

**SCIENCE &**

**SCRIPTURE**

# **Flood vs Historical Geology**

- 1. Scripture Evidence**
- 2. Scientific Evidence**

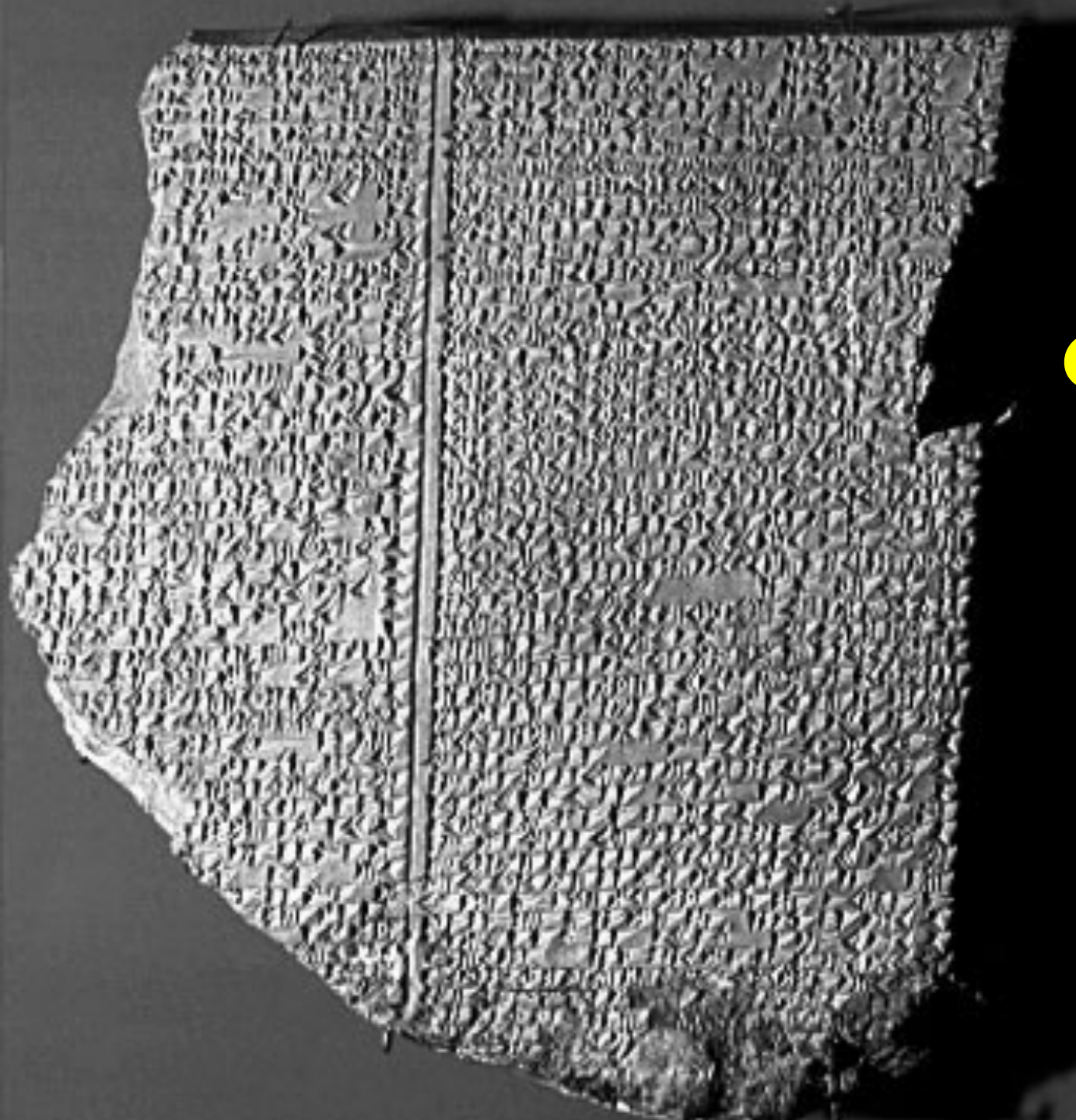


# **HISTORY &** **CULTURE**

**>150 Flood Traditions**



**Sumerian Tablet**



# Gilgamesh Epic

# CULTURES

- ✓ Sumerians
- ✓ Babylonians
- ✓ Persians
- ✓ Syrians
- ✓ Asia Minor
- ✓ Greece
- ✓ Italy
- ✓ Lithuania
- ✓ Russia
- ✓ China
- ✓ India
- ✓ Cree Indians
- ✓ Cherokees
- ✓ Aztecs
- ✓ Papagoa (Mexico)
- ✓ Peru
- ✓ Fiji Islands
- ✓ Hawaii

# **WHY EVOLUTION?**

➤ **If God is Creator, then all men stand accountable to Him.**



➤ **If the Flood is historical, then all men will face God as Judge.**

**GENESIS 1**

**&**

**SCIENCE**



# ULTIMATE QUESTIONS

- **Where did we come from?**
- **Who are we?**
- **Why are we here?**
- **Also the foundation for all**

# ASSUMPTIONS

- 1. God exists as revealed in Bible**
- 2. God has Spoken & Revealed**
- 3. Revelation over science theory**
- 4. Nature today different than past**

# APPROACHES

1. **Capitulate - higher critics**
2. **Accommodate - to science**
3. **Counter-attack - apologetics**

**A polemic against worldviews**

# **GENESIS - A POLEMIC**

- ✓ **Egyptian theology**
- ✓ **Babylonian cosmology**
- ✓ **21<sup>st</sup> Century science**

# HERMENEUTICS

## 1. Interpreting Scripture

**“... to find out the meaning of a statement for the author and for the 1st hearers or readers, and thereupon to transmit that meaning to modern readers.”**

**Mickelsen**

# HERMENEUTICS

**1. Interpreting  
Scripture**

**2. Interpreting  
Creation**

# **Interpreting Creation**

- 1. Methodological Naturalism**
  - a. Imposes naturalistic theory**



# NATURALISM FLAWS

➤ Uniformitarianism

# **UNIFORMITARIANISM**

- 1. Fundamental Assumption  
Present is key to past**
- 2. Scientifically Unverified**
- 3. Goes against Scripture**

# **NATURALISM FLAWS**

- **Uniformitarianism**
- **Evolutionism**
- **Humanism**
- **Excludes Revelation**
- **Anti-supernatural Bias**

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  - b. Attempts to harmonize text**

# **ACCOMMODATION**

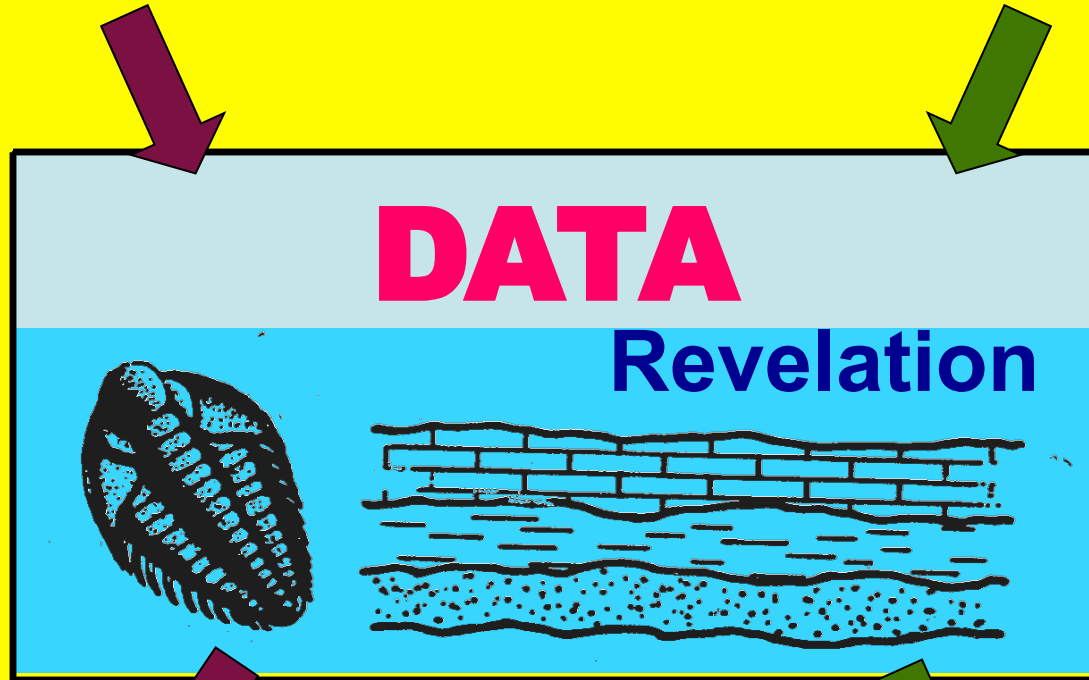
- 1. Emphasize supporting details**
- 2. Superimpose current theories**
- 3. Reinterpret text**
- 4. Ignore non-supporting details**

# **Interpreting Creation**

- 1. Methodological Naturalism**
  - a. Imposes naturalistic theory**
  - b. Attempts to harmonize text**
- 2. Biblical Worldview**
  - a. Begin with Scripture**
  - b. Avoid evolutionary theory**
  - c. Interpret physical data**

**Presupposition A**

**Presupposition B**



**Interpretation A**

**Interpretation B**

# ISSUE of AUTHORITY

## ➤ Old Earth View -

Science = Final Authority

Scripture twisted to fit

## ➤ Young Earth View -

Scripture = Final Authority

Science fit into framework



# GENESIS Outline

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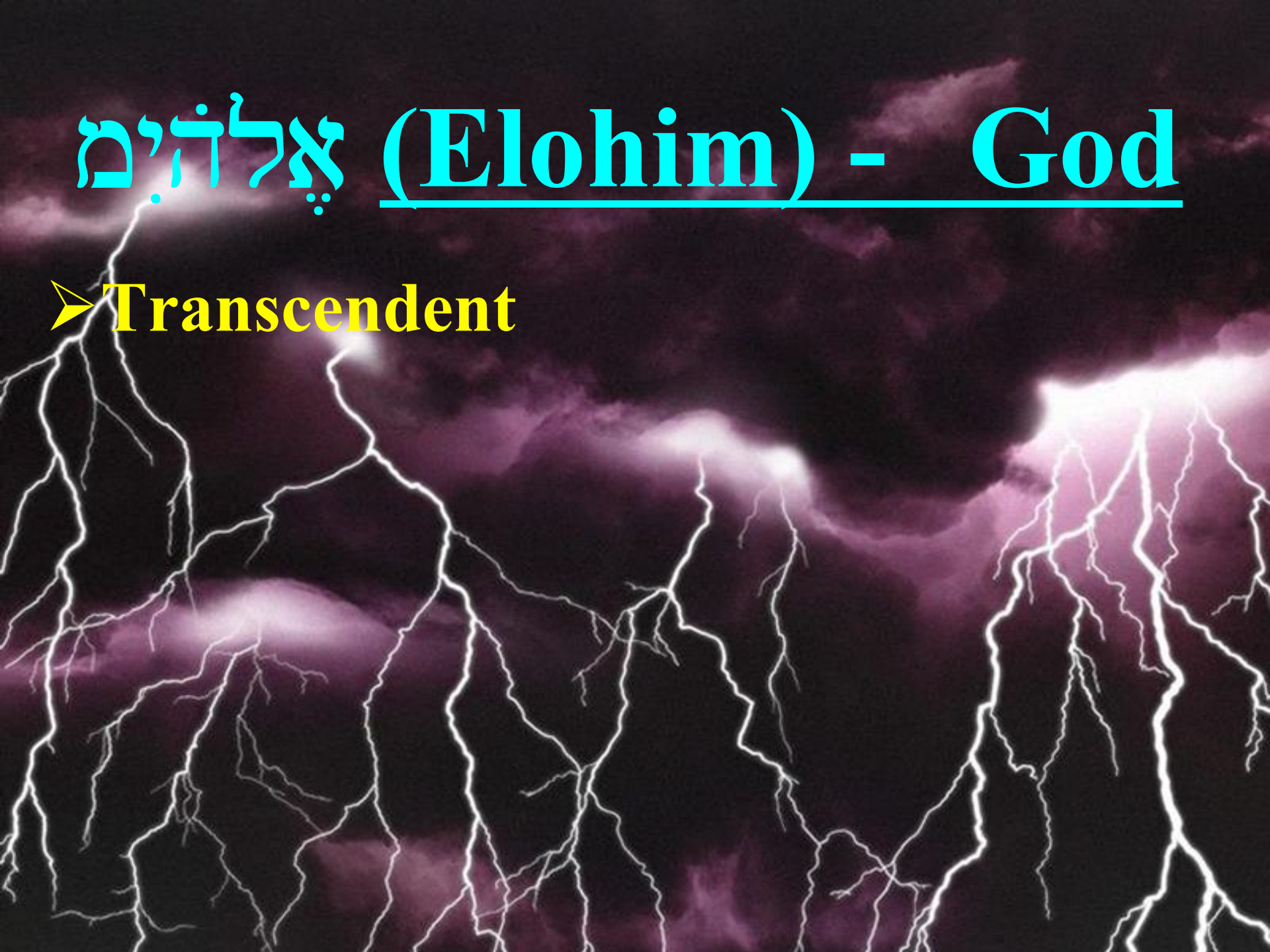
In the beginning God created  
the heavens and the earth.

Gen 1:1



# אֱלֹהִים (Elohim) - God

➤ **Transcendent**



# **MAJOR DISTINCTION**

**1. All Non-biblical Views -  
Continuity of gods & creation**

**2. Only Bible -  
Creator distinct from creation  
Transcendent God  
2 realms of existence**

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➤ **Sovereign**

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➤ **Trinitarian**

# **SOVEREIGNTY**

**Ps 103:19 The Lord has established His throne in the heavens, And His sovereignty rules over all.**

**Mt 28:18 And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.**

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➤ **Omnipotent**

➤ **Good**

➤ **Wise**

➤ **Covenanter**

# SCIENCE

- **Absolute beginning**
- **No Big Bang - “nothing exploded & became everything?”**
- **Origin of Physics & Chemistry**
- **General relativity - time & matter connected**
- **Uniform background temperature**
- **Beginning of cause & effect**
- **Earth is priority - water, gravity**



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      - a. Day One - light** **1:3-5**

# DAY 1

1. **Creator/creation Distinction**
2. **Absolute Beginning - no big bang**

**Andromeda  
(2.5 million)**

# STRUCTURE

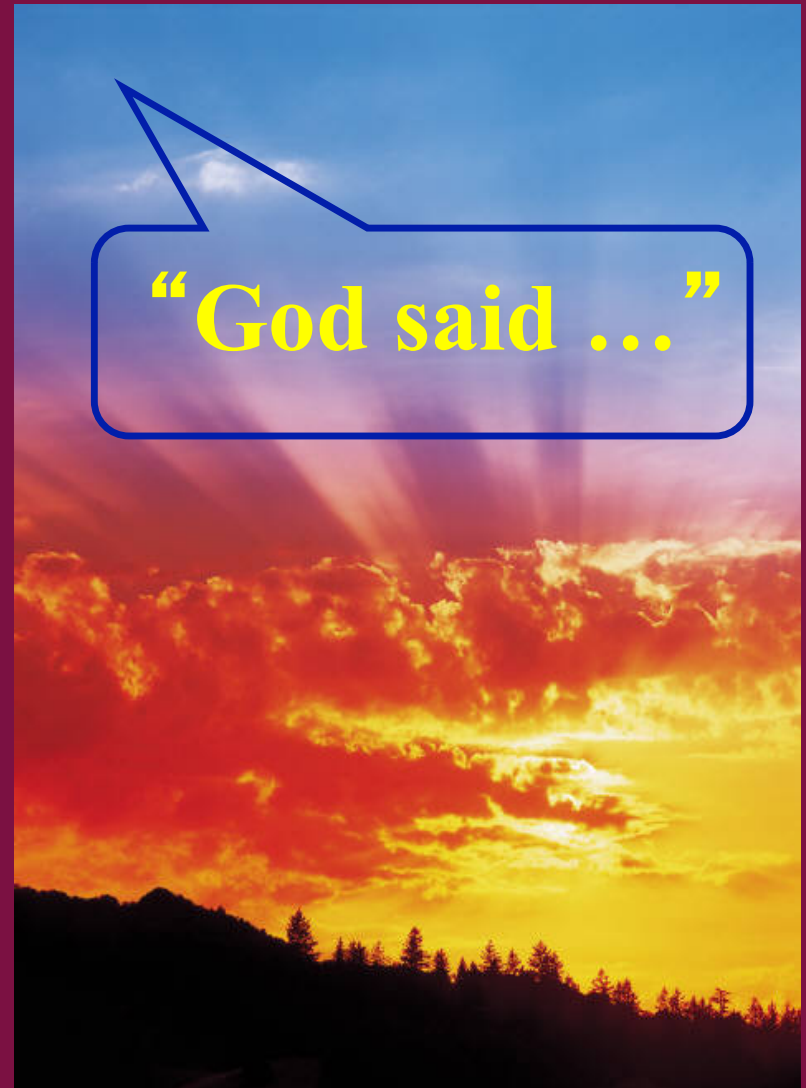
1. Revelation - “God said ...”
2. Fiat - “let there be ...”
3. Fulfillment - “& it was so”
4. Action -
5. Blessing -
6. Evaluation - “it was good”
7. Terminus - “was evening ...”

# **REVELATION**

- 1. God Communicates**
- 2. Origin of Language -  
Intra-Trinitarian  
Power of His Word**

# MEANS

➤ **His Word**

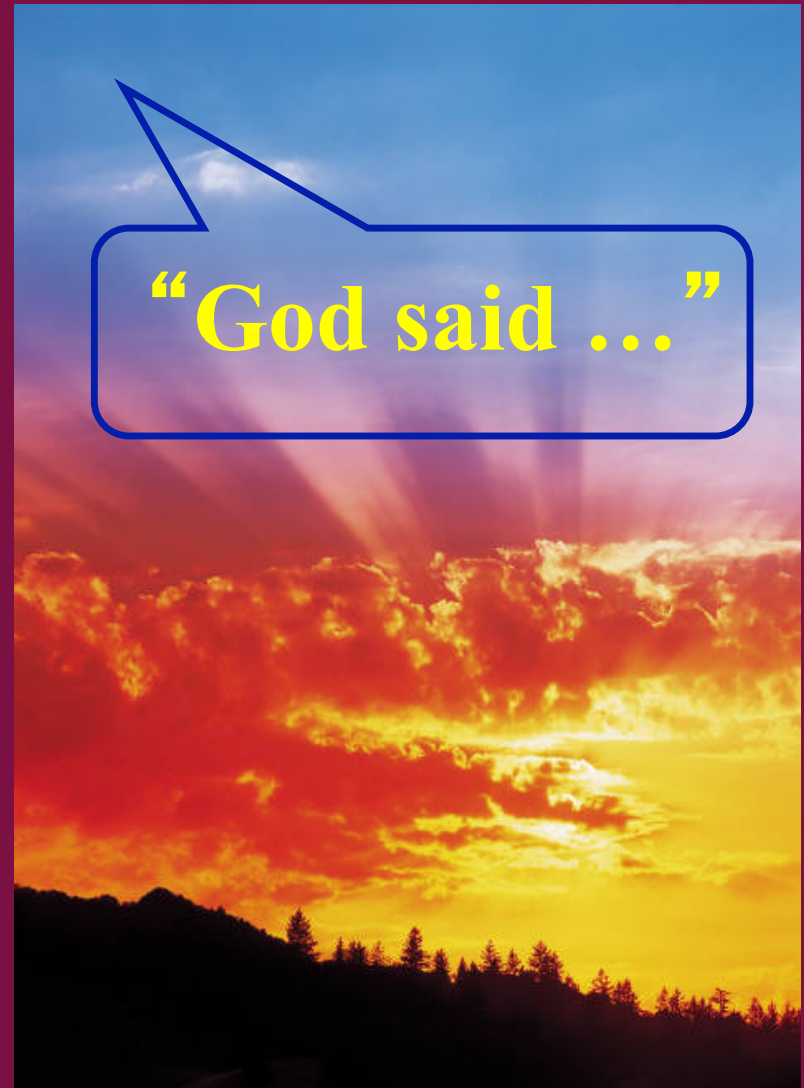


**6 By the word of the Lord  
the heavens were made, And  
by the breath of His mouth  
all their host. .... 9 For He  
spoke, and it was done; He  
commanded, and it stood  
fast.**

**Ps 33:6-9**

# MEANS

- **His Word**
- **His Wisdom**
- **His Power**



# **LANGUAGE - Foundation**

- 1. God Communicates - not silent**
- 2. Means of Creation - not trivial**
- 3. Origin in God - not man**
- 4. God Names - not linguists**
- 5. Built into Man - not evolution**
- 6. Basis of Communication - not rationalism**
- 7. Basis of Science - not naturalism**



# אֱלֹהִים (Elohim) - God

- ✓ Created - 1, 21, 27, 2:3
- ✓ Said - 3, 6, 9, 11, 14, 20, 24
- ✓ Separated - 4
- ✓ Made - 7, 16, 25, 2:3
- ✓ Placed - 17
- ✓ Blessed - 22, 28

# A "HANDS ON" WORK



# DAY 1

1. **Creator/creation Distinction**
2. **Absolute Beginning - no big bang**
3. **Means of Creation - God speaking**
4. **Origin of language, science, technology**
5. **Origin of physics, optics, & chemistry**
6. **Work of God - no naturalism**

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A close-up photograph of a butterfly with orange and black wings perched on a pink thistle flower. The background is dark and out of focus, showing green foliage and a thistle stem with spines.

**“ ... it was so.”  
- immediacy**

**“ ... it was good.”  
- evaluation**

# LAW OF 1<sup>ST</sup> USE

“God called the light day, and the darkness He called night. And there was evening and there was morning, one day.”

Gen 1:5

# AVAILABLE TERMS

עוֹלָם - long duration

אָרָה - be long

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7. **Immediacy of Fulfillment**
8. **Definition of Day - time**
9. **Young Earth**

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- b. 2<sup>nd</sup> Day - expanse** **1:6-8**