



Covenant Branch Fellowship

Genesis Journey **Genesis 1:1 - Part 1**

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Description of Teaching

Laying a proper foundation.

We must first lay a proper foundation.
When our journey on this earth began, we began to build a foundation.

As the material for our foundation, we use everything given to us.
What we see with our eyes, what we hear with our ears, what we are shown and what is demonstrated by our parents, those around us, in our community, our church, our friends and peers, etc.

We then begin to build upon this foundation.

Along the way we sometimes make adjustments to the foundation.
Sometimes our foundation we have laid gets jerked out from underneath us.

I have experienced this as I know many of you may have as well.

And we are brought back again to a place of trying to find that perfect cornerstone in which to build upon.

Many of us are here today because we have become disillusioned by the foundation or cornerstone that we have laid or the one given to us.

So, we sought out to search and find just the right stone in which to build upon.

In this teaching, my desire is to be able to help you discover for yourself 'The Why' and the proper way in which to do that.

I truly don't want to tell you what you should believe, but rather I want to help you on your journey and give you the tools from my journey to help you with your own journey and discovery.

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Speaking of Stones, and laying a proper foundation...

When you build your alter...

Shemoth (Exodus) 20:23-25

You do not make besides Me mighty ones of silver, and you do not make mighty ones of gold for yourselves.

Make a slaughter-place of earth for Me, and you shall slaughter on it your ascending offerings and your peace offerings, your sheep and your cattle.

In every place where I cause My Name to be remembered I shall come to you and bless you.

And if you make Me a slaughter-place of **stone**, do not build it of cut stone, for if you use your chisel on it, you have profaned it.

Are or do we profane our slaughter offerings in this way?

I say to you that we can do the same when we lay the foundation of our understanding of scripture.

All of our cut and chiseled stones we place when we build our house are not pleasing to Yah.

From the beginning...

Mishle (Proverbs) 25:2

It is the esteem of Elohim to hide a matter, And the esteem of sovereigns to **search** out a matter.

Where we find ourselves now, scattered among the nations...

Debarim (Deuteronomy) 4:29

But from there you shall seek יהוה your Elohim, and shall find, when you **search** for Him with all your heart and with all your being.

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The importance of laying a proper foundation...

Let's visit the words of our Master Yeshua and what He had to say on the subject.

Matthew 7:21-29

²¹ “**Not everyone** who says to Me, ‘**Master, Master,**’ shall enter into the **reign of the heavens**, but he who is doing the **desire of My Father** in the heavens.

²² “Many shall say to Me in that day, ‘**Master, Master,** have we not **prophesied in Your Name**, and **cast out demons in Your Name**, and done many **mighty works in Your Name?**’

²³ “And then I shall declare to them, ‘**I never knew you, depart from Me, you who work lawlessness!**’

Reign of the Heavens

Master, Master – Confessing with their mouths that He is Master...

Professing and Recognizing His Authority

In Your Name i.e. In the Authority of His Name

Prophesied in Your Name – They claim to actually be speaking the words of Yah

Cast out demons in Your Name – They claim to be actually ministering in His Name/Authority

Done many mighty works in Your Name - Professing all their works being done under His Authority.

The Desire of the Father – What is the Desire of The Father?

Who actually does the Desire of the Father? Do we?

Picking back up at verse 24...

²⁴ “Therefore everyone who hears these words of Mine, and does them, shall be like a **wise man** who **built his house** on the **rock**,²⁵ and the rain came down, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, and it did not fall, for it was founded on the **rock**.

²⁶ “And everyone who hears these words of Mine, and does not do them, shall be like a **foolish man** who **built his house** on the **sand**,²⁷ and the rain came down, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and they beat on that house, and it fell, and great was its fall.”

²⁸ And it came to be, when יהושע had ended these words, that the people were astonished at His teaching, ²⁹ for **He was teaching them as one possessing authority**, and not as the scribes.

Proverbs 8 Here...?

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Isaiah 26:4

“Trust in יהוה forever, for in Yah, יהוה, is a **rock of ages**.”

Isaiah 30:29

Let the song be to you as in a night set apart for a festival, and gladness of heart as he who is going with a flute, to come into the mountain of יהוה, to the **Rock of Yisra’el**.

Isaiah 44:8

Do not fear, nor be afraid. Have I not since made you hear, and declared it? You are My witnesses. Is there an Eloah besides Me? There is no other **Rock**, I know not one.’ ”

Habakkuk 1:12

Are You not from everlasting, O יהוה my Elohim, my Set-apart One?

You do not die! O יהוה, You have appointed them for right-ruling, **O Rock**, You have established them for reproof.

The Nick Naming of Shimon, Son of Jonah

John 1:40-42

⁴⁰ Andri, the brother of Shim’on Kěpha, was one of the two who heard from Yoḥanan, and followed Him.

⁴¹ First he found his own brother Shim’on, and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which means the Anointed).

⁴² And he brought him to יהושע. And looking at him, יהושע said, “You are Shim’on the son of Yonah, you shall be called **Kěpha**” (which means a **Stone**).

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So, how does this benefit us?

How does this help us in our garment preparation?

Less of us and More of Him.

Critical Thinking

Critical Thinking is the analysis of facts to form a judgment.

Critical Thinking is also self-directed, self-disciplined, self-monitored, and self-corrective thinking.

Critical Thinking will help us to get to the truth.

The reason we don't have all truth is because we haven't leaven in our thinking.

Leaven can cause us to suffer in many ways and we haven't a clue to really how much leaven is in us.

Just like the women in the garden during Yah's atonement:

Genesis 3:13

And יהוה Elohim said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" And the woman said, "The **nahash** deceived me, and I ate."

The very nature of deception is that you do not know you are deceived.

We are that woman.

The very nature of leaven is that we do not know we have leaven nor really how much is in us.

So how do we begin the process of getting the leaven out?

How do we remedy our deception, and becoming or coming to a place where we are not deceived?

The 7 Questions to Biblical Context

1. Who said it? *Elohim*
2. When was it said? *In the beginning – In the beginning of what?*
3. Where was it said? *The heaven of heavens, the eternal dwelling place of Elohim*
4. What was said? *Creation in the time-domain*
5. Who was it said to? *All of creation? Whosoever would hear?*
6. Why was it said? *The Ultimate Question, Why?*
7. **What Does 'The Whole Council' of Elohim's Word Say?**

There is a proper order in which we must ask these questions.

They are numerically order for a reason.

For instance, until we ask the first six questions in their order, we are not prepared to ask the sixth question and that is 'The Why?'

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Some Scriptures referencing “The Beginning”

John 1:1-2

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with Elohim, and the Word was Elohim.

² He was in the beginning with Elohim.

Revelation 22:13

“I am the ‘Aleph’ and the ‘Taw’, the **Beginning** and the End, the First and the Last.

Revelation 3:14

“And to the messenger of the assembly in Laodikeia write, ‘The Amēn, the Trustworthy and True Witness, the **Beginning of the creation of Elohim,**’.

Matthew 19:4

And He answering, said to them, “**Did you not read that He who made them at the beginning made them male and female.**”

Mark 10:6

“However, **from the beginning** of the creation, Elohim ‘made them male and female.

Matthew 19:8

He said to them, “Because of the hardness of your hearts, Mosheh allowed you to put away your wives, but **from the beginning** it was not so.

John 8:44

“You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you wish to do. He was a murderer **from the beginning**, and has not stood in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks the lie, he speaks of his own, for he is a liar and the father of it.

1 John 3:8

The one doing sin is of the devil, because the devil has sinned from the **beginning**. For this purpose the Son of Elohim was manifested: to destroy the works of the devil.

2 Thessalonians 2:13

But we ought to give thanks to Elohim always for you, brothers, beloved by the Master, because Elohim **from the beginning** chose you to be saved – in set-apartness of Spirit, and belief in the truth

Ephesians 1:3-4

³ Blessed be the Elohim and Father of our Master יהושע Messiah, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenlies in Messiah,

⁴ even as He chose us in Him **before the foundation** of the world, that we should be set-apart and blameless before Him, in love,

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1 Timothy 2:12-15

- ¹² But I do not permit a woman to teach or to have authority over a man, rather, to be in silence.
¹³ Because Ađam was formed first, then Hāwawah.
¹⁴ And Ađam was not deceived, but the woman, having been deceived, fell into transgression.
¹⁵ But she shall be saved in childbearing if they continue in belief, and love, and set-apartness, with sensibleness.

Proverbs 8

- ¹ Does not wisdom call, And understanding lift up her voice?
² On the top of the heights along the way, Between the paths she has taken her stand.
³ Beside the gates, leading to the city, At the entrances, she shouts:
⁴ “O men, I call, to you, And my voice is to the sons of men.
⁵ “You simple ones, understand insight, And you fools, be of an understanding heart.
⁶ “Listen, for I speak noble words, And the opening of my lips is about straightness;
⁷ “For my mouth speaks truth; And wrongness is an abomination to my lips.
⁸ “All the words of my mouth are in righteousness, None of them twisted or crooked,
⁹ “All of them plain to him who understands, And straight to those who find knowledge.
¹⁰ “Accept my discipline, and not silver, And knowledge rather than choice gold;
¹¹ “For wisdom is better than rubies, And all delights are not comparable to her.
¹² “I, wisdom, have dwelt with insight, And I find knowledge, foresight.
¹³ “The fear of יהוה is to hate evil. I have hated pride and arrogance, And the evil way, And the perverse mouth.
¹⁴ “Counsel is mine, and sound wisdom; I am understanding, mightiness is mine.
¹⁵ “By me sovereigns reign, And rulers make righteous inscriptions.
¹⁶ “By me princes rule, and nobles, All the judges of the earth.
¹⁷ “I love those who love me, And those who earnestly seek me do find me.
¹⁸ “Riches and esteem are with me, Enduring wealth and righteousness.
¹⁹ “My fruit is better than gold and fine gold, And my increase than choice silver.
²⁰ “I walk in the way of righteousness, In the midst of the paths of right-ruling,
²¹ “To bestow substance on those who love me, And to fill their treasuries.
²² “יהוה possessed me, The beginning of His way, As the first of His works of old.
²³ “I was set up ages ago, at the first, Before the earth ever was.
²⁴ “When there were no depths I was brought forth, When there were no springs heavy with water.
²⁵ “Before mountains were sunk, Before the hills, I was brought forth,
²⁶ “Before He had made the earth and the fields, Or the first dust of the world.
²⁷ “When He prepared the heavens, I was there, When He inscribed a circle on the face of the deep,
²⁸ “When He set the clouds above, When He made the fountains of the deep strong,
²⁹ “When He gave to the sea its law, So that the waters would not transgress His mouth, When He inscribed the foundations of the earth,
³⁰ “Then I was beside Him, a master workman, And I was His delight, day by day Rejoicing before Him all the time,
³¹ “Rejoicing in the world, His earth; And my delights were with the sons of men.
³² “And now, listen to me, you children, For blessed are they who guard my ways.
³³ “Listen to discipline and become wise, And do not refuse it.
³⁴ “Blessed is the man who listens to me, Watching daily at my gates, Waiting at the posts of my doors.
³⁵ “For whoever finds me shall find life, And obtain favour from יהוה,
³⁶ “But he who sins against me injures himself; All who hate me love death!”

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Conclusion...

Now, I hope I have laid a foundation for how do we only begin to answer what should be our very first question.

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We will do this by asking the seventh question.

That is, What Does ‘The Whole Council’ of Elohim’s Word Say?

And indeed, we have done a little of that today as relates to foundation and some of the scriptures presented today.

I hope this was a blessing to you.

Next week, Abba willing, we will move on to verse 2 of Genesis chapter one.