

## THE THIRD DAY – DOUBLE WORK

God dealt with the chaotic water problem of Gen.1:2 on the Second and Third Days of restoration-creation.

- On the Second Day, God made the expanse which separated the chaotic waters into **Above and Below Waters** (Gen.1:6-8).
- On the Third Day, God gathered (qawah / niphah impf) the **Below Waters** into dry land and seas (Gen.1:10-11; Job 38:10).

In the first three days, the earth was being prepared for habitation by the removal of “tohu waw bohu” [void & without form] and the “hovering work” of Holy Spirit (Gen.1:2).

Note that the Third Day has a double work reference [God said plus “let”] (Gen.1:3, 8, 9, 11, 14, 20) [decree].

- The first work was the gathering of the Below Waters into dry land and sea (Gen.1:9-10).
- The second work was spouting of vegetation: seed bearing plants and seed bearing fruit trees (Gen.1:11-13).

<b>This lesson will study six aspects of the Third Day Double Work.</b>
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### **1. The Third Day concludes the removal of divine discipline of Gen.1:2 in order for the earth to be restored for habitation.**

Remember that the first three days of restoration-creation are **special DAYS**. Theologians refer to them as “Days of God”.

These days consist of things beyond the post-Diluvian world of science. It was a world without the solar system, which wasn't put in place until the Fourth Day (Gen.1:14-19).

(Isa.55:8-9) “For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways, declares the Lord. As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways and My thoughts than your thoughts”

### **2. The first work of the Third Day had three divine activities:**

- God said (Gen.1:9)
- God called (Gen.1:10a)
- God saw (Gen.1:10b) It produced dry land and seas.

God said two things on Third Day:

- First God said, “Let the waters below the heavens be gathered into one place.” (Gen.1:9a)
- Second God said, “Let the dry land appear; “and it was so (decreed; Prov.8:29).” (Gen.1:9b, 11)

God called two things by name on Third Day.

- First He called the dry land earth (Gen.1:10a) (Jonah 1:9; 2:10)
- Second He called the gathered waters seas.

3. **These three divine activities resulted in the Below Waters being gathered into dry land and seas as decreed in the eternal plan of God – “And it was so.” (Gen.1:10c) [previously described or decreed] (Gen.1:9, 11).**

Oceanography estimates that the Post Diluvian earth (today) is 70% seas and 30% dry land. “The world is really on huge ocean, broken up here and there by islands that we call continents.” (World Book of Encyclopedia, pg.490) (2 Pet.3:4-7)

**This was a world before the solar system** - “Waves are set in motion by winds, earthquakes, and gravitational pull of the moon and sun. Tides are caused chiefly by the gravitational pull of the moon.”

4. **The second work of Third Day had two divine activities:**

- God said (Gen.1:11) and God saw (Gen.1:12-13).
- It produced vegetation such as plants with seeds and fruit trees

(Gen.1:11a) **God said**, “Let the earth **sprout** (hiphal impf) **vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees on the earth bearing fruit after their kinds with seed in them; and it was so.** The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed after their kind, and trees bearing fruit with seed in them, after their kind.”

When the eye is weak or tired place a green shade over it, it will bring relief. Green is the most restful color to human vision.

(Ps.104:14) “He causes the grass to grow for the cattle, and vegetation for the labor of man, .so that he may bring forth food for the earth.”

(Gen.1:12-13) **God saw** that it was good. There was evening and there was morning, a third day.”

5. **The Third Day produced mature plants and fruit trees with self-perpetuating seeds (DNA boundaries).**

“After their kind (species).” A new concept is introduced (Gen.1:11, 12, 21, 24, 25/ not used on the 4<sup>th</sup> day).

This is the divine origin of species. This answers the question of: “what came first, the chicken or the egg?”

“God gives it a body just as He wished, and to each of the seeds a body of it own.” (1 Cor.15:38; Matt.6:28-30)

The Third Day had two divine **decreed** described as – “And it was so.” (Gen.1:9, 11) [Double work]

“The DNA for each kind is programmed to allow for wide individual variations within the kind, but not beyond the structure of the kind itself.” (Morris, pg.70) Evolution within its own species.

6. **This is the final vocabulary lesson given by God regarding restoration-creation.**

God will not use the word (gara) [called] n the next three days.

- **Day One** Light, day, morning; Darkness, night, evening (Gen.1:5)
- **The Second Day** Expanse in heaven (Gen.1:8)
- **The Third Day** Dry land earth; Below waters seas (Gen.1:10)