

Overview of the Past Few Weeks

So far we have seen that God desires to have people to be with. God wants a big family. In order for Him to be with people, He first needed to create a place for them. This place is the earth. God created the heavens as a large and wonderful place in which to put the earth. He then created the earth in the midst of the heavens.

After God created the heavens and the earth, one of God's angels, Lucifer, became proud of himself and rebelled against God. This was a very foolish thing to do. Lucifer fell and became Satan, God's enemy. God judged Satan. However, since Satan had been in charge of the whole creation, the creation also came under God's judgment. He earth was covered with darkness and was flooded with waters.

Even though the creation, the heavens and the earth, were damaged and were under God's judgment, God did not change His mind about having a family. He simply decided to restore the creation and to do even more creation. God took seven days to do this further work of creation and restoration. His intent was to make the earth once again a wonderful place for man to live on.

We have covered the first day of creation, when God said "Let there be light". When God said this light came into being. We have seen how man needs light in order to be able to live.

In this lesson we have seen how God created the atmosphere, the sky in order for us to have protection, rain, and air to breathe. These things also are very important for human life. We will see in the coming lessons how God finishes the work of creation and restoration to make the earth ready for man.

God's Creation

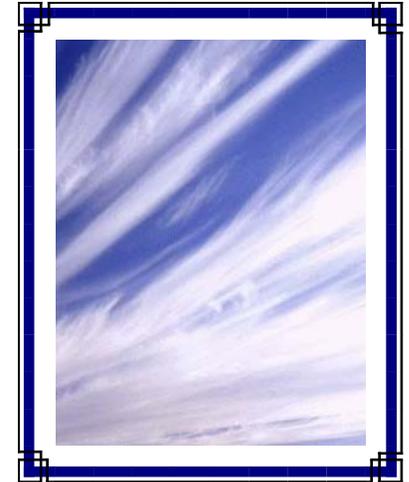
- Lesson Three -

The Second Day of Creation

I. Overview.

After God called light into being on the first day, the earth was a better place. However it was still not ready for man. The earth was still covered with water and there was no life on the earth. God still had much work to do to prepare the earth for man to live on. On the second day, God created an expanse.

Genesis 1:6-8 says *"And God said, Let there be a firmament [expanse] in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters. And God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament: and it was so. And God called the firmament heaven. And the evening and the morning were the second day."*



The "firmament" is just the sky. It is the "atmosphere", the air that we breathe.

The firmament is actually just the sky. God uses the sky, the air, to divide the waters which are on the earth from the waters which are above the earth. At that time the entire earth was covered with water. God used the air, to separate the water which was covering the earth from the water that would be above. The water above is in the clouds.

Memory Verse

*And God called the firmament
heaven.
And the morning and evening
were the second day.*

Genesis 1:8

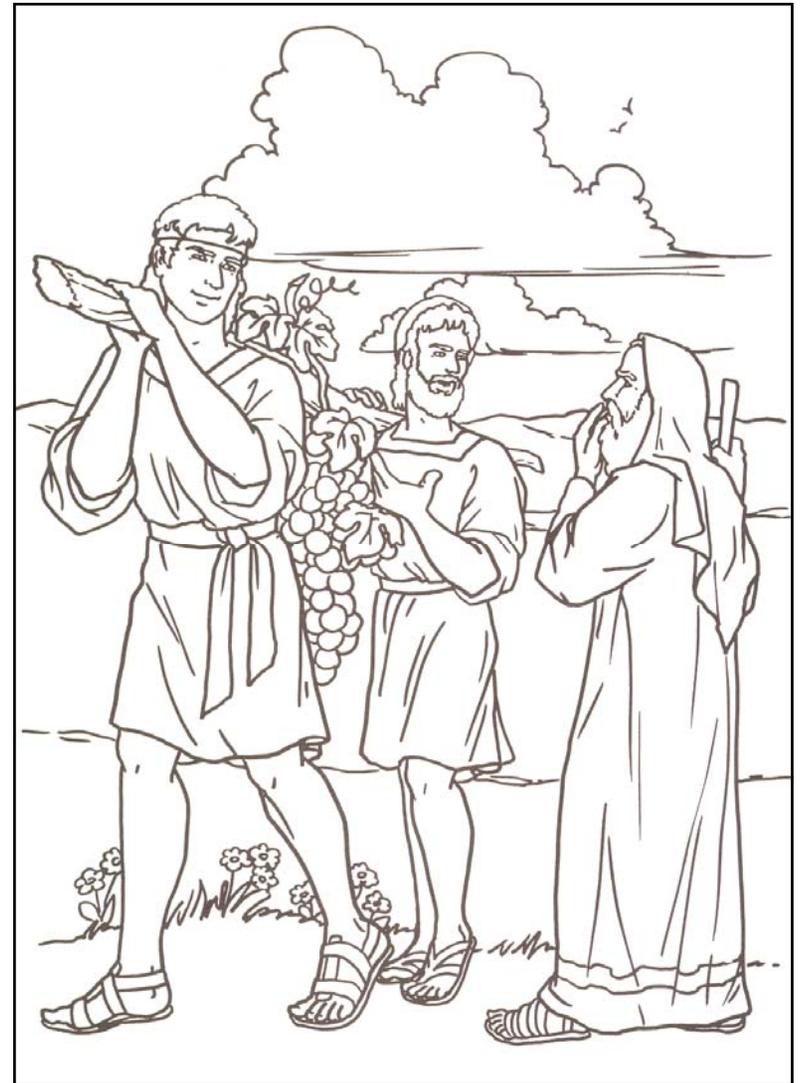
The atmosphere, (the firmament) protects the earth from things in space. It has clouds that give us rain and it has air for us to breathe. All these things are essential for human life.



This is a photograph of the surface of the planet Mars. Because Mars does not have much atmosphere, life cannot exist there. Also, Mars is not protected by an atmosphere from things falling from space.

Today God uses the clouds to give rain on the earth. The rain is for plants and trees to grow and for man to drink. Water is so necessary for man to drink and for so many other things. This was a further step in God's preparation of the earth;

for it to be a proper place for man to live on and to represent Him.



Because God created the atmosphere (the firmament), we can enjoy the rich produce of the earth. Without the clouds to give us rain, nothing would grow on the earth. Color the picture above with colored pencils.

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