

CONNECTING THE DOTS ----- "HERE' A LITTLE THERE A LITTLE"

Do you remember back when you were young, 5 - 6 - 7 or so? We would spend time coloring in pictures that were in a coloring book that always challenged us to stay within the lines?

In some of these coloring books were pages that only had scattered dots on the page with numbers or letters above or beside the dots. We were to follow the dots 1 to 2 - 2 to 3 or follow the a to b - b to c and so forth. Before drawing a line to fill the empty space we would stare and study the pages with dots, numbers or letters to see if we could guess what those dots when filled in would bring a picture of. The picture always came clear after drawing a line from point 1 to 2 then to 3 and so forth.

The lines drawn in between the numbering dots would solve the mystery picture. Sometimes our guessing what it pictures was right and other times wrong! It was fun and challenging.

Those dots with numbers or letters are like the verses in the Bible, when looking to solve a mystery found in God's word. We are admonished in Isa 28:



verses 9 and 10, to do just that.

“Who shall He teach knowledge? And whom shall He

make to understand doctrine? Them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts. For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little.” God's instruction book to life is telling us, we will not

see a clear picture of a mystery verses until we fill in the gaps, the space between the verse numbers.

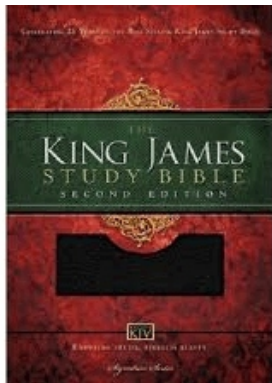
If we will look “A little here and a little there,” God's truth will be presented clearly and logically with one point leading naturally on to another. It's only then that a person becomes thoroughly acquainted to God's truth. But being acquainted to truth without having God's Holy Spirit, will only leave us unable to understand God's word of truth, according to 1 Cor 2: verse 10, that reveals truth. “God has revealed truth unto us by His spirit: for the spirit searches all things, yea, the deep things of God. For what man knows the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? Even so the things of God knows no man, but the Spirit of God. Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, [traditions of Judaism and Protestantism] but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God”(1 Cor 2:10-12). For a person not having God's Holy Spirit, will have difficulty connecting, Precept upon precept—line upon line—here a little and there a little.

Lets now address the first 3 verses in God's instruction book, to learn more knowledge and understanding! In Gen 1: 1- 3, we will see where God sets the stage for our first test on “Precept upon precept-- line upon line here a little there a little.” Gen 1: verse 1 “**In the beginning** God created the heaven and the earth.” That verse starts with “**In the beginning God.**” These words remind us of the fact that everything has a beginning. Our Sovereign God alone sits over time without beginning or end!

The opening words of scripture draws a striking contrast between all that is **human, temporal, and mortal** and that which is **divine, eternal and Godly**. Reminding us of our human limitations. “In a

beginning,” not “In **the** beginning, points us to God who is ever the same, and whose years have no end or beginning. “And, you, Lord, in the beginning has laid the foundation of the Earth; and the **heavens** are the works of thine hands: they shall perish; but You remains; and they all shall wax old as doth a garment; and as a vesture shalt you fold them up, and they shall be changed: but You art the same, and Your years shall not fail” (Heb 1:10-12),

Next we should also notice the word "**heaven**" should be translated as "**heavens**" – plural. Many translation acknowledged this correction already. **Verse 2** in Gen 1, “And the earth **was** without form, and void.” This same Hebrew word "**was**" is used in Gen 2: 7 and Gen 9: 15, both verses are translated into the English word "**became**." It denotes a condition that was different from the former condition. So verse 2 should read, “And the earth "**became**" without form and void. [waste and empty]. Tohu and bohu and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.” **Verse 3**, “And God said, let there be light: and there was light.”



The King James Study Bible, published by Thomas Nelson, interprets these verses by commenting, “In a beginning (Heb **be -resh -it**): creation marks the absolute Beginning of the temporal and material world. The traditional

Jewish and Christian belief is that Genesis 1.1 declares that God Created the heaven and earth from nothing (Lat -- ex -- nihi- lo) and that verse 2 clarifies that when it came from the Creators hand, The mass was “without form and void,” unformed and without any Life. The rest of the chapter then explains the process of creation in detail. There is no evidence in the Hebrew text for long ages of evolutionary development **or a gap of time between verse 1 and verse 2.**

That is a clear belief and teaching from scholars, who have been educated in the traditions of Judaism or the traditions Protestantism. It was this **same Judaism - Protestant theological teaching's** that tore the “Worldwide Church of God” apart. Satan found a weakness in its leadership after Mr

Armstrong’s death.

They lost their focus on the principles of the Sabbath days, God's Holy Days, and the true meaning of Jesus Christ's sacrifice! They became blinded and confused after attending and graduating from Fuller Theological Seminary Collage, in Pasadena, California, which is a Protestant Collage.

God’s word, His truth left the church and it became tohu and bohu — waste and empty. That was what happened after the church leadership departed from believing and teaching biblical truth. In 1 Cor 14: verse 33 and verse 40 tells us, “**God is not the author of confusion**, but of peace, as in all Churches of the saints.” and in **Verse 40**, “**So -- let all things be done decently and in order.**” Those two verses does not back up **Gen 1: verse 2**, when God originally created the heavens and the earth. **Gen 1 and verse 2 reads**, “The earth **BECAME** without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep.’ That sounds like there was confusion and disorder. Lets not depart from God's true teaching.

Notice John chapter 1, there it is revealed that "in a beginning" a certain relationship existed between God the Father and Jesus the Christ. In that relationship Jesus Christ willingly and unconditionally submitted to the authority and leadership of God the Father. Jesus Christ would be the executive to always carry out the Father's will. According to John 1:1 - 2, “In a beginning was the Word, [Jesus the Christ] and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God.

Within that foundational relationship, They together determined to reproduce Themselves and to create a family of God beings. But Their first step towards that goal, was to create helpers. So they created a myriad number of angels, to preceded Their human physical creation. It took a period of time training all these newly created angelic beings to respond to God’s perfect Devine laws and desires that was needed, if they were to watch over the Kingdom of God.

It was during this time period, the one who became Satan, trained as a covering cherub, in the very presence of God the Father and Jesus the Christ. He [Lucifer] was at this time the highest of all the created beings. “You art the anointed cherub [notice he was not an angel, he was a cherub] that covers; and I have set you so: you were upon the holy mountain of God; you have walked up and down in the midst of the

stones of fire. You were perfect in your ways from the day that you were Created, till iniquity [SIN] was found in you” (Ezekiel 28:14-15). This was the first sin and Satan caused one-third of the angels to follow him in rebellion. It was during this time period God was creating the universe in which to carry out His plans, for His created family to have a residency.

All the angels witnessed this great creation of the universe. It was an unbelievable achievement of perfection, they witnessed, they saw the universe fill up with the mass of stars, planets and the milky way, and the rotation of the galaxies.

That is not what the tradition of Judaism and Protestantism teach or believe. They believe all was just a mass of unformed matter that was without life. Remember what we read in 1 Corinthians: “God is not the author of confusion.” “God is the author of peace. God is the author of order and laws.” Why would God **create** the earth in chaos and disorder, and then have to straighten it out? That doesn't make sense!

The Hebrew word for - “created” is [bara - baw-raw] Strong's # 1254, in Genesis 1:1. It implies that the creation was perfect, and in a beautiful order— not in chaos or confusion. Created, also expresses a completed action in the past. When the angles watched “God create the heavens and the earth” there was a spontaneous feeling in them to sing and to shout with a joy of excitement for what they just witnessed.

We read of that fact in Job 38. This is where we see the Lord giving Job his first challenge to answer for his self-righteousness. “Where were you [Job] when I laid the foundations of the earth? Declare, if you have understanding. Who has laid the measures thereof, if you know? Or who has stretched the line upon it? Where upon are the foundations thereof fastened? Or who laid the corner stone thereof; when the morning stars sang together, and all the sons

of God shouted for joy?” (Job 38: 4 - 70).

God is speaking to Job about a time prior **before the creation of man**, when only angles and Lucifer were present, at the time He created the heavens and the earth. When God had completed creating the heavens, this universe, and the earth. In Gen 1: verse 1, is when the angles sang and shouted for joy. The earth glimmered like a jewel in space. At this point God still continued training the angels, and Lucifer who became Satan, who He sent to rule over the earth that had just been created perfect,

At this beginning point was when Lucifer was to take over, God expressed a high level of importance along with an entrusted responsibility to one third of the angels that were under the leadership of the one who became Satan. They were sent to prepare this planet earth for the next phase of God's plan, which was the creation of physical human beings.

While Satan was here on earth as the leader over one third of all the angels; he generated a totally new way of thinking, One that had never before existed anywhere in the universe. It was the way of “me first,” the way of selfishness, the way of get rather than the way of give. It was in total opposition to the way God and all the angels had always functioned.

Satan became extremely vain and determined in his mind to take over God the Father's throne and supreme rulership of the universe. We find evidence of this in Isaiah 14 “**I will** ascend above the heights of the clouds; **I will** be like the Most high. Yet you shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit” (Isa 14: 14 --15). So Satan, by lying, and using deception and flattery, coerced every single one of the angels under his leadership to join him in rebellion against God. He formed the first ever “army” of war lords.

It was at this time the cherub Lucifer got his title -Satan. In Jude 6 we read of the evidence of angelic demons following Satan leadership. “The angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, [left there inherited earth with Satan their ruler].” It was at this period a great battle for control of the universe caused astronomical destruction upon the earth and much of the universe. Animal and plant life that then lived was destroyed and were rapidly buried, [covered over] and became fossilized. The earth then became chaotic, waste and empty, just as Gen 1 verse 2, properly rendered it.

We are now confronted with a totally different scene. We now see an earth that had come to be in

33 “For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints.”

40 “Let all things be done decently and in order.”

1 Cor 14: 33, 40

ruins in darkness and covered with water and life was taken from it. There is no indication as to how long this battle with Satan continued, but we do understand that at some point -- Satan and his army rose up from this earth to confront God, in an attempt to grab control of the universe from God and to take over His ruling position.

In the battle that ensued, Satan and his followers were emphatically defeated, they were thrown back down to this earth like bolts of lightning. Luke 10:18 tells us, "I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven." In the process of this rebellion against God; a great deal of damage had been inflicted to the earth and universe. Everything that had been achieved in the physical creation up to that point in time **was destroyed, pot marked and laid waste**. The universe, our solar system, had also suffered some physical damage.

There is one other point that needs notice in Genesis 1: verse 2, "And the earth was without form, and void [tohu and bohu], And darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters." This one thing to notice is the major error Creationist's make, They attribute the totality of earth's strata to a flood in Noah's day. They overlook the physical evidence of event's including flooding before and up to the climax of Gen 1: 2.

Back to our original point that was to fill in what traditional Judaism and Protestant's teach their students to believe, that is— God created the earth "without form and life." In Isaiah 45:18, is found a inspired third verse claiming and proving God did not create this earth in tohu and bohu, that is, not in confusion, not in disorder, **not desolate empty and pot holed with marks**. Read this inspired verse, "For thus saith the Lord that created the heavens; God, Himself that formed the earth and made it; He has established it, He created it not in vain, [**tohu**] [that is to lie in waste] He formed it to be inhabited: I am the Lord; and there is none else".

It is very clear there is a gap, a space of many years of time between Gen 1: 1 creation by God and a recreation – a renewed earth. In the Psalms of David - a man after God's own heart, reveals a fourth verse proving God did not create the earth in tohu or in bohu– waste and empty. In Psalms 104:30 we read, David is speaking and clarifying Gen 1:2 by recognizing. "You God sent forth Your spirit, they are created: and You **renewed the face of the earth.**"

Earth was designed to be the home of man from the beginning, regardless of what may be the purpose of Satan, and what ruin he and his demons may have accomplish by sin. But God's original plan will at length be carried out. Sin only had postponed the realization of that purpose.

There is another verse we need to make clear when speaking about Gen 1:and verse 2. We find that verse in the chapter of Commandments, Exo 20 :11, "For in six days the Lord **made** heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them **is**, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day, and hallowed it." Here we are told, "In six days the Lord **"made"** heaven and earth.

This is another verse the traditions of Judaism and Protestantism use to support their no gap theory between Gen 1:1 -3. Another word in that verse is the word "**made**" [Exo 20:11], it is Strong's number 6213. Looking up it's meaning in the New Brown-Driver-Briggs-Gesenius - Hebrew -English-Lexicon, and the Gesenius Hebrew-Chaldee - Lexicon, of the Old Testament, the meaning for # 6213 "**Made**" is in past tense,

a completed action in the past;

a work performed - past tense;

exercise sovereigns over performed signs - past tense;

made something into something- past tense;

accomplished to bring forth- past tense'

make something out of something -past tense;

attend to put in order - past tense."

Not one of these definition uses a term of being made recently created. All are verbs - past tense -- renew meanings.

Exo 20:11 reads, "For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day, and hallowed it." That verse brings us to God in the person of Jesus Christ, who then proceeded to repair the damage done to this earth. God started off by thinning out the fumes and vapors that had covered over this planet earth, remember it was in a state of tohu and bohu, chaotic - confusion wasted

and empty.

It was not till the fourth day, that the sun and the crescent moon actually became visible from the earth's vantage point. By then the atmosphere was becoming clear, and the daily cycles of the sun and the moon could be readily observed, allowing the remaining activities, that is the basic sequence of events, that lead up to the creation of man. But some light above the firmament was able to penetrate to the surface of the earth on the first day, even though a heavy cloud cover remained.

As far as criticizing this understanding which recognizes "a gap" between the first two verses of Genesis is concerned, there are many other places in the Bible where there is "a gap" in time between two successive verses. God never said, or implied that the Bible would be written in clear, easy-to-follow terms, where everything is always in a chronologically perfect sequence or in a perfect table of events.

Isaiah 28: 13 says, "But the word of the Lord was unto them precept upon precept, Precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and There a little; that they might go, and fall backward, and be broken, and snared, and taken."

Look at the next chapter Isaiah 29: verse 11 says, "And the vision of all is become unto you as the words of a book that is sealed, which men deliver to one that is learned, saying, read this, I pray you: and he saith, I cannot; for it is sealed."



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People who gather their information from the tradition of Judaism or Protestantism, will not really understand what has been written today. But those of you who are called members of God's church, will understand. You might want to go back and read Mr. Armstrong's booklet, "Did God Create a Devil." It provided much of the information used for this message today. along with God's true inspired teaching! 📖

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"THANK YOU"

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