

SECOND DAY EXPANSE

On the second day of restoration-creation, God dealt with the vertical chaotic water problem of Gen.1:2.

Resolving the chaotic vertical water problem of Gen.1:2 will require the Second and Third Days of restoration-creation (Gen.1:6-8; 1:9-13).

On the Second Day, God made (asah/ kal pf) the expanse (raqia) that separated the vertical water into horizontal water (above and below) the expanse.

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

The Hebrew direct object (eth) was used with the expanse just like the Light of Day One. The direct objects places emphasis on the importance of the expanse for habitation (Isa.45:18).

<p>This lesson will study <u>six points</u> of the Second Day Expanse.</p>

1. Second Day had four divine activities.

- **God said** (amar/ kal impv/ 2x) – **Let** there be an expanse in the midst of the waters **and let** it separate the waters from the waters.
- **God made** (asah/ kal pf) – the expanse
- **God separated** (badal/ hiphil impf) - separated the waters which were below the expanse from the waters which were above the expanse.
- **God called** (qara/ kal impf) – the expanse heavens and there was evening and morning, a second day.
Vocabulary words: expanse (raqia) and heavens (shamayim)

2. The Second Day expanse resulted in the removal of “tohu-waw-bohu” (formless and void) of Gen.1:2.

It also resulted in the removal of the preserving work of the Holy Spirit over the chaotic water of Gen.1:2.

The expanse was a fixed space like a solid canopy or thermal blanket over earth for habitation (Isa.40:22; 45:12). It had humidity due to mist not rain with a uniform temperature (Gen.2:5-6).

It resulted in a global greenhouse atmosphere upon the pre-Adamic earth. “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.” (Ps.104:2-3)

3. The Second Day expanse resulted in perfect environment for habitation of earth.

Adam and Eve will live in this perfect environment in a suburb called, Garden of Eden (Gen.2:8-25).

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

4. The Second Day teaches that human volition with the freedom to obey or disobey is more important to the plan of God than perfect environment or perfect people.

Perfect environment without faith in the perfect will of God is no match in the angelic conflict with the Devil (2 Tim.2:26).

Perfect environment didn't keep a perfect Adam and Eve from volitionally sinning against the revealed directive will of God (Gen2:17; Rom.5:12-21).

5. A new phrase is introduced on the Second Day – “And it was so.” It can be translated, “And it came to pass” or “As previously described.”

It is used as a reference back to what was decreed at the Eternal Life Conference (Heb.1:10-12; Rom.1:19-20; Ps.19:1).

This phrase was **not used** on Day One or Fifth Day or Seventh Day. It was **used** once on Second (Gen.1:7) and Fourth Day (Gen.1:15) and two times on Third Day (Gen.1:9, 11) and Sixth Day (Gen.1:24, 30).

6. Second Day is the only day that God did not say, “It was good.” Seventh Day is unique because restoration-creation is complete (Gen.2:1-3).

In the Noahic flood of the Antediluvian world, the water from above and below the Second Day Expanse was used (Gen.7:11; 8:2; 9:8-17) [Rainbow Covenant].

Perfect Timing in Plan of God (Eccl.3:1):

(Gen.7:11) “In the 600th year of Noah’s life, in the second month, on the 17th day of the month, on the same day all the fountains of the great deep burst open, and the floodgates of the sky were opened.”

(2 Pet.3:5-6) “For when they maintain this, **it escapes their notice that by the word of God** the heavens existed long ago, and the earth was formed out of water and by water, through which the world at that time was destroyed, being flooded with water.”