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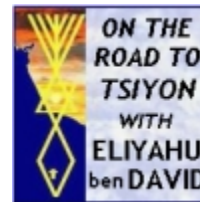
Tsiyon Radio broadcasts daily on JC Talk a.m. 1220, KPJC, Salem, Oregon. We are excited to broadcast on this exceptional Christian station [daily](#). The Revelation Series is now playing daily, M-F at 9AM. There is a ministry opportunity there toward listeners who will be hearing our Messianic message for the first time, so consider participating at the [www.thejctown.com](#) community website.

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Tsiyon Bound: Danny Lee ben Israel has released his new CD album, *Tsiyon Bound*. We are proud to offer this unique album from our Music Order Page.

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Our Latest Book

Listener - *In the beginning God made the light but then later he makes the sun and moon, it seems. It doesn't say he made the darkness but that the darkness was on the face of the deep.*

Tsiyon Answer - Many people get confused over this, but it becomes clearer when we go back to the very beginning. The first verse of Genesis says: "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." Gen 1:1

Notice that the heavens and the earth were created "in the beginning." When was that? We really don't know. That could have been millions or billions of years ago. Whenever that was, it was before what we call "the seven days of creation" began.

"Now the earth was formless and empty. Darkness was on the surface of the deep" (Gen 1:2). Note this commentary on that verse: "And the earth was (not became) waste and void." The alliterative nouns *tohu vabohu*, the etymology of which is lost, signify waste and empty (barren), but not laying waste and desolating. Whenever they are used together in other places (Isa_34:11; Jer_4:23), they are taken from this passage; but *tohu* alone is frequently employed as synonymous with non-existence, and nothingness (Isa_40:17, Isa_40:23; Isa_49:4). The coming earth was at first waste and desolate, a formless, lifeless mass." (K&D Commentary)

The condition of the earth, after being created "in the beginning" was "formless and empty." In other words, it was an empty blob of raw material that YHWH was going to form into something. The idea is much like a lump of clay placed next to the Great Potter's wheel, waiting for the right time to be formed into something. We can assume that was the state of the physical "heavens" also, i.e., not fully formed - still in a raw state. Genesis doesn't directly say that here because the focus is on the earth, but the idea of a raw state of the physical universe is very much the picture painted here. "God's Spirit was hovering over the surface of the waters" uses a Hebrew expression sometimes used of a mother bird brooding over its egg. There is undeveloped potential here about to be formed into something!

"Darkness was on the surface of the deep." This goes along with the whole tenor of these verses of a raw state of the universe. Darkness is said to be "on the surface." "Darkness" is spoken of as something "on the surface" of the raw earth as a blanket might be spoken of as stretched out "on the surface" of your bed. The message is that darkness already exists as "something" - part of what was created "in the beginning" - and it is covering the earth. If darkness already exists then so does light, because the two exist in relation to one another. This suggests that light was also first created in a raw state "in the beginning."

Some people see these first two verses of Genesis as being encompassed within the first day of creation. That is incorrect. These two verses are given to explain the state of things when the seven days of creation upon the earth actually started. In other words, this is the starting point and no amount of time is given for how long the universe continued in that raw state until the seven days of creation began.

Here is the first day of creation:

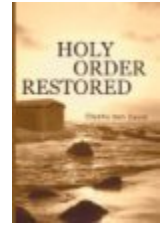
Gen 1:3 God said, "Let there be light," and there was light.
Gen 1:4 God saw the light, and saw that it was good. God divided the light from the darkness.
Gen 1:5 God called the light "day," and the darkness he called "night." There was evening and there was morning, one day.
God said, "Let there be light," and there was light - that is, there was light upon the surface of the waters. This is in the context of "darkness upon the surface." In these seven days of creation YHWH is not creating any new material. All of the raw material of creation was created "in the beginning." Yes, even light was first created way back then. What is now happening starting on the "first day" is that YHWH is bringing order out of chaos. He is taking the formless lump of clay and He is starting to work it into something of function and beauty, with a purpose in mind for it.

He starts by calling light into the earth, then He divided the light and the darkness. He orders the light and the darkness into "night" and "day" - the earth is now moving from "formless" to being ordered into "something" with a regular pattern of night and day now manifest upon the earth. That's a good day's work!

On the second day:

Gen 1:6 God said, "Let there be an expanse in the middle of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters."
Gen 1:7 God made the expanse, and divided the waters which were under the expanse from the waters which were

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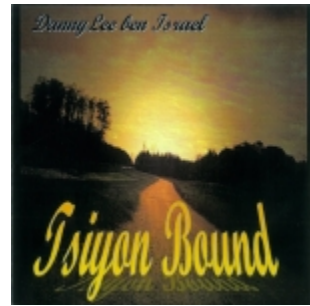


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above the expanse; and it was so.

Gen 1:8 God called the expanse "sky." There was evening and there was morning, a second day.

On day two God created the "sky" (atmosphere, "air") as an expanse around the whole earth. The sky was placed between the waters above and the waters below, the waters on the earth's surface. Apparently there was a thick canopy of water vapor surrounding the entire earth, above the sky, the atmosphere. This canopy is not in place anymore since the Flood, when this water canopy was released to flood the earth in the days of Noah. Here again I can point out that no new material was created. What was already here was ordered "divided" into something more functional. Another good day's work.

On the third day:

Gen 1:9 God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together to one place, and let the dry land appear;" and it was so.

Gen 1:10 God called the dry land "earth," and the gathering together of the waters he called "seas." God saw that it was good.

Gen 1:11 God said, "Let the earth put forth grass, herbs yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit after their kind, with its seed in it, on the earth;" and it was so.

Gen 1:12 The earth brought forth grass, herbs yielding seed after their kind, and trees bearing fruit, with its seed in it, after their kind; and God saw that it was good.

Gen 1:13 There was evening and there was morning, a third day.

YHWH did two things on day three. He caused the waters to recede to reveal dry land, making a division between the seas and the land. Again, ordering what is already here. Now, with light, the regular rhythm of night and day, air, and dry land, the earth is ready to sustain plant life. God caused the earth to bring forth plant life on the third day. Notice that the plant life is said to come from the earth, it is not new material, but it is material of the earth ordered into plant life that reproduces after its own kind. Things are really taking shape here now, with the conclusion of the third day!

On the fourth day:

Gen 1:14 God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of sky to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days and years;

Gen 1:15 and let them be for lights in the expanse of sky to give light on the earth;" and it was so.

Gen 1:16 God made the two great lights: the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night. He also made the stars.

Gen 1:17 God set them in the expanse of sky to give light to the earth,

Gen 1:18 and to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness. God saw that it was good.

Gen 1:19 There was evening and there was morning, a fourth day.

On day two "the expanse of sky" was defined for us as the sky between the waters above and the waters below - the atmosphere below the water vapor canopy. On day four God says "Let there be lights in the expanse of sky." "The expanse of sky" still means the earth's atmosphere. The "lights" - sun, moon, and stars are not now and never were literally in the earth's atmosphere. Actually, they were all created "in the beginning" and had been there all along as the earth had been. Further, the light and heat on the earth, allowing plant life to grow on day three, is more evidence that the heavenly bodies were already in place. "Night and day" on the first day is more evidence of that, since "night and day" occur due to the motions of the heavenly bodies, which had been underway since "day one."

On day four YHWH caused the "lights" to be "in the expanse of the sky" as "signs." In other words, He made the heavenly bodies visible in earth's atmosphere on day four. Before that the atmosphere, and the water canopy above, were too dense to distinctly view the heavenly bodies as "signs" - even though the light and darkness of night and day were distinguishable. During day four YHWH apparently thinned out the atmosphere, apparently removing particles from it, making the heavenly bodies visible. Again, creating nothing new, but rather, ordering what already existed into a form more useful for days to come. The work done on this day is very significant, since the heavenly bodies were "set" as "signs" for "seasons (moedim) and for days and years." Moedim means "appointments" and is the very word used later in the Torah to describe the "Appointments of YHWH!" The purpose of YHWH in making the heavenly lights visible is so that we can meet with Him on His Appointments! They were made visible to facilitate fellowship with inhabitants of planet earth who had not yet been made. On day four we start to see what YHWH is doing. He intends to create intelligent life on earth that He can fellowship with! That is His ultimate purpose in His seven days of creating/dividing/ordering the earth! Praise His Name! [Let us consider that our Passover and Unleavened Bread feasts now underway were planned from the founding of the world!]

Listener (part 2) - "I was wondering if it could have been Jesus that he created, the Light, as he is the Light of the world."

Tsiyon Answer (part 2) - You are certainly right that Y'shua is "the Light of the world." Further, the days of creation of the physical world all teach spiritual truths about Y'shua, though there is not time or space to go into that here. Suffice it to say that I believe your comment suggests a sense of that truth that Y'shua is the ultimate "Light." But now to the literal question of whether Y'shua was created during the seven days of creation of the world.

The short answer is: no. There are many verses we could point to on this. Here is one.

Joh 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
Joh 1:2 The same was in the beginning with God.
Joh 1:3 All things were made through him. Without him was not anything made that has been made.
Joh 1:4 In him was life, and the life was the light of men.

"The Word" is identified in John as our Y'shua Messiah. John has Genesis 1:1 in mind when he begins his gospel with the words, "in the beginning" - the exact same phrase that starts the book of Genesis. John (Yochanan) says "In the beginning was the Word." This has the sense that "the Word" already "was" when the "beginning" happened. This is reinforced when John tells us that "All things were made through Him." This places Him as existing before any "thing" was made. This also means that "the Word" is not one of those created "things" that were made through Him. Instead, since before the beginning of creation "the Word was with God, and the Word was God." He is an eternally existing being Who has always been with Father God, and is Himself Devine. Yes, He was fully involved in the creation that we have just been discussing and He Himself is the "Light of men," providing the illumination spark within our spirit by which we reflect and know God. Our Messiah is a man indeed, but he is also our Creator from before "the beginning." This is truly awesome to contemplate and helps us to know Him for who He truly is.

Concluding thoughts from Eliyahu ben David:

We hope you will enjoy our latest program, which is appropriate to the Passover season. All of us here at Tsiyon Radio wish you and yours a very happy and blessed Passover and Unleavened Bread feast!

Shalom,
Eliyahu ben David and Dawn

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