

THE BOOK OF REVELATION

FROM EDEN TO ETERNITY

From Eden to Eternity - Part 1

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Genesis 1:1-5 - 1 In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. 2 The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. 3 And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. 4 And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. 5 God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

1) The Creation of the Earth – [Reference the Graphic](#)

a. Genesis 1:1 – The Original Earth

i. Genesis 1:1 - In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

1. Verse 1 records the creation of the original earth

b. Genesis 1:2 – The Chaotic Earth - [Reference the Graphic](#)

i. Genesis 1:2 - The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

1. Verse 2 records a chaotic earth that is without form and void; these two words used here are very interesting.

2. The word here in the Hebrew for “without Form” or “formless” is “tohu” which interprets to mean: confusion, emptiness, wasteland, or place of chaos.

a. And we know according to 1 Corinthians 14:33 that God is not the author of confusion.

3. The word here in the Hebrew for “Void” is “wabohu” which interprets to mean: emptiness, void, waste.

- ii. The bottom line is that God never creates anything incomplete or broken therefore, it would seem to reason that something happened between verse 1 and verse 2. Case in point, Verse 1 mentions God creating the Heavens and the Earth being created but verse 2 only mentions the Earth being formless and void. Something happened upon the Earth but the Heavens were unaffected; and I am going to show you what happened and I'm going to use the Bible to do so. Interested yet? Notice the second part of verse 2...
- iii. Genesis 1:2 – The Spirit of God hovering upon the Face of the Deep and Darkness was there.

1. With this text in mind, how can darkness exist where God is? How can darkness be upon the face of the deep when God is standing upon the waters?

2. The Bible says in the Book of James 1:16-17 - ¹⁶Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. ¹⁷Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.^[d]

3. Explain variation or shadow of turning (due to change)

4. But is there a possible scientific reason why light could not penetrate the darkness of the waters? Notice the words of Job in the Book of Job 38:28-30...

5. Job 38:28-30 - “Has the rain a father, or who has begotten the drops of dew? ²⁹ From whose womb did the ice come forth, and who has given birth to the frost of heaven? ³⁰ The waters become hard like stone, and the face of the deep is frozen.

6. Notice verse 30 again, “³⁰ The waters become hard like stone, and the face of the deep is frozen.”

7. What does that sound like to you? An Ice Age. The earth was frozen and Job recorded this conversation with God in Job 38 which was written somewhere between 1900 BC and 1700 BC. Moses wrote the Torah between 1500 and 1400 BC; so there is roughly 400 years between Job and Moses. God revealed several mysteries of the Earth and the Universe in Job 38; it is a very fascinating chapter. But with that said, let me share a nugget with you that I found while studying. There is a correlation found between Genesis 1:2 and Job 38:30

iv. Nugget about Genesis 1:2 and Job 38:30

1. The words used for “The Face (or Surface) of the Deep” are the same Hebrew Words -

a. Genesis 1:2 - “Pene Tehowm”

b. Job 38:30 - “Pene Tehowm”

2. 400 years separated and they used the exact same verbiage.

c. Genesis 1:3-5; 2:3 - The Restored Earth - **Reference the Graphic**

i. Genesis 1:3-5 - And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

ii. Genesis 2:3 - ³So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation.

iii. So the Restored Earth was celebrated with the Sabbath!

d. The World That Then Was... - **Reference the Graphic**

i. Genesis 1:9-10 - ⁹And God said, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry land appear: and it was so. ¹⁰And God called the dry land Earth; and the gathering together of the waters called the Seas: and God saw that it was good.”

ii. 2 Peter 3:5-6 - ⁵For 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 ⁶Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished:

e. The Restored Earth was accomplished in a literal 7 day period

i. **Reference the Graphic**

ii. Evening and Morning was the first day and so on – Explain A Hebrew Day. Evening to evening vs morning to morning...

1. Day 1 – Cosmic Light
2. Day 2 – Firmament
3. Day 3 – Dry Land and Vegetation
4. Day 4 – Solar Light – Sun and Moon
5. Day 5 – Fish and Fowl
6. Day 6 – Land Animals and Man’s Creation
7. Day 7 – Sabbath

2) But what happened to the original earth that required God to restore it? **Reference the Graphic**

a. *Ezekiel 28:11-19* - ¹¹ Moreover, the word of the Lord came to me: ¹² “Son of man, raise a lamentation over the king of Tyre, and say to him, Thus says the Lord God: “You were the signet of perfection,^[a] full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. ¹³ You were in Eden, the garden of God; every precious stone was your covering, sardius, topaz, and diamond, beryl, onyx, and jasper, sapphire,^[b] emerald, and carbuncle; and crafted in gold were your settings and your engravings. (9 Total Stones) On the day that you were created they were prepared.¹⁴ You were an anointed guardian cherub (authority over something to protect and guard; i.e. the earth). I placed you;^[c] you were on the holy mountain of God (The Holy Mountain of God is the temple mount in Jerusalem); in the midst of the stones of fire you walked. ¹⁵ You were blameless in your ways from the day you were created, till unrighteousness was found in you. ¹⁶ In the abundance of your trade you were filled with violence in your midst, and you sinned; so I cast you as a profane thing from the mountain of God, and I destroyed you,^[d] O guardian cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire. ¹⁷ Your heart was proud because of your beauty; you corrupted your wisdom for the sake of your splendor. I cast

you to the ground; I exposed you before kings, to feast their eyes on you. ¹⁸ By the multitude of your iniquities, in the unrighteousness of your trade you profaned your sanctuaries; so I brought fire out from your midst; it consumed you, and I turned you to ashes on the earth (Where? ON THE EARTH) in the sight of all who saw you.¹⁹ All who know you among the peoples are appalled at you; you have come to a dreadful end and shall be no more forever.”

b. *Isaiah 14:12-20* - “How you are fallen from heaven, O Day Star, son of Dawn! How you are cut down to the ground, you who laid the nations low! ¹³ You said in your heart, ‘I will ascend to heaven (Why is he wanting to ascend if he were already in Heaven? He was not in Heaven, He was in the Earth) ; above the stars of God I will set my throne on high; I will sit on the mount of assembly in the far reaches of the north;^[c] ¹⁴ I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High.’ ¹⁵ But you are brought down to Sheol, to the far reaches of the pit. ¹⁶ Those who see you will stare at you and ponder over you: ‘Is this the man who made the earth tremble, who shook kingdoms, ¹⁷ who made the world like a desert and overthrew its cities, who did not let his prisoners go home?’”

¹⁸ All the kings of the nations lie in glory, each in his own tomb;^[d]
¹⁹ but you are cast out, away from your grave, like a loathed
 branch, clothed with the slain, those pierced by the sword, who
 go down to the stones of the pit, like a dead body trampled
 underfoot. ²⁰ You will not be joined with them in burial, because
 you have destroyed your land, you have slain your people.”

It is because of the insight provided in Ezekiel and Isaiah that we understand why Lucifer fell from his place of authority. And it was at his fall that he became known as Ha-Satan or Satan, which directly interprets to mean, “The Accuser or The Adversary”.

3) Satan was Deposed or rather Ousted – [Reference the Graphic](#)

a. John 12:30-32 – “³⁰ Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not mine. ³¹ Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. ³² And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.”

b. John 14:30 - 31 – “³⁰ I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming. He has no claim on me,³¹ but I do as the Father has commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the Father. Rise, let us go from here.”

- c. Luke 10:17-19 – “¹⁷The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, “Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name!” ¹⁸And he said to them, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. ¹⁹Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall hurt you.”
- d. Ephesians 2:2-3 – “²in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— ³among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body^[a] and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.”
- e. 2 Corinthians 4:3-4 – “And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. “

4) Antediluvian Age – [Reference the Graphic](#)

- a. The Antediluvian Age denotes the pre-flood period of man's existence after the creation of Adam and Eve in Genesis chapter 2 and the before the Flood of Noah in Genesis chapter 7. Thus the Antediluvian Age spans the gap found from Genesis chapter 2 through Genesis 7.
- b. During the Antediluvian Age, there were two major dispensations that happen: Edenic Dispensation and the Antediluvian Dispensation. [Reference the Graphic](#)
 - i. During the Edenic Dispensation:
 1. The fall of Man in the Garden of Eden in Genesis chapter 3 and the subsequent expulsion from the Garden of Eden. There were then two Cherubim that were placed at the east of the Garden to guard the way to the Tree of Life; if two Cherubim were placed to guard the tree and Lucifer was the anointed guardian cherub then what was Lucifer guarding? The Earth. Lucifer was guarding the Earth. He was not in Heaven; He was in the Earth.

ii. During the Antediluvian Dispensation:

Reference the Graphic

1. There is the death of Abel at the hands of his brother Cain which is the first death of a human annotated in Scripture after the creation and subsequent fall of Adam and Eve.
2. This Dispensation ranged from the time of Cain and Abel to the day that Noah entered the Ark.
3. From this event comes two separate paths: **Reference the Graphic**
 - a. The Line of Seth
 - b. The Line of Cain
 - i. Cain was marked in his body by the Lord according to Genesis 4:15 as a sign to others that they should not harm him.
 - ii. Enoch was of the line of Cain and was caught up from the earth never to taste death according to Genesis 5:24 for he was a man who walked with God.

4. It is during this time that the Bible records that the Angels, the “Sons of God” came to the earth and took the daughters of men and procreated with them; thus creating the Nephilim or otherwise known as the Giants that were in the earth during those days.
5. Goliath was the generational offspring of this hybrid race of human and angelic creation, and it is these angels that were banished from Heaven and became “fallen angels” due to their deeds.
 - a. “Now Pastor that sure does sound far-fetched and something from the Sci-Fi Channel and I am not sure that I believe that...” Yes, but it is in your Bible. Notice with me in the Book of Genesis 6:1-4...
 - b. Genesis 6:1-4, “When man began to multiply on the face of the land and daughters were born to them,² the sons of God saw that the daughters of man were attractive. And they took as their wives any they chose. ³Then the Lord said, “My Spirit shall not abide in man forever, for he is flesh: his days shall be 120 years.” ⁴The Nephilim were on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when

the sons of God came in to the daughters of man and they bore children to them. These were the mighty men who were of old, the men of renown.”

c. The Bible goes on to record in 2 Peter 2:4 – “⁴For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but cast them into hell and committed them to chains^[b] of gloomy darkness to be kept until the judgment;”

d. Also notice the insight found in Jude 1:5-6 – “⁵Now I want to remind you, although you once fully knew it, that Jesus, who saved a people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed those who did not believe. ⁶And the angels who did not stay within their own position of authority, but left their proper dwelling, he has kept in eternal chains under gloomy darkness until the judgment of the great day—”

i. You can read more about this topic in the Book of Enoch; which is an apocryphal text.

- e. Tartarus is the name of the Prison that these angels are held in until the day of judgment noted in 2 Peter 2:4 and Jude 1:6. [Reference the Graphic](#)

5) The Antediluvian Age came to an end when God commanded Noah to enter the Ark and the flood waters came upon the earth.

[Reference the Graphic](#)

- a. The Earth was able to flood the way it did during Noah's Flood because of Two Factors:
 - i. The Fountains of the Deep opened
 - ii. The Windows of Heaven opened – Let me Explain...

1. Genesis 7:11-12 - In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, on the seventeenth day of the month, on that day all the fountains of the great deep burst forth, and the windows of the heavens were opened. ¹²And rain fell upon the earth forty days and forty nights. (So it rained for over a month)

2. Where did the rain come from in the Heavens? I ask this question because the Bible expressly states that it had never rained before leading up to the Flood of Noah.

3. Genesis 2:5-6 tells us that the Lord had not caused it to rain on the land and a mist was going up from the land and was watering the whole face of the ground. This is the very reason why the people thought Noah was insane for building a boat in a field and saying that water was going to fall out of the Sky. They thought he was crazy because what he was warning everyone about had never happened before until the windows of the heavens opened and rain began to fall.
4. To continue forward, Genesis 1:6-10 records- ⁶And God said, “Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” ⁷And God made^[b] the expanse and separated the waters that were under the expanse from the waters that were above the expanse. And it was so. ⁸And God called the expanse Heaven.^[c] And there was evening and there was morning, the second day. ⁹And God said, “Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. ¹⁰God called the dry land Earth,^[d] and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good.

- a. There were two bodies of water: one on the earth and one around the earth with an expanse of sky or “heaven” between them.
- b. Notice the verbiage of verse 9, “And God said, “Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.”
- c. There was a layer of water that enveloped our atmosphere and then there was a layer of water on the earth which the Lord caused dry ground to come from!
- d. Remember 2 Peter 3:5-6 - ⁵For 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 ⁶Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished:

6) And it is the ending of Noah’s Flood that transitions us into the Present Age section leading into the Post Diluvian Dispensation beginning at the Tower of Babel. And it is here that we will pick up next week. Next Sunday I will cover from the Post Diluvian Dispensation to the First Advent. **Reference the Graphic**