

SECOND PETER CHAPTER 3

Lesson 37

GAP THEORY PART 2

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- GENESIS 7:1-12** Verse 11 clearly states that the water that flooded the Earth to the tops of the mountains in Noah's day came from the great deep in heaven.
- There isn't enough water existing upon the earth or under the earth to cover the tops of the mountains. God had to send more water from another location to get the job done.
- GENESIS 8:1-3** God stopped the "**fountains of the deep**" and the "**windows of heaven**" (vs. 2). Then He caused the waters to return "from OFF the earth continually" (vs. 3) for 150 days until they were abated (the levels were decreased). The water went back to where it came from in Heaven.
- REVELATION 4:4-6** There is a "**sea of glass**" before the throne of God (vs. 6). This forms the upper part of the firm expanse (firmament, Gen. 1:7).
- REVELATION 15:2** People can stand upon the "**sea of glass mingled with fire,**" which is before the throne of God.
- 1 COR. 13:12-13** As man on Earth looks up toward heaven he says, "**For now we see through a glass, darkly.**"
- JOB 38:30** "**The waters are hid as *with* a stone, and the face of the deep is frozen.**"
- JOB 37:18** The sky is spread out by God "**as a molten looking glass.**"
- JOB 26:7-14** Most often commentators restrict the teaching of this passage to rainclouds and oceans, rivers, and lakes upon the earth. But this is clearly speaking of a body of water in the neighborhood of God's throne (vs. 8).

SYNOPSIS:

1. According to the Bible (2 Peter 3, Genesis 1) the earth was submerged in water and plunged into darkness as a consequence of God's judgment upon the sin of Satan and his angels.
2. At the close of that time period, God divided those waters above and below the universe, made them firm. Then God set His throne atop that firmament, established His heaven, and made that firmament like a looking glass; one side as clear as crystal and the other side as solid as stone.
3. God's glorious light is veiled by the firmament beneath His throne. If it wasn't there, the whole universe would be filled with the light of His glory and there would be no need of a sun or moon (Rev. 21:23).
4. When Jesus Christ came to earth, He was "**The Light of The World**" (Jn. 1:9, 8:12, 12:46, Matt. 17:2, Acts 9:3). The only way to see the light of the glory of God today is through faith in Jesus Christ. That firmament is still there—called the SEA and the DEEP in Scripture (Gen. 1:2).

GENESIS 49:25 The "**deep**" is located "**UNDER**" heaven.

DEUT. 33:13

PROVERBS 8:22-31 The testimony of wisdom. God's wisdom existed before the earth ever was. God prepared "**the heavens**" and the "**face of the depth**" (vs. 27) and the "**fountains of the deep**" (vs. 28) and the "**sea**" before He "**appointed the foundations of the earth**" (vs. 29).

- PSALM 104:1-2** God stretched out the heavens like a curtain to cover His glory. That's why we **"walk by faith, not by sight"** (2 Cor. 5:7).
People are under the false notion that if they could just see God, they would believe. Lucifer and the angels were in the very presence of God on a daily basis and yet they fell! Whether you see God or not you've got to love Him and trust Him.
- PSALM 104:3-9** God covered the earth with **"THE DEEP"** (vs. 6) until **"the waters stood above the mountains."** Waters went up by the mountains and down by the valleys. God **"set a bound"** (vs 9); He prevents the waters from covering the earth.
- JOB 26:11-14** Notice in this passage that the proud serpent is already "crooked" when the earth is created. Therefore he had to have fallen before the gathering and dividing of the waters (Gen. 1:6). Did Satan do something to cause the chaos and darkness of Genesis 1:2?
- JOB 22:8-21** This verse speaks of an honorable man who dwells in the earth that belongs to "the mighty man." This "mighty man" is identified in Matthew 12:26-29 as Satan, the "strong man" of the house who must be bound (by Jesus Christ at the 2nd Coming).
This mighty man is in darkness so great he can't see and he's covered by abundant waters (vs. 11).
God reminds us of a circumstance when wicked men were overthrown with a FLOOD—because they said they didn't want God. He says this using the same language Lucifer used in Isaiah 14 (height of heaven, height of the stars, vs. 12). These men are said to have been "cut down out of time" (vs. 16).
Time began after God created the heavenly bodies that govern time (Genesis 1:2-3, 14), but these men were cut down outside the bounds of time. They shall be destroyed by fire (vs. 20).
God always brings judgment upon sin and disobedience; no exceptions. Satan was "cut down," the earth was destroyed in a flood, God created Adam and Eve and told them to "replenish the earth" (fill it up, build it up again).
- 1 SAMUEL 2:8** God set the **"world"** upon the **"pillars of the earth."** "Earth" always refers to the place. "The World" refers to the order or the system on the place. (Mt. 13:39, 49, 24:3, John 13:1)
When God judged the earth, **"the WORLD that then was, being overflowed with water, perished"** (2 Peter 3:6). That's the system, not the planet.
- ROMANS 5:12** Notice that sin entered into the "world" so that death passed upon all men. Adam didn't introduce sin into the earth. Sin already existed in the crooked serpent (Satan) and the fallen angels.
The world system didn't change after the flood of Noah's day. The sin that entered the world through Adam continued until Jesus Christ. Now you can be saved out of it because God determined before the foundation of the world that he would die to save man from sin. Praise the Lord!