

Creation – 4 Rock

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Introduction

We are examining how God spoke (inspired) Creation into existence.

God took seven days to create and rest as a teaching ministry to us. There are three primary reasons God took 7 days.

1. God taught us a work cycle and the importance of rest.
 2. God shows the progression of our Salvation.
 3. God used the days of Creation to teach of Jesus.

Today we will begin to look at the Days of Creation.

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Day 4

Genesis 1:9-13

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¹¹ Then God said, “Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb *that* yields seed, *and* the fruit tree *that* yields fruit according to its kind, whose seed *is* in itself, on the earth”; and it was so. ¹² And the earth brought forth grass, the herb *that* yields seed according to its kind, and the tree *that* yields fruit, whose seed *is* in itself according to its kind. And God saw that *it was good*. ¹³ So the evening and the morning were the third day.

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God has a goal in mind – the creation of man. In order for man and animals to survive, he will need ground to walk on and food to eat.

Earth and water is foundational to life. Earth, air, and water contain the building blocks for plants to make essential molecules (amino acids, nucleic acids, and sugars) that are essential for life.

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Luke 19:40

But He answered and said to them, "I tell you that if these should keep silent, the stones would immediately cry out."

This verse is in the context of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. It was a declaration that He was coming as the Messiah. The people were excited and crying out. The religious leaders, having rejected Him, feared the Romans response. These leaders called on Jesus to tell the crowds to be quiet. This verse is His reply.

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Skeptics have used this verse to mock the Bible stating that stones cannot speak.

Though not in the context of the verse, matter has the ability to absorb sound vibrations. These work on a half-life scale, and never reach zero. Our speech is embedded, like light, in the very fabric of the universe. We do not have the ability to pull it out, but God can. Every word and conversation you have ever said can be pulled out and testify against you. We have all sinned!

Habakkuk 2:11

For the stone will cry out from the wall, And the beam from the timbers will answer it.

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I believe that the stones cry out that Jesus is the creator and tell of the things that He has done.

Job 12:8 states, "Speak to the earth and it will teach you." What does the earth teach?

Most rocks are sedimentary in their make-up. That is, they are made of sediments, tiny pieces re-cemented together from previous rocks. One could even call them "destroyed rocks." A full 75% of the rocks of the outer crust of the earth are sedimentary; the Grand Canyon is almost all sedimentary rock. And where there is that kind of rock, there has been water.

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The geologic column, a science model to understand the earth's geologic history, contains the "inerrant history of the earth." However, it contains data only; it is left to us to interpret that data. And depending upon one's worldview, you can come up with many different views.

Evolution states that the geological column shows the progression of life through the ages. They interpret the different layers as representing millions of years of history.

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When Mt. Saint Helens exploded, it took a cubic mile of rock and dirt, mixing it with water and laid down strata (layers) of rock similar to the Grand Canyon. By evolutionary standards, millions of years of strata were laid down in 9 minutes.

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The great sandstone layers of the Grand Canyon were laid down by water in a single act. The grains of sand at the bottom are larger and gradate down to finer at the top.

This is evidence of a single deposition.

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The strata are not in the right order and many layers are missing in areas or even backward.

There are also
polystrate
fossils

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Radiometric dating is an attempt to see how old a rock is. There are three assumptions:

1. That we know the starting point
2. That there is no migration of atoms
3. That the decay rates are constant

The reality, is that rock does not lay down a pure substance, atoms migrate, and decay rates vary with regard to environment.

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Robert Gentry, discovered a system for properly dating rocks. Radiometric halos are the microscopic scarring of the rock when a radioactive atom degrades.

Each ring represents a known step in the decay sequence. From these rings, one can calculate the starting point and account for any migration. Even when one uses the evolutionary decay rate, they still yield very young ages for the earth.

You would think that Mr. Gentry would get a Nobel Prize, instead he was fired because his work contradicted evolution!

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All this is to say that when one looks at the evidence of geology with an open mind, science and the Bible go hand in hand.

There are evolutionary scientists and reject the evidence presented today. For them there is no room for God in science because there is no room for God in their lives.

If God exists, man is accountable to Him. Natural man is in rebellion to God.

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2 Peter 3:3-7

knowing this first: that scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts, ⁴ and saying, “Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as *they were* from the beginning of creation.” ⁵ For this they willfully forget: that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of water and in the water, ⁶ by which the world *that* then existed perished, being flooded with water. ⁷ But the heavens and the earth *which* are now preserved by the same word, are reserved for fire until the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.

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Day 3 - Salvation

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I have stated that my life was a mess. It was dark and empty. I am grateful that the Spirit moved on my life, shining the light of His Truth on my fallen condition.

I accepted Jesus as my Savior, and He began to bring separation into my life. He separated me from the world and to Himself.

It was not enough to be saved, I needed to grow and be grounded in Truth. Jesus and His Word became to Foundation in my life!

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Jesus is the solid rock on which I have full assurance standing upon.

Psalm 18:2

The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer;
My God, my strength, in whom I will trust;
My shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.
His Word is Truth! His promises are sure! I can trust in Him!

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As human creatures, we were made from the ground. When we die, we will return to it (Genesis 3:19; Ecc. 12:7).

Jesus died for our sins and was placed into the earth (tomb). Yet He did not return to the earth. He is the Messiah, the 2nd person of the Trinity. As man returns from where he came, Jesus returned to Heaven from where He came and now sits at the right hand of the Father. He is going to come again and take us to Himself so we can live with Him forever!

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So What ...

What is the foundation in your life?

If someone would watch how you live, your values, how you spend your time – What would they say?

Are you ready for Jesus' return?

The Bible tells us to look for the signs of Jesus' return. Through we do not know the day or hour, we can see the signs.

More prophecy has been fulfilled in the last hundred years than in the last thousand.

I again ask you, are you ready?