

FOUNDATIONS OF FAITH

Genesis 1-11

“Preparation of the Land for Man”

INTRO: *Whereas traditional interpretations of Genesis 1 teach six days of creation, our revised interpretation concluded that all non-living material, including the sun, moon, and stars was created at some point in the past. It was only then that God spent six days lovingly preparing the land for Man.*

I. A long time ago, God created _____.

The phrase “heavens and earth” was revealed to be a figure of speech (a merism) which in this case meant EVERYTHING.

II. The Land was _____ (1:2).

“Formless and void” was a poorly chosen phrase for our English Bibles. The Hebrew behind the phrase does not refer to a mythological Greek “chaos” but a wilderness (Cf. Jeremiah 4:23).

III. God intentionally took _____ - _____ to _____ the land for Man’s _____ (1:3-25).

God “made” or provided order for everything He previously created (Cf. Isaiah 45:18).

A. God provided what is _____ for Man.

With the exception of the second day, God pronounced His actions as “good,” I.e., beneficial for Man’s habitation.

B. The six days of preparation served a divine pattern for _____. Exodus 20:8-11.