

## **THE SECOND DAY – EXPANSE (#2)**

The chaotic "**darkness**" problem of Gen.1:2 was resolved on Day One by God's Light (Gen.1:3-5).

The chaotic **water** problem of Gen.1:2 will be dealt with on the Second Day of restoration. "From the breath of God ice is made, and the expanse of the waters is frozen." (Job 37:10; Ezek.1:22)

Remember that the first three days of restoration are special Days of God. There are no solar or calendar days until the Fourth Day of restoration (Gen.1:14-19).

To resolve the chaotic water problem, it will require the Second and Third Days of restoration-creation (1:6-13).

We learned last week that God made (*asah/ kal pf*) the expanse (*raqiya*) to divide the chaotic waters into "above" waters and "below" waters.

*Asah* means to make something out of something already made. We assume this means that the expanse was made from the Light of God of Day One (1:3-5).

The expanse was a fixed space or a solid canopy over the earth.

The Hebrew direct object was used with expanse just like with the Light of Day One. The direct object places with the expanse places emphasis on the importance of the expanse in the order of creation for habitation.

### **Today's lesson will study the final five points of the Second Day Expanse**

#### **1. There is an important phrase missing from the Second Day – "God saw that it was good."**

Divine good is stated on every day but the Second. In fact, it is used twice on the Third and the Sixth day. On the Sixth day, the last time it is stated as **very good** (Gen.1:31).

**Why wasn't it used on the Second Day?** Most theologians think it was because it was being reserved for the God's judgment of the Ante-Diluvian Civilization of Noah's flood (Gen.7:11; 8:2; 9:8-17; Matt.24:37-39; 2 Pet.3:4-7).

#### **2. The Second Day expanse resulted in the removal of "tohu was bohu" (formless and void) of Gen.1:2 and making the condition of the earth to be inhabitable.**

It also resulted in the removal of the preserving work of the Holy Spirit "The Spirit of God was hovering over the waters." (Gen.1:2).

The Second Day Expanse created a global greenhouse atmosphere upon the earth:

(Ps.104:2-3) "Covering Yourself with light as with a cloak, stretching out heaven like a tent curtain. He lays the beams of His upper chambers in the waters; He walks upon the wings of the wind."

### 3. A new phrase is introduced on the Second Day.

“**And it was** (conjunction +hayah / kal impf) **so** (ken) [adverb]” (Gen.1:7).

New phrase refers to something previously described as now in the process of completing. It is a reference to something being fulfilled from the eternal plan of God (Heb.1:10-12; Gen.1:1; John 1:1; 1 John 1:1). “He set them in place forever and ever; He gave a decree that will never pass away.” (Ps.148:6; Ps. 8; 19) (Matt.5:18’ 24:35)

This new phrase is used on every day of restoration-creation except Day One and the Fifth Day.

- Day One dealt with the Light of God (Gen.1:3-5)
- The Fifth Day dealt with the Life from God (Gen.1:20-23).

This new phrase will be used twice on the Third and Sixth Days (pay attention to the Dry Land).

### 4. The Second Day Expanse resulted in a perfect environment for the pre-Adamic earth.

Adam and Eve lived in a suburb of this perfect environment known as the Garden of Eden (Gen.2:8-25).

The Garden of Eden was a place with perfect environment and perfect people.

While they lived in the Garden of Eden, they were without Adam’s original sin (AOS) and an old sin nature (OSN), thus there was no aging or physical death.

**Yet they sinned and “fell” like Satan and the fallen angels did!** You ask, “How is this possible?”

### 5. The answer is VOLITION of the soul on the Sixth Day.

God gave both the angels and mankind VOLITION - free will.

Volition with the freedom to obey or disobey the directive will of God.

The directive will of God is revealed as a decree of the eternal plan of God (Gen.2:17; 1 John 3:8; Luke 22:22; Matt.26:39)

(Ps.119:112) “I have inclined my heart to perform Your statutes forever, even to the end.” (Ps.105-112)

The Second Day teaches that human volition is more important to the Eternal Plan of God than perfect environment or perfect people.

- Perfect environment without regeneration will not solve the chaotic problem of AOS (1 Cor.15:22; Rom.5:12-21).
- Perfect environment will not solve the chaotic problem of OSN (1 Cor.6:19-20; Gal.3:2; Gal.5:16-17).
- Perfect environment didn’t help keep the perfect couple from sinning against the revealed directive will of God (Gen.2:17; 2 Cor.11:3-4; Rom.5:12, 17-19, 21).

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