



“High Definition (part 2/3)”

Air vs. Water

Genesis 1:6-8

Using boundaries in your life, God :

I. Commands - “And God said, Let”

God exercises His will with :

- A. **Provision** – “there be a firmament”
- B. **Precision** – “in the midst of the waters”
- C. **Purpose** – “let it divide the waters”

II. Constructs - “And God made”

God shapes you in ways that are :

- A. **Specific** – “the firmament”
- B. **Strategic** – “and divided the waters”
- C. **Successful** - “and it was so”

I Thes. 5:24)

III. Commissions - “And God called”

God calls you to a life defined by :

- A. **Function** – “the firmament”
- B. **Focus** – “Heaven”

*Convinced as to the importance of water and this day of creation?
This Video may seal the deal. **VIDEO***

Sentence Sermon:

*God has provided water fit for life, and His Word
which is living water for eternal life .*

❖ Verses on the firmament or Heavens

➤ **The Word for Firmament used also in:**

- Psalm 136:6
- Exodus 39:3
- Isaiah 40:19
- Jeremiah 10:9

➤ **The Word for Heaven used also in:**

- Amos 9:6
- Psalm 104:5-24
- II Corinthians 12:1-3
- Job 36:26-30

➤ Suggested Resources:

- **Evolution Cruncher – Vance Ferrell**
- **Paradise to Prison – John J. Davis**
- **The Genesis Record – Henry Morris**
- **The Six Days of Creation – Ken Ham**

- **Incredible Creatures that Defy Evolution – video series by Dr. Jobe Martin**

Re – Explain Tohu = Lack of boundaries or definition....Bohu = Lack of contents or empty

Today we continue our 3 part series on How God took care of the Tohu problem ...no not ToFu but Tohu... This is part of the 6 days of creation where the first 3 days is for Tohu...The last 3 days or for Bohu

SLIDE on Six Days - TV

Some have a hard time with the meaning of day simply meaning a 24 hour day...So I have qued up an exerpt of Ken Ham explaining the Hebrew word Yom for us. **BLUE RAY EXERPT**

You see, God makes it pretty clear that He set up our week with 6 days of work and one day of reflection and rest. IF you still need to think on this perhaps a quote from the great reformer..

SLIDE Martin Luther wrote,

When Moses writes that God created Heaven and Earth and whatever is in them in six days, then let this period continue to have been six days, and do not venture to devise any comment according to which six days were one day. But, if you cannot understand how this could have been done in six days, then grant the Holy Spirit the honor of being more learned than you are.

Lets see what our Learned God did for us on day 2.

Exegesis

VERSE 6

>And God said - Decree or Fiat

> Let there be a firmament – “raqia”

Now the word "expanse" is the Hebrew word raqia. It means, interesting word, it means expanse. It means spread out thinness. And looking in the Old Testament to find its usage, **in Exodus 39:3** when they were making things for the worship of God in the tabernacle, it says they got gold and they hammered out...they hammered out sheets of gold. They flattened it out and spread it out and hammered it into thinness. They use the same verb as the verb expanse. The picture is of a thin area that God just cuts right through the waters that surround the earth. All the way around the earth is this water and God just cuts as if you would go in there with a knife and just cut all the way through that sphere of the undifferentiated mass of elements of the earth, separating it into two parts. There's still the part that's spherical and the water surrounding it, but now there's water above it, separated by this expanse. Expanse is intended to convey the idea of space...space.

MYTHOLOGY - Now that's a very reasonable account written by Moses. At the, if you go back into ancient literature you read

some other legends that developed in the Mesopotamian mythology that are kind of interesting to compare with this. Pagan stories, there's a lot of them, to try to explain creation, none of them teaches evolution. But, for example, the legends of Mesopotamia say that after the god Marduk, and by the way, you can name him a lot of different names depending on what the nation you belong to or what version you want, but the god Marduk had vanquished Tiamot(?), the goddess of the world ocean, depicted as a great and mighty sea monster, as well as the other monsters and monstrosities that she had created to aid her in her combat. And after he had slain his chief enemy with his weapons, he cut her carcass horizontally and divided her into two halves which lay one on top of the other and out of the upper half he formed a heaven and out of the lower half he made the earth, which included the sea. You can read that whole story in the Babylonian account of creation. And it says actually in the text, translated, he split her like a fish into two parts, the one half of her he set up and laid there with the beams of the heavens. He pulled down a bar and

stationed a watch which refers to the earth below **SLIDES ON TV** – What did the firmament look like

VERSE 7

> And God made – “asa” simply means He is the one who did the work of creating something from nothing.

> the firmament and divided the waters – *Creating the horizon.*

> *and it was so – It happened as He commanded and He did it in such a way that we would say – “Well, Yeah, that’s how it should be” after saying Huh???? I don’t think that’s gonna work!*

In Our Lives God commands but sometimes we have to admit that it does not turn out like what verse 7 says... “it was so.” This is where an understanding of the will of God is important. God definitely wills things to happen but somethings are not in His will and they happen. Why is this.

SLIDE on Will of God

VERSE8

- > God called the firmament – God commands, constructs, and commissions
- > Heaven – the abode of God, abode of angels, atmosphere, air.

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