CREATIONS: "According To The Word Of The Lord"

INTRODUCTION

The Bible speaks of two major creations: The creation of the universe (the first creation, and the new creation, which came into existence in connection with the entrance of Christ as the Word of God to begin the new creation—the church to offer salvation to the lost of the world. In this lesson, we shall study both creations, "According to the Word of the Lord." The expression ("According to the word of the Lord") is found many times inside the old testament, signifying matters and events that came as a result of what the Lord said **would** happen, that **did** happen as the Lord had revealed. To have faith in God and full confidence of what the written word says, will be seen as we study these two creations: the Old and the New, or the Material creation and the Spiritual creation.

DISCUSSION

I. 1st, let's look at the OLD CREATION, "according to the word of the Lord."

- A. This creation involves the Existence of the earth and the first two heavens.
 - 1. People of the earth do not generally believe that the word of God had anything to do with the creation of the universe, but that it has always existed, or else know nothing of it's origin.
 - 2. The word of God (the Bible) states that the earth, and heavens were created *"according to the word of the Lord."* Gen. 1:1; Exo. 20:11
 - a. Six times in Genesis 1, it is stated, "And God said," as each day's work began.
 - b. The universe was formed "according to the word of the Lord" in the sense that God's word itself was the basis for it's creation, as well as the written word **declares** that it was the "word" of God that formed it.
 - 1) The enumerable amount of stars in the sky, and their distance from the earth, is overwhelming to say the least.
 - a) The closest star to the earth is some 4.243 million light years away, meaning that light radiating **from** this star takes this long for light to reach the earth, traveling at a speed of 186 miles per second. **Overwhelming!!**
 - b) God knows the number of stars in the second heaven, and has given each one an identifying name. Psa. 147:4
 - 2) The makeup of the human body, with the ability to see things in depth, to hear things with directional sound, the function of the blood and heart, and the balance of male and female for reproduction, **demands** that there is a Designer behind the creation of our bodies, which cannot logically be attributed to mere chance or accident, but to GOD. Rom. 1:20; Matt. 19:4...
- B. The written word declares that the creation took place "According to the word of the Lord." Psa. 33:6-11; Heb. 11:3

II. 2nd, let's look the NEW CREATION "According to the word of the Lord."

- A. The new creation came as a result of the ENTRANCE of the SAVIOR into the world.
- B. There are 6 significant points about the Savior that begin with the letter "S".
 - 1. 1st, Jesus came as the **SEED** of woman, "according to the word of the Lord." Gen. 3:15; Gal. 4:4
 - a. Jesus was born of a virgin, "according to the word of the Lord." Isa. 7:14; Matt. 1:18-23

- b. Jesus' physical heritage was through woman alone as Mary conceived by the Holy Spirit, without any contact with a "man" for normal births. vs. 24-25
- 2. 2nd, Jesus came as the "only begotten **SON** of God. John 1:14; 3:16
- 3. 3rd, Jesus came as the **SEED** or descendant of Abraham. Gen.12:3; Matt. 1:7; Gal. 3:16
- 4. 4th, Jesus also came as the **SEED** of David (ancient king of Israel), "according to the word of the Lord." 2 Sam. 7:12-13; Rom. 1:3
- 5. 5th, Jesus also came as the **SUFFERING SERVANT** of God, "according to the word of the Lord." Isa. 53:11
- 6. 6th, Jesus also came as the SINLESS SAVIOR, "according to the word of the Lord."

 a. Old testament sacrifices were typical in nature, as they foretold the ultimate sacrifice of a lamb without spot and blemish.
 - b. Jesus death followed a sinless life, as the Lamb of God. 1 Pet. 2:22
- B. The scripture speaks of the results of Jesus' coming as a **new creation.** 2 Cor. 5:17; Eph. 2:8-10

CONCLUSION

- I. When Jesus comes at the end of time, the righteous shall meet him in the air to join Him for eternity.
- II. Are you ready to meet Him?

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