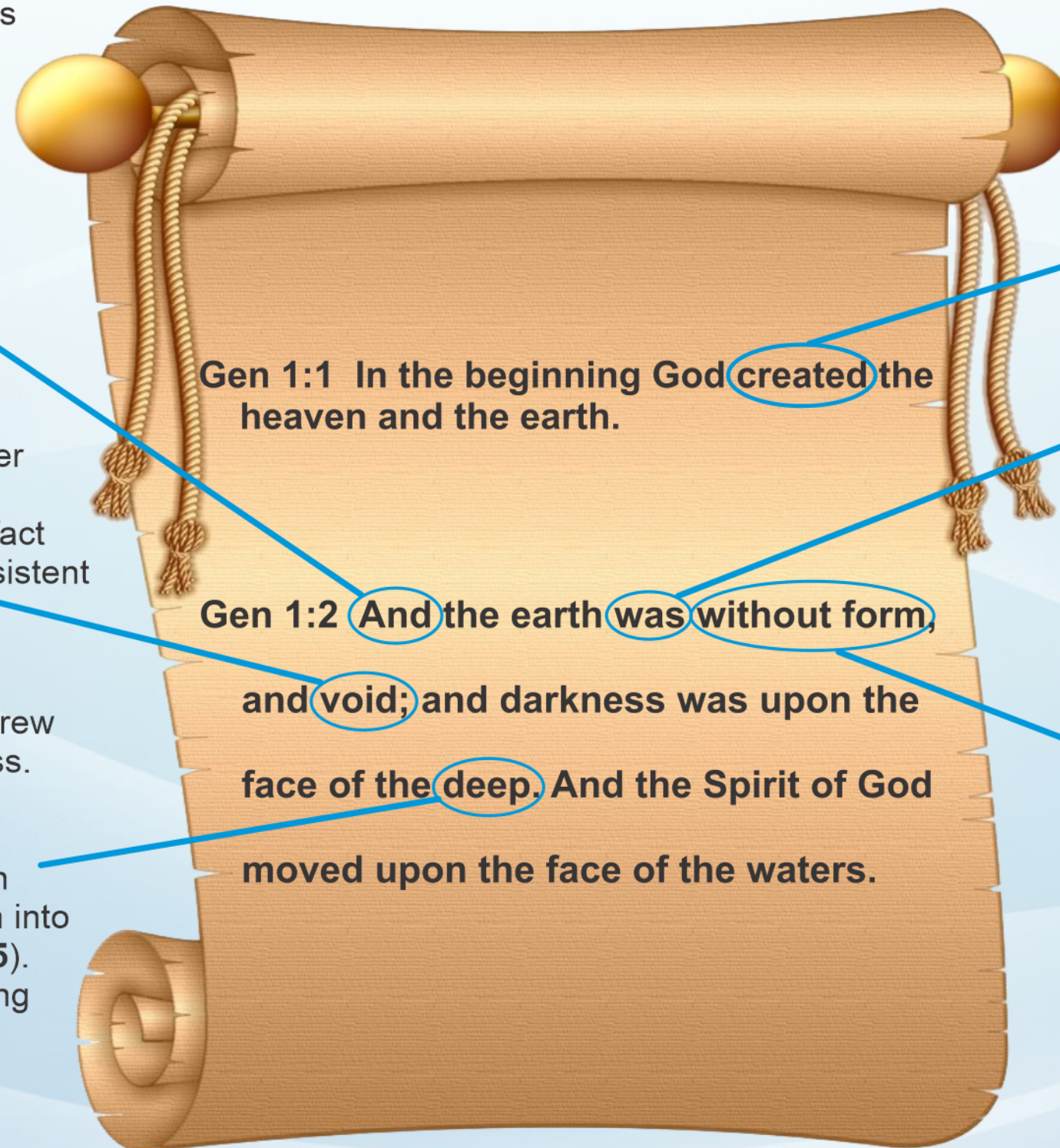


# GENESIS 1:1-2 – RE-CREATION

- The Hebrew conjunction *wav* often means “and” when linked to a verb. However, here it is connected to the noun “earth”. This makes it a disjunction and indicates a break between verses 1 and 2. Thus, it has the idea of “but.”

- The word [H922, *bohu*] is used one other time (**Is.34:11**) and in a bad sense.
- God creates in mature perfection. The fact that it is without form and void is inconsistent with God’s pattern of creation.

- The Septuagint (LXX) translates the Hebrew [H8415, *tehowm*] as *abussos* of the abyss. This is the holding place for demons and evil spirits.
- Often chaos is used symbolically of death and judgment. The Egyptians went down into the deep in judgment and death (**Ex.15:5**).
- Peter describes this as, “the earth standing out of water and in the water (**2Pe.3:5b**).



- This is the original creation of the heaven and Earth out of nothing.
- The word “created” [H1254, *bara*] is never used of man but exclusively of God Who creates out of nothing. The word occurs 53 times.

- “Was” [H1961, *hâyâh*] indicates a state or condition not like the original. As such, it has the idea of “became”. The “was” is stating a matter of fact.

- The word [H8414, *tohu*] occurs 20 other times and always in a bad sense.
- The word is used in **Isaiah 45:18** and translated “vain.” God did not create the earth as a mud ball, then turn on the lights and start the decorating process.
- God creates complete. That is, when He creates something it appears as the finished product.
- This shows the condition of the Earth sometime after the “heaven and earth” were first created.