

## The Watchman Speaks - Week 1 Time: Endings & Beginnings

This is the first installment where I'll be talking about time. But before we can get into any discussion of the Sacred Calendar, the months, the seasons, the years or the ages for that matter, we need to get a grasp on how time is established and the order of time.

What do I mean by the order of time? Well, I mean we need to understand the process of time. My understanding is probably rudimentary at best. Three years ago, my understanding was non-existent. The process of time is in endings and beginnings. Notice that I did not say "beginnings and endings". No, I believe that the proper order of time is in "endings and beginnings". Still confused? So was I. Let's go back to the beginning.

Genesis 1:1 "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." STOP! Let's look at that more closely. There is a lot of information to be had in those ten little words. For a long time I didn't see it and when I did see it, I thought to myself, "That is so SIMPLE! Why have I not seen that before?"

Let's examine the first four words, "In the beginning God...". That tells me that time, as we know time had a beginning. That leads me to ask the question, "What was BEFORE the beginning?" The answer is clear, or at least a part of it is clear. God WAS before the beginning. God is eternal in the past as He is in the future. So before the beginning, God was. That leads me to ask another question or questions. What was there, besides God, before the beginning? Was there something? Was there nothing? Was it just God? The Scripture does not say so anything that I might suggest would be conjecture. But there is something that I'm pretty sure of is this. Whatever was, or was not, before the beginning, came to an end when God created the heavens and the earth and time, as we know it, began. "Something" or "Nothing" had to come to an end before creation, and time began. Endings and Beginnings.

That was my first revelation but it didn't stop there. Let's look at days.

Genesis 1:3 Then God said, Let there be light"; and there was light."

Let's look at that. What changed? The earth was in perpetual darkness that covered the deep. Continual darkness ended and light began. Endings and beginnings. Let's look further.

Genesis 1:4 "God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness." Now notice that this is God's light. The sun, the heavenly bodies had not been created yet. What changed. Initially darkness ended and there was the beginning of light. Then continual light ended and there was dark and light. Endings and beginnings.

Genesis 1:5 God called the light day, and the darkness He called night. And there was evening and there was morning, one day.

Now what just happened? The time when the length of a day was not established ended and time that establishes the length of the day began. Endings and beginnings.

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Let's take one little step further. In Genesis 2:2 we read, "By the seventh day God completed His work which He had done and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done."

Okay, what changed? The time when the length of a week had not been established ended and the length of time for a week began. Endings and beginnings.

Why am I so hung up on endings and beginnings? I am certain that I don't have the full revelation as yet but the same can be said of the months, seasons, years, and ages. Something had to end before each could be established. Once established the prior month, season, year, or age had to end before the next one can begin. Endings and beginnings. I confess that I don't have the full understanding of it all but I believe it's important.

You may say, "Lonnie, that's crazy." Maybe it is. I don't think so. I'm pretty sure the correct order of time is in endings and beginnings and not beginnings and endings. I'm not going to die defending that mountain to persuade you to believe like I do. It's not a deal breaker for me either way. I'm just sharing some simple observation.

That's all the time I have for now. I'll be back next week and share a little more about time. All I ask is that you keep an open mind and an open heart. Until then, God Bless! Shalom!