

Prophet's Column

"The First Day"

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In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep; And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. And God said, Let there be light: and there was light. And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness. And God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day." (Gen. 1:1-5)



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First in series

The word "Genesis" means origin. The first book of the Bible, called Genesis, written by Moses, tells us about the creation and restoration of the earth, man, and everything or every creature in the earth. Genesis is the first of five books written by Moses commonly referred to as the Pentateuch: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy.

With the first stroke of his pen Moses declared the SOVEREIGN God of the universe in these words; "IN THE BEGINNING GOD..." God has always lived. There was never a time when He did not exist. He is from eternity to eternity; or everlasting. The poor finite mind cannot fathom the greatness of God. The finite mind cannot understand how God has always been. But He has. Nowhere in his writings did Moses try to prove the existence of God. He simply declared Him.

Now what did God do in relationship to this universe in which we live? "HE CREATED THE HEAVEN AND THE EARTH." Yes, the Lord, Himself, created the earth and the heavens. Now, how many heavens are there? I know someone will quickly think that there is only one heaven. First let me give you the meaning of the word "HEAVEN." Heaven is the place of eternal bliss. That is the Heaven where God dwells. But there are three heavens in all. A Bible teacher said there was only one Heaven. As I have said before; the Bible itself is the best commentary on the Bible. Listen to the Word of God; "It is not expedient for me doubtless to glory. I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord. I knew a man in Christ about 14 years ago, (whether in the body, I cannot tell; or whether out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth); such as one caught up to the third heaven. And I knew such a man, (whether in the body, or out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth); how that he was caught up into paradise..." (II Cor. 12:1-4) There you have it. The Apostle Paul, the greatest representative the Lord ever had on earth, declared in the Word that there are three heavens.

Let's look at Verse 2; "And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters." Before I go into this verse, let me back up just a minute. The first heaven extends from the space above the earth; the second heaven extends from there and includes the space where the moon, sun, and stars and other planetary bodies are. This third Heaven is a place of eternal bliss. Don't you want to go there? If you repent and turn to Christ you can go there. But if you don't know the Lord, you are not going there. Heaven is a prepared place for a prepared people. Are you being prepared to go there? I am.

In verse one we saw that God created the heaven and the earth, referring to the first heaven in this verse. In verse two we see that the earth was without form and void, with darkness covering the face of the deep. Now, God has never created anything void and without form and in darkness. When God made the heaven and the earth there was no

darkness and everything in and on the earth was beautiful beyond man's imagination. Then, what happened to cause the earth to become without form and void, and covered in darkness? How long was the earth in a state of perfection, as God had made it, before this change took place? How long? The Bible does not say. But, the Bible does tell us of an event that took place that sheds light on how the earth became without form, and void, and darkness covering the face of the deep. Keep in mind now that when God created this earth it was perfect and beautiful.

I want you to listen tonight with an open mind. "How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning? How art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!" (Isa. 14:12) Who is the Lord speaking of here? He called him Lucifer. Lucifer was Satan's name before the Lord kicked him out of heaven. Why did the Lord kick Lucifer out of Heaven? "For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the Most High. Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit. They that see thee shall narrowly look upon thee, and consider thee, saying, Is this the man that made the earth to tremble, that did shake kingdoms: That made the world as a wilderness? (Vss. 13-17)

Then listen to Ezekiel 28: "Thou art the anointed cherub (angel) that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. Thou was perfect in many ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee... thou hast sinned: therefore I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God; and I will destroy thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire. I will cast thee to the ground..." (Vss 14-17)

Then listen to Verse 13: "Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone was thy covering." We see in this verse that Lucifer was the chief angel among God's creation. This earth was his throne, he walked in the holy mountain of God, according to verse 14. Before Lucifer sinned, all the angels worshipped God and he led the worship of the Lord. But his beauty deceived him and he said he was going to be like the Most High and that he would: (1) ascend into heaven, (2) exalt his throne above the stars of God, (3) sit upon the mount of the congregation in the sides of the north; (4) ascend above the heights of the clouds, and last of all (5) I WILL BE LIKE THE MOST HIGH. Rebelling as he did and succeeding in getting one-third of the angels to rebel with him, the Lord kicked Lucifer out of Heaven.

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