

Scripture(s) for Today: Genesis 1:2 – The earth has become without form, void, and dark

Today's Message: ***“Something Bad Happened!”***

INTRODUCTION

Last week, we learned that science is knowledge. And, true science confirms God's Word to be true! We learned that Jesus Christ created the heaven and the earth perfect. God gave us a key in **Ecc 3:14!** The Holy Spirit will teach us the future by studying the past; He will teach us the past by studying the future. Today, we will see that something _____ has happened to the heaven and the earth that God created in verse 1! We will be presented with **4** _____ descriptions. And, we will learn what has happened by comparing Scriptures with Scriptures. If possible, clear your mind of things you may have thought or learned as we focus on _____ word of God. Let God's Word teach you today...

LEARNING TOGETHER

1. The Text **Gen 1:2** *And **the earth was** without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep.
And the spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.*

➤ **NEGATIVE #1:** *“Without form”*

- The phrase is found 2 times in 2 verses in KJV: *Genesis 1:2* and **Jeremiah 4:23**
- Dealing with the judgment of God in a Tribulation Period context (remember the key **Ecc 3:15**)
- **KEY:** Is the earth without form now? _____. When God's judgment falls (Tribulation) it **will be...**
- **KEY:** The verse is written of a **future event** in the PAST TENSE – as if it had already happened!
- **KEY:** Notice that it “*was*” and yet it was not before (our earth). It had to _____ that way.
- The next “*form*” is **Genesis 2:7** – Adam was created and “*formed*” perfectly – no delay!
- Remember **Isaiah 45:18** – God himself “*formed*” the earth and made it not in vain.

➤ **NEGATIVE #2:** *“Void”*

- 24 times in 23 verses in KJV: Connected to the same exact phrase in **Jeremiah 4:23**
- Next mention by the Holy Spirit is **Numbers 30:12** – notice he “*made them void.*”
- The next “*void*” is **Deut 32:28** – Israel became void of counsel because of sin.
- Another “*void*” is **Psalms 89:39** – The covenant was made void because of sin.
- **KEY:** Another “*void*” is **Isaiah 55:11** – The Holy Spirit teaches us that “*void*” is a negative word.
- **KEY:** Another “*void*” is **Jer 19:7** – God's judgment brings a “*void*” and a “_____”- *hold that!*

➤ **NEGATIVE #3:** *“Darkness”*

- 162 times in 142 verses in KJV Question: Would you ever consider darkness to be good?
- Next mention by the Holy Spirit is **Genesis 1:4** – The light was good; **not** darkness.
- A next “*darkness*” is **Exodus 10:21-22** – God's judgment upon Egypt was darkness.

- Another “darkness” is **Jeremiah 13:16** – A result of God’s judgment because of sin.
- **KEY:** Another “darkness” is **Joel 2:1-2,31; Amos 5:18-20; Zeph 1:15** – Tribulation – *Ditto!*
- **KEY:** Another “darkness” is **Mt 8:12; 27:45** – A result of God’s judgment – hell and the cross!
- **KEY:** Another “darkness” is **2 Peter 2:4, 17; Jude 6, 13** – God’s judgment because of sin.
- **KEY:** Another “darkness” is **Revelation 16:10** – Tribulation – God’s judgment because of sin.

NOTE If God uses “darkness” as a cover, it is because of men’s sin. God is not darkness; He can create it because of sin and for judgment upon sin. God is light! Any sin brings upon it His judgment and darkness as a result. Darkness is the result of judgment, _____ creation.

➤ **NEGATIVE #4:** *Darkness was upon “the face of the deep”*

- The word “deep” is found 65 times in 63 verses in KJV. “The face of the deep” = 2.
- **KEY:** The “face of the deep” is **Job 38:30** – _____ on top; above our heads, not below!
- The “deep” is in **Genesis 7:11; 8:2** – Fountains brought God’s judgment – **WATER!**
- Another “deep” is **Genesis 49:25** – Heaven is above it; the deep *lieth under*.
- **KEY:** Another “deep” is **Job 41:31-32** – Leviathan is there – water – how did he get there?
- **KEY:** Another “deep” is **Ezek 26:19; 31:4,15** – God’s judgment; *great waters*, flood, Lucifer!
- **KEY:** Another “deep” is **Dan 2:22** – God revealed it; He knows *what is in the darkness!*
- **KEY:** Another “deep” is **Luke 8:31** – The devils begged Jesus *not to go out into the deep!*

2. The Lesson

Genesis Lesson 4: *God’s judgment always comes as a result of sin.*

A. God’s judgment fell upon the earth because of sin – _____ Adam was created.

Details surrounding the original heaven and earth	The Bible teaches...
When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God – <i>Job 38:7</i>	<i>Sons of God: pre-Adamic race</i>
Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth – <i>Ezek 28:14; Job 1:6; 2 Cor 4:4</i>	<i>Lucifer had a throne; the leader</i>
Thou wast PERFECT in thy ways... till iniquity was found in thee – <i>Ezek 28:15</i>	<i>Lucifer sinned against God</i>
How are thou FALLEN from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning – <i>Isa 14:12</i>	<i>God’s judgment fell on him</i>
His tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven ... cast them – <i>Rev 12:4, 9</i> NOTE: This was spiritual judgment; they show up <i>Gen 6:4; Job 1:6; Mt 25:41</i>	<i>Lucifer and fallen sons of God were cast out of third heaven (hell was created for them)</i>
They walk on in darkness : all the foundations of the earth are out of course . I have said, Ye are gods ; and all of you are children of the most High. But ye SHALL DIE LIKE MEN, and FALL like one of the princes – <i>Ps 82:5-8; 2 Cor 4:4</i>	<i>They became “gods” – the time period – includes darkness and the earth being out of course.</i>
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 <u>THEN WAS</u> , being overflowed with water , perished: <u>But</u> the heavens and the earth, WHICH ARE <u>NOW</u> – <i>2 Pet 3:5-6</i>	<i>The world “that then was” was judged by water. The heavens and the earth “which are now” ...are ours!</i>

LEARNING:

The earth was in this state because of God’s judgment upon sin. It came by an overflow of water from the deep! Maybe that is why the rainbow promise? How long? Over _____ hours!