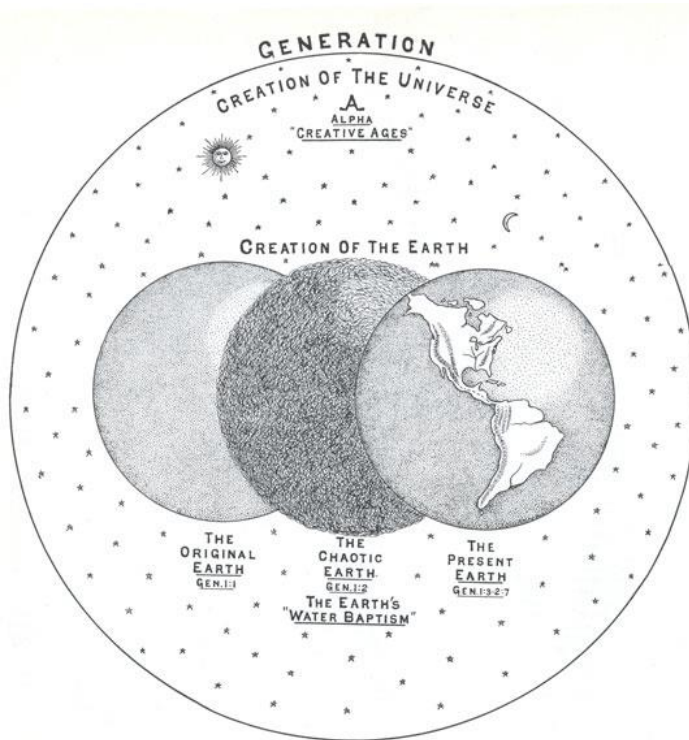


THE CREATIVE AGES



The Scriptures begin with the sublime declaration-

"In the beginning God '**CREATED**' the heaven and the earth." [Gen. 1:1](#).

As the word "heaven" is in the singular it will clarify matters to limit this creative act to our own planet, and the solar system to which it belongs, rather than to the whole of the starry spaces or universe.

1. THE ORIGINAL OR PRE-ADAMITE EARTH

This creation was in the dateless past. It was not at the beginning of the first day as described in [Gen. 1:3-5](#). The six days' work as described in [Gen. 1:3-31](#) was the **restoration of the earth** (not the

heavens or starry space), to its original condition before it was made "formless and void," and submerged in water and darkness.

Peter speaks of it as the "World that **then was**, that being **overflowed with water**, perished." [2 Pet 3: 5-7](#).

The manner of the "**creation**" of the Pre-Adamite Earth is not revealed in the Scriptures. They simply declare that "In the **BEGINNING GOD CREATED** the heaven and the earth." We have to fall back then upon Science.

2. THE CHAOTIC EARTH

The creation of the "Original Earth" was in the dateless past. It was doubtless a most beautiful earth, covered with vegetation and inhabited with fish and fowl and animal life, and probably with human life. How long it continued in this condition we are not told; but an awful catastrophe befell it-it became "**FORMLESS AND VOID**," and submerged in water and darkness. [Gen. 1:2](#). That it was not originally so we know from [Isa. 45:18](#) (R.V.). "Thus saith the Lord that created the heavens; he is God; that formed the earth and made it; He established it, He created it **NOT A WASTE**, he formed it to **be inhabited**."

What caused the earth to become a "**Waste**" after its original creation is not clearly revealed. It is clear from the account of the Fall of Adam and Eve that sin existed before man was created.

In that remarkable passage in [Ez. 28:12-19](#) there is revealed to us under the title of

"**The King of Tyrus**,"

a being of surpassing beauty and wisdom, who had been in "Eden," the "Garden of God." Not the Eden of Adam's day, but possibly the Eden of the Earth as it was first created. This being is spoken of

as the "Anointed Cherub that Covereth," who "walked upon the 'Holy Mountain of God'," and was "perfect in all his ways from the day that he was created, until iniquity was found in him." But his "heart was lifted up because of his beauty," and his wisdom was thus corrupted.

As no King of Tyrus answering this description has, as yet, existed, this passage is taken to be a prophetic portrait of the "Antichrist," and as Antichrist is to be an incarnation of Satan, it probably is a description of Satan before his fall. The intimation in this scripture then is, that Satan, with a host of angelic beings, was placed in charge of the original or primeval earth, and that he through pride ([1 Tim. 3:6](#); [Isa. 14:12-14](#)) sought to be equal with God, and that to punish him the earth was thrown into a chaotic state, and Satan and his angels, amounting to a third of the angelic hosts ([Rev. 12:4](#)) were excluded from Heaven, and took up their abode in the heavenlies, the Second Heaven, located between the atmosphere of our earth and the Heaven where God dwells, and thus became the "Principalities and Powers," and "Rulers of the Darkness of this Age," and the "Spiritual Wickedness" in "High Places" (the Second Heaven), of whom we are warned in [Eph. 6:12](#). This seems very plausible, for Satan is said to be the "Prince of the Powers of the Air" ([Eph. 2:2](#)), and the "God of this World" (Age), and it looks as if his plan for the Fall of man was a scheme to regain control of this earth.

If there were human beings on the Original or Pre-Adamite Earth, they were doubtless involved in Satan's fall and destroyed. In fact, the "demons" are believed by many to be the disembodied spirits of the inhabitants of the Pre-Adamite Earth, and their efforts to re-embody themselves in human beings, as in the days of Christ, is looked upon as evidence that they once possessed bodies similar to human bodies. Naturally the question arises, "if the inhabitants of the Pre-Adamite Earth were human beings like ourselves, and were destroyed when the Pre-Adamite Earth was thrown into a chaotic form, where are their fossil remains why have we not discovered them in the soil or rocks of the earth?" The answer is, their "bodies" may have been consumed by fire, as will be the case with the rebellious hosts of Gog and Magog at the end of the Millennium ([Rev. 20:7-9](#)), and their escaping "spirits" became the demons referred to above. It is clear that the "demons" are not Satan's angels, for they are free, while the demons are confined in the Bottomless Pit and are only given liberty as it suits God's purpose. [Rev. 9:1-21](#). Neither are they the "Fallen Angels" of [2 Pet. 2:4](#), and [Jude 6-7](#), for they are reserved in chains under darkness against the judgment of the Great Day. The "demons" then are in a class by themselves and for aught we know shall never be different. What we do know in reference to them is that the time is coming when they are to suffer "torment." [Matt. 8:29](#).

If death reigned on the Pre-Adamite Earth, and the bodies of the Pre-Adamites were buried in the earth, they may still remain buried in that part of the earth which they occupied, which now may be the bed of the Atlantic or Pacific Ocean. If this be so, it helps to explain the Scripture passage which reads-"And the **SEA** gave up the dead which were in it; and '**Death**' and '**Hell**' (Hades) delivered up the dead which were in them; and they were judged every man according to his works." [Rev. 20:13](#). Here we have the "**SEA**" differentiated from "**DEATH**," (the Grave), which swallows up the body, and "**HELL**" or "**HADES**," the abode of the soul between death and the resurrection, and this seems to imply that the "**DEAD OF THE SEA**" are a different class from mankind and may refer to the dead of the Pre-Adamite World as now resting at the bottom of the sea. As God's creatures are to be judged each in his own order, it would seem no more than right that the dead of the Pre-Adamite World should be judged before the wicked dead of this present world.

The manner in which the Pre-Adamite Earth was made "formless and void," and this refers only to the exterior surface, the habitableness of the earth, is clearly revealed by Peter, where he says-

"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.**" [2 Pet. 3:5-6](#).

It is clear that Peter does not refer here to Noah's Flood, for the world of Noah's day did not perish, and Peter goes on to add that-

"The heavens and the earth which are now (that is, have been in existence since the restoration of the earth of [Gen. 1:3-31](#)), by the same word are kept in store, **reserved unto fire** against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men (Great White Throne Judgment)." [Rev. 20:11-15](#).

The manner then in which the Pre-Adamite Earth was made "formless and void" was by **WATER**. The water which lies upon the surface of the earth is about 1/4950 part of the earth's mass. If the land surface was even the water would cover it to the depth of 11 miles. Violent convulsions must have wrecked the Pre-Adamite Earth and covered its surface with the waters of its oceans. Not a living creature remained alive upon it, and its atmosphere of murky darkness hid the light of the sun, moon and stars. To all intents and purposes it was a dead planet, though the seeds of its vegetable life remained entombed in its bosom ready to spring into resurrection life on the "Third Day." The absence of the warm rays of the sun caused the earth to pass through the "Winter" of its life, and the submerging waters were congealed into ice that preserved in "**COLD STORAGE**" the remains of immense quadrupeds and winged creatures, that we might know the kind of animal life that inhabited the Pre-Adamite Earth. This was probably the Glacial Period of Geologic Times. The Prophet Jeremiah records a vision of the time.

"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." [Jer. 4:23-26](#).

If this was, as it appears, an account of the destruction of the Pre-Adamite Earth, then the Pre-Adamite Earth was inhabited, and its inhabitants dwelt in cities, and God's purpose in destroying the Pre-Adamite Earth was to efface all historic monuments and evidences of the sinfulness of its occupants.

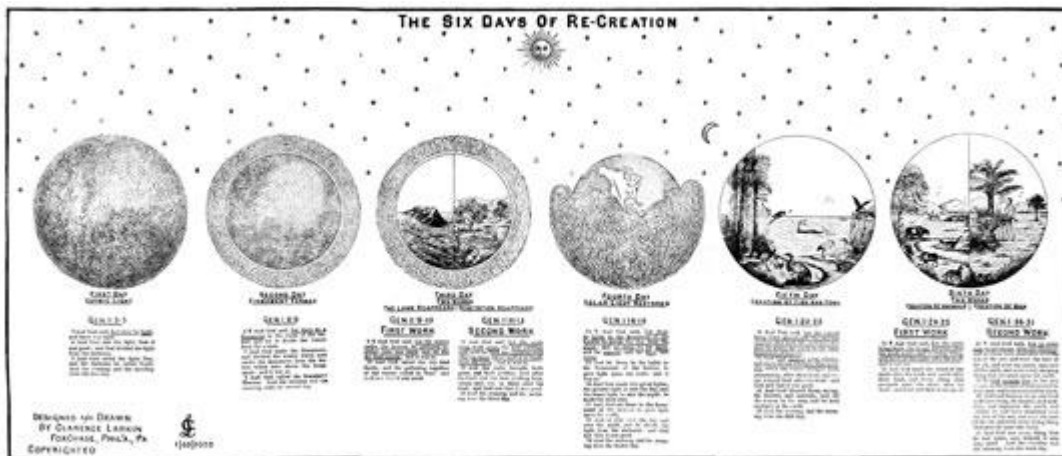
How long a period elapsed between the creation of the earth and its becoming "formless and void" we do not know; neither do we know how long it continued in that condition, but when the time came in the purpose of God to restore the earth to its habitable state, and make it fit for the abode of man, He did it in six periods of longer or shorter duration. The Hebrew word translated "day" may mean either a day of 24 hours or a longer period of time. The probability is that the time was short.

3. THE PRESENT EARTH

The six days' work as described in [Gen. 1:3-31](#) is not a description of how God made the Original earth, but how He restored it from its "formless and void" condition to its present state. If the Flood

of Noah's day was only local and affected only that section of the world, then the geography of the restored earth was probably the same as that of the earth today.

THE SEVEN DAYS OF THE RESTORATION WEEK



Era of Matter

1. DAY-WORK, COSMIC LIGHT
2. DAY-WORK, READJUSTMENT OF THE ATMOSPHERE
3. DAY-
 1. WORK, DRY LAND REAPPEARS
 2. WORK, VEGETATION REAPPEARS

Era of Life

1. DAY-WORK, SOLAR LIGHT RESTORED
2. DAY-WORK, CREATION OF FISH AND FOWL
3. DAY-
 1. WORK, CREATION OF LAND ANIMALS
 2. WORK, CREATION OF MAN
4. DAY-NO WORK, THE SABBATH