

God Sent The World A Lie

2 Thessalonians 2:1 to 3. Concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus the Messiah and our gathering together to meet Him. We advise you brothers (and sisters in the Lord), do not allow your minds (your thinking) to be quickly unsettled, disturbed, shaken, anxious, troubled or alarmed, whether it be by some perceived revelation of the Holy Spirit or by a false word or by a letter alleged to be from the apostles, to the effect the day of the Lord has already arrived. Do not let anyone deceive you in any way, for that Day will not come until the great apostasy comes first, this is until the predicted great falling away of those who have professed to be Christians has come, and the man of lawlessness and sin is revealed, who is the son of doom, of destruction, of perdition.

2 Thessalonians 2:4 & 6 to 10. He opposes the Torah (Bible) and exalts himself proudly against everything that is called God or that is worshiped, even to taking his seat in the temple of God, proclaiming he himself is God ... You know what is restraining him from being revealed at this time, it is so he may be revealed in his own appointed time, for the mystery of lawlessness (the rebellion against God) is already at work in the world but it is restrained only until He who restrains is taken out of the way. Only then the lawless one, the anti-Messiah will be revealed and the Lord Jesus will destroy him with the breath of His mouth and bring him to an end by the glory of His coming. When the lawless one comes, the devil will give him great power and with all manner of false miracles, signs and delusive marvels, all of them lying wonders and by unlimited seduction to evil and with all wicked deception for those who are going to the Lake of Fire because they would not accept the Truth and refused to love it so they might be saved.

2 Thessalonians 2:11 & 12. Because of their rebellion, God sent them a lie, a misleading influence, a working of error and a strong delusion to make them believe what is false so all of them may be judged and condemned who refused to believe in the Truth, but instead took pleasure in evil and unrighteousness.

2 Thessalonians 2:13 to 17. But we brothers (and sisters) beloved by the Lord, ought to give thanks always to God, because God chose you from the beginning for salvation through the holiness of the Holy Spirit and your belief in the Truth. He called you through the Gospel so you could obtain and then share in the glory of our Lord Jesus the Messiah. Therefore brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the instructions which you were taught, whether by word of mouth or by letter. Now may our Lord Jesus Himself and God our Father, Who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and eternal hope through His grace, comfort and encourage your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

When we look closely at verses 11 and 12 in the above text, we can read the reason God sent the ungodly people in this world a lie, an error, a misleading influence. There are many lies being told around the world but if we can look at the one major lie that has led many thousands away from the Truth, we can see that lie was sent because people prefer to take pleasure in evil and unrighteousness. What is that lie? What is the one major lie in today's world that influences every person on earth, even many Christians? Christians are not infallible. Jesus said even His elect followers could be deceived (Matthew 24:24).

The one major lie that has led thousands away from the truth of the Bible and led many millions into error is the lie of evolution. From the time since evolution has been made known world wide and believed by millions of people, church attendance began to fall to the point where we live in an almost Godless society. At one time, most people attended church and those who did not attend at least one service each week were the minority. Now, it is a minority who actually attend church. Of those who do attend church, many are unsure what to believe. If believers say this

world was created less than seven thousand years ago, they are mocked. Bible believing Christians need to stand up for righteousness and teach the truth. Evolution is a lie. The Bible is the only truth from our Creator God we have in this world. What is written within the pages of the Bible is the only written guidance we have to show us the only way of salvation. The minds of unbelieving people are blinded to the truth of the scriptures (2 Corinthians 4:3 & 4).

Christians, it is a commandment from God to believe the Bible. It is not an option. It is a command from God to believe what the Bible says and especially regarding Jesus. 'This is God's commandment, we should believe in the name of His Son Jesus the Messiah and love one another, as He commanded' (1 John 3:23). We need to study the entire Bible so we can learn what is in there. If Christians do not read and study the Bible, they can be misled and deceived by the world's foolish errors. The truth is, God created the universe and the earth in its entirety. By His holy creative words He spoke the universe and the earth into existence. He gave the earth its shape then he created all the things that are on the earth. God is The Almighty Being and is able to do whatever He chooses. Mankind is limited; God is not. He can do anything including create a planet for His chosen creation to inhabit. God did not create the earth for angels to inhabit – He created earth for humans. Initially, the earth was perfect, there were no storms, earthquakes or carnivores, but after mankind brought sin onto the earth, things began to go wrong. Before sin there was no death so no skeletons, fossils, remains or anything the scientists have found could possibly be older than six thousand years. We need to keep that in mind – before sin there was no death so before sin there were no fossils, no dinosaurs bones, no dead mammoths and certainly no dead people. This is what the Bible teaches:

Reading in Genesis chapters one and two in paraphrase ... 'In the beginning, before time existed, God created the heavens (the universe) and the earth. Initially, the earth was formless, void, without a distinctive shape, empty, in complete darkness and covered with water. God's Holy Spirit hovered over the surface of the waters. God commanded, "Let there be light," and instantly there was light. God saw the light and saw it was perfect then He divided the light from the darkness creating daylight and night. God called the light Day (in Hebrew, *יום*), and the darkness He called Night (in Hebrew, *לילה*). There was evening and there was morning, one 24 hour normal day. Notice this, there was light on the earth before God created the sun! How? Because God is the Light of the world.

This did not happen by chance or a 'big bang' that was invented in the disturbed mind of an ungodly scientist who has gone on to invent many other ridiculous theories. It was a deliberate, well thought out act of design and creation by God to prepare the earth for human habitation. The Bible teaches us there is water on other planets but no other planet was made inhabitable. God created the other planets but only our earth was to be inhabited. 'Thus says the Lord, Who created the heavens, the Lord God Who formed the earth and made it, Who established it and did not create it a waste, Who formed it to be inhabited, "I am the Lord God and there is no other"' (Isaiah 45:18).

After He created light, God continued His powerful creating process dividing the water on the earth from the water in the atmosphere, leaving a gap where humans could live then He created dry land. God commanded, "Let there be an expanse, a huge gap, an atmosphere in the midst of the waters and let it divide the waters from the waters." God made the expanse and divided the waters under the expanse from the waters above the expanse and it was so. God called the expanse sky (in Hebrew, *שממים*). There was evening and there was morning, a second normal 24 hour day. God said, "Let the waters under the sky (on the earth itself) be gathered together to one place (the oceans and seas) and let the dry land appear," and it was so. God called the dry

land Earth (in Hebrew, artz) and the gathered waters he called Seas (in Hebrew, imim). God saw it was good.

Then God created all plant life and instantly, the entire earth was covered with vegetation. God commanded, "Let the earth put forth grass, herbs yielding seed, fruit trees bearing fruit after their own kind with its seed in it, all over the earth," and it was so. The earth instantly brought forth grass, herbs yielding seed after their own kind, trees bearing fruit with its seed in it, after their own kind and God saw that it was good. There was evening and there was morning, a third 24 hour day.

God created the other planets to reflect light onto earth, then He created the sun then the moon four days after He had created the earth. God commanded, "Let there be lights in the heavens to divide the day from the night and let them be for signs, for seasons, for days and years, and let them be for lights in the expanse of sky to give light on the earth," and it was so. God made the two great lights. The sunlight to rule the day and the moon to rule the night. He also made the stars (planets, other solar systems and the whole entire universe). God set them in their own place, in the expanse of sky to give light to the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness. God saw it was good. There was evening and there was morning, a fourth 24 hour day.

After the universe was completed, God created animals, birds and other flying creatures like bats, plus all the fish, whales, all sea creatures and during this phase of creation, the dinosaurs would have been created. According to the Book of Job, dinosaurs were on earth at the same time as mankind. God commanded, "Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures and let birds fly above the earth in the open expanse of sky." God created the large sea creatures and every living creature that moves with which the waters swarmed, after their kind and every winged bird after its kind. God saw it was good. God blessed them saying, "Be fruitful, multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." There was evening and there was morning, a fifth 24 hour day. God commanded, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures after their kind, livestock, creeping things and all animals of the earth after their kind," and it was so. God made the animals of the earth after their kind, the livestock after their kind and everything that creeps on the ground after its kind. God saw it was good.

Only after God had created all these things do we discover God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit as our triune God together created everything. In Genesis 1:2, the Holy Spirit hovered over the earth and deep water. God created all things through Jesus (Ephesians 3:9). Now we read where God the Father says, "Let Us create man in Our image ...". The words 'us' and 'our' are plural. After everything was ready, lastly, God created mankind. The only thing He ever created in His image and likeness. God is not a shapeless form. We were created in His form. God has a head, eyes, ears, shoulders, arms, hands, legs and feet, exactly the same as humans do. We were created in His exact shape and the proof of that can be seen in Jesus Who was in the form and likeness of both God and mankind (Philippians 2:6 to 8). God commanded, "Let Us create man in Our image, after Our likeness and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the sky, over the livestock, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth (reptiles)." God created man in His Own image. In the exact image of God, He created them, male and female He created them. 'God formed man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life and man became a living soul' (Genesis 2:7). 'God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam and as he slept God took one of his ribs and closed up the flesh in its place. He made the rib which God had taken from Adam into a woman and brought her to Adam who said, "This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh. She will be called Woman (Eve) because she was taken out of Man"' (Genesis 2:21 to 23).

God blessed them. God said to them, "Be fruitful, multiply, fill the earth and subdue it. Have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the sky and over every living thing that moves on the earth. Behold, I have given you every herb yielding seed, which is on the surface of all the earth and every tree which bears fruit yielding seed. It will be your food. To every animal of the earth, to every bird of the sky and to everything that creeps on the earth in which there is life, I have given every green herb for food," and it was so. God saw everything He had made and, behold it was very good. There was evening and there was morning, a sixth 24 hour day'. Notice here, because there was no death before sin, there were no carnivores. All animals and birds ate vegetables, fruit, nuts and seeds. The scientists theory of carnivorous dinosaurs is all fiction.

'The heavens and the earth were finished and all their vast array. On the seventh day God finished His creative work and He rested on the seventh day from all His work. God blessed the seventh day and made it holy because He rested in it from all His work which He had created and made. This is the true history of the generations of the heavens and of the earth when they were created, in the day (the week) the Lord God made the earth and the heavens. No plant of the field was yet in the earth and no herb of the field had yet sprung up for the Lord God had not caused it to rain on the earth. There was not a man to till the ground but a mist went up from the earth and watered the whole surface of the ground ... Out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the sky and brought them to Adam to see what he would call them. Whatever Adam called every living creature, that was its name. Adam gave names to all livestock, to the birds of the sky and to every animal of the field' (Genesis 2:1 to 6; 19 & 20).

One thousand, five hundred and fifty-six years after the Lord created the earth, mainly out of water, the entire earth was destroyed by water. There never was an ice age. The flood that took place during the days of Noah was the event that caused the natural land marks around the world like the Grand Canyon for example. People who do not know God may well think the truth of creation is foolish belief but that is just what the Lord said ungodly people would think. The Bible is for everyone who can read but it is spiritually discerned and people who do not know God cannot have spiritual discernment. 'The natural man does not receive the things of God's Holy Spirit, for the things of God are foolishness to him, he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually discerned' (1 Corinthians 2:14).

Ungodly people mock the truth, just as the Lord said they would. We are told to remember what the prophets taught and two of the subjects taught by the prophet Moses were about creation and Noah's flood. We also need to remember, the Lord promised never to again destroy the earth by a flood but He did say, next time He destroyed the earth, it would be with fire. 'Remember the words spoken by the holy prophets and the commandments of us, the apostles of the Lord and Saviour. Understand this first, in the last days mockers will come walking after their own lusts saying, "Where is the promise of His coming? ... All things have continued as they were from the beginning of the creation." They willfully (they choose to) forget, there were heavens (the universe) from of old (from creation) and the earth formed out of water and amid water by the spoken Word of God by which means the world that was then, was overflowed with water and perished. However, the heavens that are now and the earth, by the same Word of God have been stored up for fire, being reserved for the Day of Judgment and the total destruction of all ungodly people' (2 Peter 3:2 to 7).

All genuine believers and followers in Jesus believe the absolute truth of the Bible and they believe the information God has given to us regarding creation, Noah's flood and the saving sacrifice of Jesus – the cross and His blood. The Bible is the only Book of Truth. Ungodly people, non-believers and people who despise the truth are the ones who believe the lie of evolution and that major lie has led many away from God and into a lost eternity and many more will follow

them. Many Christians will accept the lie of evolution and will turn away from God (called the great apostasy) and they too will go to a lost eternity (2 Thessalonians 2:3). The Holy Spirit Himself has warned Christians not to believe lies and false doctrines. 'The Holy Spirit says expressly, in the last days some will fall away from the faith, paying attention to seducing spirits and doctrines of demons through the hypocrisy of men who speak lies, their conscience seared through as with a hot iron' (1 Timothy 4:1 & 2).

Evolution cannot possibly be proven scientifically because it is not true. On the other hand, through archaeology, the truth of the Bible has been proven thousands of times. Yes, it is true there is water on other planets but the Bible told us that thousands of years ago. Yes, it is true the earth is mostly water but the Bible told us that thousands of years ago. Yes, there were huge animals we now call mammoths and dinosaurs but the Bible told us that too. The Bible told us about the weather patterns thousands of years before mankind learned about meteorology. Scientists think it takes thousands of years to make gold and precious stones but the Bible says the Lord created them all in one day (Ezekiel 28:13).

'Because of their rebellion, God sent them a lie, a misleading influence, a working of error and a strong delusion to make them believe what is false so all of them may be judged and condemned who refused to believe in the Truth, but instead took pleasure in evil and unrighteousness' (2 Thessalonians 2:11 & 12) ... (continuing in the same thought), 'Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to uncleanness so their bodies would be dishonoured among themselves. They exchanged the Truth of God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, Who is blessed forever. Amen' (Romans 1:24 & 25). The ungodly scientists who made up the lies about evolution and the so-called 'big bang' theory will go to a lost eternity because they have led millions astray. 'In no way will anything profane, or a person who causes an abomination or a lie enter into heaven, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's Book of Life' (Revelation 21:27).

Amen and God bless you.

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