

Genesis 1

- 1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.
- 2 The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering (*moving*) over the face of the waters.
- 3 Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light.
- 4 And God saw the light, that it was good; and God divided (*separated*) the light from the darkness.
- 5 God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. So (*there was*) the evening and (*there was*) the morning were the first day.

Isn't it interesting that the first thing God made was the 24 hour day – night time and day time – the measurements of life on this earth?

Psalm 74

- 16 The day is Yours, the night also is Yours; You have prepared the light and the sun.
- 17 You have set all the borders of the earth; You have made summer and winter.

Along with the day and the night, He also made the summer and the winter – seasons – and set in motion the life cycle as we know it today.

We know from the Book of Genesis that birthdays were tracked, if not celebrated, because we have chronicles of the ages of the patriarchs at their death – Adam lived to 930.

There is nothing religiously significant about the way we recognized time today with the Gregorian calendar. The days of the week are named after gods. The months aren't marked by the moon as they were. The year 2007 will have passed with the stroke of midnight Monday night and 2008 will begin. It is a time for starting a new fiscal year for most of us – thanks to the IRS. And it does give us a marking for remembrances.

Review 2007

Major Events

- January
 - Presidential campaign began earlier than ever before
- February
 - 9th – Anna Nicole Smith died
 - Lisa Nowak drove from Houston to Orlando
 - Britney Spears shaved her head
- March
 - Stock market has worst day since 9/11
 - Mortgage defaults rise
- April
 - 16th – VA Tech massacre – Cho Seung-Hui killed 32
- May

- 3rd – Madeleine McCann disappeared in Portugal – still missing
- June
 - Tony Blair resigns as England’s PM
 - Paris Hilton spends 23 days in jail
 - The Sopranos has a strange ending
- July
 - 7th – the 7th and final Harry Potter book went on sale – sells 8.3 million copies in 1st 24 hours
- August
 - 1st – MN – 40 year old bridge collapsed – 13 dead
 - 7th – Barry Bonds hit his historic home run – tainted
 - 27th
 - Senator Larry Craig
 - Michael Vick
 - Mattel recalled 18.2 Chinese made toys
- September
 - 20th – the Jena 6 in Louisiana
 - Iran’s Mahmoud Ahmadinejad declares the Holocaust a “mere theory”
- October
 - 12th – Al Gore wins the Nobel Peace Prize
 - wildfires spread in CA
- November
 - Hollywood and NY film and TV writers go on strike
- December
 - A teacher is jailed for naming a teddy bear “Mohammed” in Sudan
 - 27th – Pakistani Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto is killed; riots begin
- Entire year
 - Iran nuclear stand off
 - Iraq war
 - Wildfires spread in Greece
 - Real Estate:
 - \$12 Trillion lost in property values
 - 7.2% decline in sales
 - 20% increase in foreclosures in 3rd quarter
 - 2 million in danger of losing homes over next 2 years
 - congress tightens grip on lenders guidelines

Obituaries

- January
 - Yvonne DeCarlo, 84
 - Carol Ponti, 94
 - Art Buchwald, 81
 - Denny Doherty, 66 (Mama’s and Papa’s)
- February
 - Sidney Sheldon, 89

- Barbara McNair, 72
- Frankie Laine, 93
- Anna Nicole Smith, 39
- Hank Bauer, 84
- March
 - Betty Hutton, 86
 - Bowie Kuhn, 80
- April
 - Eddie Robinson, 88 (Grambling)
 - Barry Nelson, 86
 - Don Ho, 76
 - Kitty Carlisle (Hunt), 96
 - Boris Yeltsin, 76
- May
 - Tom Poston, 85
 - Wally Schirrar, Jr. 84
 - Jerry Falwell, 73
 - Charles Nelson Reilly, 76
- June
 - Clete Boyer, 70
 - Liz Clairborne, 78
- July
 - Beverly Sills, 78
 - Lady Bird Johnson, 94
 - Tammy Fay Bakker Messner, 65
 - Ingmar Bergman, 89
 - Tom Snyder, 71
 - Bill Walsh, 75
- August
 - Merv Griffin, 82
 - Phil Rizzuto, 89
 - Leona Helmsley, 87
- September
 - Luciano Pavoratti, 71
 - Miyoshi Umeki, 78 – 1st Asian to win an Oscar
 - Jane Wyman, 90
 - Rex Humbard, 88
 - Marcel Marceau, 84
- October
 - Al Oerter, 71
 - Joey Bishop, 87 – last of the Rat Pack
 - Deborah Kerr, 86
 - Porter Wagoner, 80
 - Robert Goulet, 73
- November
 - Hank Thompson, 82 – singer

- Norman Mailer, 84
- Bill Hartack, 74
- Robert Cade, 80 (inventor of Gatorade)
- Roger Smith, 82
- Evel Knievel, 69
- December
 - Ike Turner, 91
 - Benazir Bhutto, 54

What's New?

- Serious candidates for the US Presidency include a black, a woman and a Mormon
- More allegations about the use of illegal substances by pro athletes
- More emphasis on celebrities
- Continued war in Iraq
- Continued terrorism in Pakistan
- Continued controversy in Iran, China and North Korea

What's Old?

- Scripture!

John 5

- 39 "You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me.

John 10

- 34 Jesus answered them, "Is it not written in your law, 'I said, "You are gods"'?"
- 35 "If He called them gods, to whom the word of God came (and the **Scripture cannot be broken**),
- 36 "do you say of Him whom the Father sanctified and sent into the world, 'You are blaspheming,' because I said, 'I am the Son of God'?"

Luke 24

- 13 Now behold, two of them were traveling that same day to a village called Emmaus, which was seven miles from Jerusalem.
- 14 And they talked together of all these things which had happened.
- 15 So it was, while they conversed and reasoned, that Jesus Himself drew near and went with them.
- 16 But their eyes were restrained, so that they did not know Him.
- 17 And He said to them, "What kind of conversation is this that you have with one another as you walk and are sad?"
- 18 Then the one whose name was Cleopas answered and said to Him, "Are You the only stranger in Jerusalem, and have You not known the things which happened there in these days?"

- 19 And He said to them, "What things?" So they said to Him, "The things concerning Jesus of Nazareth, who was a Prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people,
- 20 "and how the chief priests and our rulers delivered Him to be condemned to death, and crucified Him.
- 21 "But we were hoping that it was He who was going to redeem Israel. Indeed, besides all this, today is the third day since these things happened.
 - They thought He would "redeem" Israel during this life instead of His 2nd coming
- 22 "Yes, and certain women of our company, who arrived at the tomb early, astonished us.
- 23 "When they did not find His body, they came saying that they had also seen a vision of angels who said He was alive.
- 24 "And certain of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but Him they did not see."
- 25 Then He said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken!
- 26 "Ought not the Christ to have suffered these things and to enter into His glory?"
- 27 And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself.
 - They needed to be taught how the scriptures foreshadowed His life and death
- 28 Then they drew near to the village where they were going, and He indicated that He would have gone farther.
- 29 But they constrained Him, saying, "Abide with us, for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent." And He went in to stay with them.
- 30 Now it came to pass, as He sat at the table with them, that He took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them.
- 31 Then their eyes were opened and they knew Him; and He vanished from their sight.
- 32 And they said to one another, "Did not our heart burn within us while He talked with us on the road, and while He opened the Scriptures to us?"

2 Peter 1

- 16 For we did not follow cunningly devised fables when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of His majesty.
- 17 For He received from God the Father honor and glory when such a voice came to Him from the Excellent Glory: "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."
- 18 And we heard this voice which came from heaven when we were with Him on the holy mountain.
- 19 And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the

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morning star rises in your hearts;

- 20 knowing this first, that **no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation,**
- 21 for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.

2 Timothy 3

- 10 But you have carefully followed my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, love, perseverance,
 - 11 persecutions, afflictions, which happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra--what persecutions I endured. And out of them all the Lord delivered me.
 - 12 Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution.
 - 13 But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived.
 - 14 But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them,
 - 15 and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.
 - 16 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,
 - 17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.
 - Of course, the scriptures were the OT since they did not yet have the NT letters
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 4. *All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness*

Tomorrow night many will be saying
“Out with the Old; In with the New”

I say:
“Out With the New, In With the Old!!!”