

Dispensations:

The Key to Rightly Dividing God's Word

Original Creation, Christ, Fall of Lucifer - part 1

Names: Eternity Past, Creative Ages, Alpha.

Scripture: Genesis 1:1 to 1:2

Covenants: None yet

Key events to know:

1. Original creation
2. The Manifestation of Christ
3. Lucifer and his fall

ORIGINAL CREATION

Some clues as to why Genesis 1:1-2 stands apart:

- Create: Formed from nothing; caused to exist. (not used again until day 5 of the 6 days of creation)
Made (make): To form of materials; to fashion; to mold into shape; to cause to exist in a different form, or as a distinct thing.
While we use both terms interchangeably TODAY, there is a _____ between the 2 and it can be seen in scripture – Gen. 2:3, 6:7; Isaiah 45:12.
- "heaven" vs "heavens" – Almost every other Bible translation uses "heavens" instead of heaven. They state that the Hebrew word used here (shamayim) is plural and must refer to the 3-heaven structure mentioned in Gen. 1:6-8. However, shamayim is also used in verse 8 and those same translations have it as "Heaven". The singular heaven in 1:8 likely refers to where God abides (more on this later). In verse 8, God creates a division between Heaven and earth. Notice it is the only day He does not see as _____. Also note in Rev. 21:1 that God creates a new heaven (singular) returning to the Gen. 1:1 structure.
- "without form", "void", "darkness" – God does not create things that way! He IS light. – 1 John 1:5; John 1:9, 8:12; James 1:17; Is. 60:19; Rev. 21:23.
- Where did the waters come from? Psalm 104:1-7.
- "In the beginning" – 17 times in your KJV. _____ other times it is tied in with Gen. 1:1 – Pro. 8:22; Heb. 1:10; John 1:1, 2.
- Each of the six creative days of God begins with the words "AND God said" (v. 3, 6, 9, 14, 20, 24). Given the consistency of the Bible, if the first two verses of Genesis are a prologue, then on which day did God create Earth without form, void and covered in darkness and water?
- Why would God give an overview that demonstrates existing chaos? Is it conceivable that God would need to go through a chaotic stage in order to arrive at order and beauty?

OTHER CLUES

- Job 38:4-12:
 - The _____ of the earth – the lowest load-bearing part of a building, typically BELOW ground level; an underlying basis or principle -Jer. 31:37. This is already present in Gen. 1:2.
 - Morning stars and sons of God – The angels rejoiced when the foundations were laid. Lucifer would have led this worship before his fall.
 - “sea” and “womb” in verse 8 matches the earth completely enveloped in water in Gen. 1:2 and needing later to be separated in the 6 days of recreation.
 - “cloud”, “thick darkness”, and “swaddlingband” matches the darkness in Gen. 1:2.
 - “brake up”, “decreed place” – God having to separate the waters and create a barrier between 3rd heaven and earth – Gen. 1:6-8.
- “Generations” – Gen. 2:4; Ps. 104:30. The earth has/will experience other destruction and renewals:
 - Noah’s flood – Gen. 6-8.
 - Tribulation period – Rev. 6-9, 15-18.
 - Destruction of heaven and earth after millennium and new heaven and earth – 2 Peter 3:10; Rev. 21-22.
- Other “gaps” in scripture – Isaiah 9:6-7 (2000+ years); Isaiah 61:1-3 (Jesus quotes in Luke 4); Daniel 9:26-27 (the 70 weeks of years); Zech. 9:9-10 (2000 years); Luke 1:31-33 (2000+ years).

But why would the earth be found in this chaotic state at the _____ of our Bible??