

MOMENTUM YOUTH BIBLE STUDY SERIES

THE CHRONICLES OF JENIAH & URIAH
6 - "FAMILY REUNION - PART 4"
CREATION





The game was over. It seemed like every guy had a scraped knee, a bruised elbow, or a dirt stain somewhere on their clothes. No one complained one bit. The younger guys could care less that they lost again this year. The score was irrelevant at this point. They were enthralled by the one thing that they all came together for - grandma's desserts. The family was always in awe of how she could whip up sweets that seemed like they made the angels sing!

She usually alternated between her world famous 7-up pound cake with homemade whipped cream and strawberries or her equally delectable homemade peach cobbler. The fruit was always fresh and cut by hand. The crust was never store-bought. She took the painstaking effort to roll the butter and flour in such a way that the flavor exploded in your mouth with each bite.

This year she surprised the entire family and made both of them. Some said it was because the triplets were home, others didn't care – they just wanted to eat it!

They sat around her picnic table and she graciously doled out seconds and sometimes thirds to her sweaty sons and grandsons.

Everyone knew it was coming and this year no one tried to run. They sat around and by the nature of Grandma's conversation, they could tell she was going to talk to them about the Creation story. Her rapid-fire questions kept everyone at attention. She would wait until everyone was just about finished with their dessert. And when everyone was close to her, she would make eye contact and fire off questions before they could move...

"Who can tell me a Bible text that talks about creation?" One of the triplets raised their hand and said, Hebrews 11:3 - *"By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible."*

Not to be outdone, one of the older adults stood and said...

- Isaiah 45:12,18
- *"It is I who made the earth and created mankind on it. _____ own hands _____ out the heavens; I marshaled their starry hosts. For this is what the Lord says— he who _____ the heavens, he is God; he who fashioned and made the earth,*

He founded it; he did not create it to be empty, but formed it to be inhabited— he says: "I am the Lord, and there is no other."

Uriah jumped up and said

- Psalms 33:6,9 - "By the word of the Lord the heavens were made, their starry host by the breath of his mouth. For he spoke, and it came to be; he commanded, and it stood firm."

"Does it count if they read it from their phone?" Someone asked. They all laughed, as Uriah was caught red handed.

"Okay then. Pop Quiz... Tell me..." Grandma asked, "What was made on the first day of the week?"

- Jeniah said, "Genesis 1:3,5 – God said, "Let there be light: and there was light... And God called the light day and the darkness He called night. And the evening and the morning were the first day."

"Good job. Can anyone tell me what was created on Day 2?", she continued.

- "Genesis 1:6,8 - "And God said, "Let there be a vault between the waters to separate water from water..." God called the vault "sky." And there was evening, and there was morning -- the second day."

"Right again!", she said as she patted the head of her grandchild. "Next up. Day three?"

- Another hand shot up and, between a mouth full of pound cake, a grandchild shouted, "Earth and sea!"
- "Genesis 1:10,13– "God called the dry ground "land" and the gathered waters he called "seas." And God saw that it was good... And there was evening, and there was morning -- the third day."

"I have some smart grandchildren. You must have been studying! Who knows about Day four?"

Uriah's hand shot up. He didn't remember the first three days, but he made sure to let grandma know he remembered the rest of the week. So without being asked, he blurted out:

- "Day 4 – Sun, moon and stars,"
- "Genesis 1:16,19. God made two great lights—the greater light to govern the day and the lesser light to govern the night. He also made the _____ And there was evening, and there was morning—the fourth day."
- "Day 5 – Fish & Fowl,"
- "Genesis 1:20,21,23 - And God said, "Let the water teem with living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the vault of the sky... So God created the great creatures of the sea and every _____ with which the water teems and that moves about in it, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.... And there was evening, and there was morning—the _____ day."

- “Day 6 – Land animals & Man,”

“Genesis 1:24, 27, 31 - And God said, “Let the land produce living creatures according to their kinds: the livestock, the creatures that move along the ground, and the wild animals, each according to its kind.” And it was so... So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them... God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day.”

“Whoa... okay young man!” Grandma said excitedly. “Looks like you are the resident scholar. You did a fantastic job. Now what about the 7th day?”

Uriah smiled.”That’s easy, the Sabbath. That’s the day that God rested on. He blessed it, sanctified it, and made that day special.”

- Genesis 2:1-3 *“Thus the heavens and the earth were completed in all their vast array.*
- *By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work. Then God blessed the seventh day and made it _____ , because on it he rested from all the work of _____ that he had done.”*

“Alrighty, let me see if I can stump you... Can anyone tell me a pattern in the Creation story?” Grandma asked.

They looked around and began to kick out answers but nothing seemed right. Grandma let them squirm before she put them out of their misery... “Notice how the days correspond with one another....”

Day 1 - Light

Day 2 - Water & Firmament

Day 3 - Dry land & Trees

Day 7 – God Rested

Day 4 – Sun, Moon & Stars

Day 5 – Fish & Fowl

Day 6 – Land Animals & Man

“God was intentional even in the order that He created things. It lets his creatures know that before they were created, its “needs” were already provided.”

“Kinda like your desserts being made before the family reunion picnic!”, one of the grandsons blurted out.

“Exactly. Great care was taken in making sure you had the best dessert possible. And if I love you enough to plan a dessert, how much more do you think God loves you when He thoughtfully created the world for our good and His glory? The Bible says something special about His creation of us.”

Jeremiah 1:5 “Before I formed you in the _____ I knew you before you were born I set you _____.”