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THE EMPTY EARTH

There are verses in the Bible that tell us what happened on this earth before man was created. Many of us make the assumption that the events of Genesis 1:1 and the events of Genesis 1:2 happened at the same time. That could not be true. We find in the book of Isaiah, chapter 45, verse 18 that God created the earth to be inhabited.

"For this is what the LORD says -- he who created the heavens, he is God (The Hebrew word is pronounced "Elohim" and is best understood as "The Three Mighty Ones"); he who fashioned and made the earth, he founded it; he did not create it to be empty, but formed it to be inhabited -- he says: "I am the LORD, and there is no other." Isaiah or Isaia 45:18 New International Version

Genesis 1:2 tells us, however, that the earth became wastes and empties and darkness was upon the face of the deep.

"1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. 2 Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters." (Genesis 1:1-2 NIV)

Isaiah (Isaia) 45:18 we quoted above said that when God created the earth in Genesis 1:1, He created the earth to be inhabited but according to Genesis 1:2 the earth was covered with water and was uninhabitable. Something had happened between Genesis 1:1 and Genesis 1:2 to cause chaos on this earth. In our next three articles (GE-18, GE-19 and GE-20) we will examine that event.

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