

THE SECOND DAY – EXPANSE (#1)

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).

**The Second Day Expanse will be studied in two lessons.
The first lesson will study five aspects of the Second Day Expanse.**

1. The Second Day of restoration had the following four divine activities.

God said	(amar / kal impf)	Let there be an expanse in the midst of the water.
God made	(asah / kal pf)	The expanse was made from the Light of God.
God separated	(badal / hiphil impf)	The waters into above and below waters.
God called	(qara / kal impf)	Divine vocabulary: “expanse”.

2. Divine vocabulary will be given each day of restoration.

A divine vocabulary is important to our learning and understanding of creation.

Day One had two lists of vocabulary words.

- The first list consisted of light, day and morning.
- The second list consisted of darkness, night and evening.

Second day has one new word to learn – expanse

NOTE: It is interesting that the phrase “God saw that it was good” is missing from the Second Day. It is the only day that the phrase wasn’t used.

3. On the Second Day, God made (asah / kal pf) the expanse.

Asah means that the expanse was made out of something that already existed. The probable answer would be God’s Light of Day One (Ps.104:2-3).

The word “expanse” is interpreted differently in three languages:

- Vulgate (Latin) Called it firmamentum (The firmament) [KJ]
- Septuagint (Greek) Called it stereoma (A solid canopy)
- Hebrew Called it raqiya (An expanse) [A fixed space]

The NAS and NIV called it expanse (a fixed space).

Therefore, the Second Day Expanse resolved the chaotic water problem of Gen.1:2. The expanse replaced the hovering work of the Holy Spirit of Gen.1:2 (preservation of the waters).

4. The Second Day Expanse was a fixed space separating the waters of Gen.1:2 into water “above” and water “below”. (Gen.1:6-8; Ps.136:5-6; Isa.40:21-22)

Some of this water will be used for the flood in Noah’s day.

- The water above the expanse will be known in the Anti-Diluvian period as the “floodgate of the sky.”
- The water below the expanse will be known as the “fountains of the deep.” (Gen.7:11; 8:2)

With the Expanse, the chaotic waters have boundaries like the light and darkness of Day One did, but without the hovering of Holy Spirit (Gen.1:2).

The boundaries for the waters of Second Day will be part of the subject of Third Day of restoration.

5. The Second Day Expanse was a fixed space like a canopy separating the second heaven from the first heaven.

It didn’t affect the Third Heaven!

(Heb.9:24) “For Christ did **not** enter a holy place made with hands, a mere copy of the true one, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us.”

We will mention five effects of the Expanse upon the earth during the Ante-Diluvian period.

- It will create a global greenhouse atmosphere and a perfect environment (Isa.40:21-22).
- It will provide a thermal blanket for the earth (Ps.104:1-3).
- It will provide a uniform temperature upon the whole world (Prov.3:19-20).
- It will provide a humidity mist rather than rain (Gen.2:5-6).
- It will provide a filter reducing somatic mutations in living cells which slowed down the aging process
 - Gen.5 gives the average life expectancy of the Anti-Diluvian period as 857.5 years.

How does this aging compare with the Post-Diluvian period?

- **(Gen. 6:3)** His days will be 120 years (Gen.3:19).
- **(Ps.90:10, 12)** (Prayer of Moses)
 - (Deut.34:7) Days of our productive life contain 70 and with strength 80 years. We need to learn to number our days that we may present to the Lord a heart of wisdom.
 - Moses was 120 years old when he died, yet his eyes were not weak nor his strength gone
- **(2 Cor.4:16-18)** Do not lose heart with the aging process (2 Cor.4:7, 10-11).