

The God begins to Restore the Earth

I. Review:

1. The material universe was created in a condition as perfect as creation can be (Gen. 1:1; Is. 45:18; Ps. 104:30).
2. Lucifer, *the shinning one*, ruled the material universe from earth in Eden the Garden of God (Ez. 28:12-18).
3. Lucifer sinned trying to be like God (Ez. 28:16; Is. 14:12-15).
4. Lucifer was judged, he:
 - 1) Became Satan—the enemy.
 - 2) Lost his relationship with the Holy Spirit; the Holy Spirit now “broods” on the surface of the earth.
 - 3) Was removed from his rule.
 - 4) Had his governmental seat destroyed—flooded.
 - i. The ‘rock garden’ gone.
 - ii. No light on earth.
 - iii. Water flooded the surface of the earth.
 - iv. Possibly, a molten earth was extinguished by the water/flood and this formed the earth’s crust.
 - 5) Will be restricted from Heaven (Is. 14:12; Rev. 12:7)).
 - 6) Will be incarcerated (Is. 14:15; Rev. 20:2).
 - 7) Will be banished to the Lake of Fire (Rev. 20:10).
5. Satan’s wisdom is corrupted (Ez. 28:17).
6. Satan is a ‘workaholic’ (Ez. 28:8).

II. The earth is judged (Gen. 1:2).

1. The earth “became” empty, unused, dark (*cf.* 2:7).
2. The ‘light show’ was over.
3. Darkness is on the surface of the earth.

III. Day One: God begins to dramatically renew/repair the earth (Gen. 1:3).

1. All three Persons are involved.
 - 1) Father’s plan (Heb. 10:7).
 - 2) Son speaks (Heb. 11:3; Jn. 1:3).
 - 3) Holy Spirit arranges (Ps. 104:30).
2. Light re-appears on the surface of the earth.

- 1) The Holy Spirit leaves; He was the obstruction.
- 2) Water remains on the earth.
3. The earth starts spinning—rotation (Gen. 1:4).
4. “God saw that it was good”, *pleasing, brings pleasure*.
5. The first three days are solar days (Gen. 1:5).

IV. Day Two: God divides the water (Gen. 1:6-8).

1. Divides the water ‘like’ He did night and day (v. 4).
2. Works on the firmament—atmosphere (v. 6).
3. Called the firmament heaven
 - 1) 1st heaven—the atmosphere (*cf.* Acts 14:17; Mt. 6:26; 16:23; Gen. 1:17).
 - 2) 2nd heaven—starry spaces (Ps. 8:1-3; Eph. 6:12).
 - 3) 3rd heaven—beyond the created universe, includes the Throne of God (Jn. 14:3-4; Rev. 3:21).
4. Divides the water:
 - 1) Some below the atmosphere.
 - 2) Some above the atmosphere.
5. The waters above the earth—canopy.
 - 1) Greenhouse consistent climate.
 - 2) No rain (Gen. 2:5-6).
 - 3) Diffusion of light.
 - 4) Ample supply of water for Noahic Flood.
6. A passage implying the canopied earth (Job. 26:8-11).