... "death has been swallowed up in victory." "...Where, O death, is your sting?" the sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my dear brothers... Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labour in the Lord is not in vain' (1Co.15:54-58)**.

Concerning Psalm 90, there is also an interesting interpretation that correlates to the six thousand year human history and the future Great Sabbath Rest, i.e., Messiah's Millennium Reign. Verses 1 to 4 represent the first millennium when the universe was created. Verse 5a referring to the flood represents the second millennium when Noah's Flood took place. Verses 5b to 7 represent the third millennium during which Abraham was chosen as God's righteous witness and the Exodus took place. Verses 8 to 10b represent the fourth during which Israel's monarchy started and the Exile took place. Verses 10c to 11 represent the fifth during which the Messiah was crucified and the gospel spread. Verses 12 to 13 represent the sixth when two World Wars took place. Verses 14 onwards to the end represent Christ's Millennium Kingdom, which we are looking forward to entering into in the near future.