Pastor’s Bible Study
The Book of Genesis
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Genesis 1:14-25
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Days #4, 5 and 6 –
Luminaries = Marth = מָאוֹר
Living souls = Nephesh Chie = נֶֶ֫פֶשׁ חַיָָ֑ה
WHAT ARE WE READING? WHAT’s THE DIFFERENCE?

• “Bereshit” (בראשית) “When God created …”
• “Torah” (תנינא) “Law” or “Instruction”
• “Genesis” (גניזא) “Origins” or “Coming into Being”
• “Pentateuch” (פנתרוקו) “Five Scrolls”
• “Old Testament”
• “Hebrew Scriptures”

WHAT INTERPRETIVE LENSES ARE YOU WEARING?

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ME: __________________________

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WHAT TO MAKE OF DIFFERENT INTERPRETATIONS?

RECAP:

DAY ONE (Genesis 1: 3-5): Day & Night

DAY TWO (Genesis 1: 6-8): Firmament Separating the Waters

DAY THREE (Genesis 1: 9 – 13): Land & Sea, Plants & Trees

DAY FOUR (Genesis 1: 14-19):

Luminaries = Market = כֹּלoration = Celestial Bodies

• Greater luminary
• Lesser luminary
• Stars

“… rule over the day and night … separate light and darkness …”

DAY FIVE (Genesis 1: 20 – 23):

Living souls = Nephesh Chie = נפש = Creaturally Bodies

• Creatures of waters
• Creatures of sky

“Be fruitful and multiply … fill waters and earth …”

DAY SIX (Genesis 1: 24 -25):

• Creatures of land

WHAT HAPPENS ON DAY SIX?

“… And God saw that it was good …”

v. 12b, v. 18b, v. 21b,

“… And there was … evening and morning, the XXXXX day.”

v. 25b

CHARACTERISTICS OF ORDERLY CREATION:

• Separation
  o Day & Night = Shabbat (שבת) = Sabbath
  o Seasons = Yom Tov (יום טוב) = Festival Days
  o Creatures = Kashrut (כשרות) = Kosher (Lev. 11:1-9)

• Multiplication

HOW TO READ GENESIS?

Hebrew Literature (ref. Cassuto, Beauchamp & Steck)

Parallelism / Structure / Word Play / Metaphor and Simile

English _____________ or ________________

Meter / Rhyme / Word Play / Metaphor and Simile / ________________

Be sure to read through to Genesis 2:4 for next week’s class.

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