

# Genesis 1; Its True Meaning



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***“In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.” (Genesis 1:1)***

Debate has been raging on about the age of the earth. As of today there are young earth creationists who believe the earth is 6000 years old. There are old earth creationists who believe like the evolutionists that the earth is billions of years old. Why the confusion? The reason is simple, some have looked into Genesis chapter one and have, because of their bias, and presuppositions believe that Genesis is speaking of the *original* creation that took place in 6 days. But a close examination of Genesis chapter one reveals a different story.

**The Earth “Reformed”**

Geology has revealed that the earth is a lot older than 10,000 years, yet Genesis chapter 1 seems to indicate that God created the earth only 6000 years or so ago. How can this apparent contradiction be explained? The answer is very simple. The reason there seems to be a contradiction is because the original Hebrew in which Genesis ch.1 was written has been MISTRANSLATED into English. In fact when the Hebrew is correctly translated it reveals that God merely *refashioned* or *renovated* the earth 6000 years or so ago; He did not actually create it at this point. It was, therefore, on a renovated planet, (and not a newly created planet) that He placed Adam and Eve. Thus geology shows that the earth is old and yet mankind is very young.

Let us go through chapter 1 in detail. In verse 1 it says “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.” The Hebrew word translated “created” is BARA which means “created out of nothing.” (Strong’s #1254). Or as Barnes Commentary says, “create, give being to something new.” This describes the original creation of the heavens and the earth out of nothing in the distant and remote past.

The original creation was created so beautiful and so perfect that “the morning stars sang together, and all the [created] sons of God [the angels] shouted for joy” (Job 38:4-7). Dr. Bullinger, the Hebrew authority, says that the Hebrew word for “created,” used in Genesis 1:1, “implies that the creation was a perfect work.” (p.3 The Companion Bible).

In verse 2 it says “The earth was without form and void.” The Hebrew wording translated “without form and void” is TOHU VA BOHU, which literally means empty and desolated. Notice what the JFB Commentary writes about this, “The first of these words denotes wasteness, emptiness, a desert (Deu 32:10; Job 12:24; Psa 107:40), a desolate city (Isa 24:10, etc.) [*bohuw* (H922) is found only in connection with the former]; and, in passages where they occur conjointly (Isa 34:11, and Jer 4:23) they are used to describe *the desolations which were to overspread Idumaea and Palestine respectively, and by which those countries would be reduced from the settled and flourishing condition which they exhibited at the time of the predictions into universal disorder and ruin.*” (Emphasis added). Because of Divine judgment, the earth, like the cities “became” waste, empty, chaotic.

In Isaiah 45:18 we are expressly told that God did *not* create the earth “in vain [Tohu], he formed it to be inhabited.” So God did not create it empty and desolate, so therefore, it must have *become* empty and desolate later due to Divine judgment.

The JFB Commentary writes about the word “was” in the passage of Genesis 1:2, “according to the second acceptance in which the words are used, that the world, which had *formerly been a scene of material beauty and order, was by some great convulsion plunged into a state of chaos or widespread disorder and desolation.*...Dr. McCaul has shown that the verb [ **haay<sup>4</sup>taah** (H1961)] ‘was,’ is, ***in some twenty places, in this chapter, used as equivalent to ‘became,’*** and that elsewhere it has the same signification without a following *L<sup>a</sup>* - (preposition) (Isa 64:5; Isa 64:9). That the earth was *not originally desolate seems also to be implied in Isa 45:18 – ‘He created not the earth in vain’ - Hebrew, ‘a desolation.’*” (emphasis added). The earth “became” waste and empty by divine judgment. Why? By the rebellion of the former arch angel Lucifer now called Satan the Devil (more on this later in the article).

The rest of chapter one *then* gives us a description of what God did in 6 days to *renovate* the planet and make a new Creature called Man. Verse 2 says, “And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.” Notice the waters were already in existence. Psalm 104:30 speaks of this same event, “Thou sendest forth thy spirit, they are created: and thou **renewest** the face of the earth.” The word “renew” is “châdash A primitive root; to be new; causatively *to rebuild: - renew, repair.*” (Strong’s 2318). As JFB says of this passage, “*by peopling it again with man, and restoring the animal and vegetable creation.* The phrase shows an allusion to Gen 7:4. The *restoration* after the extraordinary catastrophe of the flood, and, on a smaller scale, every spring after the ordinary desolation of winter, are a pledge of the future perfect ‘regeneration’ of the earth, when God shall fulfill His word ‘Behold, I make all things new’” (emphasis added). So verse 2 reveals God’s spirit moving over the earth, the power of God beginning to start reshaping and repairing the earth so that his new creation, Man, can live upon it.

In verse 3 when it states, God said, “Let there be light,” the Hebrew word used here does not have the meaning that light was created or made at this point, but rather that it was merely “made visible” or “called forth” to shine out of the darkness which was upon the face of the deep. Indeed, neither here nor in verses 14-18 is an original creative act implied at this time in the Hebrew text. On the fourth day it is not said in the Hebrew that the sun, moon or stars were created on that day, but merely that they were appointed, constituted, and set forth for a particular purpose or use, on that day.

In Exodus 20:11 where it states God made the earth in 6 days, the Hebrew word used is ASAH which actually has the meaning of “the remodeling of already *existing* material.” Notice what JFB Commentary states, “[‘**aasaah** (H6213), not **baaraa**’ (H1254), created]. The operation referred to in this passage-namely, the *making* [out of existing material] of the ‘heaven,’ or firmament, ‘the earth,’ ‘the sea, and all that in them is’ - is that described, Gen 1:6-27. The words which were spoken by Yahweh Himself, and afterward given by Him as a permanent record on stone, *do not assert that the work of creation was begun and entirely completed in six days.* Only so much of the creative process is referred to as related to the law of the Sabbath, the six days of the Adamic creation. In other words, the object of the passage is *not to touch upon anything that might, or might not, have taken place in the universe, or even on this globe, prior to the first day of the Adamic creation; its specific design is to determine that nothing was done after the sixth day* [of recreation week].” (Emphasis added).

Notice what JFB says of this word in Genesis 1:7, “The verb [ *aasaah* (H6213)] being used here which means to make, prepare, arrange, etc. (Prov 8:27-29), shows that the atmosphere was not now for *the first time brought into existence* by the will of God; but that it was cleared of the dense mists which, previous to the second day, had surrounded the globe.” Thus the idea is that God merely reformed and refashioned the earth in 6 days, and did not at this point create it out of nothing, because He had already created it earlier, as stated in Genesis 1:1. God was just recreating and *making* material already in existence!

The Hebrew text states that God created His new creature Man on a renovated earth, which had been decimated due to judgment. The earth, light, the sun, moon and the stars and so on, were merely reconstituted at this time. Hebrew scholars, and some of the early Christian Fathers, realized long before geology had revealed the earth’s age, that Man had been created on a renovated planet. Notice the scripture of the creation of man, “And God said, Let us make [aasaah] man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

“So God created [baaraa] man in his *own* image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.” (Gen 1:26-27). God created [baaraa] a creature *that did not exist before, man*. And God made [aasaah] man out of materials that already existed, the dust of the ground (see Gen 2:7).

These Hebrew words *bara* and *asah* are not used interchangeably. Notice this passage of scripture, “And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created (*bara*) and made (*asah*).

“These are the generations of the heavens and of the earth when they were created (*bara*), in the day that the LORD God made (*asah*) the earth and the heavens.” Notice the distinction in the use of the inspired Hebrew words *bara* and *asah*, and show that they are not interchangeable when relating to the heavens and the earth. Please note, in verse 3 above, that God rested from all His work, which He had created [out of nothing] *and* made [out of existing material]. The Holy Spirit would not have used *bara* and *asah* in the same sentence, one following the other, if they had both meant the same thing and were interchangeable. It is clear that there is a distinction between these two words.

This distinction is reinforced in verse 4 above, when relating these two words to the heavens and the earth. Please note that the generations of the heavens and the earth include both their creation and their making (renewal). The fact that the word “generations” is plural further confirms that God is speaking about two separate situations in the history of the heavens and the earth. This verse demonstrates that the instantaneous creation (*bara*) of the heavens and the earth in the beginning was followed, in a *later* generation, by the *remaking* (*asah*) making things out of existing material, of the heavens and the earth in six days, which is referred to in this verse as “the day.”

So the text in Genesis should read, “In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. [Original creation]

“And the earth was [Heb. *hayah became*] without form, and void [desolate and empty]; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. [to *renewest* the face of the earth Psalm 104:30.]”

### Evidence in Geology?

“For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water:

“Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished.” (2 Peter 3:5-6).

Please note that this scripture says “the world that then existed perished.” This scripture refers to the Pre-Adamic Age, and not to Noah’s flood in the Adamic Age.

The main difference between God’s judgments of the pre-Adamic world and Noah’s world is that pre-Adamic world was completely destroyed. All life on earth in the pre-Adamic world totally perished. This was not the case resulting from God’s judgment of Noah’s world. God did not completely destroy Noah’s entire world. All life on earth did not totally perish, as in the case of the preAdamic world.

More evidence that this scripture does *not* refer to the flood of Noah is the mention of the “Heavens” of “Old.” The word “heavens” is plural. Not the heaven meaning just this atmosphere on earth. The Bible says there are 3 heavens (2 Corinthians 12:2). The first heaven is here on earth meaning the sky, this atmosphere. The second heaven is space were all the planets and galaxies are, and the third of heaven of God’s throne. Peter mentions the “heavens,” and the “earth” standing out of the water and in the water. When Noah’s flood happened did it change anything in the upper heavens? That is, would a flood on the Earth’s surface have any effect on the sun, moon, or stars high above? The obvious answer is NO. The heavens of Noah’s day were the same heavens as in Adam’s day; same sun, same moon, same stars, same planet Mars. Noah’s flood had no effect on the upper heavens. All of Noah’s flood effects were confined to the Earth’s surface and its atmosphere. And although the Bible speaks about the “windows of heaven” being opened and water coming down (Genesis 7:11), the context of that reference is the First Heaven, which is the Earth’s atmosphere. That is where the rain comes from.

Note the contrasting comparison between the phrases the “heavens were of old” (2 Peter 3:5) and the “heavens and earth which are now” (2 Peter 3:7). If the effects of Noah’s flood were confined to the Earth’s surface and atmosphere, then Noah’s flood did not affect or alter anything in the upper heavens, so logic demands that this verse must be speaking about an event other than Noah’s flood. And Genesis 1:2 is our only other Biblical alternative.

Notice also in the passage that the earth is said to be “standing out” of the water and “in” the water. In our English language, these descriptive terms suggest that these particular waters were not confined to the surface of the planet; they overflowed the entire planetary system. This passage is speaking of the “heavens were of old, *and* the earth standing out of the water and in the water.” Peter comparing to “the heavens and the earth, which are now” (v.7). So this is not confined to just the surface of the earth. The literal English wording of this passage does not describe a flood event confined to the Earth’s surface. This passage describes a deluge that raged

across the solar system, and beyond. Our solar system and outer space are the Second Heaven of the Bible's three heavens. Think of a dark and ruined solar system with water strewn throughout it like one big messy galactic spill. That is what Genesis 1:2 is speaking about. And imagine the planet Earth drifting awash in this roaring and rolling, formless mess and orbiting around a dead star.

Where would such waters have come from? Well, it is an established scientific observation that aging stars create and give off lots of water. Live Science writes, "Scalding hot water vapor has been discovered in the atmosphere of an aging star, surprising scientists who thought the chemistry of such stars would forbid it.

"Water exists as a gas at a scorching 1,300 degrees Fahrenheit (700 degrees Celsius) in the outer atmosphere of the star called IRC+100216, 500 light-years from Earth. Scientists first detected hints of water vapor in the star in 2001, but a new study has confirmed the water's super-hot temperature and debunked a proposed explanation for its presence, creating an even bigger head-scratcher for scientists.

"The chemical signature for water is not a rarity in stars, but in certain elderly stars made mostly of carbon, water was thought to be absent." (*Old Star's Super-Hot Water Vapor Surprises Scientists Clara Moskowitz, September 01, 2010*).

Certainly there must have been lots and lots of stars in the heavens that were "of old" and, if something had caused the entire cosmos to have gone dark and all the stars died, then there would be excessive water everywhere throughout space. If that was indeed the case, then all those extinguished stars would need to be reignited to be seen in our present heavens.

At Genesis 1:2 the heaven and the Earth are in darkness and great waters are upon the deep. If we interpret the deep to include everything in the physical universe, which included everything below God's heavenly realm far above (see John 8:23), then the situation becomes clear. Before any reconstruction of the heavens and Earth could begin, God had to do something with all that water scattered across space. That is why the Bible says that God "divided the waters" (Genesis 1:6-7). It was the first order of business after the Lord God turned on the work lights (Genesis 1:3) and began to clear up the mess. And this verse does not say that this division was between the waters on the Earth's surface and the clouds up in the sky, or describe the construction of some imagined "water canopy" above the Earth that later was the water source for Noah's flood. That is NOT what the Bible says: "And God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament: and it was so." (*Genesis 1:7*).

The Bible is saying that God established a three-heaven structure between the Earth and the heavenly abode of the Ancient of Days. The firmament is the abode of the sun, moon and stars, and the galaxies. In other words, it is speaking of the entire physical universe. And the Bible says that God placed waters above that firmament. In doing so He placed a "Sea" between the footstool of His heavenly throne and the less than pure physical universe down below.

Finally, let us now consider some relevant scientific theories, which complete our study of the Pre-Adamic Age.

Is there any evidence for this in the geologic record?

Noah's Flood, which occurred in 2370-2369 B.C., left an entirely different set of sedimentary layers and fossils than did the destruction that is described in verse two of the first chapter of Genesis. These two different and distinct sets of sedimentary layers and their fossils came from two entirely different periods of time in the earth's history.

You can readily tell the difference between rocks of the pre-Adamic world and the sedimentary rocks laid down by Noah's Flood. The pre-Adamic rocks are usually so hard they can be dug into only with cutting tools and dynamite.

But the sedimentary rocks laid down by Noah's Flood can in general still be dug into with a pick and shovel.

Geologists have found fossils of cold-blooded reptiles in the older and deeper rocks, but in the newer rocks geologists find fossils primarily of warm-blooded mammals associated with man's world.

Of course, certain cold-blooded reptiles were re-created. Even a few dinosaur-like reptiles may have reappeared in the second creation (see *The Genesis Flood*, by Whitcomb and Morris).

Scientists have long been puzzled about how the continents moved apart to their present day positions. The Pre-Adamic Age was so massively cataclysmic that the earth's crust broke up into plates and caused the large-scale movement of these tectonic plates resulting in the continents moving apart, as well as causing earthquakes, volcanoes, oceanic trenches, mountain range formation, and many other geological features.

There were such upheavals that even the seabeds were raised to form sedimentary mountains like the Himalayas. We believe that other impressive geological features such as the huge and deep Grand Canyon were birthed at this time. In addition, earth's strata folded trapping the dense Pre-Adamic forests resulting in vast deposits and reservoirs of fossil fuels such as coal, oil and gas. Earth's rocks contain millions of fossils of sea and land animals. These include some amazingly huge animal fossils, like woolly mammoths and dinosaurs, which must have roamed the Pre-Adamic world in the Pre-Adamic atmosphere.

Many scientists believe that these animals suffered a sudden and abrupt extinction, many millions of years ago. It is highly significant that no human fossils have been found alongside dinosaurs, woolly mammoths and other ancient animal fossils. This does not surprise us, as God did not create man in the Pre-Adamic Age.

A global Ice Age took place, which is supported by earth's geology. "Snowball Earth" is a scientific hypothesis that the earth's surface became entirely frozen over at least once in its history. It is worth noting that the geological community generally accepts this hypothesis

because it best explains glacial geological features surprisingly found in the tropics.

During the 1970's, in the Namibian desert, geologist Joseph Kirschvink found sedimentary deposits containing drop stones, which are of glacial origin. This scientific evidence, showing that even the tropics were once completely under water and frozen.

In order for fossils to form, living organisms need to be buried quickly between two layers of rocks and/or quickly frozen before the natural process of decay can take place. Geologists have failed to discover fossils in any vast number, which they consider to be only a few thousand years old. The fact that no human fossils have been found in any number anywhere on earth proves that Noah's world although it was a global flood, did not suffer the upheavals of the earlier judgment before Adam was made.

It is therefore clear that it was not God's judgment against Noah's world, but God's judgment against Lucifer's world in the Pre-Adamic Age that caused massive cataclysmic upheavals of the earth's surface greatly impacting earth's geology to bear witness for us all to see today.

Hugh Miller, describing the famous strata in England called "The Old Red Sandstone," says, "Some terrible catastrophe involved the *sudden* destruction of the FISH of an area at least a hundred miles from boundary to boundary . . . The remains exhibit unequivocally the marks of *VIOLENT DEATH*." Rigid fins and open mouth show their stark terror.

Moreover, Lhwyd states, "Marine fossils ... I have found buried (or enclosed) within solid marble on the face of broken sea-cliffs of the height of 200 fathoms." Water *destruction* carried down to an *enormous depth-much deeper than the flood of Noah can account for*. FOSSIL FISHES are found in the highest state of *preservation*, indicating the SUDDENNESS of this pre-Adamic catastrophe. The flood waters of Noah's day were *slow* rising-men generally had time to seek the shelter of caves. Such bones have been unearthed. SHARKS five feet long are so interred that they are *pressed flat to the THINNESS of ONE FOURTH INCH*. The way they were buried points clearly to the fact that they were trying to swim in water laden with sediment. (From *The Deluge Story in Stone*, by Byron C. Nelson, p. 42.).

The water action produced the earth's strata as we see them today. Professor Woodward of Cambridge says, "The earth, all around the globe, appears, wherever it is laid open, to be wholly composed of strata lying on each other in the form of so many *sediments fallen down successively in water*." These SOFT-LAID LAYERS OFTEN HARDENED INTO ROCK. Some layers, while soft, bent. Others, after becoming hard, often cracked. "Water ripple marks" are extremely numerous in many kinds of stone. Ancient tree trunks are found extending through several layers of coal, which itself is the result of piling up of pre-Adamic vegetation by water.

There is PROOF of the RAPID SUCCESSION in which STRATA were deposited. A vast number of fossil trees and plants are found, in some cases, standing in an erect position, and in other cases in an oblique position-piercing through successive beds of stone! Sandstone strata were formed simultaneously with coal strata.



Horsetails, rushes and other plants are very delicate and easily broken. Yet these PLANTS are often found *in the hardest sandstone, unbroken and intact*. The accumulation of the water-carried sediment was *so rapid* as to prevent the decomposition of the outer layers of these plants! These strata were formed in *days-not* in thousands of years!

“How deep the earth’s surface is stratified is not known. Deep mines and the sides of mountains indicate the earth may be stratified in some places to a DEPTH OF TWO MILES”! (From *The Deluge Story in Stone*, P: 93.) (Remember, the destruction of Noah’s flood marred the land so little that after-flood cities were built on the top of before-flood cities and excavations show that there are only a *few feet* of earth and clay between the two. The before-flood cities were only barely covered over, see Halley’s Bible Handbook, p.72).

Prehistoric animals left their TRACKS in the then soft clay which later solidified into stone. The lush tropical vegetation of the earth was swept into great masses by the sudden water action and buried under silt, thus originated our coal deposits. The pre-Adamic animal life was also caught and is found buried deeply - often three or four hundred feet deep. This is the case of the great fossils found in Montana in the northwestern United States.

What of Space?

Look at the EVIDENCE in our universe, and in our own galaxy and solar system. What do you see?

Look at the lifeless, pockmarked, airless, waterless face of our moon. Even a 10 power pair of binoculars shows many of the huge meteor craters, some of them over one hundred miles across! T.C. Lethbridge a trained geologist has studied the craters on the moon and has compared them with the craters caused by bombs in the two World Wars. He argues that the craters on the moon could not have been formed by meteors merely falling by gravitation onto the moon’s surface. He says their structure and shape rather bear the signs of having been caused by huge explosions at various depths and at various times beneath the moon’s surface. He points out that the moon has little or no atmosphere and that it is covered with dust composed of tiny globules of fused glass, which must be melted dust. He concludes that the evidence suggests that the moon was bombarded by something resembling rockets with modern day atomic war heads, and that the heat caused by these blasts gave rise to the presence of the fused glass and the heat in turn burned off the atmosphere.

Look at the poisonous atmosphere of Jupiter, or the thick clouds obscuring Venus, or the rings around Saturn. Look at the lifeless, rocky, empty face of Mars.

Then, consider the billions of pieces of space junk and debris. Every day, thousands of these pieces come hurtling into the earth’s atmosphere, the vast majority of them burning up and turning to dust as friction destroys them, others landing on earth as meteorites.

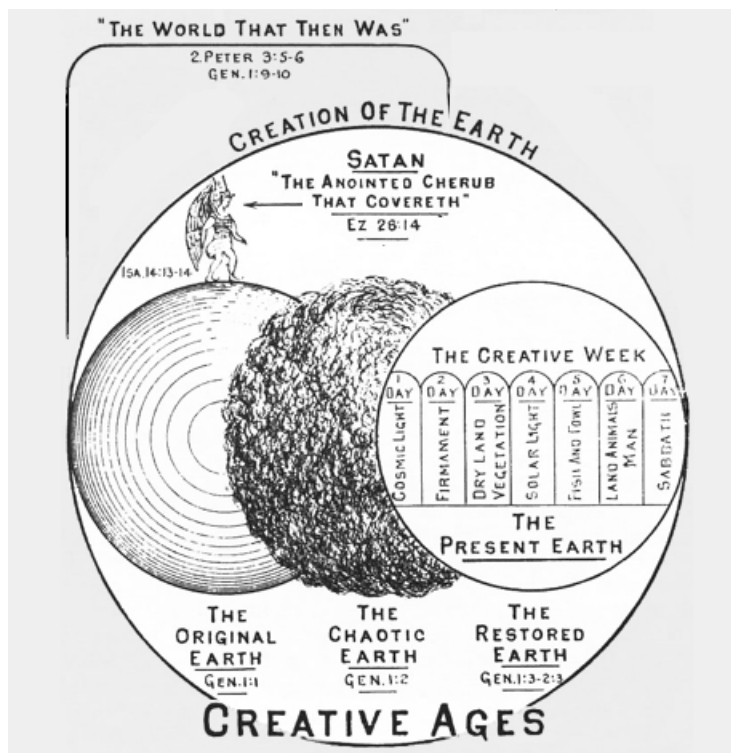
Consider the many comets, including several which have been discovered in fairly recent times, which are in a vast orbit around our small dwarf star we call the sun.

Except for our beautiful blue-green planet, the solar neighborhood testifies to gigantic explosions, hurtling meteors, misshapen moons (as are many of the moons around other planets), and shattered shards of metallic remnants, sometimes blazing in light as they perish in the thick mantle of air protecting our earth. We see wreckage — debris — the evidence of titanic explosions and collisions in space!

Ever wonder why that in Genesis 1:8 the Lord God says nothing about space being good?

Although God says, “it was good” concerning days 1, 3, 4, 5, 6 He does not say that about the work of the second day. The reason is very simple. The creation is still not complete. God cleaned it up for man to live on earth. It’s awaiting the birth of the children of God (see Romans 8). The second coming of Jesus and the resurrection of the saints will complete the creation of earth and the heavens.

So all this reveals that between verses 1 and 2 of Genesis 1, there can be a gap of 10,000 years to 40 billion years. *Whatever the truth is about how old the earth and the universe is, it doesn’t contradict the Bible and that is the important point!*



*The true Chronology of Genesis the first chapter. With this, one can see that the earth and space can be very old.*

*Old or young it does not contradict the Bible!*

### Satan’s Fall

Since the earth suffered Divine judgment before Man had been created, what sort of beings experienced this judgment?

The Bible indicates that the Divine judgment which resulted in the earth becoming without form and void (empty and desolate) is in some way connected with the fall of Satan and the angels.

Now the fall of Satan from his exalted position as a perfect angel is to some extent shrouded in mystery, as is that of the other angels who fell with him, however, many Bible students feel that two Old Testament passages give clues as to what led to Satan's rebellion and fall. One of these passages is Ezekiel 28 verses 12-19. The entire passage speaks about a mysterious prince of Tyrus who is a being more than a mere man. (What is said of Tyrus could only be applied to the earthly king of Tyre in a figurative sense). We learn that Satan was originally created, "full of wisdom and perfect in beauty" verse 12, and it's indicated that he was originally assigned by God to earth. The statement, "thou wast perfect in all thy ways from the day that thou was *created* until iniquity was found in thee," indicates that though he was *created* perfect he BECAME sinful. Verse 17 states that his sin was that of pride and his heart was lifted up because of his beauty. It is obvious therefore, that Satan and his followers were given freewill like Mankind, to either serve God or reject Him. So God did *not* create a devil, but God created Lucifer perfect and good. It was Lucifer who turned evil and became Satan the Devil!

Ezekiel 28 says that Lucifer was an, "...*anointed* cherub that covereth;" (v.14). Then he says, "...thou hast sinned: therefore I will cast thee as profane out of *the mountain of God: and I will destroy thee, O covering cherub*, from the midst of the stones of fire." (v.16). He was in charge of the government of God on earth. He was "Anointed." Leaders and rulers are anointed in the Bible. He was to set up the kingdom of God on earth, but rebelled. "*Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: I will cast thee to the ground, I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee.*" (v.17). Pride crept into the heart of Lucifer and he rebelled against God, and convince others to do the same, these are what we call demons today.

Satan is a "cherub." The Cherubim are described in Ezekiel 1 and 10. These are powerful creatures created by God. In the biblical account: "Now the serpent [Hebrew: *Nachash*] was more subtle than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?" (Gen 3:1).

What did Eve see? Traditional church art displays little naked babies with tiny wings, like the mythological "Cupid," as cherubic. A baby is said to have "cherubic" cheeks and visage. Nothing could be further from the truth.



***The Devil is a cherub described in Ezekiel 1 and 10. Which one of the pictures above reveals the true Devil?***

Read the entire first and tenth chapters of Ezekiel for a complete description of cherubim. Here are the essential verses: “Also out of the midst thereof came the likeness of four living creatures. And this was their appearance; they had the *likeness of a man*.

“And every one had *four faces*, and every one had *four wings*.

“And their feet were straight feet [as hoofs]; and the sole of their feet was like the sole of a calf's foot: and they sparkled like the colour of burnished brass.

“And they had the hands of a man under their wings on their four sides; and they four had their faces and their wings.

“Their wings were joined one to another; they turned not when they went; they went every one straight forward.

“As for the likeness of their faces, they four had the face of a man, and the face of a lion, on the right side: and they four had the face of an ox on the left side; they four also had the face of an eagle” (Ezekiel 1:5-10). Eve was not startled or terrified when a creature looking like this — standing upright, with four faces and four wings — spoke to her. She had no previous frame of reference. This “nachash” that she saw was a “beast” of the field. Two out of the 4 parts of the cherubim, (the lion and the ox) are of the beast of the field. This word “nachash” agrees with the description of the cherubim as Bullinger’s Companion Bible explains in appendix 19:

“The Hebrew word rendered ‘serpent’ in Gen 3:1 is Nachash (from the root Nachash , to shine ), and means a shining one . Hence, in Chaldee it means brass or copper , because of its shining . Hence also, the word Nehushtan , a piece of brass, in 2 Kings 18:4. In the same way Saraph , in Isa 6:2; Isa 6:6, means a burning one , and, because the serpents mentioned in Num. 21 were burning, in the poison of their bite, they were called Saraphim , or Saraphs .

“But with the LORD said unto Moses, ‘Make thee a fiery serpent’ (Num 21:8), He said, ‘Make thee a Saraph,’ and , in obeying this command, we read in v . Num 21:9, ‘Moses made a Nachash of brass.’ Nachash is thus used as being interchangeable with Saraph . Now, if Saraph is used of a serpent because its bite was burning , and is also used of a celestial or spirit-being (a burning one), why should not Nachash be used of a serpent because its appearance was shining, and be also used of a celestial or spirit-being (a shining one)?

“Indeed, a reference to the structure of Gen. 3 (on p. 7) will show that the Cherubim (which are similar celestial or spirit-beings) of the last verse (Gen 3:24) require a similar spirit-being to correspond with them in the first verse (for the structure of the whole chapter is a great Introversion). The Nachash , or serpent, who beguiled Eve (2Corinth 11:3) is not spoken of as ‘an angel of light’ in v . Ezekiel 28:14. *Have we not, in this, a clear intimation that it was not a snake, but a glorious shining being, apparently as angel, to whom Eve paid such great deference, acknowledging him as one who seemed to possess superior knowledge, and who was evidently a being of a superior (not of an inferior) order?* Moreover, in the description of Satan as ‘the king of Tyre’ (\*1) it is distinctly implied that the latter being was of a supernatural order when he is called ‘a cherub’ (Eze 28:14; Eze 28:16, read from vv . Eze 28:11-19). His presence ‘in Eden, the garden of ‘Elohim’ ( v . Eze 28:13), is also clearly stated, as well as his being ‘perfect in beauty’ (v . Eze\_28:12), his being ‘perfect in his ways from the day he was created till iniquity was found in him’ (v .Eze 28:15), and as being ‘lifted up because of his beauty’ ( v .Eze 28:17).

“These all compel the belief that Satan was the shining one ( Nachash ) in Gen. 3, and especially because the following 1000 words could be addressed to him :-“Thy heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness : I will cast thee to the ground, I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee’ ( v . Eze 28:17). Even supposing that these things were spoken to, and of, an exalted human being in later days (in Ezek. 28), still ‘the king of Tyre’ is not compared to a being who was non-existent; and facts and circumstances which never happened are not introduced into the comparison.

“There is more about ‘the king of Tyre’ in Eze 28:11-19 than was literally true of ‘the prince of Tyre’ ( vv . Eze 28:1-10). The words can be understood only of the mightiest and most exalted supernatural being that God ever created; and this for the purpose of showing how great would be his fall. The history must be true to make the prophecy of any weight.

“Again, the word rendered ‘subtle’ in Gen 3:1 (see note) means wise, in a good sense as well as in a bad sense. In Eze 28:12 we have the good sense, ‘Thou sealest up the sum, full of wisdom’; and the bad sense in v. Eze28:17, ‘thou hast corrupted thy wisdom’ (referring, of course, to his fall). So the word rendered ‘subtle’ is rendered ‘prudent’ in Prov 1:4; Prov 8:12; Prov 12:23; Prov14:8; and in a bad sense in Job 15:5. 1Sam 23:22. Psa 83:3.” (emphasis added).

When God drove Adam and Eve from the garden, He placed *cherubim* with flaming swords to “keep the way to the tree of life.” In the ensuing years prior to the flood, there were no doubt any number of human encounters with these creatures, who were tasked with frightening away any who would assay to enter into the Garden of Eden. The Bible says, “So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life” (Genesis 3:24). *People fail to realize that the Garden of Eden was still there as the populations of the Human race was growing and expanding!*

One-sixth of all human history passed prior to the flood of Noah’s time; one thousand years. Ancient civilizations are replete with various monuments, sculptures and icons which represent *the ancient’s knowledge of the different aspects of cherubim*. The famous Sphinx of Egypt, guarding the pyramids, features the head of a man and the body of a lion. The “winged bulls of Bashan” as well as the huge man-headed, winged oxen of Babylon’s gates attest to the fact that ancient man worshiped “the host of heaven.”

A “winged flying serpent” was universally worshiped, and was the principal “god” of the Aztecs, who called him *Quetzalcoatl*, *Quetzal* meaning bird, and *coatl* meaning serpent. The serpent head festoons dozens of the major monuments of the Aztecs in Mexico and Central America.

Where did the ancient civilizations get these ideas from? Having heard the story of the Garden by their first parents, and those stories being passed on; coming close to the Garden of Eden the cherubim would have frightening off people who wanted to get close to the treasure which is the tree of life.



*The ancient world made carvings of guardians of the city gates or treasures. All had the parts of the Cherubim. God set up Cherubim to guard the Tree of life. Man saw the guardians of the tree of life and set up Cherubim in their cities.*

The second passage is Isaiah 14 verses 12-15. Here we have the account of the beginning of this sin in the universe. Satan was called Lucifer or Day Star before he fell. According to Isaiah it was when Lucifer said, “I will ascend into heaven and exalt *my throne* above the stars of God,” that he fell. Thus we can see Lucifer was so full of pride that he rose up in rebellion against the Almighty from his assigned position on earth. Possibly he felt his position as ruler or governor of the earth was too unimportant for him, however, there is no doubt that the results of his fall were traumatic for the earth, and later for God’s new creation Man, who was thus tempted in the Garden of Eden by Satan.

Satan’s whole plan is “I will be like the most High.” (Isaiah 14:14). This is what he wants, to be worshipped! This is what he wanted from Jesus. In Matthew 4 he said to Christ, “All these things will I give thee, if thou *wilt fall down and worship me.*” (v.9). this is what he wants from mankind and from God himself for all of creation to worship him.

According to Isaiah, Satan’s rebellion against the Government of the Universe eventually resulted in a Divine judgment being brought down upon the earth, thus in v. 17 it shows that ultimately it was he “who made the world as a wilderness and (who) destroyed its cities.” (RAV). Probably the beings that then inhabited the earth had given support to the rebellion. Hebrew scholars and even some of the early Christian Fathers recognized centuries ago that the earth had undergone some form of previous judgment, and that it was possibly linked in some way with the fall of Lucifer. However, it is only in comparatively recent years that we have actually got separate scientific and archaeological evidence, which proves Scripture is bang up to date and that something disastrous really did happen. Archaeology has uncovered evidence suggesting there was indeed some form of highly Intelligent life present on this earth *before* God created Mankind, and that it came to an abrupt end.

For instance, an artificial tunnel system has been discovered lying deep below the South American continent. Hundreds of miles of these underground passages have been explored and measured in Ecuador and Peru. They are not dug into the ground like any tunnel man would build but instead these passages form perfect-angles cut into solid rock. Sometimes they are narrow and sometimes wide. Even more amazing is the fact that the walls are smooth and often appear to be polished. The ceilings are flat at times with extremely accurate grooves and straight corridors. We do not have the technology even today to cut or melt rock in this manner.

Then there are the mysterious land markings on the plain of Nazca (Peru). These consist of long straight lines like modern day runways for airplanes. Even more astounding is that there are geometric lines with them in the shape of huge animal figures which can only be properly seen from the air to appreciate their shape and design. Whoever or whatever designed them had to have the ability to fly, yet man has only been able to fly for the past 80-90 years.

A number of years ago Soviet scientists discovered what they could only describe as a landing pad for space vehicles. They estimated that it's around 60,000 years old. Unfortunately they are somewhat baffled by this, because it does not fit into their theory of evolution. I think they would be astounded if they only knew their discovery proves the very Scriptures which they deny. This was Lucifer's Kingdom on earth then he rebelled. This rebellion led to the original "Star Wars."

Christ said, "*I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven*" (Luke 10:18). Christ was THERE, in His pre-human state, even as He said to the Pharisees, "Before Abraham was, I AM." Remember what you read in Isaiah 14:13, Satan's innermost plan was, "I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars [angels] of God."

Jesus said that Satan was cast down from heaven. He was cast down to this earth as Ezekiel 28:17 says. The word "ground" is "erets" (Strong's #776). It means: "1) land, earth 1a) earth 1a1) whole earth (as opposed to a part) 1a2) earth (as opposed to heaven) 1a3) earth (inhabitants)" (Brown, Driver, Briggs Hebrew Definitions).

Notice what Peter says of this event, "For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast *them* down to hell, and delivered *them* into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment;" (2 Peter 2:4). The Greek word "tartarus" is mistranslated as "hell." Tartarus is used only once in the Bible, and the context in which it appears reveals the meaning of the word as a prison of spiritual darkness. Vine's says, "as the place of detention until the judgment." This is the correct rendering because of the context of "chains" and that they are being "reserved" until the "judgment." God has chained Satan and his fallen angels in spiritual darkness and confined them to earth and its heaven (earth's atmosphere) awaiting their final judgment in a future age-to-come Lake of Fire. Jude also says, "And the angels which *kept not their first estate*, but left their own *habitation*, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day." (v.6). Angels "did not keep their proper domain, but left their own abode." This was during the Pre-Adamic age when iniquity (sin) was found in Lucifer's heart. The holy angel Lucifer became the sinful angel Satan, who along with a following of his angels, left this earth (their proper domain) and ascended above the clouds in rebellion to try to usurp God's throne in heaven. God cast them back down to earth and they are now kept in chains of spiritual darkness, restricted in movement to this earth and its heaven (earth's atmosphere) and reserved for their final judgment which will take place during the age-to-come Lake of Fire.

Notice in Revelation a great red dragon which is Satan the devil (v.9). It says that, "And his tail drew *the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth*;" (v.4). When God cast him to the earth a third of the angels followed him. Stars are symbols of angels (Rev 1:20; Job 38:7). We also read of a future battle of "Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels," (Rev 12:7). Here are two-thirds of the Angels; A third under Michael; A third under Satan who was Lucifer. This leaves *another* third. Who leads them? One

can only conclude that Gabriel leads the other. Gabriel “stand[s] in the presence of God;” (Luke 1:19). In the book of Daniel it is revealed that Gabriel was sent to show Daniel the future. Gabriel said, “But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me one and twenty days: but, lo, *Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me; and I remained there with the kings of Persia...* Then said he, Knowest thou wherefore I come unto thee? and now will I *return to fight with the prince of Persia:* and when I am gone forth, lo, the prince of Grecia shall come.” (Daniel 10:13, 20). Michael is “one” of the chief princes. That means there are at least two more. Gabriel then returned to “fight” the Prince of Persia as well. With the angels divided into three divisions’ one can only conclude that Gabriel is the other “chief” prince over the other angels.

The fact that angels sinned before man cannot be disputed, because Satan was already present as a sinner in the Garden of Eden before Adam and Eve sinned. This obvious truth is confirmed by the historical sequence of the three judgments listed in 2 Peter 2:4-6, where the Bible places the sins of angels before the sins of man.

Many misunderstand Romans 5:12 when it argues that sin and death first entered the world through man, and not through angels. Let us examine Romans 5:12 in detail.

“Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:” This verse specifically speaks about the sin of one man affecting the whole of the human race. Yes, sin entered the human world through one man, Adam, thus God judged man’s sin by bringing death (the wages of sin is death) and death spread to all men because of Adam’s sin. However, please note that Romans 5:12 above speaks only about the sin and death which entered the Adamic world through the sin of Adam, but this scripture does not address the sin which entered the Pre-Adamic world through the sin of angels. The fact that sin brings God’s judgment of death to men only, and not to angels who are spirits that cannot die, further confirms that Romans 5:12 specifically refers to sin entering the human world through one man.

Many misunderstand Romans 5:12 that teach that man sinned before angels sinned. Remember that Satan was already a sinful fallen angel in the Garden of Eden when he tempted Adam and Eve to sin, thus, it is totally unscriptural and nonsensical to say that Adam sinned before Satan.

Let us now summarize the events that lead to the fall of Lucifer and his angels. Lucifer was the anointed cherub who governed the beautiful luxuriant Garden of Eden earth in the Pre-Adamic world. He was adorned with precious stones and gifted with musical instruments to worship God. He had freedom of movement as a trusted holy angel of God to move back and forth from earth to heaven (God’s dwelling place). Lucifer became tempted and sinned when iniquity was found in his heart. He became jealous of God and decided to lead a rebellion to try to usurp God from His throne in heaven. Lucifer, a holy angel and bearer of light, became Satan, a sinful angel of darkness, because of his sin of rebellion. Satan and his angels (a third of the angels) ascended from the earth to rebel against God in heaven. War broke out and Satan and his angels were violently cast back down to earth with cataclysmic global consequences for the earth and the universe. Satan and his angels are now confined to earth and its atmosphere, chained in spiritual darkness, reserved until their final judgment in the Lake of Fire.



We can now confidently conclude that when the Bible says in Genesis 1:2, “The earth became chaotic and wasted and darkness was on the face of the deep...” that the Bible is speaking about God’s global cataclysmic tohuw and bohuv judgment when He cast Satan and his fallen angels back down to earth because of their sin of rebellion. This all happened sometime, thousands, millions, or billions of years ago, in the Pre-Adamic Age. The true date may never be known until Christ comes and tells us. But it does not contradict what the bible says that is what is important. The beautiful Pre-Adamic Garden of Eden earth of Genesis 1:1, which God created in the beginning, was transformed into a totally ruined chaotic earth shrouded in darkness and covered by deep frozen flood waters (ice) by the time we come to Genesis 1:2.

The Bible affirms that Genesis 1:2 is indeed speaking about the state of the earth, which resulted from God’s judgment, and it is not the description of a stage in the construction of the earth. The Hebrew words tohuw and bohuv occur together in the same verse only twice in the whole of the Bible. The first time is in Genesis 1:2 and the second time is in Jeremiah 4:23, which also describe God’s global judgment. However, the Jeremiah 4:23 global judgment of God is yet to be carried out against this present sinful world at the Second Coming of Jesus Christ.