

The Gap of Genesis One

That existence of time gaps in the bible is very evident. [Isaiah 9:6,7](#) is one of many examples. The “Gap Theory” proposes that a gap exists between [Gen 1:1](#) and [2](#) for a variety of reasons and helps to answer some deep questions about the fall of Lucifer and other angels. Let’s start at the beginning.

Gen 1:1-2 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. **2** And the earth was **without form, and void**; and **darkness** was upon the **face of the deep**. And the Spirit of God moved upon the **face of the waters**.

Without Form, Void, Darkness, Flooded

1. God doesn’t make things without form and void.

- [Isa 45:18](#) For thus saith the LORD that created the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it; he hath established it, **he created it not in vain, he formed it to be inhabited...**
- [Jer. 4:23](#) is the only other place in the bible to use the expression, “without form and void”. It is there to describe the time of Jacobs trouble (Great Tribulation). The flood of Gen. 1 is a “type” of judgment.
- The next time the word “void” appears in scripture is [Num. 30:12](#) and it means to cancel out.

2. God is light.

- The presence of darkness indicates the lack of God’s presence. [1 Jn 1:5](#) This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that **God is light, and in him is no darkness at all**. So this begs the question, Why would God create something as important as the earth and then turn from it? Jesus said, “As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” [John 9:5](#)

3. God Destroyed the Original Heaven and Earth with a Flood.

- Notice that there were already waters on the earth in [vs.2](#). Why? [2 Peter 3:5-7](#) may provide a clue. It speaks of the earth bobbing in water ([vs.5-6](#)) because of a flood (*not the same as Noah’s*). This flood also seemed to affect the heavens unlike Noah’s flood ([vs.7](#)). The context of the chapter is the return of the Lord ([vs.4](#)) and a future recreation of the heavens and earth ([vs.12-13](#)). [Gen. 9:11](#) seems to speak of two floods.

What Caused God to Judge the Earth (The First World, [Heb. 1:2, 11:3](#))?

1. The Sin of Lucifer.

- [Isaiah 14:10-23](#), [Ezekiel 28:12-19](#). [Isaiah 14:12](#) says he weakened the nations implying that there was a Pre-Adamic civilization. Ezekiel says that Lucifer was the anointed Cherub that covered the throne of God but was cast out of the mount of God. This was a Heavenly place. This could not have occurred in the garden. Hell was prepared for the devil and his angels ([Mat. 25:41](#)) suggesting that he didn’t fall alone.

2. God Calls the Day Good but Not the Night.

- In [Gen. 1:6-8](#) God called the light “Day” and said it was good. This was the light of God, the sun wasn’t created until day four. He also called the darkness “Night” but does not call it good. In this instance, darkness would only occur if God turned his back to the earth during the night, but this is person speculation. One further speculation is that it wasn’t until day five and six that God “created” anything new (*more on this later*). Perhaps this is because of Satan’s banishment to the “Deep” as a dragon on this day, [Job 26:7-13](#). It is interesting that our world still contains darkness. Perhaps as a reminder of the original judgment and of Satan. Of course, the moon is a type of the church and we are to shine in the darkness. By the way, New Jerusalem has no night.

3. Lucifer was Already Called a Serpent When Talking to Eve.

- [Gen. 3:1](#) says, “Now the **serpent** was more subtil than any **beast of the field...**and **he said to the woman...**” This, of course, is no longer Lucifer but Satan “that old serpent”, [Rev. 12:9](#). He is not an actual snake but more likely appeared as an angel of light, a god. Thus, he tempted Eve with the idea of being a god. What would Eve know about gods if they weren’t there? [Job 38:7](#) speaks of the “morning stars” and “sons of God” who were present at creation.

[Job 38:11](#) And said, Hitherto shalt thou come, but no further: and here shall **thy proud waves** be stayed?

[Jude 1:13](#) **Raging waves of the sea**, foaming out their own shame; **wandering stars**, to whom is reserved the blackness of darkness for ever.

More Evidence of a Re-Creation

1. **Adam Was Told to Replenish the Earth.** [Gen 1:28](#) And God blessed them, and God said unto them, **Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth...** The only other occurrence of this word is when God commanded Noah to replenish the earth after a worldwide flood, [Gen. 9:1](#).