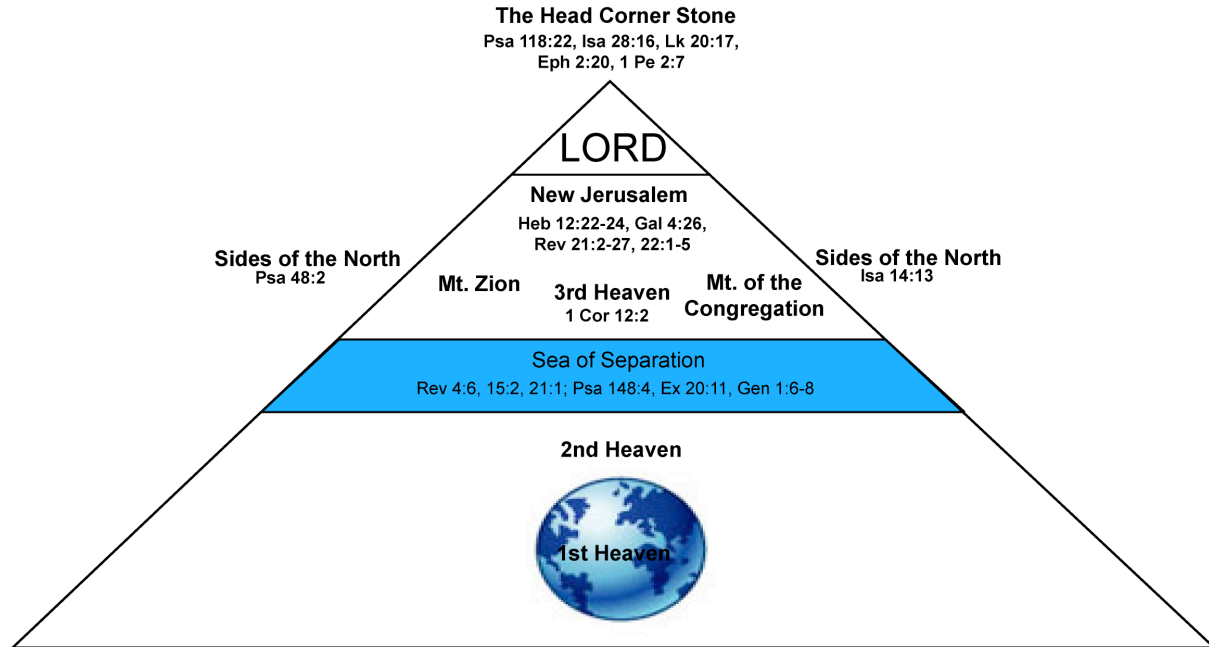


ALPHA AND OMEGA: FROM THE BEGINNING**“The heavens and the earth which are now”****The Universe****Synopsis**

The creation account(s) are examined in detail. This study outlines the beginning of all beginnings to man's beginning. Discussed are the original creation; Lucifer's role, authority, position, and fall; the universal judgment on the original heaven and earth by water; the reformation of the heavens and the earth for mankind with a new sea of separation; what is the light on the first day of creation; and a brief outline from the Alpha to Omega stages of creation.

In the Beginning

The Different Beginnings in the Scriptures

Genesis 1:1, Proverbs 8:22-27, John 1:1-2, Hebrews 1:10

It is clear from the above passages that there are different beginnings in the Scripture. Obviously John 1 precedes Genesis 1 and Proverbs 8 precedes Genesis 1. So just because it says the beginning doesn't mean it is referring to the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth for man. He could be referring to the very beginning when it was just the LORD before he created heaven and earth. I say that because people will object to the notion that there was life on this earth prior to man because they quote these verses.

Matthew 19:4 - God made them male and female at the beginning (Mark 10:6) from the beginning of the creation

Which beginning? He is referring to Genesis 1:3 following. He is not referring to the initial creation of the heaven and earth. Genesis 1:1-2 refer to something different that preceded Genesis 1:3. What occurs in Genesis 1:2 is a universal judgment on the sin of Lucifer. We will discuss this in more detail later.

Another problem comes from John 8:44, where the Lord Jesus Christ says that the devil was a murderer from the beginning, but the Scripture also says that Lucifer was created perfect and sinless (Ezekiel 28:11-19). Does the Lord not know the Bible? Of course he knows the book, he wrote it. He is merely referring to a different beginning in Scripture. The beginning is our beginning, man's beginning in the Garden of Eden. At that beginning, Lucifer had already sinned and fallen from heaven as lightning (Luke 10:18) and was in the garden and tempted Eve. Suffice it to say, there are different beginnings in Scripture.

Notice how the KJV reads in Genesis 1:1, "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." This is significant because in Genesis 2:1 it says, "Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them." Some might not see this as a big deal but it really is. They'll say the "heaven" in Genesis 1:1 is referring to all three heavens. I can see how one could say that, but there is something deeper there than that.

There is a difference between "heaven and earth" and "heavens and earth". Here is the quick overview. When the Bible speaks of "heaven and earth" in Genesis 1:1 it is referring to the initial creation. This was a perfect creation that the heavenly host inhabited over which Lucifer reigned as king over both kingdoms (see the study on the Kingdom of Heaven vs. The Kingdom of God). There was no "sea" of separation in the original creation. "Heavens and earth" refer to everything in between, from Genesis 1:3 to the destruction of the universe and the recreation of "heaven and earth" which has no more sea. It is interesting that in Revelation 21:1 John saw a new heaven and earth, not new "heavens". I think there is something significant about that.

We read in Revelation 21:1, "And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea." What is this sea? I remember the first time I read this I thought there wasn't going to be oceans in eternity. That's not what this verse is talking about. There is clearly going to be waters and rivers and I'm sure oceans in eternity (Revelation 22:1, Ezekiel 47). Now this sea appears elsewhere in Scripture.

In Revelation it is called the sea of glass (Revelation 4:6, 15:2). This sea is before the throne of God and it is mingled with fire. It is created in Genesis 1:6-8. Notice how God never declared this day as good, all he said was "it was so". All of the other days God pronounced that it was good, but not this one. Why is that? It's because it caused separation. The reason for the separation was because Satan had fallen and had been cast out from the 3rd heaven where he resided as the 5th anointed cherub that covered the throne of Jehovah. This caused the universal judgment of water upon the heaven

and the earth we read about in Genesis 1:2 and 2 Peter 3:3-7. Notice there are only 4 cherubs now. Lucifer use to be the 5th, but lost his position because his sin of pride.

The firmament that divided the waters was called heaven, and it is where God hung the stars and moon. The water above the firmament was gathered together unto one place and the water below was gathered together unto one place. So there is water above heaven and water below heaven. That gives you 3 heavens (2 Corinthians 12:2).

“Praise him, ye heavens of heavens, and ye waters that be above the heavens.”
- Psalm 148:4

There is water above the second heaven. This is called a sea and it’s called a sea of glass in Revelation. It is frozen, after all, in the book of Revelation they are standing on it. Now let’s go back to Genesis 1:2, “And there was darkness upon the face of the deep, and the Spirit of God moved upon the waters.” What is the deep? Well it is connected with waters. What else does the Bible say about the deep?

“The waters are hid as with a stone, and the face of the deep is frozen.”
- Job 38:30

“He [Satan] maketh the deep to boil like a pot: he maketh the sea like a pot of ointment. He maketh a path to shine after him; one would think the deep to be hoary.”
- Job 41:31-32

“Who layeth the beams of his chambers in the waters: who maketh the clouds his chariot: who walketh upon the wings of the wind;”
- Psalm 104:3

The majority of time in Scripture the word “deep” refers to water or oceans on the earth. However the face of the deep in Genesis 1:2 may be referring to the sea above the second heaven. It’s hard to say. It is just something to think about.

Now go back to Genesis and compare Genesis 1:1, Genesis 2:1, and Genesis 2:4

“In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.”	“Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them.”	“These are the generations of the heavens and of the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens.”
Genesis 1:1	Genesis 2:1	Genesis 2:4

Wait a minute! I thought I was reading about one set of heavens and earth in Genesis 1, why then does it say, “these are the generations of the heavens and of the earth?”

Are there two generations of heavens and earth in Genesis 1? The second chapter seems to say so doesn't it? Where are the two generations? The first generation is Genesis 1:1, the second generation is Genesis 1:3-31. Genesis 1:2 is the time when the Lord flooded the heaven and the earth which corresponds to 2 Peter 3:3-7.

The Bible says that we are reading about generations of the heavens and the earth in the first chapter of Genesis. The word "generation" means "group of contemporaries", "stage in descent", and "particular generation in sequence". When looking at how the word "generations" appear in the Bible we find that it refers to a sequence, usually of genealogies (see Genesis 5:1-32, 6:9-10, 10:1-32). So there are two sets of heavens and earth we read about in the first chapter according to Genesis 2:4 and the only way Genesis 1 could be divided up into two sets of heavens and earth are Genesis 1:1 as the first generation, and Genesis 1:3 following as the second generation.

So how old is the universe? Don't know. But the Bible does say they are old, and that is coming from a being that lives for ever and says one day is like 1,000 years to me! (Psalm 68:32-33; 102:25, 2 Peter 3:5) How old is the earth? Don't know. How long has it been since man? We do know that, about 6,000 years.

Here is a funny thing. I have in front of me *Visual History of the World* by National Geographic. It is over 600 pages long! Now they believe the universe is roughly 12 billion years old. The book is divided up into different sections. The first section is called prehistory. It runs from "the beginning" to 4,000 BC. Around 4000 B.C. we have evidence of civilization of man. Isn't that something? That's when the Bible puts man on the earth. What occurred before man? This takes some searching of the Scriptures and rightly dividing. The Bible does say plainly that the heavenly host was created before the heavens and earth were for mankind.

"Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? declare, if thou hast understanding. Who hath laid the measures thereof, if thou knowest? or who hath stretched the line upon it? Whereupon are the foundations thereof fastened? or who laid the corner stone thereof; When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?"
- Job 38:4-7

The sons of God and morning stars shouted together for joy when this occurred (they are the angels). Clearly intelligent life existed before man. And the Bible says that Lucifer before he became the Devil and Satan was "the anointed cherub that covereth" (Ezekiel 28:14). Anointed? That is the same word as Messiah. Who are people that are anointed in the Bible and what positions do they hold? Kings and Priests. Could it be that Lucifer was a king and priest over the sons of God and over the original creation? It could be couldn't it?

Let us look a little more at Lucifer before he became the Devil and Satan.

Isaiah 14:12-21 records the fall of Satan from heaven. This occurred in the distant past. Jesus said in Luke 10:18 that he beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven. It was past tense and so is this passage in Isaiah 14. Notice that the Lord reveals to us what was in Lucifer's heart. He said within himself that he would ascend into heaven. Ascend? I thought he was already in heaven? It looks like he is somewhere else when he said this. Could it be that he was on the earth? We read about cherubs on the earth in Genesis 3 and Ezekiel 1, 10. Could the 5th cherub have been on the earth when he wanted to take over the throne and sit also upon the mount of the congregation and be like the Most High? That's what the Scriptures seem to say. It also says he wanted to ascend above the heights of the clouds. It looks like Lucifer was on earth when he thought this.

In Ezekiel 28 we read about how Lucifer was created. He sealed up the sum, was perfect in beauty, and full of wisdom; he was covered with precious stones, and was the anointed cherub that covers; he was perfect from the day he was created until iniquity was found in him. The LORD said he would destroy him, and would lose his position of the anointed cherub. What did the anointed cherub have? Since he was anointed he likely was a king or priest or both.

Isaiah 14:12-21	Ezekiel 28:12-19
<p><u>"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! 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, and destroyed the cities thereof; that opened not the house of his prisoners? All the kings of the nations, even all of them, lie in glory, every one in his own house. But thou art cast out of thy grave like an abominable branch, and as the raiment of those that are slain, thrust through with a sword, that go down to the stones of the pit; as a carcase trodden under feet. Thou shalt not be joined with them in burial, because thou hast destroyed thy land, and slain thy people: the seed of evildoers shall never be renowned. Prepare slaughter for his children for the iniquity of their fathers; that they do not rise, nor possess the land, nor fill the face of the world with cities."</u></p>	<p><u>"Son of man, take up a lamentation upon the king of Tyrus, and say unto him, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Thou sealest up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty. Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone was thy covering, the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold: the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created. Thou art the anointed cherub 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 wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee. By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with violence, and 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. Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: I will cast thee to the ground, I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee. Thou hast defiled thy sanctuaries by the multitude of thine iniquities, by the iniquity of thy traffick; therefore will I bring forth a fire from the midst of thee, it shall devour thee, and I will bring thee to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all them that behold thee. All they that know thee among the people shall be astonished at thee: thou shalt be a terror, and never shalt thou be any more."</u></p>

You might think that is strange but it's not. Have you ever wondered why the devil tempted Eve in the Garden? Honestly, why did he do it? What did he have against them? Some say he wanted to destroy what God loves. Maybe. But I think his motive was more selfish than that and the Bible seems to say that too. If Satan before he sinned was a king and priest over both kingdoms, and lost that authority, power, and honor, don't you think he may have wanted to get it back?

Listen people, Satan is the great counterfeiter, he wants to be like the Most High. We know that the Most High has all authority, and power, and desires worship, for he alone is worthy. Satan wants the same things. Now after Satan had fallen, and the original heaven and earth destroyed by a watery judgment, God had given man, who was a lesser being than angels and certainly cherubim, authority of the earth.

“And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.”

- Genesis 1:26

God had given man, who was made from the dust of the earth, dominion over all the earth, something Satan once had as the anointed cherub, but lost because of sin. Have you ever wondered about this verse?

“But when he had turned about and looked on his disciples, he rebuked Peter, saying, Get thee behind me Satan: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but the things that be of men.”

- Mark 8:33

What could man have that Satan delighted in? Honestly, have you ever thought about it? How do we know what Satan valued of the things of men? I think I know what it is, it is ruler ship, it is dominion, and it is authority – that's what it is! He esteemed highly and valued what God had given unto men, and that was dominion. Satan wanted to get it back. So he tempted Eve and got them to disobey the voice of the LORD and they sinned. Their bodies lost their shining and glory and they knew they were naked (see the study on “The New Body” for more information on Adam and Eve before the fall).

So it is clear from Scripture that we read about two sets of heaven and earth in Genesis 1. Genesis 1:1 refers to the very original and first set of heaven and earth. This was inhabited by the sons of God, which were angels, and possibly by an animal creation as well. We have no way of knowing when the first set of heaven and earth were created. All God says to us was in the beginning he created them. Lucifer before he sinned was the anointed cherub that covers, and was a king and priest over the original creation. Then in Genesis 1:2 we have the watery judgment of the heaven and earth. This was a result of Lucifer's sin against God and the LORD flooded the universe with water. Notice the earth is without form and void and darkness is upon the face of the deep. Then in Genesis 1:3 following we read about a new beginning in which God created man in his

own image. On the first day God says let there be light. I know what that light is, that light is Jesus Christ.

The Lord Jesus Christ said he was the Light of the World. Compare Genesis 1 with John 1.

Genesis 1:1-5	John 1:1-9
<p><u>"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."</u></p>	<p><u>"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe. He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world."</u></p>

Notice God never creates the light in Genesis 1, he just says, "Let there be light." After the fall of Satan the Lord destroyed all of creation with water, just like he did in Noah's day. But this judgment in Genesis 1:2 not only affected the earth, but also the heavens (2 Peter 3:3-7).

The purpose of this light was to make a difference between the darkness. Notice in John 1, the first verse talks about the very beginning before any creation. Then it moves on to a different beginning, our beginning, man's beginning. It says in Jesus was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in darkness and the darkness comprehends it not (just like in Genesis 1:3-5). He was *that* Light which gives life to every man that comes into the world.

"And I said, Who art thou, Lord? And he said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest. But rise, and stand upon thy feet: for I have appeared unto thee for this purpose, to make thee a minister and a witness both of these things which thou hast seen, and of those things in the which I will appear unto thee; Delivering thee from the people, and from the Gentiles, unto whom now I send thee, To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me."
- Acts 26:15-18

"Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:"
- Colossians 1:12-13

“But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them. For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus’ sake. For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.”

- 2Corinthians 4:3-6

“For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light.”

- Ephesians 5:8

These verses are talking about coming out of darkness unto light that is from the power of Satan unto God. Darkness is referred to Satan and Light is referred to the Lord Jesus Christ. And notice in 2 Corinthians 4:3-6 how he says God commanded the light to shine out of darkness. Sounds like John 1 and Genesis 1 and there is a reason for that. The Lord is trying to show you that he is that light. Not convinced yet? Here are some more.

“This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.”

- 1John 1:5

Before looking at some more verses concerning this, think back to Genesis 1:2. If God is light, and in him there is no darkness at all, why is there darkness everywhere, water everywhere, the earth is without form and void. It is so dark that God has to say, “Let there be light.” Why is that? Something must have happened. We will see in a little bit that God did not create the earth in vain, he created it to be inhabited. Why then is there this dark, watery chaos, without light in Genesis 1:2? I’ll tell you why; it is because there was a judgment upon the creation of Genesis 1:1. After all, isn’t a flood of waters a picture of God’s judgment? Was not darkness part of God’s judgment in Egypt and also during the tribulation, which is to come?

“And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it. And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof.”

- Revelation 21:22-23

Let us compare Genesis 1:4-5 with Genesis 1:18

<p>“And God saw the light, that it was good: <u>and God divided the light from the darkness</u>. And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.”</p>	<p>“And let them be for lights in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth: and it was so. And God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: he made the stars also. And God set them in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth, And to rule over the day and over the night,</p>
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	and <u>to divide the light from the darkness</u> : and God saw that it was good.”
Genesis 1:4-5	Genesis 1:15-18

This is another interesting thing. God said let there be light and divided the light from the darkness, then later on in the same chapter, he creates lights in the firmament to divide the light from the darkness. Let me ask you a question, what gives off light? The stars in the heaven do, and they light the earth by day and night. These are created things that give off light, but there is something peculiar about the light in Genesis 1:4-5. It is not a created form of light. This light appeared before God reformed the earth and heavens. This light appeared before the stars were created. What was that Light? That Light was God! In Genesis 1:4-5 he put a difference between spiritual light and spiritual darkness, between himself and Satan. Then in Genesis 1:15-18 he put a different between physical light and physical darkness. Do you see that? It is clear as day to me. But there is more.

Notice how God called the light Day. Wouldn't you know that the Lord Jesus Christ is called the Day Star and Morning Star and dayspring?

“We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts.”

- 2Peter 1:19

“I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star”

- Revelation 22:16

“And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest: for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways; To give knowledge of salvation unto his people by the remission of their sins, Through the tender mercy of our God; whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us, To give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.”

- Luke 1:76-79

“Hast thou commanded the morning since thy days; and caused the dayspring to know his place; That it might take hold of the ends of the earth, that the wicked might be shaken out of it?”

- Job 38:12-13

That Light in Genesis 1 is called Day and Jesus Christ is called the Day Star, and Morning Star, and Day Spring. Notice the dayspring in Job 38. The LORD causes him to know his place that he might take hold of the ends of the earth. This is referring to the kingdom of heaven when the Lord sets up his holy righteous government on the earth, and consequently the wicked will be shaken out of it and cast into the lake of fire, which burneth with brimstone. He is also called the beginning of the creation of God. And

wouldn't you know the beginning of the creation of God, concerning mankind, is Genesis 1:3-5, where God says, "Let there be light!"

"And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God;"
- Revelation 3:14

I'm telling you that light in Genesis 1 is the Lord God Almighty putting a difference between himself and Satan. That Light is Jesus Christ, the beginning of the creation of God. Amen.

All right lets get back to Genesis and look at some other things.

"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."
- Genesis 1:2

"The earth is the LORD'S, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein. For he hath founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the floods."
- Psalms 24:1-2

Notice the LORD founded the earth upon the seas and upon the floods. This corresponds to Genesis 1:2. However the "heaven and the earth" of Genesis 1:1 are different than the heavens and the earth which are now. Read this verse carefully.

"Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation. For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water: Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished: But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men."
- 2 Peter 3:3-7

This is not a reference to Noah's flood. How do we know that? This flood affected the heavens; Noah's flood did not. Notice the contrast in this passage: "the heavens were of old", "the earth standing out of the water and in the water", --- "BUT the heavens and the earth WHICH ARE NOW". Peter points out the difference between two sets of heavens and earth. Why does he do this? Because people in the last days think "all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation." Scientists call this uniformitarianism. Peter is saying that's not true. There was a universal watery judgment that took place in the past on the original creation.

Notice how the earth is standing out of the water and in the water. Where do we read about an earth that is overflowed with water and destroyed? Genesis 1:2. There was a universal judgment on the original heaven and earth because of Lucifer's sin. The earth was destroyed and there was water everywhere. And then God said, "Let there be light." Then he moves the water around and reforms the heavens and the earth, "the heavens and the earth WHICH ARE NOW." What Peter is talking about in 2 Peter 3 cannot be a reference to Noah's flood because the heavens were not affected in that flood, only the earth was. This must be a reference back to Genesis 1:2.

The only other time in the Bible were we read about the earth being without form and void is in Jeremiah.

"I beheld the earth, and, lo, it was without form, and void; and the heavens, and they had no light. I beheld the mountains, and, lo, they trembled, and all the hills moved lightly. I beheld, and, lo, there was no man, and all the birds of the heavens were fled. I beheld, and, lo, the fruitful place was a wilderness, and all the cities thereof were broken down at the presence of the LORD, and by his fierce anger. For thus hath the LORD said, The whole land shall be desolate; yet will I not make a full end. For this shall the earth mourn, and the heavens above be black: because I have spoken it, I have purposed it, and will not repent, neither will I turn back from it."

- Jeremiah 4:23-28

Some people believe this passage is a reference to the end of the tribulation period. It is true there are things in this passage that will certainly occur at the end of the tribulation. Nevertheless this is not talking about something in the future, but something that has already happened in the past. Just like in Genesis 1:2, the earth is without form and void, there are no stars in the heavens, and there was no man. At the Day of the LORD, many are truly slain, but there are still men upon the earth that survive. This passage says I saw no man. At the Day of the LORD, the Lord calls the fowl of the heavens to feast upon the bodies of those slain. This passage does however fit with Genesis 1:2. In Isaiah 45:18 the LORD said he created the earth not in vain, but he created it to be inhabited. Then why after the declaration that he created the heaven and the earth, do we read in the very next verse that the earth is without form and void and there is darkness and water everywhere? Listen we all can agree that Lucifer had fallen BEFORE Adam and Eve ate of that tree. When did this happen? Ezekiel 28 seems to suggest there was some good amount of time before iniquity was found in him. The main question is where do you put the fall of Satan? In light of the Scriptures, I see him falling before the heavens and the earth were created for man. Maybe this next section will help you out with this.

"And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth."

- Genesis 1:28

God told Adam and Eve to replenish the earth. Now I will not change the Bible here I will just take it as it is written. That word means to “refill, or “fill”. This command appears elsewhere in Scripture and the command is given unto Noah and his sons.

“And God blessed Noah and his sons, and said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth.”
- Genesis 9:1

Let's first examine Genesis 9:1. This command was given after a flood that destroyed all life on the earth. It was a new beginning and God wanted them to repopulate the earth with men. So the way “replenish” was used here is in the “refill” or “fill again” sense. And notice it was after a worldwide flood.

Now back to Genesis 1:28, the command is given to replenish the earth. We read about a universal judgment of water not just upon the earth, but the heavens as well (Genesis 1:2, 2 Peter 3:3-7). In Psalm 24:1-2 we read that God founded the earth upon the seas and floods. The question to ask is what did God want Adam and Eve to replenish the earth with?

Now Adam was different than Noah, before he sinned he was made in the image of God. He is also called “the son of God.”

“Which was the son of Enos, which was the son of Seth, which was the son of Adam, which was the son of God.”
- Luke 3:38

Did you know Adam is called the son of God? Guess who else is called the Son of God, Jesus Christ. God wanted Adam and Eve to repopulate the earth with sons of God. That implies that there were sons of God that previously inhabited the earth. Did you know that angels are called sons of God in the Old Testament (Genesis 6, Job 1, Job 2, Job 38)? Jesus said in the resurrection we shall be as the angels in heaven (Matthew 22:30). And we are also called sons of God, if we have received Jesus Christ (John 1:12). You see that? God told them to replenish the earth with sons of God. Why? Because some had sinned along with the devil and God destroyed them with a flood.

In Genesis 3, the devil tells Eve that she could become as gods knowing good and evil if she ate of the forbidden fruit.

“Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden? And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die. And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: For

God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.”

- Genesis 3:1-5

Notice Eve's response. She doesn't question at all the existence of gods. She must have known about them, or maybe even seen them before. Who knows? All we can tell from the passage was that she was enticed to disobey the Lord because she wanted to be as the gods. The question then becomes, who are the gods? They are simply the heavenly host, the angels (Psalm 82:1-8, 97:7; Hebrews 1:6; 1 Corinthians 8:4-6). The angels were made with a knowledge of good and evil (2 Samuel 14:17, 20).

The gods (angels, heavenly host) were created with a knowledge of good and evil, something Adam and Eve were not created with. We also know from Psalm 8:5 that man was made a little lower than angels. The devil was trying to convince them that God was holding out on them, they were made lower than the angels and did not have a knowledge of good and evil, which the devil said, would make them wise. Eve started to think about why the LORD God didn't want them to have a knowledge of good and evil like the gods. So she eats of the forbidden fruit and so does her husband.

Now it is important to point out that the devil did not tell a flat out lie, but mixed truth in with the lie. Adam and Eve did become as gods, to know good and evil, their eyes were opened, but they certainly did die. God even admits in Genesis 3:22 that man has become as one of us, to know good and evil.

It is clear that Eve must have known something about the angels, otherwise how could have Satan enticed Eve into becoming something and gaining knowledge that other creatures have if she knew nothing of them. She did not say, "There are no gods." She knew there was gods that had a knowledge of good and evil, but she also knew there was only One God the Creator.

This further proves that intelligent life preexisted man and that the earth was filled with "sons of God" before Adam and Even were formed out of the dust of the earth. Since the angels were created with a knowledge of good and evil, they could at any time rebel and sin against their Maker. Lucifer, the 5th Cherub who was anointed, was the first to do so, and some of the angels rebelled and sinned also. This caused the LORD to flood and destroy the heaven and the earth of Genesis 1:1. What was left was a watery chaos with an earth without form and void and darkness everywhere.

Then in Genesis 1:3 following, the LORD reforms the heavens and the earth for man, creating a new sea of separation between the 3rd heaven and the 2nd heaven keeping the defilement of sin out of the holy place. God then commissioned the first married couple to replenish the earth with sons of God. God wanted to have more sons of God, perhaps to replace those that had been lost because of sin.

We have looked at a lot of Scripture and have seen that before Adam and Eve were created, there was an original creation of the heaven and earth that was perfect. Lucifer

as the anointed cherub reigned as a king and priest over both kingdoms. The angels inhabited the earth, likely along with an animal creation. Satan thought in his heart one day on the earth that he would ascend into heaven and exalt his throne above God's throne. The Lord judged Satan and he was cast out of the third heaven losing his position as the anointed cherub that covers. The original creation had been defiled by sin and God wiped it out. The earth was now without form and void, darkness was everywhere, there were no stars, and water was everywhere. Then God shows up on the first day and puts a difference between spiritual light (Jesus Christ) and spiritual darkness (Satan).

He goes on in 6 days to reform the heavens and the earth for mankind who was made in the image of God, but they lost that due to sin. Those six days would be picture of the 6,000 years of human history. On the 4th day the Sun was created, so after 4,000 years the Son shows up as the Light of the World and sheds his blood to take away the sin of the world, putting an end to sin. At the end of 6,000 years and the beginning of the 7,000th year, the LORD comes with ten thousands of his saints and the Day of the LORD commences and lasts 1,000 years. This is the Millennial reign of Christ, the Sabbath rest of the earth. Afterwards, the LORD would allow one final rebellion and then ultimately destroy all the wicked and cast them into the lake of fire for ever.

He then creates a new heaven and new earth with no more sea of separation, and the heavenly Jerusalem descends out of the third heaven to the earth. Sin, death, sorrow, crying, and pain are all passed away. It is finished. God has been able, by allowing evil, to manifest all of his attributes to his creation: his wrath, power, and glory have been made known. The saved Jews, the saved Gentiles, and the Church of God will live on for ever and ever in a perfect universe. The Jews and Gentiles that live unto the end of the Millennial reign of Christ, not having been resurrected, will eat of the tree of life, that they might live forever, and will be fruitful, multiply, and replenish the earth with sons of God.

This continues for ever.

“For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.”
- Isaiah 9:6-7

“Violence shall no more be heard in thy land, wasting nor destruction within thy borders; but thou shalt call thy walls Salvation, and thy gates Praise. The sun shall be no more thy light by day; neither for brightness shall the moon give light unto thee: but the LORD shall be unto thee an everlasting light, and thy God thy glory. Thy sun shall no more go down; neither shall thy moon withdraw itself: for the LORD shall be thine everlasting light, and the days of thy mourning shall be

ended. Thy people also shall be all righteous: they shall inherit the land for ever, the branch of my planting, the work of my hands, that I may be glorified. A little one shall become a thousand, and a small one a strong nation: I the LORD will hasten it in his time.”

- Isaiah 60:18-22

Eventually the earth will become very crowded, and the sons of God will move out to populate the other planets, then to the next solar system, then to the next galaxy, and will continue to populate the entire universe with perfect human beings just like God's Son. Glory be to God! The Universe will have its capital at New Jerusalem where a Light shines so bright, and the Holy One of Israel resides. There is the Lamb that was once slain, still with the holes in hands as an eternal memorial to the greatness of his mercy, and the beauties of his glory, and the depths of his love!