

Fingertip Facts About Creation - Genesis 1:1 to Genesis 2:3

A. What Was Created First

"Before the foundations of the Earth..."?

1. The "Sons of God" - the Angels
2. Satan created as "Lucifer, the Anointed Cherub."

3. The Stars, Sun, Moon, Solar System; but, No Earth.

"Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? declare, if thou hast understanding. (4) Who hath laid the measures thereof, if thou knowest? or who hath stretched the line upon it? (5) Whereupon are the foundations thereof fastened? or who laid the corner stone thereof; (6) When the morning stars (literal) sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?" (Job 38:4-7)

4. The "sons of God" (angels) shouted for joy. Why? "God was creating their new home on the Original Creation!

5. Angels are "Sons of God" by Creation. Mankind becomes a "Son of God" by Regeneration. (Jo. 1:12) Both have a free will. Rev. 12:4, "And his (the Dragon's, or Satan's) tail drew the third part of the stars (metaphor) of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: In Rev. 12:7 context tells us that these "stars" were literal angels who made the wrong choice!

B. Original Creation



Was Created Beautiful
No Time of Creation Given

1. Genesis 1:1- "In the beginning God created ("Bara") the heaven(s) (shemayim) and the earth."

Note: "Create" is from the Hebrew word "bara" and means to "create something where nothing existed before."

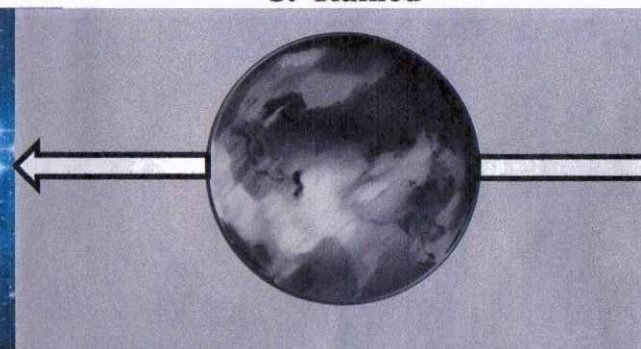
2. The Earth was created beautiful, not "in vain." The word "vain" in Isaiah 45:18 is the Hebrew word "tohuw" meaning to lie waste, be desolate, worthless, and vain," and is translated in Gen. 1:2a as the phrase "without form and void;" or, "tohuw va bohuw." **BOTTOM LINE!** "God did not create a desolate wasteland, or an empty void! He created the beautiful earth "to be inhabited!"

3. Isaiah 45:18 - "For thus saith the LORD that created ("bara") the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it; he hath established it, he created ("bara") it not in vain, he formed it to be inhabited: I *am* the LORD; and *there is none else.*"

4. The first occupants were Lucifer and the Angels. "Thou (Lucifer) wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee." (Ezk. 28:15)

5. Lucifer's sin was "If I cannot be higher than God, I will at least be equal!" (Isaiah 14:14,15). Rev. 12:4 tells us that 1/3 of the Angels followed Lucifer. (A. Par. 5)

C. Ruined



Satan's Sin Brings God's Judgment
(Isaiah 14:12-16; Ezekiel 28:11-19)

2. Lucifer now becomes the first to sin, proving there was sin bfore Adam sinned! The Lake of Fire was "prepared for the Devil and his angels. (Matt. 25:41)

2. The Fallen Angels, including Satan, are now disembodied spirits.

3. The Earth Is now a desolate wasteland and uninhabited.

4. Lucifer is changed from the "Anointed Cherub" (Ezk. 28:14) to "your adversary the devil, as a roaring Lion that walketh about seeking whom he may devour." (1 Pet. 5:8)

5. Genesis 1:2a:

"And ("But," a disjunctive) the earth was (Hebrew, hayah, "became") without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep."

6. The same Hebrew word is translated "became" in Genesis 2:7 -

"And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul."

Two Important Words in Gen. 1:2a
The Conjunction "AND" (or, vav)

In the Masoretic Text, there is one small mark, known as the "Rebhia." It is a "disjunctive" accent" and indicates a break in the text.

D. Remodeling Begins



“...And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.” (Gen. 1:2b)

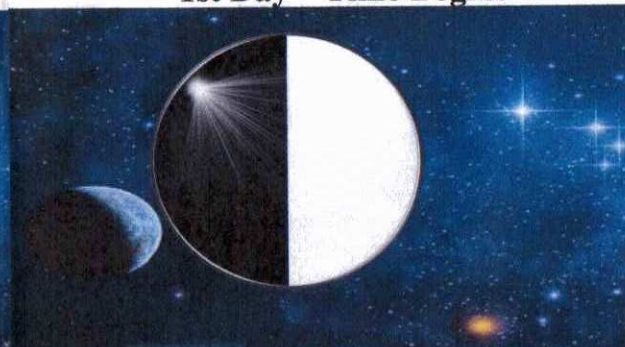
Such a mark appears at the end of Genesis 1:1. This shows that the initial “waw” or (ו) at the beginning of Verse 2 should be translated “but,” rather than “and.” It is a disjunction, not a conjunction.

The Rebhia always appears under the last word of a verse, as in Genesis 1:1, “וְהָאֲרֶצַּח”, “the earth.” This is the greatest stop in a verse and is equivalent to our period.

“WAS” (Hebrew “hayah”;
Or, the Verb “to be.”

1. When the verb is not in the original, it is a simple connecting verb. No change has occurred.
2. When the verb is in the original, and placed at first part of a sentence, it means a present situation of existence is changing.
3. When the verb is in the original, and follows the subject of a sentence, it indicates a change in existence has already occurred.
4. In Genesis 1:2a, “earth” is the subject of the sentence, and “became” is the verb. The verb “hayah” or “became” is in the original, follows the subject, and should be translated “became” or “had become.” ***CORRECT!

1st Day – Time Begins



Light From Darkness
Time, An Island in God’s Sea of Eternity

“And God said, Let there be light: and there was light. (3)

And God saw the light, that *it was* good: and God divided the light from the darkness.(4)

And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.” Genesis 1:3-5

The Light was there all the time.. In Psalms 5:30; 89:15 and 90:8, are these words, “...in the LIGHT of thy (God’s) countenance.” God is light Himself. His light, is not limited to Himself, internally; but, flows externally, lighting up everything that exists. Only when He restrains His own light from illuminating does darkness occur. That is why there was “...darkness on the face of the deep.”

“Time begins with man
and ends with man.”

2nd Day



The Firmament

"And God made ("asah") the firmament, and divided the waters which *were* under the firmament from the waters which *were* above the firmament: and it was so. (7)

And God called the firmament Heaven. And the evening and the morning were the second day." - Genesis 1:7-8

1. This is not the Heaven that is God's Abode. This is the First Heaven, the atmosphere where the birds fly, (Matt. 6:26; Gen. 1:8; 7:11; 8:2)

2. 2nd Heaven – Stars and Planets. (Gen. 1:17; 15:5)

3. 3rd Heaven, the Abode of God. (2 Cor. 12:2-4; 1 Kings 8:27; Psalm 2:4)

"Made" is the Hebrew word "asah," and means to construct from existing materials."

3rd Day



Seas and Dry Land

"God said, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry land appear: and it was so. (9)

And God called the dry land Earth; and the gathering together of the waters called he Seas: (10)

And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth: and it was so. (11)

And the evening and the morning were the third day." - Genesis 1:9-13

The seed was still in the ground from the Original Creation.

4th Day



Sun, Moon, Stars Brought Back, As Before the Original Creation In Job 38:3-7

"God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years: (14)

And let them be for lights in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth: and it was so. (15)

God made (asah) two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: *he made* the stars also. (16) God set them in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth, (17) to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness: - Genesis 1:14-18

These existed during the Original Creation. The Sun, Moon, Planets, and Stars were still there but; due to the "darkness upon the face of the deep," these exerted no influence upon, and were not visible from the darkened Earth.

5th Day



Great Whales, Aquatic Creatures and Winged Fowl Were Created.

"So God created ("**bara**") great whales and every living creature that moveth, which the waters brought forth abundantly, after their kind, and every winged fowl after his kind:" - Genesis 1:21

Note: Gen. 1:20 may seem to contradict Gen. 1:21; but, Gen. 1:21 is a restatement of Verse 20 with added detail. God created all these for the "waters to bring forth...after their kind..."

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6th Day & 7th Day



1. Cattle, Beasts, and Every Creeping Thing Is Made. - Genesis 1:24,25

"And God made ("**asah**") the beast of the earth after his kind, and cattle after their kind, and everything that creepeth upon the earth after his kind: and God saw that it was good. - Genesis 1:25 (Note: These were also on the Original Creation.)

2. Adam and Eve Were Created.

"God created ("**bara**") man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them." - Genesis 1:27; Psalm 115:16

3. The Seventh Day

"And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made." (Gen. 2:3)

God was not tired; He was done!

Note on Romans 5:12 "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."

It does NOT mean there was no death or sin before Adam. The Bible tells us that the first to sin was Satan and his demons. Next, "Mother Eve" who gave to Adam. Though Adam lived another 930 years, physical death set in. Spiritual death, or separation from God, was immediate. They accepted God's remedy, the coats of skin from the sacrifice of an innocent animal, looking forward to our Savior's death on the Cross. (John 1:29) Romans 5:12 ONLY warns us that we are all sinners and need a Savior!

Adam and Eve were created last; so, all non-human life was in existence. The Mayfly (Ephemeroptera) lives only to mate, then dies. Their lifespan is from a day to 30 mins. As we do not know the length of time until Adam sinned, there was certainly "physical death before Adam!" "It is better to put trust in the LORD than to put confidence in man." (Ps.118:8)