

SECOND DAY EXPANSE

Gen.1:2 had two problems that caused the earth to become chaotic: darkness and water.

The darkness chaos problem was resolved by the Day One light (1:3-5). Remember that if Days 1, 2, and 3 are rotating it was not by the solar system of fourth day (Psa.104:5). These days are not calendar type days as with days 4, 5, and 6. Days 1, 2, and 3 are known as “Days of God.”

The **vertical water problem** of Gen.1:2 will be resolved by the Second Day Expanse - “From the breath of God ice is made, and the expanse of the waters is frozen.” (Job 37:10)

“Then God said, ‘Let there be (hayah/ kal impf/ jussive) [of divine wish, will, light command] an expanse (raqia) in the midst (betok / middle) of the waters, and let (hayah / kal impf / jussive) of divine will [may there begin to be it separate] (badal / hiphil ptc) the waters from (bayin) [space between] the waters.’” (1:6)

This lesson will study SEVEN aspects of the Second Day Expanse of restoration-creation.

1. Day Two had four divine activities.

- God said (amar / kal impf)
- § God made (asah / kal pf) [to make out of something]
- § God separated (badal / hiphil impf) and (badal / hiphil ptc) [hiphil used in the same way as in 1:4]
- § God called (qara / kal impf) [divine vocabulary]

Our Divine Vocabulary list is growing - light (or) day (yom) and darkness (choshek) night (layelah); expanse (raqia) heavens (shamayim). Special note: The phrase, God saw that it was good, is missing on the Second Day? God said it on the other five days of restoration-creation (1:4, 10 & 12,18,21,25). Watch for the answer in this lesson.

2. On Second Day, God made (asah/ kal pf) the Expanse.

Asah means to make something out of something already made. Some believe it was made from the Light of Day One.

The Vulgate text (Latin) called it firmamentum.
The Septuagint text (Greek) called it stereoma.
The Hebrew text called it raqia.
The NAS and NIV English texts called it expanse.

The Second Day Expanse resolved the vertical water problem of Gen.1:2. The Expanse replaced the hovering work of the Holy Spirit of Gen.1:2.

3. The Second Day Expanse was a fixed space separating the waters of Gen.1:2.

“Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters. And God made the expanse and separated the waters which were below the expanse from the waters which were above the expanse; and it was so. And God called the expanse heavens and there was evening and there was morning, a second day.” (1:6-8)

Upper waters above the expanse will be known in the Antediluvian civilization as the floodgate of the sky and the lower waters below the expanse as the fountains of the deep (Gen.7:11; 8:2).

At the end of the Second Day, there are three heavens. The Second Day Expanse separated the 2nd heaven from the 1st heaven.

§ 3rd heaven – Eternal Throne of God

§ 2nd heaven – Restoration waters

EXPANSE (two waters with divine boundaries – Job 26:7-10; 37:18)

§ 1st heaven- Restoration waters

“It is He who sits above the vault (chug/ circle) of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers, who stretches out the heavens like a curtain and spreads them out like a tent to dwell.” (Isa.40:22; 45:12)

4. The Second Day Expanse is necessary for the restoration/creation of Days 3,4,5,6 preparation of the earth for mankind.

The Second Day Expanse will produce at least 5 unique conditions on the Antediluvian earth. (1)The Antediluvian earth had a global greenhouse atmosphere. (2)The expanse worked as a filter reducing somatic mutations in living cells, which effect the aging process (Prov.3:19-20). (3)Some refer to the expanse as a canopy or thermal blanket (Psa.104:2-3). (4)It had a humidity due to mist and not rain (Gen.2:5). (5)The Antediluvian earth had a uniform temperature from pole to pole.

5. A new phrase is introduced on the Second Day – “and it was so.”

It is used on the rest of the days except for Day One and the Fifth Day (Living creatures). Day one was light and Fifth Day was life.

This phrase could be translated – ‘and it came to pass’ or ‘as previously described.’ It is a reference to the eternal plan of God (Heb.1:10-12).

6. Second Day Expanse produced a perfect environment for Antediluvian civilization.

Yet it didn’t keep man from sinning against God (Satan’s Utopia lie).

The Garden of Eden was the first settlement of this perfect environment. Adam and Eve lived in perfect environment and perfect relationship with the Lord. Yet they still sinned against the Lord. They lived minus an OSN and yet they sinned. This teaches the importance of human volition in the angelic conflict.

The restoration/ creation teaches a great lesson to mankind - “The heavens are telling of the glory of God; and their expanse is declaring the work of His hands.” (Psa.19:1; Psa.89:5)

“For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse.” (Rom.1:19/ **GOD CONSCIOUSNESS**)

7. The waters separated by the Second Day Expanse will be used for the Antediluvian flood (Noah’s day).

I believe that is the reason that God does not say **“THAT IT IS GOOD”** on the Second Day.

“In the 600th year of Noah’s life, in the second month, on the seventeenth day of the month, on the same day all the foundations of the great deep burst open, and the floodgates of the sky were opened.” (Gen.7:11; 9:8-17)

“For when they maintain this, it escapes their notice that **by the word of God** the heavens existed long ago and the earth was formed out of the water and by water, through which the world at the time was destroyed, being flooded with water.” (2 Pet.3:5-6)