

# THE SERPENT'S SEED

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We're going to continue the message that we've been on. We're looking back to – we could say – *the beginning*, at least *the beginning* of what the Lord has done *for man*.

Last time we looked at Genesis 1:1 and it says:

Genesis 1:1

*In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.*

We know the great majority of Christianity looks at that as being 6000 years ago, and I thank the Lord that He's allowed us to see the picture more correctly.

We have a little picture here:

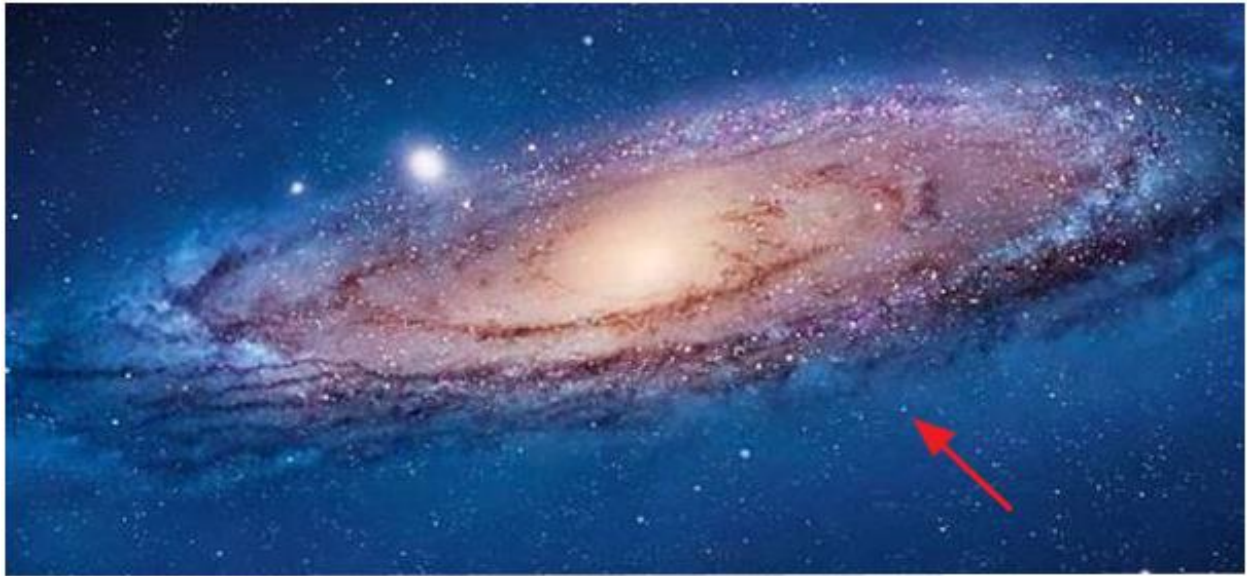


This is just *one galaxy*.

When we think about how great this universe really is, sometimes it can almost cause fear because we're on this *one planet* and we know there are eight planets – it used to be *nine* [laugh] well at least that's what they taught us – but that's just in *our* solar system.

Of course these planets revolve around *our sun*, and *our sun* is just *one star*. It's not bigger than any of the other stars, it's just that we're a lot closer to *this* star.

Here we have a galaxy and maybe nobody has really even paid attention to this star:



But *our sun* that we think is so huge and great might be *smaller* than this star. This is just like *one sun*. The suns move around the center of a galaxy and there are *billions* of galaxies! So we could continue but really our mind can't comprehend how great this universe is.

I'll say this: it's the same God that created the entire universe. Praise the Lord. It's Jehovah God.

You could look through a telescope. I remember going to a little show that the school did and they had a telescope pointed at the Andromeda Galaxy. I forget how many million years, I'll just go on the low side and say it was *two million years* that the light needed to come from that galaxy to enter the telescope so I could see it.

It's just amazing to think that *this light* had traveled for *two million years* and on that day I walked up to a telescope and I was able to see *two million years back in time!* What I was seeing is not how the galaxy looks today. I have no clue how it looks today. But what I was seeing was *two million years back in time*.



Here is an artist's depiction of maybe the beginning of the creation of the planets.

I love how it's written: *God created the heavens and the earth.* [Genesis 1:1] Even though *this earth* is just an insignificant speck in the creation of the universe, God still looked at it and had a purpose for it. This is where He put mankind. Praise the Lord.

Last time we looked a little bit at *time*.

Before I continue, we know the scientific community as a whole will do everything they can to deny that there is a God. But first of all, they had to come to the conclusion that this universe had a *beginning*.

Their science does not explain *how* it began. It explains *what happened*: there was a great explosion. They can tell you all about the explosion but they can't tell you *why* that explosion occurred in the first place.

Was it just random? We have to know it wasn't just random because if it had been, well there could be another one right now, or tomorrow, and we would just all disappear in the explosion. I don't believe any of those scientists are lying awake at night worrying: well what if another one happens tomorrow?

But *common sense*: we have to understand it happened *once* and that was it.

How did it happen? I can tell you: God did it.

It's right here: *in the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.* [Genesis 1:1]

Now, yes there was a time period of *prehistoric world*. We're not getting into that very much but God spent *millions of years preparing this planet* to one day place mankind here. Once Adam was *placed on this earth* [Genesis 2:8] I have to say: where he was, the climate and the world around him was a *paradise*.

We read that *the man and his wife*, it says: *they were naked*. [Genesis 2:25] They weren't cold. It wasn't a situation where: oh my goodness, I have to find a coat! But the climate was *perfect*. Praise the Lord.

We read about 6000 years, well I keep saying *six thousand* because I'm thinking of Genesis 1. There are *six days* mentioned in Genesis 1 and that's *6000 years*. [2Peter 3:8]

Then in Genesis 2 – we could start with that tonight – it says:

Genesis 2:1

*Thus the heavens and the earth were finished,*

Now the word *finished* here doesn't mean that He finally ended the work of creation. The work of creation was completed in Genesis 1:1.

But just as today when we talk about *finishing a house*, the structure is done but then you put the drywall, you paint it, and you put the trim. That is the work of *finishing*. It's the *beautifying*.

Genesis 2:1

*the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them.*

Genesis 2:2

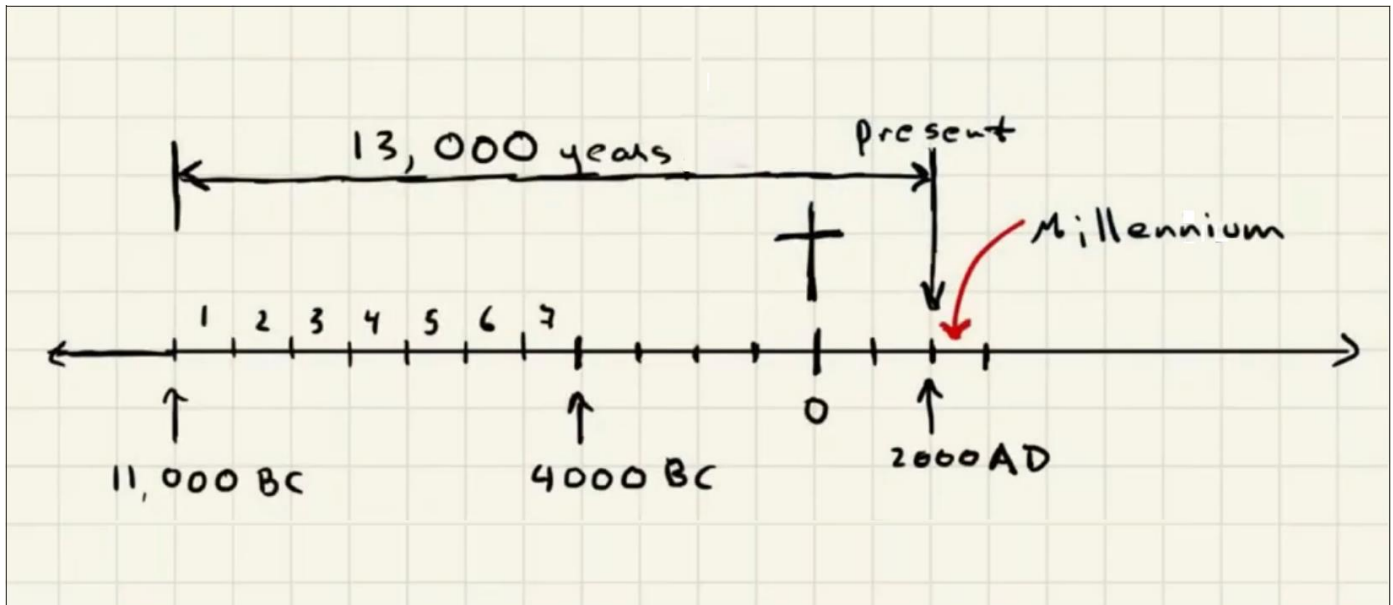
*And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made.*

Now that *seventh day* was another *thousand years*.

So again, if we start with Adam which began on the *eighth day*, or if we're looking at it as a *week*, it's a *new first day*.

Then if we look at the genealogies, we see that Adam lived *6000 years* ago. Well if we go *7000 years* before that, that's *13 000 years*.

So I have a little chart here:



This is a big picture of *time* as it concerns *man*. Obviously *time* goes much further back before this.

We are presently roughly at 2000 AD. We know we are actually 24 years after that but when we're looking at things in terms of *thousands of years*, the 24 years don't really matter a whole lot.

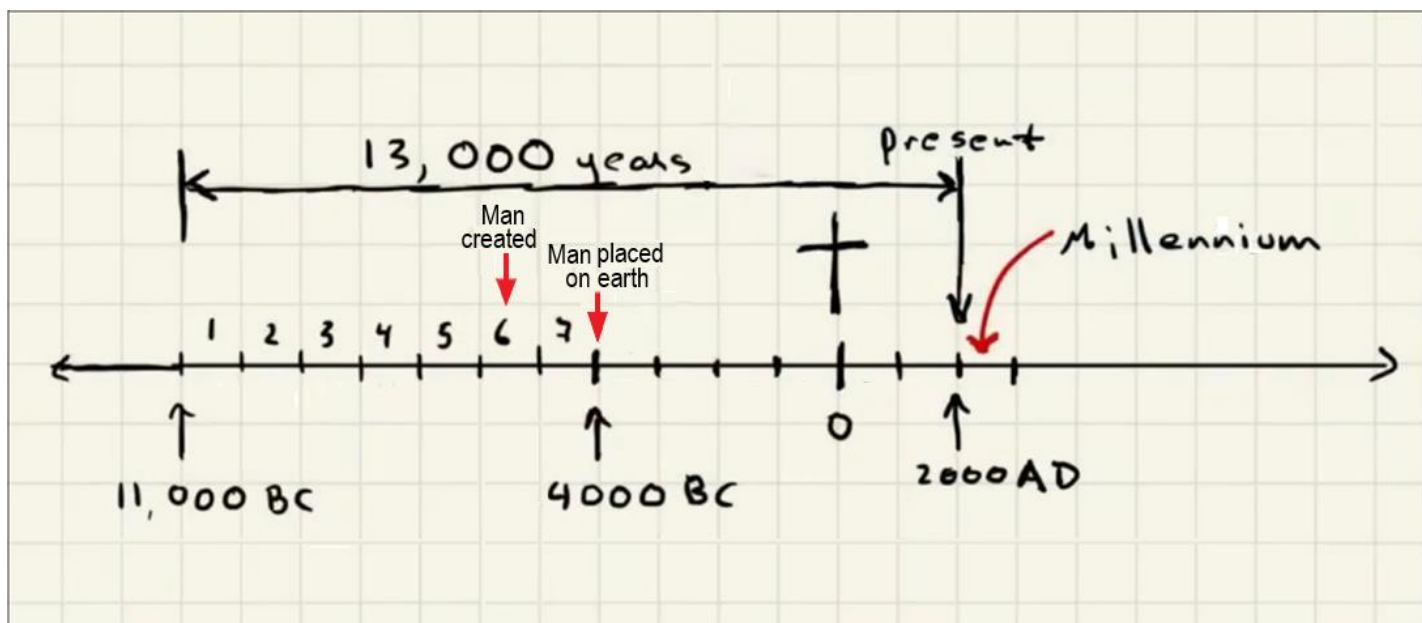
We have the time of Christ, the crucifixion. Again, there were 33 years from his birth to his crucifixion but since we're looking in terms of *thousands of years*, I just put zero. Somebody might say: well there was no year zero. That's true. But for the purpose of *the big picture*, it doesn't matter.

So 2000 years since the time of Christ, and 4000 years before that is when *Adam* was formed. [Genesis 2:7]

Now Adam and Eve were *created* on the *sixth day*. Well actually we can say: *Adam* was created on the *sixth day*. It says: *male and female created he them*. [Genesis 1:27]

We have to understand: that was *the spirit of Adam*. We can say: *his soul*. He was *conscious* but he did not yet have a body to live in.

He was *created* similar to an angelic being. That's exactly what God said, right? He said: *let us create man in our image, according to our likeness*. [Genesis 1:26]



So man was *created* back in this *sixth* day, and he went a *full thousand years* beyond that still as a *spirit being*.

He was also *given a commandment* for when he would be *here on the earth*.

Let's go ahead and read it. I'll start in verse 27 of Genesis 1.

Genesis 1:27

*God created man in his own image,*

Again – we focused on this on Sunday – let's notice, He says: *let's create man*, right? [Genesis 1:26]

Now, was *man* a *son of God*? Yes. But did He say: *let's create sons of God* in our image? No. He said: *let's create man in our image*.

Genesis 1:27

*So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.*

Genesis 1:28

*And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.*

So that included *the serpent*. Have authority over *the serpent* as well.

Genesis 1:29

*And God said, Behold I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat.*

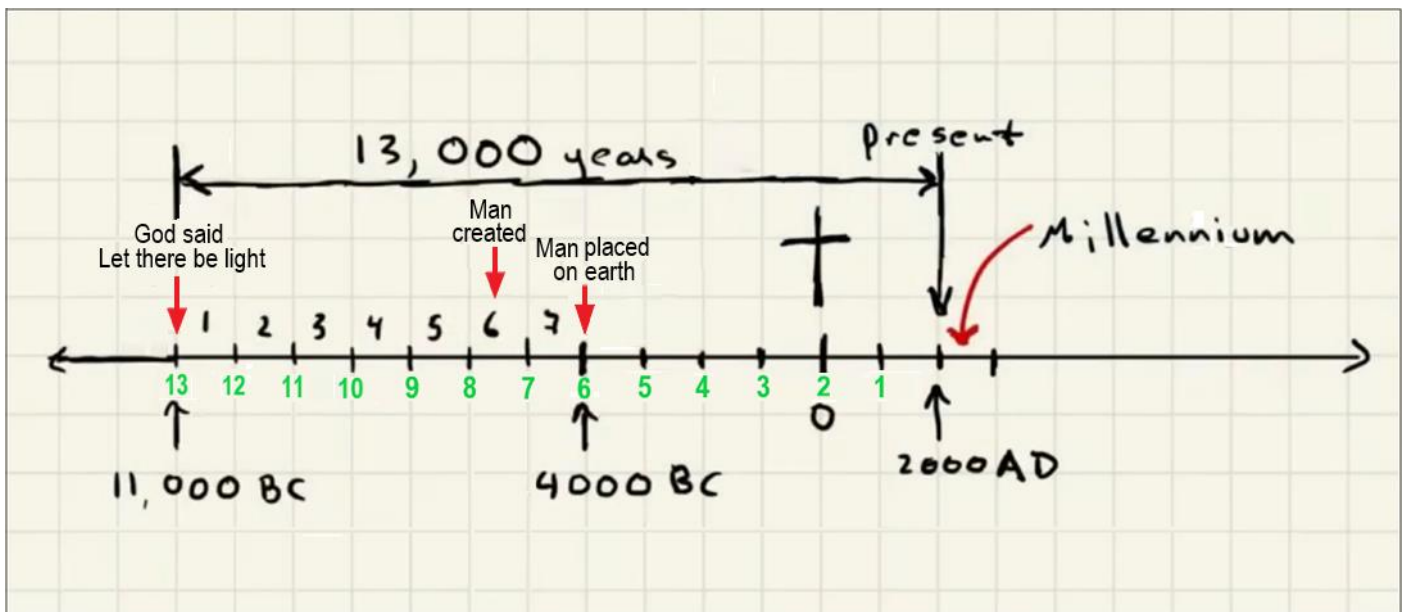
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That included the apple tree. Right? God did not give any restriction here. He did not say: but this other tree, don't eat of it. He said: *every tree that has fruit and has seed.*

So what He was talking about here was: *all of the natural trees.*

He did not give any restriction: they could eat the apples, they could eat the oranges, the grapefruit, the lemon, whatever. If it had green leaves, if it produced fruit, and if it had seed to reproduce itself, then that was a tree they could eat of. Praise the Lord.

Again, all of this was happening and was being told to them *in the sixth day*. But it would be in the *eighth day* when they would actually put this into action because it would be in the *eighth day* that Adam and the animals were formed, and when the woman was formed.



Now notice: if we count back from today, it was 13 000 years ago when God said: *let there be light.* [Genesis 1:3]

And what did that do? It began *to warm up the earth* to bring it back to a place where life could exist.

- **13 KYA – 10 KYA:**  
End of the Last Glacial Period,  
climate warms, glaciers recede.

If we actually look at what the scientists say, and there is plenty of information out there, they have *13 to 10 KYA* – that's *thousand years ago* – so *13 000 to 10 000 years ago* was the *end of the last glacial period*. *The climate warmed and the glaciers receded*. That's what the scientists say.

And how many years was that? It was a period of *3000 years*, right?

That's exactly what we read in Genesis 1.

So if we go there, Genesis 1 verse 3, this is *the first day*:

Genesis 1:3  
*God said, Let there be light: and there was light.*

That started the warming: *the light hitting the earth* began to *warm up* the face of it.

Sometimes when I'm out hunting in the winter, or not necessarily in winter but when it's cold, come the middle of the day, the air is still cold but I can say: I'm going to take a nap. I find a shadow and lie down in that shadow.

But then *the sun moves while I'm sleeping*. And I've learned to be smart enough to put a sombrero on my face. The air is still cold but when that shadow moves away and the sun is shining on me, I've woken up many times: my pants would feel *hot!* The material would be *hot!*

Why is that? It's *the light of the sun*.

So *the light of the sun* began to *warm up the face of the earth* which was *iced over*.

Let's read about *the second day*, verse 6:

Genesis 1:6

*And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters.*

Genesis 1:7

*And God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament: and it was so.*

What do we have here?

Well if you've ever seen a lake that's *frozen over*, many times there is a vapor above it. That *vapor* comes all the way down and touches the surface of the ice.

So God was *beginning to lift up* what we would call that *fog*. Without any doubt, the *warming up* is what was doing it.

Here's another story: for years we would drive down to Mexico in March and we would come back early on Monday morning. It was extremely common when we were driving back – and I'm sure it still is, it's just: Lord willing, we don't drive anymore – but there would be *fog, thick fog*. And we always knew: around 10 or 11 o'clock, that *fog* was going to go away. It didn't really go away but it kind of *lifted up*.

Again, I don't know all of the atmospheric conditions that caused *that*, but it was clear: as *it got warmer, the fog would lift up* and then it became clouds in the sky.

So there was *that space*. Here it's called *the firmament*.

Now let's go to *the third day*.

What did we say? It was *3000 years* from 13000 to 10000.

So *the third day*, verse 9:

Genesis 1:9

*And God said, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry land appear:*

That does *not* mean there was liquid water all over the earth and then God just kind of pulled it into these regions and said: we're going to call these: *the seas*.

But we have to understand what was happening here: as the ground began to heat up, *the glaciers* – which were these *huge sheets of ice covering the land* – *began to melt*.

It's just like last week here in Phoenix: some of us woke up and there was a little layer of ice on our car. Well, these were *huge sheets of ice* that covered the land. As they began to heat up, they melted. And as they melted, the water began to run.

Remember: this didn't take place in a day, it was *a thousand years*. That was enough time for the water to recede and the dry land to be uncovered. The places that were low enough is where the water gathered by gravity.

Now someone may say: okay Brother, you found a place where it says 13 000 years, that's kind of neat, but if we look around long enough, we can all find something.

It doesn't matter where you look: there was a *Pleistocene Epoch* and a *Holocene Epoch*. I forget which one was which, but crossing from one into the other – which was *the ending of the last ice age* – that ended at *13 000 years before present*.

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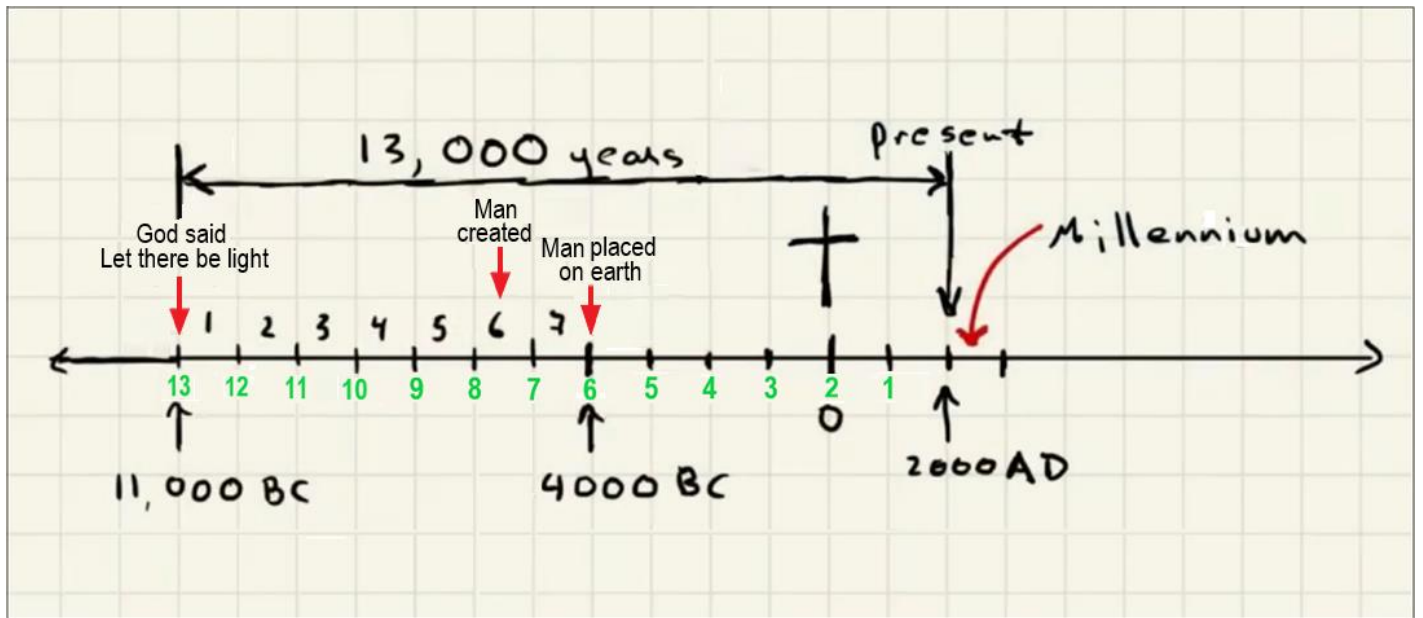
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It says: *evidence suggest that the ice sheets were at their maximum size for only a short period, between 25 000 and 13 000 years before present.*

So geologically, they call that *a short time*. It was *12 000 years*.

The point is: this is what *the geologists* are saying and it stops at *13 000*.

That's *exactly* what we have here:



That's what the Bible says. Praise the Lord.

I just thank the Lord because it makes perfect sense with what is written in the Bible.

Now let's begin to look a little more at this *prehistoric man*.

Let's go to Genesis 3.

Genesis 3:1

*Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made.*

First of all, that should help us to know: this was *not a reptile*.

Today they will tell you the chimpanzee – as far as a land animal – is the highest or the smartest. I'm speaking about *land animals*. In fact, you can even do some sign language with a chimpanzee. But a chimpanzee *cannot speak*, right? They don't have that *ability*. No animal has an actual *language ability*.

Now somebody might argue with me and say: well there's the parrot.

No, a parrot cannot talk with you. It can *repeat* what you say. You can say: *good morning*, and the parrot will say: *good morning*. But the parrot has no idea what it's saying. That's just – how can I say it? – that's just *repeating a sound*.

Now they can *teach* a parrot: *make this sound* when they see a certain object. They can show a watch, and the sound is: *watch*. They can do that. But as far as really being able to converse, they can't.

The serpent was above that. It was *above* the chimpanzee.

We have to understand: the *serpent* was: *a resurrection of prehistoric man*.

The *prehistoric man* was the *highest level* of animal life. It got to the point they would even bury their dead. They could talk. They could communicate.

But they did *not* have a soul, just as the *animals* today do *not* have a soul. They have a *spirit of life* but they don't have a soul that can – we can say – live forever, or potentially live forever.

When they died – when the *prehistoric man* died – they did not go to heaven, they did not go to hell. It was as a lot of modern man says it is today: they would just lose their consciousness and the *spirit of life* would go back to the Creator, God Himself, *without any identity of consciousness or individuality*.

Now, before we get too far into this, certain ones of late have wanted to attack the ministry of Brother Branham.

First of all, they say: *the doctrine of the Serpent Seed* – according to them – was constructed as a racist doctrine to put the white man above others.

I have to say: that's one of the most ridiculous arguments I've heard because – number one – Adam was *not white*. How many know this? I didn't see a lot of hands go up.

Well, so that you know: Adam was *not* a white man. We have to understand: he was *Middle Eastern*. They have a term today: person of colour. I don't know exactly what color his skin was, none of us do, but he was *not* North European. He was *not a white man*. He was probably what we would call *a brown man*. I hope we can understand that.

So this idea that: oh Brother Branham came up with this – which according to them, he stole from somebody else – and it was great to put one race above another. I have to say: that's just ridiculous.

Now was there *a mark set on Cain*? Yes there was. [Genesis 4:15] But I don't read anything saying that this *mark* was hereditary and continued to Cain's children and their children.

Also, the *races* did not even exist in a clear sense until we get to *the sons of Noah*. That's where we see the *three distinct races*. [Genesis 10] That's really where we have the *origin of the races*, not with Cain or the serpent. Can we understand that? I hope we can.

I have just a couple of quotes from Brother Branham himself.

He said:

- When I was in Africa, they treated those poor colored people over there in such a way; someone said to me, "They're nothing but animals."

Now *that's racism*.

Today they want to call everything *racism*. I have to say: it's ridiculous the point it has gotten to! Today it's almost like: if you like fried eggs with toast, you're racist because people who owned slaves 300 years ago liked fried eggs. That is ridiculous.

But people saying: *the black people are nothing but animals*, that's racism.

- I said,

Now that's Brother Branham. He said:

- "I beg your pardon. They're just as much human as you are, maybe a little more."

I like how he said that.

- Let me tell you, when you got that kind of an attitude, you're getting back towards an animal.
- I said, "That man, if he's as black as the ace of spades,

This is Brother Branham.

- or if he's as yellow as a pumpkin, or if he's as blue as indigo, he might save your life by giving you a blood transfusion.

That's the truth.

If you were dying because you're bleeding to death and they asked you: what's your blood type? If you said: *B-positive*, and they said: hey, we have a bunch of *B-positive* blood *right here!* Are you going to ask: what color was that guy's skin? No, you're going to say: thank God! Give me that blood! Right?

- But don't you never put an animal's blood in you."

That's right: an animal's blood will kill you. Right?

- Certainly, he's a human.

Now:

- Just because one skin was black, and the other one brown, and another one yellow, and the other one white, that has nothing to do with it.
- The Bible said, "God of one blood made all men." And that's exactly right. The places we lived in, changing our colors, had nothing to do with it.

And that's the truth.

It's actually *where we live*. It's that same *Law of Evolution*. No, it's not going to take a *chimpanzee* and make a *human* out of it. But people who live on the equator where there's a lot of direct sunlight, their *skin* needs a resistance to it. Over the years, *mutations* have naturally occurred that their skin got *darker*.

People who live far north or far south, their skin got *whiter*.

- God made of one man all nations, one blood, all nations the same.

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And look: this is in his Serpent Seed message.

Anybody who knows and understands that message *knows*: that includes *every one of us*: me, you, everybody. Even if you want to say that the doctrine is wrong – which it is *not* – but even if you do, it is clear that Brother Branham saw *all of us with serpent seed*.

So how can someone turn around and say: he said that to put himself above people with darker skin, when he recognized that *he himself* had a measure of *serpent seed*? Right? I hope we can all see that.

Now I'm beginning to run out of time.

I think I'll just close, if we can go to chapter 2 verse 15.

Genesis 2:15

*And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it.*

Genesis 2:16

*And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat:*

He's already said that before, right? [Genesis 1:29]

Genesis 2:17

*But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it, for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.*

Now, just the *name* of this tree should help us see something. This is *not* called the banana tree, the apple tree, or the orange tree. Well, someone might argue that *banana* is not a tree, but anyway. The name of it is: *the tree of the knowledge of good and evil*.

Let's just think about that.

This was *not* a tree that was growing out of the ground. We have to be able to understand: this goes *deeper* than that. This is speaking of something *spiritual*. And as it has been brought out to us, this is actually *a law: a Spiritual Law*.

There is another Law and we're going to read about it next time: that's *the Tree of Life*.

These were *two Laws, two routes* that man could take: one was *obedience*, one was *disobedience*. It's that simple. One had a *reward*, the other had a *punishment*.

The punishment here was: *death*.

But what does the religious world make it out to be? They say: well, they ate an apple.

I have to say: we have to take a better look at this. The apple, what's *the apple* doing today? It's not hurting people. In fact, they say: an apple a day keeps the doctor away. It's actually *good to eat*.

So what was this? It was *a Law*.

Because of time, I'll go ahead and stop. We'll look more into this on Sunday.