

THIRD DAY DOUBLE WORK

Two of the six days of restoration of creation had double works. See if you can find the other day?

The vertical water problem of Gen.1:2 was solved on the Second Day.

The horizontal water of the Second Day will be solved on Third Day. Two divine works will be involved in solving the horizontal water issue.

How did the earth, oceans, and continents begin?

Some believe that the earth was torn from the sun and spun off into space. Other believe that somehow the mass of the earth broke up into continents and basins filled with water either coming from rocks inside the earth or from thick clouds surrounding the earth gave rain which fell for hundreds of years filling these basins.

<p>This lesson will study SEVEN aspects of THIRD DAY DOUBLE WORK.</p>
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1. The water below the expanse was gathered into one place called sea. Originally one continuous body of water covered the earth (Prov.8:27-29) We refer to it as vertical water of 1:2.

§ “Let the waters below the heavens be gathered (qawah / niphah impf) into one place (echad maqom).” (1:9)

§ “And the gathering (qawah / niphah impf) of the waters (ha mayim) He called seas (yammim).” (1:10)

God will put living creatures in these waters of the seas on the Fifth Day (1:20-23).

Remember that there were three changes to biblical oceanography. The first change came on the Second Day – vertical to horizontal water. The second change came on the Third Day – horizontal water to seas and dry land. The third change came with Noah’s Flood – seas and continents (Gen.10:5,32; Acts 17:26; Psa.33:7).

Oceanography estimates that Postdiluvian earth is 70% seas and 30% dry land (Jer.5:22; Psa.95:5-6; 104:5-9; 2 Pet.3:5).

“The world is really one huge ocean, broken here and there by islands that we call continents.” (World Book of Encyclopedia, pg.490). “Waves are set in motion by winds, earthquakes, and gravitational pull of the moon and sun. Tides are caused chiefly by the gravitational pull of the moon.” (WBE, pg.488)
Remember that Third Day is still without a solar system.

2. The Third Day ends the third phase of removing the divine judgment of Gen.1:2 in order for the earth to be inhabited.

§ Gen.1:1 – original creation

§ Gen.1:2 – chaotic earth with total darkness and vertical water

§ Gen.1:3-13 – Day One (God’s Light / darkness, Second Day (The Expanse / vertical water), and Third Day (seas and dry land and vegetation). These three days are called “Days of God.”

3. The Third Day was unique because it had two divine works done by the word of God.

§ The first divine work was sea and dry land 91:9-10). Note the three activities of God (said, called, and saw)

§ The second divine work was vegetation, plant yielding seeds, and fruit trees bearing fruit with seeds (1:11-12). Note the two activities of God (said, and saw).

“Let the earth sprout (dasha / hiphil impf).”(1:11) The Hebrew word dasha means to grow green. When the eye is weak and tired place a green shade over it to obtain ease. Green is the most restful color to the human eye.

“He causes the grass to grow for the cattle, and vegetation for the labor of man, So that he may bring forth food from the earth.” (Psa.104:14)

4. A new concept is introduced on the Third Day. It is described as “after its own kind (min/ 1:11-12, 21, 24, 25).

“After its kind” established the DNA boundaries of species. “The DNA for each kind is programmed to allow for wide individual variations within the kind, but not beyond the structure of the kind itself.” (Morris, pg.70) Evolution but within its own species.

“But God gives it a body just as He wished, and to each of the seeds a body of its own. All flesh is not the same flesh, but there is one flesh of men, another flesh of beasts, and another of flesh of birds, and another of fish.” (1 Cor.15:38-39)

5. The Third Day produced self-perpetuating mature plant life and fruit trees.

What came first the chicken or the egg? Note that the word of God created mature seed bearing plants and fruit trees (1:11-12)

“And why are you anxious about clothing? Observe how the lilies of the field grow; they do not toil nor do they spin; yet I say that even Solomon in all his glory did not clothe himself like one of these. But if God so arrays the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the furnace, will he not much do so for you? O men of little faith?” (Matt.6:28-30)

6. The Third Day was the third and final vocabulary lesson on restoration of creation.

The divine vocabulary of restoration is technically identified by “He called.”

§ **Day One** had two words – day (yom / from light) and night (layelah / from darkness) (1:5)

§ **Second Day** had one word – heavens (shamayim / from expanse) (1:8)

§ **Third Day** had two words – earth (erets / from dry land) and seas (yammim / from gathered waters) (1:10)

The next four days of restoration of creation will work off the divine vocabulary words established from these three days (1:14-31).