

Without Form and Void
Genesis 1:2
Back to the Beginning, part 4

- Genesis 1:2 incredibly describes the preliminary condition of the earth when it was all still covered by water and in darkness, unable to sustain life.
- The Gap Theory states there was a “gap” of millions of years between Genesis 1:1 and Genesis 1:2. It alleges that Satan fell after the creation and the earth BECAME without form and void and was plunged into total darkness.
 1. The Bible clearly teaches that death and disintegration did not enter the creation through Lucifer’s sin but Adam’s sin. Adam, not Satan was the head of the human race, and there was no death until Adam’s sin.
 2. The Bible pronounces everything GOOD seven times in Genesis 1 because there was no sin, death or curse. If the earth bore the scar of a total destruction, all was not good at that time.
 3. Biblical references offered by Gap Theorists do not give strong support for their theory (Gen. 1:2, 28; Isaiah 45:18; Jer.4:23; Gen. 1:2, 28)
 4. It READS into Scripture what is not there and it is not mentioned anywhere with clarity in the Scripture.
 5. The Bible clearly teaches that all things were made in six days, but Gap theorists would have to say there was some kind of creation long before the beginning of the end of the first day, and that creation extended for millions of years in Genesis 1.
 6. There still was no light in the universe between verse one and two. How could there be any life without light?
 7. To read verse two as following verse one makes perfect sense.
- When God created the heaven and the earth, it was first, “without form and void,” but it does not remain that way. God is forming something that will be filled with beauty. God did not create the world to forever be unformed and uninhabited.
- Genesis 1:2 describes the earth in its early state:

1. It was UNFORMED as to shape: *tohu*

- The first three days of creation deal with the earth being “formless.”

2. UNINHABITED as to life: *bohu*

- The second three days solve the problem the emptiness of His creation, or of being “void.” Used only in Is. 34:11 and Jer.4:23.

3. UNLIT as to Light: darkness was upon the face of the deep

- A third description is mentioned: darkness

4. UNENERGIZED as to Motion: The Spirit of God Moved...

- Divine INTERACTION & Divine IMPARTATION of energy begins to set natural laws in motion, to organize and shape the original matter. (Deut. 32:11)