

RESTORATION BIBLE MINISTRIES

The Mystery of 12



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The Bible starts with 7 Hebrew words. This was discussed in the first teaching called “The Mystery of 7”. What’s interesting is the fact that the second sentence in the Bible is comprised of 12 Hebrew words. These two numbers, 7 and 12, are very prevalent in scripture and prominent in the book of Revelation.

In the teaching on the Mystery of 7, we explained that 7 is associated with the act of making covenant in the “swearing” process. The same Hebrew word that means “7” also means “to swear”. The number 12 has a significance that is defined in the second sentence of the Bible and is also explained by Abraham in the Genesis 21 story where we found the meaning of 7.

וְהָאָרֶץ הָיְתָה תֹהוֹ וָבֹהוּ וְחֹשֶׁךְ עַל־פְּנֵי תְהוֹם וְרוּחַ
אֱלֹהִים מְרַחֶפֶת עַל־פְּנֵי הַמַּיִם:

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.

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“And the earth” is the phrase we find at the beginning of the second sentence. The first sentence tells the story of the “heavens and the earth”, the second sentence begins the story of the earth.

The story of the earth begins with the planet completely covered in water. It is without form, void, dark, and the Spirit of God is **moving** upon the face of the waters.

When the story of the earth begins, the Spirit of God is already at work bringing life to the dead waters. The hebrew word for “moving” is Rachaph. This word is translated as “**fluttereth**” in Deuteronomy 32:11.

As an eagle stirreth up her nest,
fluttereth over her young,
spreadeth abroad her wings,
taketh them, beareth them on
her wings: Deuteronomy 32:11



The dead waters are now “living waters” because they are moving. For water to have life, it has to move. Water that doesn’t move becomes filthy, dangerous, and deadly. The Spirit of God is bringing life to a dead planet by moving the waters.

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In John Chapter 7, Jesus stands up on the last day of the Feast of Tabernacles and teaches about the Spirit of God and the living waters.

37 In the last, the great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried saying, If any one thirst, let him come to me and drink.

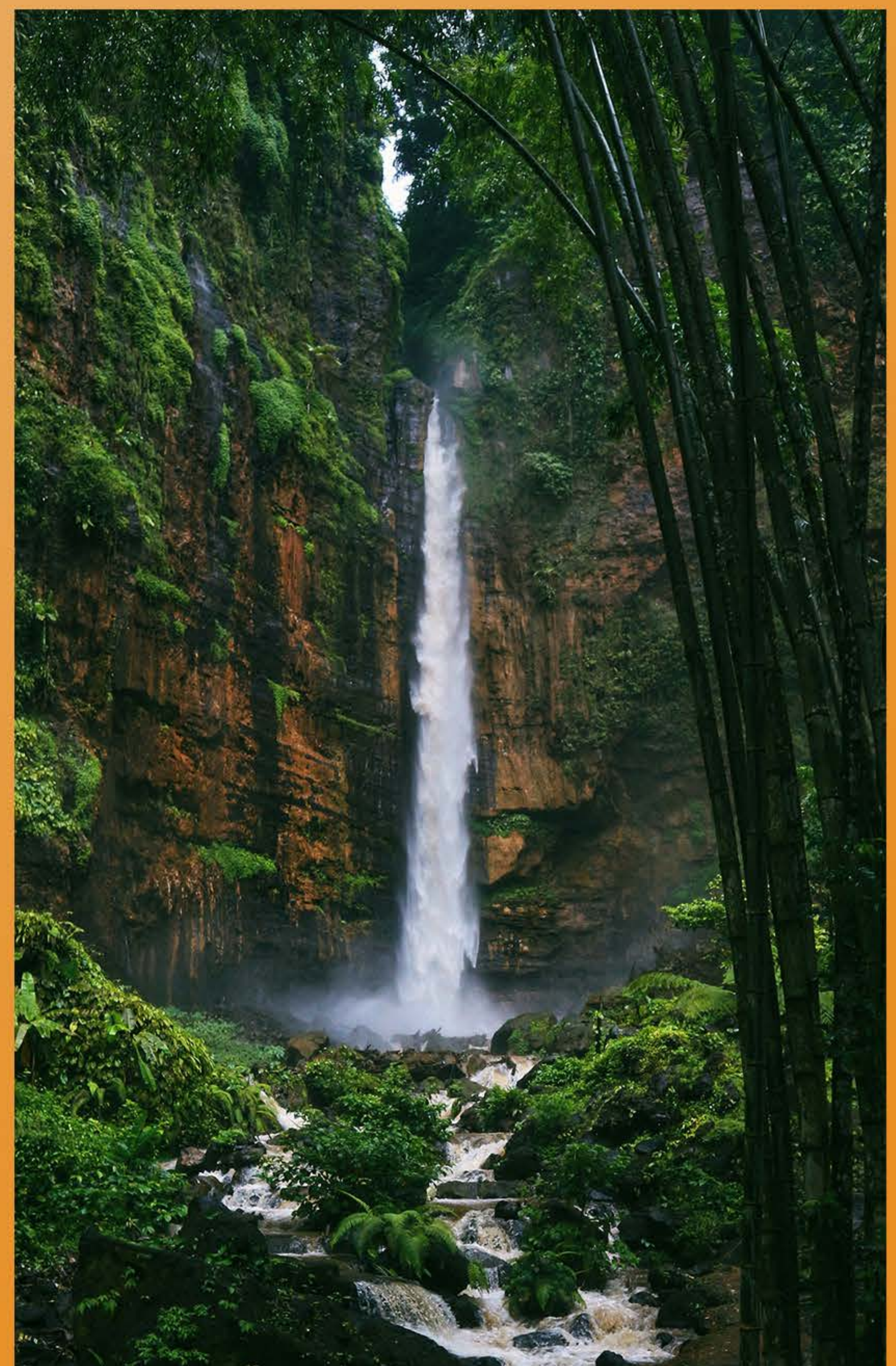
38 He that believes on me, as the scripture has said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.

39 But this he said concerning the Spirit, which they that believed on him were about to receive; for the Spirit was not yet, because Jesus had not yet been glorified.

John 7:37-39

The Spirit of God is still doing the work of the living waters, and those who believe in Jesus are the recipients of this great work.

It is interesting to note that the earth is not a dry planet that needs water to bring it to life, no, it is flooded with water. Water appears to be scarce in the universe but earth is completely flooded with it and the lack of habitable land is the problem.



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There are three other conditions of the earth that are defined in the second sentence in Genesis Chapter 1.

- 1) The earth is “without form”.
- 2) The earth is “void”.
- 3) The earth is covered in a deep “darkness” that goes down unto the depths of the earth under the waters.

God is going to bring life to this planet and has a solution for each of the negative circumstances that define the state of the earth at that time.

We see in the third sentence of Genesis that God quickly fixes the problem of the darkness with two simple words.



Light

Let Be

This light is not the light of the sun, it is the light of the Son.

The sun is not created until Day Four but Jesus tells us in Revelation 22:16 that He is the Bright and Morning Star.

I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the **bright and morning star**.

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I find it interesting that the first recorded words of God in scripture are “**Let there be Light**”, and the last recorded words of Jesus are “**the Bright and Morning Star**”.

Jesus is literally the “**Light of the World**” doing the work of “**making**” the earth.

John 1:3-5 tells us about the making of the earth and the Light.

3 All things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made.

4 In him was life, and the life was the light of men.

5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. John 1:3-5

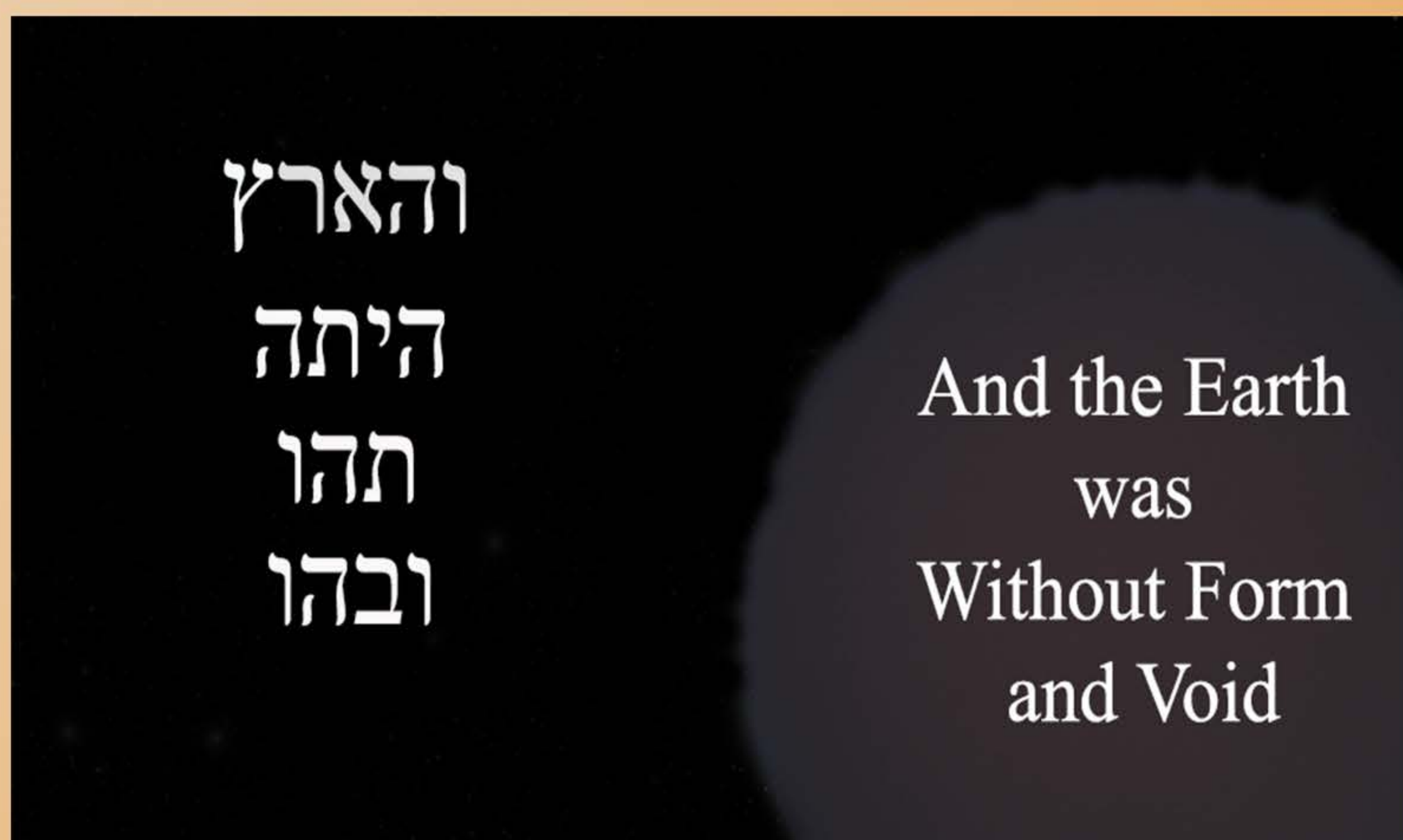
No matter how deep the darkness, it was not strong enough to overcome the light. The light was strong enough to reach to the depths of the deep.

This was the same brightness seen by Moses, Isaiah, Ezekiel, Peter, James, John, and the Apostle Paul.

This Light is strong enough to reach the heart of man.

Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life. John 8:12

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Tohu = Without Form

Bohu = Void

So, we find the earth in the second sentence of Genesis in a state of Tohu (Without Form) and Bohu (Void).

God will “Stretch Out” the firmament on Day 2, Cause dry land to appear Day 3, Make the sun, moon, and stars and Set them in place on Day 4.

The Making or Forming of the earth is the answer to the Without Form (Tohu) but on the Day 5, there is a major change that is happening. God will now **create** Life.

20 And God said, Let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving creature that hath life, and fowl that may fly above the earth in the open firmament of heaven.

21 And God **created** great whales, and every living creature that moveth, which the waters brought forth abundantly, after their kind, and every winged fowl after his kind: and God saw that it was good. Genesis 1:20-21

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We also see that on Day 6 that God **creates** man.

27 So God **created** man in his own image,
in the image of God **created** he him;
male and female **created** he them. Genesis 1:27

The answer to Tohu (Without Form) is the Making or Forming, but the answer to Bohu (Void) is the Creating of Life.

So, here are the big questions.

Why did God create Life?

And why did God create the earth and then form it?

The answer is in the word **Void**. God saw an unformed water planet and considered it Void or of no value because it had no life. This is the answer to the question about the meaning of life. The meaning of life is Life itself. In fact, God defines Himself in the elements of Life.

What value is a universe of dead planets with no life?

No value.

So, what does this have to do with the number 12?

We see in scripture that the number 12 has to do with the people. People have the Life of God in their being and are of value to Him.

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The number 12 is used over and over in scripture to represent people. The 12 tribes of Israel, the 12 disciples, the sequences of 12 such as the 144,000, and the City of Heaven with 12 Foundations.

Many times in scripture we see the phrase “I will be their God, and they shall be my people”. This was the plan from the beginning. Here are a few examples.

20 That they may walk in my statutes, and keep mine ordinances, and do them: and they shall be my people, and I will be their God. Ezekiel 11:20

27 My tabernacle also shall be with them: yea, I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Ezekiel 37:27

45 And I will dwell among the children of Israel, and will be their God. Exodus 29:45

33 But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the LORD, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people. Jeremiah 31:33

3 And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. Revelation 21:3

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God's desire to have a people and for His son to take a bride is fundamental to our world. If God had not chosen to have a relationship with mankind, none of us would exist. The earth would be a dead water planet.

The earth is the house that God built for us to have fellowship with Him. In fact, the house is the first teaching in the Bible. The beginning letter in the Bible is the letter Bet. It is an enlarged letter in every torah scroll and means house.

Several words that everyone knows demonstrates this fact.

Bethel means "House of God"

Bethlehem means "House of Bread"

The teaching of the house is the first teaching in scripture.



So, to keep this simple, the earth is the house built by God for the people. It's that simple, however, there is another hebrew play on words just like with the number 7.

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In the teaching on the Mystery of 7, we explained that 7 is associated with the act of making covenant in the “swearing” process. The same hebrew word that means “7” also means “to swear”. The number 12 is a similar play on words.

31 Wherefore he called that place Beersheba; because there they sware **both of them.** Genesis 21:31

The words “**both of them**” is the Mystery of 12. The hebrew root word for “both of them” and the number 12 is the word “Shenayim”. The phrase “**both of them**” and the number 12 is based on the hebrew word for the number 2 because it takes 2 parties to make covenant. 12 is thought of as a 2 + 10 and follows the pattern of the Ark of the Covenant with 2 cherubim plus the 10 commandments. The Ark of the Covenant is the place where the covenant between God and His people is affirmed on the Day of Atonement. We are in covenant with God to live with Him for eternity. He is our God and we are His people.

My apologies for the length of this teaching but there is a lot in those 12 words in the second sentence in Genesis 1. God used just 12 words to explain almost everything about our world.



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