

# GENESIS 1:1-3 — 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 should be translated “but” instead of “and”.

- God creates in mature perfection. The fact that it is without form and void is inconsistent with God’s pattern of creation.
- The Hebrew word for “void” is never used apart from “formless.” Jeremiah warns the southern Jews of coming judgment from Babylon. He relates the judgment concept by borrowing from the creation imagery (**Je.4:23-26**).

- The Septuagint (LXX) translates the Hebrew (*tehowm*) as *abussos* of the abyss. This is the holding place for demons and evil spirits.
- Often chaos and death are used symbolically of death and judgment (**Ex.15:5**). The Egyptians went down into the deep in judgment and death.

- We see from verse 2 that the physics for “light” were already in place. Time, matter, and space are already established and light is an integral part of the space-time fabric (remember  $E=Mc^2$ ).

## THINGS THAT ALREADY EXISTS:

1. The “Earth” (**Ge.1:1**). It is already named.
2. “Waters” (**Ge.1:2**). In either liquid or ice form, it tells us there is already some form of atmosphere.
3. The “deep” (**Ge.1:2**).
4. “Darkness” (**Ge.1:2**).
5. Geologic structure (**Ge.1:2**). The Earth’s crust, mantle, and core structure are already fully differentiated. No where does the narrative tell us when God established the geologic structure.
6. Outer space is already established since the Earth is already rotating on its axis on a 24 hour clock (“evening and morning” idea).

**Gen 1:1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.**

**Gen 1:2 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.**

**Gen 1:3 And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.**

- This is the original creation of the heaven and Earth out of nothing.
- If **Genesis 1:1** is merely a summary of the whole 7 days, and not the actual description of the creation of the heaven and the earth, then why is there no re-statement of its actual creation in the detailed account?

- “Was” indicates a state or condition not like the original. As such, we could translate it “became”.

- The term “without form” is the same Hebrew word (*tohuw*) as in **Isaiah 45:18** translated “vain”. God did not create the earth as a mud ball, then turn on the lights and start the decorating process.
- Verse 2 describes the condition of the Earth sometime after the “heaven and earth” were first created.

- Why is darkness present when God is light and in Him there is no darkness (**1Jn.1:5**)?
- The description of the earth as under a shroud of darkness is meant to present a negative picture (**Ex.10:21**, darkness in Egypt; **Jl.2:2**, judgment at Armageddon; **Mt.4:16**, people sitting in spiritual darkness; see also **Jn.3:19**).
- The three-fold repetition of “void,” “darkness,” and “deep,” makes a strong case for the judgment idea.