

# The Kingdom Prepared from the Foundation of the World

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## BHC Guidelines & Models

### #1 Explorer's Pledge

*My belief system will be large enough to include all facts, open enough to be questioned and examined, and flexible enough to change if errors or new facts are discovered.*

### #2 Words

*A word consists of symbols or sounds with an attached bundle of associations. Those associations are a product of the source's culture, time period, locations and personal experiences.*

### #3 Communicating

*A communications experience consists of a Source (writer or speaker) and Receptor (reader or hearer). Our goal is to identify the Source's meanings of words.*

### #4 The Bible

*"The Bible" is a name many books share, but they are not all the same. Some have different books, while others have different words in the books they share.*

### #5 Biblical Heritages

*Biblical Heritages are the histories of institutions that created biblical canons or make claims of divine authority linked to Bibles.*

### #6 The Brain

*The brain continually rewrites its circuitry as it processes information to reflect the world around it and optimize its efficacy within it. It generates the individual realities humans experience as life. Beliefs are meme-models created by the brain.*

Let me remind you that the Real Yeshua was an educated and skilled teacher and interpreter of *Jewish Scriptures (Old Testament)*. Almost everything he taught is linked to those *Scriptures*. Therefore, it is very important for us to identify the biblical texts linked to what he was teaching or interpreting. His words contain clues to those texts because he wanted the people listening to him to be able to connect his words to those biblical texts. The teaching of Yeshua that we are examining (Matthew 25:34-37a) contains three clues (see underlined words).

*Then the King will say to those on his right hand, "Come, **you blessed of my Father**, inherit **the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world**: for I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you took me in; I was naked and you clothed me; I was sick and you visited me; I was in prison and you came to me' . . . and **the righteous will go away into eternal life**."*

My previous email ([CLICK HERE](#)) discussed the first clue – "You blessed of my Father." Today I will discuss the second clue – "the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world." It is linked to Genesis 2:2

*"**God rested** on the seventh day from all His work which He had done."*

What does "**God rested**" have to do with "the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world?" Before I answer the question, I want to make sure you understand how *Biblical Heritage Explorers* approach the ancient Hebrew text. We apply *BHC Guidelines* and *BHC science-based Linguistic Models* to those ancient texts and do our best to understand what they meant to the original Source (author). *Many Bible readers, including theologians, exclusively use their Bible as the source of determining meanings of verses they are reading.*

We begin by anchoring the words we are examining to the time and place the Source wrote them. Next, we identify other texts from that time period and place to see if words we are examining appear in them. The first text we found was an

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ancient Sumerian tablet, *The Temple of Kes* (Sumerian clay tablets; 2600 BCE). The phrase “reposeful dwelling of the great gods” is linked to “God rested” in Genesis 2:2.

*“House. . . . inspiring great awe, called with a mighty name by An; house . . . . whose fate is grandly determined by the Great Mountain Enlil! House of the Anuna gods possessing great power, which gives wisdom to the people; house, **reposeful dwelling of the great gods!** House, which was planned together with the plans of heaven and earth . . . . with the pure divine powers; house which underpins the Land and supports the shrines!”<sup>1</sup>*

The second ancient text is *Enūma Eliš*, which exists in various copies from Babylon and Assyria. The version from the archaeological *Library of Ashurbanipal* dates to the 7th century BCE. The composition of the text probably dates to the late 2nd millennium BCE, or even earlier, to the time of Hammurabi during the Old Babylonian Period (1900–1600 BCE). The phrases “stopping place of the gods” and “we shall find rest therein” are linked to “God rested.”

*“Below the firmament, whose grounding I (Marduk) have made firm, a house I shall build, let it be the abode of my pleasure. Within it I shall establish its holy place, I shall appoint my holy chambers, I shall establish my kingship. This place is to be the “**stopping place**” of the gods. We (the gods) will make a shrine, whose name will be a by-word, your (Marduk) chamber that shall be our stopping place, **we shall find rest therein.**”<sup>2</sup>*

Dr. John Walton connects the pieces and provides important information.

*A reader from the ancient world would know immediately what was going on and conclude that **Genesis is a temple text** and that day seven is the most important of the seven days. . . . **Deity rest in a temple**, and only in a temple. This is what temples were built for. We might even say that this is what a temple is – a place for divine rest. . . . **When the deity rests in the temple it means that he is taking command**; that he is **mounting to his throne to assume his rightful place and his proper role.**<sup>3</sup>*

The above information indicates that the first story in Genesis is about the Creator building His temple. “God rested” meant that the building of the Creator’s Temple had been completed and God had mounted His throne.

*The Creator’s Temple is “the Heavens and the Earth.”*

It is also the location of His Kingdom -- “the kingdom prepared from the foundation of the world.” This is a kingdom of “people who make God’s blessing a reality in their lives.”

*A Kingdom of God’s representatives and Co-Shepherds on earth!*

<sup>1</sup> <http://www.etcsl.orinst.ox.ac.uk>

<sup>2</sup> Enuma Elish 5.121-24, 5.138, 6.51-52

<sup>3</sup> *The Lost World of Genesis One: Ancient Cosmology and the Origin Debate* by Dr. John Walton; pp. 71 & 75.