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Genesis 1 – 2:16  
Lesson Notes #5

### ***Genesis 1 - 2:16: Fact, Fiction or Fulcrum***

“Historical Creationism (Localized Palestine View): A Closer Look at ‘The Beginning and the Land’ – Genesis 1 and 2

#### I. Introduction

##### A. Biographical information on John Sailhamer.

1. His works
2. Others who have endorsed his view or at least said that it is possible.

##### B. Literary analysis

1. What was Moses’ intent?
2. Sailhamer regarding the Bible and science.
3. Criticism from Vern Poythress.

#### II. Exegesis

##### A. Introduction

1. Careful analysis of the language.

##### B. “In the beginning...”

1. What was the intent of Moses?

2. Hebrew -- “beginning”

a. REISHIT

1. Meaning

b. Example

Unlimited Duration of Time

“The Beginning”

Sequence of Time

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3. Biblical Examples.

a. Job 8:7

b. Genesis 10:10

4. Kings of Israel

5. Other terms for “beginning,” but not used in Genesis 1:1.

6. Contrast between the beginning and the first week of preparation for the Promised Land.

God created the Universe Genesis 1:1	God Prepared the Promised Land Genesis 1:2-2:4a
“The Beginning”	“One Week”
(Billions of Years)	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 (24 hour) Days

C. Introduction to *bara*

1. Exclusivity – Only used of God.

D. Understanding the “Land”

1. Genesis 1:1 – 2 ERETZ

- a. May be used in a global sense but not the primary usage of the term.

2. Most often the term refers to d\_\_\_\_\_ g\_\_\_\_\_.

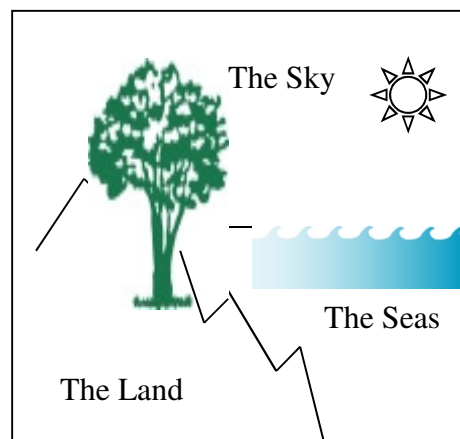
- a. Genesis 1:10

3. “Land” is a better translation than “earth”.

- a. Key point.

4. “Land commanded to sprout forth with fruit trees,” 1:11.

- a. Akin to s\_\_\_\_\_ or g\_\_\_\_\_.



c. Summary:

5. Reasons for understanding “The Land” as “the Promised Land.”
  - a. Genesis 2 is another perspective on what God does in Genesis 1.
  - b. Preparation of the Garden.
    1. Land in the East.
  - c. Remainder of the Pentateuch.  
Encounter with angels  
Genesis 3; Genesis 32:2, 22-32; Joshua 5:13-15
6. Later biblical accounts that understood Genesis 1 to be principally the Promised Land.
  - a. Isaiah 1:3; Ezekiel 36:35; Joel 2:3
  - b. Note further the Promised Land and the connection to the Book of Revelation.