

# **The World Before Adam and Eve**

Revealing Hidden Mysteries in the Bible

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2 Peter 3:5-6

It has been said that there are two things you should never talk about at a family reunion: religion or politics. It seems that with each of these two areas of discussion there are hot buttons, or you could say, land mines. If you step on one of them, there's a great explosion of words, people take sides, and there is no profit to the conversation that follows. I'm giving you fair warning that we are about to touch on a topic that for some people is a very hot button.

When it comes to the ancient past, before the creation of the world and mankind, there are two basic viewpoints: Old Earth Creationists and New Earth Creationists. Neither of these two groups believe that mankind naturally evolved from space dust, but rather that there was divine design involved. Both groups believe that God the Father created everything by His Word, and through His Word, and for His Word (Colossians 1:16). The difference is this: Did it happen in six 24-hour periods, or did it happen through the eons of time?

My Christian background is very conservative. I became a Christian at an early age and grew up in a Christian home where we attended church regularly. From those early years I was taught to check everything out with the Word of God, the Holy Bible. If the Bible said it, I believed it. And because of this, over the years much of my theology and my views have altered several times to align with the Bible. We should never have an opinion and try to prove it by taking scriptures out of context. Rather we should take the sum of the Scriptures and align our thinking and beliefs with them.

In my studies, I discovered there are many views concerning creation. Science seemed to be the standard that was used to prove or discredit the Bible. But the

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truth is, true science and true Scripture do not conflict. In fact, the knowledge that God has given man through science confirms the Word of God to be true. With this in mind, let's look at what the Bible says about creation.

But, before we dig deep into this subject, I want to make one thing perfectly clear. Neither opinion nor belief about this affects your salvation. Your eternal life is not determined by your view of creation, but rather is simply by your belief in Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior. Your belief about creation is not salvation-critical.

**In the Beginning**

*In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.*

Genesis 1:1-2

As a starting point, we can clearly see by Genesis 1:1 that God created the heavens and the earth. Isaiah 45:18 tells us that He did not create the earth formless and void, but created it to be inhabited. However, Genesis 1:2 says that the earth was without form and void. Obviously, if God created the heavens and the earth perfect in verse 1 but it was not perfect in verse 2, something must have happened between those two verses. How long was the earth perfect before it became formless and void?

Most scientific groups agree in their belief that the universe was created approximately 13.8 billion years ago. They believe it was created out of a singularity smaller than an atom. In a moment of time shorter than a nanosecond, something unique happened. An unexplained explosion took place and the universe came into existence. By measuring the radiation left over from this explosion, a picture can be recorded of the oldest light in the universe. This is basically how the age of the universe is determined. Simply put, the leading scientific explanation of how our universe began 13.8 billion years ago is that there was a spark, an explosion, and everything started expanding faster than the speed of light.

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At this writing, the known universe is 94 billion light years across. What does it mean that our known universe is 94 billion light years from one side to the other? It means that light traveling at 299,792,458 meters per second (or 186,282 miles per second) would take 94 billion years to travel from one side of the known universe to the other side of the known universe. And that is just as far as we can see. With each new development in telescopes, we can see farther and we discover billions more galaxies containing billions of stars. And all this has been discovered in just the last few decades.

**Our Ancient Past**

Let's take a look at the Word of God and see what it has to say about our ancient past.

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Time was created. How do we know this? Because in the Scriptures we are told that God made promises before time began. If time had a beginning that means it was created and everything that was created was created by the Word of God.

*In hope of eternal life which **God**, who cannot lie, **promised before time began**.*

Titus 1:2

So, God existed in the ageless past before time itself. Within God's Hebrew name is this reality: God always has been, is, and always will be. It is literally impossible to chronicle God's past because there is no beginning in Him. Traveling back in time to its beginning and beyond brings you no closer to God's beginning, because there is none. It's incomprehensible.

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However, the earth and the heavens do have a beginning, and according to Scripture, much happened in the heavens and on the earth over a great period of time before man was created and placed in the Garden of Eden.

Before the earth became formless and void and before Day 1 of creation, there was great beauty in heaven. God created the angels and the heavenly hosts. Among these created beings, He created Lucifer. Lucifer was perfect on the day he was created and within his being he had the ability to produce music for worship. He was the anointed cherub that covered (Ezekiel 28:12-14).

Again, Genesis 1:2 says that the earth was without form and void. The phrase “without form and void” comes from two Hebrew words – *tohu* and *va bohu*. The best way to describe the meaning of this phrase would be like this: A Jewish mother went into her child’s bedroom and cleaned it thoroughly, putting everything where it was supposed to be, but later she came back and saw that it was a total mess. She would say, “*Tohu va bohu*.” In other words, it became without form and void; it became chaotic, but it wasn’t that way originally.

This is what happened to the earth between Genesis 1:1 and Genesis 1:2. What caused this chaos? What caused this great destruction on the earth that disrupted the perfect creation of God before Day 1 of creation?

*“You were the anointed cherub who covers; I established you; you were on the holy mountain of God; you walked back and forth in the midst of fiery stones. You were perfect in your ways from the day you were created, till iniquity was found in you. **By the abundance of your trading you became filled with violence within, and you sinned; therefore I cast you as a profane thing out of the mountain of God; and I destroyed you, O covering cherub, from the midst of the fiery stones.**”*

Ezekiel 28:14-16

Sadly, iniquity was found in the anointed cherub, Lucifer, and he rebelled and was cast down to the earth. The Bible talks about the time period that started with the

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creation of Lucifer and ended with the fall of Lucifer when he was cast to the earth. During this time period, there were kings, kingdoms, nations, and commerce. How do we know this?

The account of the six days of creation in Genesis does not include angels being created, because we know they were created before Day 1. God tells us in Job that the angels observed creation.

*“Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth? Tell me, if you know so much. Do you know how its dimensions were determined, and who did the surveying? What supports its foundations, and who laid its cornerstone as the morning stars sang together and all the angels shouted for joy?”*

Job 38:4-7 (TLB)

*“How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How you are cut down to **the ground**, you who weakened the nations!”*

Isaiah 14:12

Ground also means earth. Jesus said that He saw Satan fall from heaven like lightning (Luke 10:18).

*I beheld the earth, and indeed it was without form, and void; and the heavens, they had no light. I beheld the mountains, and indeed they trembled, and all the hills moved back and forth. I beheld, **and indeed there was no man**, and all the birds of the heavens [flying creatures] had fled. I beheld, and indeed the fruitful land was a wilderness, and all its cities were broken down at the presence of the Lord, by His fierce anger.*

Jeremiah 4:23-26

Here, the Lord reveals something very astonishing to us. He tells us that when Satan was cast down and the earth became formless and void, there was no light. The

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mountains and the hills trembled and moved back and forth and all this happened before there was man. Did you catch that? When Lucifer was cast down, man did not exist, but there were cities that were broken down.

Further in Ezekiel 28, the Lord said that He cast Lucifer out of heaven as a profane thing out of the mountain of God, and then makes this astonishing statement. *“Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty; you corrupted your wisdom for the sake of your splendor; I cast you to the ground, I laid you **before kings**, that they might gaze at you”* (Ezekiel 28:17).

Who was the “abundance of trading” with (Ezekiel 28:16)? If there were kings (Ezekiel 28:17), there would be kingdoms and nations, boundaries, and commerce. There was definitely some type of trading that existed among these nations, and Lucifer was engaged with the commerce, because Ezekiel 28:18 refers to Lucifer when it says, *“You defiled your sanctuaries by the multitude of your iniquities, by the iniquity of your trading.”*

Does this mean that mankind was on the earth before Adam? Definitely not. The Scriptures clearly tell us that Adam was the first man (1 Corinthians 15:45). However, there was an existence of some type of intelligent creature on the earth that had developed kingdoms with rulers and commerce and Lucifer was deeply involved with them. And obviously he deceived and cheated them.

**Lucifer’s Iniquity**

*“**You were the seal of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. You were in Eden, the garden of God; every precious stone was your covering: the sardius, topaz, and diamond, beryl, onyx, and jasper, sapphire, turquoise, and emerald with gold. The workmanship of your timbrels and pipes was prepared for you **on the day you were created.**”***

Ezekiel 28:12-13

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When they were young, each of my grandchildren asked me this question. “If God created everything, why did He create the devil?” The answer, of course, is that God didn’t create the devil. He created Lucifer, who was perfect on the day he was created, but when iniquity (sin) was found in him, God cast him out of heaven, and he became the devil. But what was Lucifer’s iniquity (sin)?

Everything God creates is perfect and has a purpose and a destiny. God did not create angels (Lucifer was a cherub) to be like Him. They had a purpose, but that was not it. Angels were not created to be like God. In the book of Hebrews, we find the Bible clearly tells us why angels were created. They were created and put into position to minister for those who will inherit salvation (Hebrews 1:14). That’s what the Bible says. God did not create Lucifer or the angels to be like Him.

However, mankind was created in the image and likeness of God. We are the ones who inherit salvation. Lucifer never said he was going to be God, he didn’t say he was going replace God, he just said, “I will be like God.” He convinced one-third of the heavenly hosts to follow him, and they, along with him, were cast out of heaven to the earth.

*For you have said in your heart: ‘I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation on the farthest sides of the north; I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, **I will be like the Most High.**’*

Isaiah 14:13-14

God requires every creation to stay in the lane (designed purpose) it was created to be in. Everything that reproduces was to reproduce after its own kind. Because of his pride, Lucifer attempted to change lanes and be something he was not created to be. That was Lucifer’s sin.

It’s interesting to note that at the end of the millennium, the Church (consisting of born-again mankind) will judge the angels who followed Lucifer because he wanted to be like God (1 Corinthians 6:3).

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**Creation**

*Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from **the Father of lights**, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.*

James 1:17

Again, when the heavens and the earth were created, it was before Day 1 of creation week. On Day 1 when God said, "Let there be light," the original translation of the Hebrew is "Light be," and there was light. We are not talking about the sun and the moon, because they did not show up until Day 4. Consequently, we are not talking about the type of light that moves at 186,282 miles per second.

I believe when God said, "Light be," God inserted Himself into the darkness that existed on the earth and in the atmosphere that resulted from the fall of Lucifer. First John 1:5 says that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. We could say that God showed up and said, "Here I am. Light be!" And He was the Light of Day 1. (Genesis 1:3-5.)

Then on Day 2 God said, "Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters and let it divide the waters from the waters." Did He create the waters on that day? No. They were already created back before Day 1 when the waters covered the earth. So what did He do? He divided the waters from the waters that already existed. What was really created on this day? Nothing. Everything was rearranged on this day. The waters already existed, and He separated them. (Genesis 1:6-8.)

Later, God said, "*Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb that yields seed, and the fruit tree that yields fruit according to its kind, **whose seed is in itself on the earth; and it was so***" (Genesis 1:11). Where did the seed come from? According to Scripture, the seed was on the earth. I personally believe that this is the seed left over from the previous civilization before the Luciferian flood.

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There was a group of Israelis in Egypt that found seed in a cannister that was over 4,000 years old. They took it back to Israel (everything grows in Israel) and replanted and grew wheat from 4,000 year-old seed. Seed can carry life within itself for a long time. On one trip to Israel, I talked with two elderly rabbis who believed that the seed spoken of in the Torah was already in the earth. Obviously, the world that existed before the Luciferian flood had plant life that was destroyed by the flood, but the seed remained on the earth.

### **The World That Then Existed**

There are craters on the earth that are many miles in diameter that were created by meteor strikes. It's interesting that when some of these meteors are discovered, they are actually quite small. So how could a small meteorite create such a large crater? It's not the size necessarily, but more importantly, it's the velocity of the object hitting the earth.

Remember, Jesus said He saw Satan fall from heaven like lightning (Luke 10:18). Could it be that this anointed cherub being slammed to the earth at 299,792,458 meters per second could have created a shock to Planet Earth that was so great that oceans were shifted out of their basins, volcanic eruptions happened around the globe, and prehistoric animals were instantly killed? Could this be the blow that knocked earth off of its true axis? Is this why there is a difference between true north and magnetic north?

When the oceans swept across the earth, I believe that is the flood referred to in 2 Peter 3:5-6 where it says that the world than then existed perished, being flooded with water. While it is true that the earth was destroyed by water in the flood of Noah, that flood destroyed the world that now exists. But I believe the Luciferian flood destroyed the world that then existed.

**Your belief about the past isn't what determines your future.**

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God is the God of the ageless past and His greatness is overwhelming. The magnitude of His existence is beyond our comprehension.

Yet, He loved us so much that He made a way for us to live in eternity future with Him, enjoying the splendors of His endless creation.

Why would anyone ignore this limited time opportunity?

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