

THE CHAOTIC EARTH

Chaos is a Greek word from Greek mythology and referred to the origin of everything and to the first thing that ever existed. It was the primordial void, the source out of which everything was created, including the universe and the gods (I refer to it as the cosmos diabolicus [worldly] view of creation).

(Gen.1:2) “**The earth** was (hayah/ kal pf) formless and void and darkness was over the surface of the deep, and **the Spirit of God** was moving (rachaph/ piel ptc) over the surface of the waters.”

This lesson will study four aspects of how the original creation of the earth became Chaotic.

1. The circumstantial ‘waw’ (vs. I) was used three times to outline Gen.1:2.

The Hebrew ‘waw’ plays an important part in the outline of Gen.1:1 through Gen.2:3. There is no ‘waw’ in Gen.1:1, while there is the circumstantial ‘waw’ in Gen.1:2 and the consecutive ‘waw’ in Gen.1:3-2:3 (seven days of creation).

- And the earth _____
- And darkness _____
- And the Spirit of God _____

2. Gen.1:2 teaches us that three changes occurred, effecting the original creation of Gen.1:1 that resulted in the three chaotic conditions of the earth.

- The earth became formless and void (tohu waw bohu).
- The earth became darkness over the surface of the deep (tehom).
- The earth was covered with waters (primeval ocean) (ha mayim).

3. Notice the roles of the two subjects and the verbs: the earth became and the Spirit of God was moving.

- **1st – The earth** was (kal pf) [Completed action/ became] **chaotic**.
 - The earth became something it wasn’t previously (Isa.45:18) It was originally created to be inhabited).
 - Another example of hayah (kal pf) being used this way is Gen.19:26 and Lot’s wife. “But his wife, from behind him, looked back, and she became a pillar of salt.”
- **2nd – The Spirit of God** was moving (rachaph/ piel ptc) [Intensity of hovering] over the surface of the waters (Primeval ocean).
 - Another example of moving or hovering over is Deut.32:11. “Like an eagle that stirs up its nests, that hover over its young, that spreads its wings to catch them and carries them on it pinions.” The Holy Spirit preserved the earth for restoration of Gen.1:3-31.

Peter talks about this chaotic primeval ocean (2 Pet.3:4-5). Many biblical theologians believe that this earth was covered by ice in order to preserve the earth during this chaotic condition. “From the breath of God ice is made, and the expanse of the waters is frozen.” (Job 37:10)

4. Now we will address the circumstantial ‘waw’ used to focus on the “darkness over the surface of the deep (tehom) [a form of tohu].”

Many biblical theologians believe this refers to the formation of Tartarus of Sheol, the prison of the fallen angels of Gen.6 (1 Pet.3:18-20).

(2 Pet.2:4-5a) “For if (1cc) God did not spare the angels when they sinned, **but cast them into hell and committed them to the pits of darkness** (but consigning to Tartarus in pits of gloom), reserved for judgment; and did not spare the ancient world, but preserved Noah.” (Jude 6)

(Luke 8:31) “They (legion of demons/ 8:30) were imploring Him not to command them to go away into **the abyss.**”

(Rev.9:11) “They have a king over them, the angel of **the abyss**; his name in Hebrew is Abaddon, and in the Greek he has the name Apollyon.”

(Rev.20:1-2 “Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, holding the key of **the abyss** and a great chain in his hand. And he laid hold of the dragon, the serpent of old, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years.”)

(Rev.20:7) “When the thousand years are completed, Satan will be released from his **prison.**”

NOTE: Abyss (abussos) is the word the Septuagint used in Gen.1:2 for deep (tehom).