

The Restoration of the Earth

Review

The English translations of the first two verses of the Bible do not reflect the grammatical details that are in the original Hebrew.

- i. Gen. 1:1 is a complete narrative in itself and not grammatically connected to the verses that follow.
- ii. Gen. 1:2 introduces a change from the previous narrative.
- iii. Gen. 1:2 has the conjunction “But” and verb “had become”.
- iv. Gen. 1:2 uses words that connote judgment: “wasteland, empty, darkness, brooding”.
 - The earth’s surface is under the Holy Spirit’s control—brooding *cf.* anointed (v. 2; Ez. 28:14, 16).
 - The pristine, perfect state of verse one, implied by ‘create’, is disrupted—this is the first of two universal floods (2 Pet. 3:5).
 - The “light show” of verse one is now darkness (Ez. 28:14, 17).

The First Three Solar Days—Gen. 1:3-13

- A. Days One, Two and Three are specifically described as actual solar days by the phrase “morning and evening” (vv. 5, 8, 13).
- B. Solar Day One (vv. 3-5); day and night *cf.* darkness.
 - a) **“Then (while the darkness of v. 2 was imposed) God said, “Let there be light”**
 - b) No creation since the sun was already created in v. 1.
 - c) God removes the obstruction from over the surface of the earth.
 - d) Light shines on the earth’s water surface.
 - e) **“It is good”** The changes please God.
 - ‘Good’ (באֵי) is not a moral term (Ps. 119:66; Is. 1:19).
 - “It is good” that the judgment ended.
 - “It is good” that there is now a place for habitation again.
- C. Solar Day Two (vv.6-9); the division of the waters.
 - a) God “worked on” the waters; He puts the firmament between them.
 - i. Above the firmament—canopy (*cf.* Gen. 1:20).
 - ii. Under the firmament—seas.
 - b) Firmament called heavens (*cf.* 2 Cor. 12:2).
 - i. The First Heaven (Acts 14:17; Gen. 1:20).
 - ii. The Second Heaven (Ps. 8:1:3; 33:6; Eph. 6:12; 3:10; Is. 40:22-26; Neh. 9:6).
 - iii. The Third Heaven beyond the material universe (Rev. 4:1-2).
- D. Solar Day Three (vv. 9-13); God getting Satan’s attention.
 - a) God gathers the ocean depths (v. 9).
 - b) One land mass appears out of the water (2 Pet. 3:5).
 - c) “It is ‘good’ for habitation (v. 10).
 - d) **“...He caused the ground to spout forth fresh grass, the green plant with seed, the fruit tree bearing fruit after its kind, which seed is in itself upon the earth”** (v. 11).
 - e) Plant life not created at this time.
 - f) Therefore plant life was created in Gen. 1:1