

In the Beginning Darkness Covered the Earth *– Part 1*

Genesis 1:1-2 – In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. (2) The earth was without form, and void; and darkness *was* on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

In the beginning we see chaos, a great void, and destruction. The same is evidenced in our lives due to a separation from our Lord and Savior. Thus the results of the fall of man are captured in the first day of creation. When the Adam fell out of the presence of God, out of the glory of God, it caused void, waste, chaos, and desolation. **Adam moved** into a wilderness dimension of darkness which separated him from the presence of God and so we do the same. However, we also see a restoration process. God is the Alpha and Omega, the Beginning and the End. He is declaring the end from the beginning. He is telling us the divine plan of restoration of humanity. We are always in His heart, we are His creation, we are His offspring.

Without the Lord we are void, we live in chaos and in a destructive dimension. “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.” The **earth** is your earth. It’s also a physical dimension of the land that we know as the whole earth. The earth is also represented as “*a field, a ground, a world, a wilderness*.” These words are symbolic of Adam.

Genesis 1:2 (NASB) – The earth (land, country, world, field, wilderness, Adam, ground, dust) was formless (chaos, confusion, unreality, emptiness, that which is empty or unreal (of idols) wilderness, place of chaos, vanity, lie waste) and void (to be empty); and darkness (night, misery, death, destruction, ignorance, sorrow, wickedness, obscurity, to hide, conceal) was over the surface (face, identity, presence) of the deep (abyss (of sea which is unregenerate humanity), deep places, to

distract, to murmur, confuse, discomfit, be moved, crush, trouble, vex, be turbulent), **and the Spirit** (life, imparting an overcoming executive & administrative power, endowing men with various gifts, manifesting the Shekinah glory) **of God** (the Hebrew word “Elohim” is grammatically plural and means the supreme God, the true God, and also signifies rulers, judges, divine ones, angels, mighty men, strength, power, strongman) was **moving** (hover, shake) **over the surface** (face, presence, identity) of the **waters** (soul, waters of feet, urine, semen, to flood, transitory things, to be melted, dissolved).

Adam was removed from the garden and was now put in the field; a place symbolic of an uncultivated area of our life, unproductive, inactive, void of the presence and power of the Creator.

We see a separation caused by turmoil, chaos, and emptiness but then we see the Spirit moving; causing **restoration**. "And the **earth was without form**, and **void**; and **darkness** was upon the **face** of the **deep**. The term '**without form and void**' describes a **state of judgment**, of separation, and of destruction.

This is what happened to Adam when he fell from the state of perfection into chaos and **self-destruction**. Now he was ruled by his emotions and feelings of **self-will** instead **of by the Spirit of God** who knows the beginning from the end.

From the foundation of the earth, God reveals His mighty plans and purposes for His creation – man, who was made of the earth.

God declared His plans/His glory in the heavens and wrote it in the sky. The Word says, “The heavens declare the glory of God.”

God declared His plan in the journey of the Israelites who went from the land of **Egypt** (bondage) to the land of **Canaan** (the promised land).

He declared it in the pattern of His Tabernacle in three dimensions; the outer court, the Holy place, and the Holy of Holies. In the outer court we

meet Jesus, in the Holy place we meet the Holy Spirit, and in the Holy of Holies we meet the Father. The Holy of Holies is found beyond the veil, beyond our flesh. This is the place where we have seized striving/ existing, have picked up our cross and have recognized that Jesus' death was our death, His burial was our burial – the burial of our old Adam, and when Jesus arose from the dead...so did we.

As Paul said in **Philippians 3:10-11**, that I may know Him in the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of **His sufferings, being conformed to His death;** ⁽¹¹⁾ if, by any means, **I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.**

We began **as this earth — earthy** (molded of the dust), **void and formless**, with an **unknown deep within**.

In His love, God would send His Spirit over the earth. "[. . . the Spirit of God **moved upon the face** (our identity) **of our waters**"(of our unregenerate humanity).

Genesis 1:1 – “In the beginning God created the **heavens** (waters above, abode of God, mind of Christ) **and the earth** (waters below, ground, earthy, Adam, body).”

As I mentioned earlier, the **earth** is your earth, but it's also a physical dimension of the world. It is the field, ground, and wilderness *and is symbolic of Adam*. As we know **Adam** came from the **ground**, the **earth**; also known as **dust**. The Lord told the **Serpent** that he would crawl on his belly and **eat dust** all the days of his life. God said **dust** would be the **Serpent's food**. We know snakes don't eat dust they eat mice, rats, etc. **Dust** represents Adam's nature, his carnality, his selfish desires of the external realm. The dust represents the uncultivated, unproductive areas of his nature that would keep him out of the presence of God and keep him bound to his soul, his emotions, and feelings. Adam now lived according to his flesh instead of living according to the Word and Spirit of God.

Gen 2:7 says, Then the Lord God **formed man** of **dust** from the **ground**, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.

The **earth is symbolic** of our **natural physical body**. **God** formed **Adam** from the **earth**. We are **earthy**.

1 Corinthians 15:47-49 – The **first man** is from the **earth**, **earthy**; the second man is from heaven. ⁽⁴⁸⁾ **As is the earthy, so also are those** who are **earthy**; and as is the heavenly, so also are those who are heavenly. ⁽⁴⁹⁾ **Just as we have borne the image of the earthy**, we will also bear the image of the heavenly.

1 Corinthians 2:9 – Eye has not seen or ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love HIM!!

Because we live in a physical world and are so subject to the physical dimension that surrounds us, we have become accustomed to the physicality of our existence. However, our physical dimension limits us. It produces in us mind sets, false beliefs, and behavior patterns that make us dependent on our senses; that which we can see and touch. But in order to know God in Spirit and Truth, we must walk and live in faith. For we walk by faith not by sight (2 Cor. 5:7). We should not live our lives by sight but we should live our lives by faith in God, in His Word, and in who He is.

Corinthians 4:18 is another scripture that comes to mind regarding things which are seen.

2 Corinthians 4:18 – While we **look not** at the **things which are seen**, but at the **things** which **are not seen**: for the **things which are seen are temporal**; but the **things** which are **not seen are eternal**.

We are learning to walk by the living WORD of God and not by the natural/physical realm of our surroundings or our life circumstances. We

are being trained to walk in our true identity and to have vision to see in the spirit, beyond the natural realm in which we live.

For God Seeks What Has Passed By

God is the same yesterday, today, and forever (Hebrews 13:8). And history repeats itself. Why? Because we see in God's word His omnipotent plans and we also see that His ways are higher than ours. We have to understand that the word of God is a spiritual language and that we must be in the Spirit to fully understand His Word. In the bible, God's revelation is repeated through patterns, types, metaphors, and similes. That said, let's take a look at Ecclesiastes 3:15.

Ecclesiastes 3:15 (NASB) – That which is has been already and that which will be has already been, for God seeks what has passed by.

I love this word. Basically it is saying, what is happening now has happened before, and what will happen in the future has happened before, because God makes the same things happen over and over again (NLT). The verse and its principle speak volumes; from the foundation of the world, all things were complete in Him and by Him.

In Genesis 1:2 we see an incomplete state revealed, followed by a **restoration**.

Genesis 1:2 – "And the **earth** (earth itself, our earth-earthly body of skins that had been exchanged for the skins of glory) was now **without form**, and **void** (state of judgment); and **darkness** (a destructive state, misery) **was upon the face** (identity) **of the deep** (abyss (of the sea of unregenerate humanity) deep places of our being, places of distraction, murmuring, confusion, discomfited, crushed, troubled, vexed and turbulent).

We see the destruction and devastation in the first day was followed by restoration. “The **earth was without form and void and darkness was upon the face...**” The word **face represents identity of the deep**.

Without the Lord we are void, we live in chaos, and in a destructive dimension.

Where’s your identity? Is it in the dimension of the earthy? Is it in the dimension of this earth, the world, or is it in the garden, the high places of the rivers of living water that are coming from the throne to bring healing and deliverance to the nations? You were created to be living water poured out to the nations for reconciliation and restoration.

We are either living in the earthy, our humanity of self, or we are living in the reproduction power of the Spirit of God that brings life to all humanity. God has subjected all things to man (Heb. 2:8). We have the power to change the atmosphere, to call those things that don’t exist as though they do.

The word **darkness** means night, misery, death, destruction, ignorance, sorrow, wickedness, obscurity, to hide and conceal. When we are in **darkness** we are in misery, we are in sorrow, and we are in a destructive state; we’re in a death realm.

The verse says that darkness (a destructive state, misery) was over the **surface** (identity, face) of **the deep**. The word **deep** means” abyss”. **Abyss** means “*to be agitated greatly, troubled, a destructive dimension, to disturb, to break, and to be vexed.*” **Abyss** is also the deep seated crevices of hidden agendas and secrets of the heart that vex us. We can apply these terms to our life. When we live in darkness, the deep hidden secrets of our heart and in hidden agendas, it keeps us in bondage and in a place of great void, emptiness. Darkness causes separation from our God.

Now let's focus on the last half of **Genesis 1:2** – And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness *was* upon the face **and the Spirit** (life, imparting an overcoming executive & administrative power, endowing men with various gifts, manifesting the Shekinah glory) **of God** (Elohim – in Hebrew denotes plurality and means the supreme God, the true God, and also signifies rulers, judges, divine ones, angels, mighty men, strength, power, strongmen) **was moving** (hover, shake) **over the surface** (face, presence, identity) **of the waters** (soul, waters of feet, urine, semen, to flood, transitory things, to be melted, dissolved).

In the **latter** part of **Genesis 1:2** we see the **Spirit of God moving** upon the **identity of the waters**, which is our unregenerate humanity, the external dimension of the desires of the soul of man. He is shaking our very being, our identity. You may ask why the shaking? Because God is removing all aspects of our identity that are not of Him in order to bring forth a people who are called by His name to represent Him as His offspring; a church without spot or wrinkle washed in the blood of Lamb (Eph. 5:27, Acts. 15:15-17).

Hebrews 12:27 – This expression, “Yet once more,” denotes the **removing** (transposition (to alter in form or nature; transform,) transferal, disestablishment (to abolish) (of law) to alter the status of, something established by authority or general acceptance, to change) **of those things which can be shaken**, as of **created things** (that are made, produced, action or performance, construct, matter), **so that those things which cannot be shaken may remain**.

And the movement of the Spirit, the very life of the expression of His power and authority of the heavenly realm, is hovering and shaking our waters of our defiled humanity and is melting/dissolving them to be transformed into His character and nature as we will see in **2 Peter 3:10-13**.

2 Peter 3:10 (NASB) – But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, in which **the heavens** (exalted place, our mind) **will pass away with a**

roar (thunderous crash) and the **elements** (material universe, sphere of activity, environment of man) **will be destroyed** (dissolved) **with intense heat (fire)** and the **earth** and its **works** will be **burned up**.

The Greek word for **fire is pur** (Strong's #4442). It is the root of many of our English words; pure, purify, purge and purification.

1 Peter 1:5-6 (NLT) – And through your faith, God is protecting you by his power **until you receive this salvation**, which is **ready to be revealed on the last day for all to see**. (6) So be truly glad. There is wonderful joy ahead, even though you have to endure many trials for a little while.

1 Peter 1:7 (NIV) – that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is **tested by fire** (#4442 purifies, purge, refined), may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ,

Hebrews 12:29 (KJV) – For our God is a consuming **fire** (#4442 purify, purge, refine).

In the above scripture the word fire is used to describe the purifying character of God.

Fire means to cause a combustion or a burning, to ignite; set on fire in which substance combines **chemically** (a chemical is a substance or compound that has been purified or prepared) **with oxygen** and **releases heat and light** and is accompanied by **a flame**; luminous or brilliance, as a cut and polished gemstone. **Flame**, supernatural fire accompanies a theophany which is the invisible manifesting in the visible; heat and light.

I love **Jeremiah 5:14** (NASB). It says, “[...**I am making MY WORDS in your mouth FIRE** and this people wood, and it will consume them.

What is going to consume them? The Word of God!

Jeremiah 23:29 – **Is not My word like fire?**” declares the LORD, “and like a hammer which shatters a rock?”

2 Peter 3:11 – Since all these things are thus **in the process of being dissolved** (loosen, destroy, break forth, melt, disappear, consume), **what kind of person ought you to be** in consecrated and **holy behavior** and **devout** and **godly qualities**,

It is very clear that the scripture is not speaking about a physical burning or setting on fire. It is speaking of the consuming fire of God; which is the Word of God that burns away and purifies all the ungodly deeds and rebellion within our humanity to bring forth a purified purged people without spot or wrinkle; a pure church. The book of Jude presents another confirmation of God’s purpose. It is to convict man so that he will repent and be changed.

Jude 1:14-15 – It was also about these men that Enoch, in the seventh generation from Adam, prophesied, saying, “Behold, the Lord came with many thousands of His holy ones, ⁽¹⁵⁾ **to execute judgment upon all**, and **to convict all the ungodly of all their ungodly deeds** which they have done in an ungodly way, and of **all the harsh things which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him.**”

2 Peter 3:12-13 – **While** you wait and **earnestly** long for the **coming** of the **day of God** by **reason** of which the **flaming** (to burn with fire, ignited, purged, refined) **heavens** (exalted place in man’s mind, **to expiate sin**) will be **dissolved** (loosen, destroy, break), **and the** [material] **elements** (self-works, everything man has made or created; simplest or essential principle of which anything consists or which the fundamental powers of anything are based) **will flare and melt** (loose, dissolve, destroy, break up) **with fire**. (13) But according to his promise we await **new heavens** and a **new earth** in which **righteousness dwells**.

We can see in this scripture that a new heaven and new earth is talking about us; a people who receive a new mind, the mind of Christ, and a

new earth, a new glorified body where righteousness dwells. That is pretty clear!

Romans 8:18-25 – For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us. ¹⁹ For the anxious longing of the creation waits eagerly for the revealing of the sons of God. ²⁰ For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself also will be set free from its slavery to corruption into the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²² For we know that the whole creation groans and suffers the pains of childbirth together until now. ²³ And not only this, but also we ourselves, having the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our body. ²⁴ For in hope we have been saved, but hope that is seen is not hope; for who hopes for what he *already* sees? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, with perseverance we wait eagerly for it.

Here we see a people enveloped in the heavens, the Spirit, and anxiously awaiting to be clothed with their glorified body. Salvation is completeness in spirit, soul and body. We have been born again; our spirit has been saved, our soul is being saved and our body shall be saved. The last enemy, the last opposing force is death which we are to overcome as we follow Jesus the pattern Son beyond the veil into the Holy of Holies. Then no longer we live, but the Christ now lives within us.

Revelation 21:1 says, Then I saw a new heaven (new mind, mind of Christ) and a new earth (new body, glorified body); for the first heaven and the first earth passed away, and there is no longer any sea (unregenerate humanity).

There is no longer any sea in our life because we are no longer being tossed to and fro by the sea of our emotions, our external realm, and because we are no longer governed by our senses, our soul, but we are now completely governed by the Spirit.

James 1:6 – But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind.

Through the scriptures we receive revelation that they are not just speaking about a physical earth but they are speaking about the character of Christ developed in a people who have been set free from the below waters (unregenerate humanity).

In six (symbolic of humanity) days, **God restores** the earth, that is the earthy, the first Adam who was in chaos, misery, darkness and **destruction**. We are approaching the **Seventh Day, His rest**, the day of completeness and perfection in **Christ the Last Adam**, the life giving Spirit, a perfected day, a complete day, A New Day!