

RE-CREATION (RENEWING OF THE EARTH)

Gen 1 & 2 — [Re-Creation Week: there is probably a huge time span between verses one and two of chapter one; perhaps even millions of years!]

Gen 1:1 — In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

Gen 1:2 — [NIV] — Now the earth was (or **became**) formless and empty...

The Hebrew word translated “was” in this verse is Strong’s #1961: “*hayah*”, and can be translated as either “was” or “*became*” as shown in the NIV footnote. This word is indeed translated as “became” *many times* in the Old Testament, such as in **Gen 2:7**—And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man *became* (“*hayah*”) a living being; **Gen 2:10**—Now a river went out of Eden to water the garden, and from there it parted and *became* (“*hayah*”) four riverheads; and **Gen 19:26**—But his wife looked back behind him, and she *became* (“*hayah*”) a pillar of salt.

The Hebrew word translated “formless” in this verse is Strong’s #8414: “*tohuw*”, and a good translation of this word would be a “formless wasteland.” And the Hebrew word translated “empty” in this verse is Strong’s #922: “*bohuw*”, and a good translation of this word would be an “empty ruin.”

In other words: In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth (Gen 1:1). And then many years later Lucifer rebelled against God and became Satan the devil, causing the earth to BECOME a formless wasteland, an empty ruin (Gen 1:2). Then many years later God renewed or beautified the earth once again and created plants, animals, human beings, etc. (Gen 1:3-31).

Isa 45:18 — For thus says the Lord, who created the heavens, who is God, who formed the earth and made it, who has established it, who did NOT create it in vain (empty, a waste) [*“tohuw” — the same word as in Gen 1:2!*]...

Ps 104:30 — You send forth Your Spirit, they are created; and you RENEW the face of the earth.

Job 38:1-7 — Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind, and said: “...Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth? ...When the morning stars [angels] sang together, and all the sons of God [angels] shouted for joy? [*I don’t think they would have been celebrating and singing and shouting for joy if the earth had been created an empty dark wasteland!*]”

Gen 1:16 — Then God made two great lights [the sun and the moon]: the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night....

The Hebrew word translated “made” in this verse is Strong’s #6213: “*asah*”, and can also be translated as “*appointed*,” and is indeed translated “appointed” many times in the Old Testament (such as in Psalm 104:19).

Ps 104:19 — He *appointed* [Hebrew: “*asah*”] the moon for seasons...

Ps 33:6 & 9 — By the WORD of the Lord the heavens were made, and all the host of them by the breath of His mouth. For He *spoke*, and it was *done*; He commanded, and it stood fast.