

## **BACK TO THE BEGINNING: The Record of Creation - PART 2**

*Genesis Chapter 1:2*

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***In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. 2 The earth was formless and void, and darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was moving over the surface of the waters.***

Last week I begin this series by preaching on the first 10 words of the bible: "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." If you don't accept this as the revealed real truth that God dictated to Moses on the Mt. Sinai, but have come up with your own philosophy, or have embraced some other theory of how the world got its start, you have no real reference point to your existence. You may as well close your bible and go home, because the rest of this chapter will explain what God did to bring about every created thing that exists.

For those of us who know better than to believe the lie about the theory of evolution (man evolving from animals) this chapter of the bible when read or studied takes us back to the beginning where Almighty God began His miraculous work of creation. If this were a symphony it could be said that it was done in 6 movements. If this were a stage play it could be said that it was done in 6 acts. If this were a poem it could be said that it was done in 6 stanzas. But God did it in time and it was all done, completed in 6 days.

Now before God brought about this moment of creation in vs. 3-31, I must inform you by way of v. 2 that a creative order had already existed involving the earth but something happened to bring about disorder, darkness and a void. Let's read verse 2 again and you'll see what I mean. 2 The earth was formless and void, and darkness was over the surface of the deep. And the Spirit of God was moving over the surface of the waters" First of all it says the earth was without form (chaos) and void (waste place of emptiness). Here we see that before God spoke light into existence in v. 3 the earth was a mass, sphere (ball) of water covered by a thick darkness. Where then did this earth come from which was nothing but a mass of water when God had not yet spoke a Word of creation beginning in verse 3?

Now what I'm about to tell you may be hearing for the first time, but I invite you to do an independent study on your own to see if what I'm saying is true.

The earth had already been created by God. In what form and to what degree the scriptures does not reveal. However, when the bible speaks of darkness it refers to something sinful or fallen. The words 'without form' (chaos) points to something that had order but ended in disarray. The word "void" points to the results of something becoming empty and useless which at one time had been useful. It all bespeaks of some kind of judgment that left what was intended to be in utter disorder and confusion.

The bible does clue us in on something that happened prior to God creating everything in the heavens and on the earth: It was what went wrong in the angelic order that caused a third of the angels to be judged by God along with Lucifer their leader who now dons the name of Satan, The Devil, the Adversary. I believe this is what caused the chaos, the emptiness and the initial darkness on the earth. / Let me press pause at his point and let's take a look into the background of this angelic order because by the time we get to Genesis 3 when the Devil is introduced to us for the first time in scripture, we'll better understand how and why he enters stage left.

Prior to God creating the heavens (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> heavens) and the earth, He created Angels. Angels are spirit beings (without a physical body) created to worship God's presence and serve Him. The highest of these created angels was one called Lucifer meaning "the shining one" or "star of the morning." He belonged to the order of angels called "cherubim." Lucifer was the wisest and most beautiful of all God's created beings and was placed in the position of authority over the cherubim surrounding the throne of God. Let's look at two passages of scripture that gives us the history of the Devil prior to Him entering the Garden of Eden in Genesis 3. The first passage gives us an external view of what happened to Lucifer.

***Turn in your bibles to Ezekiel 28:12-17 "Son of man, take up a lamentation over the king of Tyre and say to him, 'Thus says the Lord GOD, "You had the seal of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. 13 "You were in Eden, the garden of God; every precious stone was your covering: the ruby, the topaz and the diamond; The beryl, the onyx and the jasper; The lapis lazuli, the turquoise and the emerald; and the gold, the workmanship of your (tabrets and pipes) settings and sockets, was in you. On the day that you were created they were prepared. 14 "You were the anointed cherub who covers, and I placed you there. You were on the holy mountain of God; you walked in the midst of the stones of fire. 15 "You were blameless in your ways from the day you were created until unrighteousness was found in you. 16 "By the abundance of your trade you were internally filled with violence, And you sinned; Therefore I have cast you as profane from the mountain of God. And I have destroyed you, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire. 17 "Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty; you corrupted your wisdom by reason of your splendor. I cast you to the ground; I put you before kings, That they may see you.***

All of what we just read happened prior to God speaking in Genesis 1:3. The other reference is Isaiah 14 which gives us the internal view of what happened to Lucifer (his motivation).

***Isaiah 14:12-14 "How you have fallen from heaven, O star of the morning, son of the dawn! You have been cut down to the earth You who have weakened the nations! 13 "But you said in your heart, 'I will ascend to heaven; I will raise my throne above the stars of God, And I will sit on the mount of assembly In the recesses of the north. 14 'I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High. ' 15 "Nevertheless you will be thrust down to Hell, to the recesses of the pit.***

So, Lucifer's motivation was to try and overthrow God as King of Heaven and replace him. But I want you to notice from this passage where God cut him down to.....v. 12 THE EARTH! What earth? Because Genesis 1:3 hadn't happened yet! It was the first creative order of the earth which was destroyed by the judgment of Lucifer being kicked out of heaven and thrown down to it creating chaos, emptiness and darkness! Let me show you two more scriptures that clarify this point even more.

***Luke 10:18 And He said to them, "I was watching Satan fall from heaven like lightning.***

Jesus, who existed before time (John 8:58) participated in evicting Satan from heaven. Satan's fall was from heaven to where? Let me show you the bible's final proof.

***Revelations 12:7-9 And there was war in heaven, Michael and his angels waging war with the dragon. The dragon and his angels waged war, 8 and they were not strong enough, and there was no longer a place found for them in heaven. 9 And the great dragon was thrown down, the serpent of old who is called the devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was thrown down to the earth and his angels were thrown down with him.***

Now go back to Genesis 1 and I'll show you where this fits in so it can all make sense as far as the timeline of events. / After the first ten words is where you would place the judgment, the fall of Satan and his demons who upon their arrival put the earth in a formless, chaotic and dark place.

There was utter devastation and destruction. But I want you to see the glorious side of all of this and that is in the second part of **verse 2: and the Spirit of God was moving over the surface of the waters.**

The original Hebrew words give us a picture of a mother hen hovering over the eggs incubating them until the moment when life would spring forth. Here is the Holy Spirit of God, hovering over this mass of destruction, chaos and darkness with the intent to bring forth life out of death, order out of chaos, and light out of darkness.

The creative power of God is about to go into effect as God's pre-ordained plan to create the heavens and the earth is about to begin. I want to stop here and make an observation and application.

What does all this have to do with mankind?

We are all born into this world in a chaotic state, there's a void. We're dead in our trespasses and sin, there's the darkness of sin and its consequences surrounding our lives..

***2 Corinthians 4:6 For God, who said, "Light shall shine out of darkness," is the One who has shone in our hearts to give the Light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.***