

CREATION

GENESIS 1:1

(Hebrew) Reseith elohim bara shamyim eth aretz.

In a beginning which was not the beginning [in eternity past] God created out of nothing, the universe including planet earth.

God created the earth perfect and its surface reveals to us that it contained both plant and animal life. The Bible reveals to us that Lucifer's fall, **Isaiah 14: 12-17, Ezekiel 28:16-17.** resulted in the earth becoming empty and desolate.

Nothing survived, not even the dinosaurs.

Encyclopaedia Britannica, 15th ed., s.v. "dinosaur":

Dinosaur, a term popularly used for the members of a great series of reptiles that were the dominant land animals during most of the Mesozoic Era, the age of the reptiles, but became extinct at its close. The term, derived from the Greek, meaning "terrible lizard," refers to the gigantic proportions of these beasts, some of them the largest animals that ever walked the Earth. A considerable number of dinosaurs were flesh eaters, but a majority abandoned this primitive reptilian mode of life for an herbivorous diet.

Most types of dinosaurs continued to flourish until the very latest phases of the Cretaceous Period, the third and last period of the Mesozoic Era. Then they disappear completely from the geologic record. The Cenozoic Era, which appears to follow closely in time, does not show the slightest trace of a dinosaur. What caused this sudden extinction? The answer is not at all clear. There is no really satisfactory explanation for the sudden and complete extinction of the most spectacular animal fauna the Earth has ever known.

CHAOS

GENESIS 1:2

(Hebrew) Waw aretz hayah tohu wa bohu choshek al paniym tehowm
ruwach elohim rachaph al paniym mayim.

But the earth became desolate and empty, and darkness was upon the face of the raging waters [forming a global ice pack] and God the Holy Spirit was brooding [producing heat as if by incubation] over the surface of the waters.

Dr. Harry Rimmer, *Modern Science and the Genesis Record.* (Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1937), 29:

None of our present species of living creatures can be traced back to the Pleistocene period, which is the age just preceding the appearance of man. Moses and geology are in accord on that conclusion. This vast period which Moses covers in the second verse of Genesis; geology calls the great Ice Age. There is absolute proof in this science that the entire earth once suffered an overwhelming cataclysm, when ice and water covered the entire face of the globe.

James Dwight Dana /DAY-na/, 1813-1895: American geologist and naturalist. Editor *American Journal of Science* from 1840. Professor of natural history from 1849-64, and professor of geology and mineralogy from 1864-90 at Yale University. Leading American geologist of the day.

Quote from Dana in *Modern Science*, 29: “The accumulation of ice over North America must at least have been four to five thousand feet thick, with hundreds of feet of snow above this.”

Dr. Rimmer’s conclusion, *Modern Science*, 30: Now we must admit that so far as Moses was concerned, he was absolutely unlearned in modern science. Geology was not dreamed of until several thousands of years after Moses had died: how then is this ancient Book in such marvelous accord with the modern school of geology? It is impossible that Moses could have achieved this knowledge by natural means. The only possible explanation is that he, like the other men whose writings are preserved in the pages of the sacred Scripture, “spoke as he was moved by the Spirit of God!”

Many geologists conclude from the geologic record that a tremendous catastrophe occurred on this earth by the instant unleashing of the waters of the oceans, the creation of mountain ranges, and the freezing of these waters before they could recede by the withdrawal of all electromagnetic radiation. The end result was that the earth was encapsulated in a pitch-black “swaddling band” of ice, or if you prefer, the Pleistocene Epoch’s “Ice Age.”

RESTORATION

GENESIS 1:3

(Hebrew) Amar elohim amar hayah ovr hayah ovr.

And God said, “light be, and light was.

“***And God said***” is a mandate for light to appear on Planet Earth. The phrase, “***and light was***” indicates the response of Jesus Christ as Shekinah Glory in providing that light.

GENESIS 1:4

(Hebrew) Raah elohim raah ovr towb badal elohim badal ovr beyn choshek.

And God saw the light [that it was] ***good, and God divided the light from the darkness.***

The Father’s response: “***God saw the light that it was good,***” indicates His approval. However, He does not so classify darkness. God separated light from darkness. The light of the Lord is not all-pervading as in Genesis 1:1 but rather emanates from one side of the planet thus causing the opposite side to remain in darkness.

The question is, “Why have any darkness?” The Lord’s first order of business is to restore light but not to banish darkness. Darkness is retained but separated from light thus setting up an ongoing visual aid demonstration of the angelic conflict which rages outside our view.

Darkness was permitted to remain because the Appeal Trial of Satan was about to commence, and the battles of the Angelic Conflict were about to begin. A new species, the human race, would be placed in an environment in which each person will have his volition challenged: They will either follow the forces of light or follow the forces of darkness.

Thieme, R. B., Jr. *Creation, Chaos, & Restoration*. 1995, 15: “The devil cannot produce light, create life, nor provide regeneration. God allowed the darkness to coexist with the light just as He permits fallen angels to continue to exist with the elect angels and unbelievers to coexist with believers.”

2 Corinthians 4:6 - God, who said, [Genesis 1:3] “*Light shall shine out of darkness,*” is the One who has shone in our hearts [God consciousness] to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ [Gospel hearing].

Other verses comparing light and darkness. *John 1:4-5; 3:19-21; 8:12; 12:35-36; Romans 13:12; 2 Corinthians 6:14; Ephesians 5:8-13; 6:11-12; 1 Thessalonians 5:4-5; 1 Peter 2:9; 1 John 1:5-7; 2:8-11; Jude 6.*

GENESIS 1:5

(Hebrew) Qara elohim qara ovr yowm choshek qara layil hayah ereb hayah boqer hayah echad yowm.

And God called the light day and the darkness He called night. And the evening and the morning were the first day [of the six creative days].

Energized by inferred radiation from the Holy Spirit, the earth resumed rotation on its axis. Simultaneously, Light was reintroduced from a direct source, namely the Shekinah Glory. Light was separated from darkness and designated as “*day*” and “*night*” respectively.

We can conclude that after Lucifer started a revolution against God that a trial was held to determine whether he was innocent or guilty. We know that he, and the angels that followed him, were found guilty and sentenced to the Lake of Fire, **Matthew 25:41**. At that point Lucifer appealed the verdict, and in so doing, he assumed the position of defense attorney for himself and the fallen angels under the title of Satan, “adversary”, “accuser”.

The sentence was not carried out because Satan objected to the verdict saying something like, “How could a just and loving God throw His creatures into the Lake of Fire?” He sought an appeal & God granted his request. Human history is that appeal trial.

God restored planet earth to its original perfection, **Genesis 1:3 – 31**, so that new witnesses, mankind, could be called. Therefore we are able to conclude that the prehistoric angelic conflict began between verses 1 and 2 and the appeal trial will be resolved by the human race.

Phases in the Appeal Trial of Satan

