James #87

The four walls connected by the Chief Corner Stone.

Open back up today where we left off in Genesis chapter one RF.

Let us note what happened on the fourth day of creation.

Let me give you a quick overview of those first few days of creation;

On the first day, GOD reshaped the earth which had already been created as seen in proper context of Genesis one into Gen 2.

 It was created and hung out there formless and void, HE then called LIGHT to shine forth. Darkness often is seen as evil and the earth had been occupied by evil, fallen angels. The LIGHT was now turned back on for re-molding. God establishes night and day. This was a powerful singular light that would need to be splintered off because of its immense heat. A singular light of GOD.

/On the second day, GOD brought forth a thaw, HE had frozen the earth and now it is washed over because of the LIGHT. HE then created the firmament - On this second day, this great mass of water is going to be divided into two segments by gas, atmosphere, oxygen, hydrogen, nitrogen, etc. Water being separated points to the atmosphere above and below.\

On the third Day - God brings forth the land and in doing so HE sucks down into the bowels of the earth a large amount of water and raises up the land. HE separated seas and bodies of water with land masses. Yet under the earth there would be a massive amount of water that would later help account for the flood in the time of Noah.

Now notice the fourth day;

/Gen 1:14 Then God said, “Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to **separate the day from the night**, and **they shall serve as signs and for seasons, and for days and years**;\

Within the fourth day of creation, we see that number four is a staple of organized time periods.

The number three points us toward the perfection of the Trinty. Then adding one for number 4 - speaks to the creation at the hand of the Triune God.

Four is a structure and creation number and it references a completed structure. Or showing us the work of God’s plan in visible fashion.

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All of this is written from the viewpoint of GOD the Father’s plan, the FATHER is the architect.

[Gen 1:15](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/gen/1/15/s_1015) and they shall serve as lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth”; and it was so.

[Gen 1:16](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/gen/1/16/s_1016) God made the two great lights, the greater light to govern the day, and the lesser light to govern the night; *He made* the stars also.

This is now what we know as the stars, planets and the moon and the sun.

/There became lights PLURAL for a reason – the first LIGHT was the power and presence of GOD on a rock established in darkness as the fallen angels had been occupying and building upon it. These lights now are seen in stars and planets, Celestial bodies are used in the calculation of days and years. In other words, GOD had begun setting up a calendar. Time periods.\

We orient ourselves in time for measuring human history with regard to years and months, this is how GOD began building it.

Light in the atmosphere is absolutely necessary for human life, for growth, and for the welfare and happiness of the human race. Seasons and time periods came forth on this day.

[Gen 1:17](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/gen/1/17/s_1017) God placed them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth,

/[Gen 1:18](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/gen/1/18/s_1018) and **to govern the day and the night,** and to separate the light from the darkness; and God saw that it was good.

God’s perfect plan for the human race was built upon time periods, measurements of seasons, ages and a necessity for light to always push out darkness. Darkness is the absence of light.\

There is a great spiritual analogy within that, because Bels are children of the day. We are the light because of the truth and light of Christ in us.

[Gen 1:19](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/gen/1/19/s_1019) And there was evening and there was morning, a fourth day.

How the number 4 is to be seen, falls under a first mentioned principle in Theological studies.

That means how a statement or a word, or in this case a number, is used the first time in scripture, is a guideline in how we can study it used later in scripture.

It only varies from that first mentioned principle or use, if scripture pushes it out from its original framework.

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/Each day has a sunrise (morning), a high noon period 12-4pm (afternoon), a sun-setting or dusk period (4pm -7pm), then a night time (8pm until 12am). God created 4 seasons, Spring, Summer, Fall and Winter. He created four basic or natural elements as seen in Earth, Air, Fire and Water. We grow in four stages of life, as an infant, a child, a teen and then adult.\

There are also 4 gospels of Christ.

He is seen in those four gospels as the KING, the suffering servant, the Savior and the Divine Son.

/Matthew - points to the Messiah who the nation of Israel heard about and had waited for, the King has arrived. Mark – emphasizes the suffering servant of God and is designed to awaken the lost sheep of Israel and welcome in Gentiles. Luke – speaks to the whole world proclaiming that the one true Savior has arrived, the SON of man is seen in this gospel. John – is the focus on deity, that Jesus Christ is GOD, the SON of God walks among us.\

Each one like a season brings forth a greater picture of the whole.

That speaks to structure and creation and a completion.

/There are said to be four winds because God set into place four corners of this earth – North, South, East and West. The number four often is seen as stability and a grand design or completion of structure. The construction of dwelling places, were designed for four walls to be a staple of stability. Four pillars were often seen as a form of solid construction. The number 4 appears over 320x in scripture.\

There are four angels that uphold the four corners of the earth.

/There are four Cherub angels with four unique faces seen in scripture repeatedly mentioned in Ezekiel, also highlighted in 1Kings and Revelation (Ezk 1, Ezk 10, 1Ki 7, Rev 4). They appear to be angels who uphold divine order over humanity. God created four lunar phases – New moon, First Quarter, Full moon and Last Quarter. God rebuilt humanity through 4 men (Noah and his 3 sons), they were given four blessings to build earthly structure – family, lands, tongues and nations (Gen 10).\

Tables, tents and tabernacles and then later permanent dwellings, were all designed with four walls and four corners.

The number 40 (4 multiplied 10) always points to a full cycle or a completion and it speaks to a grand design.

40 is God’s hand visibly seen in structures and cycles on the earth.

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Jump over to Ephesians chapter two RF.

/The tabernacle and the inner tent of the holy place were designed with four walls, four large posts overlaid with gold separated the holy of holies. The table of showbread was designed similar as to the ark of the covenant – four sided. The altar of incense and bronze altar also were four sided. The ark of the covenant took four men to carry.\

All ancient tables, chairs and homes were designed with four stable legs or four walls.

Did you know one of the earliest formations of solid construction for any building was established in the cornerstone. This was founded in the ancient world thousands of years ago, as far back as the birth of Isreal or even hundreds of years earlier.

Jesus Christ is the true ROCK of the foundation.

/Psa 118:22 **A stone** which the builders rejected Has become the **chief cornerstone**.

Isa 28:16 Therefore this is what the Lord GOD says: “Behold, **I am laying a stone in Zion**, a tested stone, **A precious cornerstone *for* the foundation**, firmly placed. **The one who believes** *in it* will not be disturbed.

 (Mat 21:42, Mar 12:10, Luk 20:17, Act 4:11, 1Pet 2:6)\

Jesus Christ holds together all ages… all things are found in HIM and created for HIM and by HIM.

/**A cornerstone in buildings** is the first stone set during the construction of a  masonry foundation. It serves several  important functions - Geographical orientation, foundational support, full alignment for all outer walls, the symbolic significance was seen in the dedication and purpose often inscribed on that cornerstone. Historical impact through documentation. \

The Apostle Paul is warning the Bels at Ephesus to maintain a walk in the new nature not to go backward into the flesh.

He reminds them it is a grace plan not a works plan!

That we are all now one body in Christ, there is no distinction between Jew or Gentile.

Eph 2:17 And He came and preached peace to you who were far away, and peace to those who were near;

/Jesus Christ is the savior of the whole world. HE is also the chief cornerstone who brings all the walls together. Everything is aligned and found IN HIM, He is the foundation – it is HIS STORY. All four dispensations (Gentile, Israel, Church and the Millenium) are pulled together, cemented as one in HIM. They are the walls that make up the dwelling place of CHRIST.\

[Eph 2:18](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/eph/2/18/s_1099018) for through Him we both have our access in one Spirit to the Father.

We pray after we are filled by God the HS and that is how we have access to the throne room of GOD. We are new creatures in Christ - we have a Divine and Royal Priesthood through Christ.

/[Eph 2:19](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/eph/2/19/s_1099019) So then you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but you are **fellow citizens with the saints, and are of God’s household**,

Part of Mystery Doctrine is that Gentile Bels are an intricate part of the Family of GOD. The CA is the time of the Gentiles, again a mystery not fully seen, or understood by OT saints.\

The Apostle Paul is making it apparent we are living in a new age, a new dispensation.

/[Eph 2:20](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/eph/2/20/s_1099020) having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, **Christ Jesus Himself being the cornerstone**,

The person and work of Jesus Christ bring all four walls (dispensations) together into one eternal house, one purpose all fulfilled in HIM.\

[Eph 2:21](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/eph/2/21/s_1099021) in whom the whole building, being fitted together, is growing into a holy temple in the Lord,

/This CA body fits into the prefect plan of God from eternity past. This CA body is being built up to a fullness of time for a Rapture. At which point we have finished our calling in the temporal plan, concerning dispensations and our stewardship of the WORD. We will then celebrate our wedding and return to rule in the Millennial reign of Christ. After which we will witness the great White Throne judgment and then enter eternity.\

[Eph 2:22](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/eph/2/22/s_1099022) in whom you also are being built together into a dwelling of God in the Spirit.

There is a current dwelling of GOD right now in time, as we learn to walk in our ambassadorship and Bel priesthood, contributing to the building up of the BODY by stages of SM.

Then we will enter the final stage of full glory in a resurrected life. Ultimate Sanctification.

The principle of four dispensations as seen in these four walls of structure beginning with the age of Gentiles, followed by the age of Israel, then the age of the Church and ending with Christ at the 2nd Advent, which opens up the final dispensation is very clear cut.

We will look deeper next message, so let us close with this set of final principles;

/The 4 ages of mankind’s empire dominance before Christ returns (2nd Advent), is seen in the prophecy of Daniel’s dream of (Dan 2:31-49). The statue of Nebuchadnezzar highlights The HEAD (Babylon), The Arms and Chest (Medo-Persia), The Belly & Thighs (Greece), the Legs of Iron and Feet of clay (Rome and then a future mix/divided kingdom).\

The stone smashing the feet of mixed clay which is the 2nd Advent of Christ smashing into the end of the Tribulation period was prophesied by Daniel.

The Tribulation period is not considered a separate age or a new dispensation.

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/Jer 30:7 ‘Woe, for that day is great, There is none like it; And **it is the time of Jacob’s distress**, Yet he will be saved from it.

Act 2:20 ‘THE SUN WILL BE TURNED INTO DARKNESS AND THE MOON INTO BLOOD, **BEFORE THE GREAT AND GLORIOUS DAY OF THE LORD COMES**.

(Mat 24:15-31, Dan 9:12-27, Dan 12:1, Ezk 7, Zec 14:1-2, Rev 6:17, Mark 13:19, Hos 1:11, Hos 12:2, Zep 1:14-18, Amos 5:18-20, Joel 2:11-31 ) \

The Tribulation is part of OT prophecy and written about extensively on how it unfolds and brings forth the 2nd Advent of Christ.

For Israel it is owed to them as the final portion of the 5th cycle of discipline.

/Lev 26:27 ‘**Yet if in spite of this you do not obey Me**, but act with hostility against Me, 28 then **I will act with wrathful hostility against you**, and I for **My part will punish you seven times for your sins**. (5th cycle of discipline)

This is aligned with Dan 9:24-27 – which points into Babylonian captivity, touches into the 1st Advent of Christ. Christ is rejected then 70 A.D. Isreal is attacked & scattered. It finishes at the 7 years of Tribulation. \