

## Genesis 1:2-5

<sup>2</sup> And the earth was formless and void, and darkness was over the surface of the deep; and the Spirit of God was moving over the surface of the waters. <sup>3</sup> Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. <sup>4</sup> And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup> And God called the light day, and the darkness He called night. And there was evening and there was morning, one day.

One of the things that stand out here to me is the last sentence of **Genesis 1:5**, it starts out, "**And there was evening and there was morning, one day.**" Whenever I refer to a day, I always would refer to it the opposite of this verse. In other words, I would say morning and evening, one day. But I have learned in studying the Jewish culture that their day goes from sundown to sundown. When ever they are observing the Sabbath or the Shabbat; it is observed from 18 minutes before sundown on Friday, to 70 minutes after sundown on Saturday. And right here in Genesis 1 we can see where that practice was instituted.

The Hebrews were also the only ancient people who believed and taught that the earth was round, and not flat. **Proverbs 8:28**, "When He established the heavens, I was there, When He inscribed a circle on the face of the deep. Or **Isaiah 40:22**, *It is he that sitteth upon the circle of the earth, and the inhabitants thereof are as grasshoppers; that stretcheth out the heavens as a curtain, and spreadeth them out as a tent to dwell in:* The book of Isaiah was written 2700 years ago, yet men believed that the earth was flat as recently as 500 years ago. It wasn't until the 16<sup>th</sup> Century that the idea of the Sun revolving around the earth was replaced with the earth rotating daily on its own axis, and yearly around the Sun. I find it profound that man's view of himself is in direct proportion to his belief or unbelief of God. If man doesn't believe in God, then man sees that everything revolves around himself; where as, if man does believe in God, he then recognizes that everything revolves around God! Consider with me **Job 26:7**, **He stretcheth out the north over the empty place, and hangeth the earth upon nothing.** Here Job states that the earth is not mechanically supported; yet this view was not discovered until the 15<sup>th</sup> Century, and accepted until the 17<sup>th</sup> Century. When anyone compares the creation account in the Bible, with the beliefs of the Hindus, Chinese and others, it becomes apparent that basically all other creation accounts have absurd theories for the origin of life. What modern scientists find so amazing is that the discoveries of the very best scientists in the past 100 years, line up with the accounts of Genesis. **Revelation 4:11** puts it all in perspective, "**Worthy art Thou, our Lord and our God, to receive glory and honor and power; for Thou didst create all things, and because of Thy will they existed, and were created.**" Just as each painting has an artist, each building a builder; so this creation clearly shows the personal signature of a Creator. **Psalms 24:1** tells us that not only did the Creator create the earth and the universe; but that He holds title and ownership to it all. **The earth is the LORD's, and all it contains, The world, and those who dwell in it.**