

# What Day Was Earth and The Heavens Created?

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The question is: When did the earth and the heavens get spoken into the six days of creation?

**Gen. 1:1-2** In the beginning Elohim created the heavens and the earth. (2) And the earth came to be formless and empty, and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of Elohim was moving on the face of the waters.

I'm stopping here because what is it that's missing from these two verses, that starts in the following verses thereafter during His time of creation? Well let me put the next verse below, and show you:

**Gen. 1:3** And Elohim said, "Let light come to be," and light came to be.

From here on forward during the account of creation, Yahuweh is speaking everything else into creation. But in the first two verses, where do you see Yahuweh literally speaking the creation of the earth? You don't, and that's my point. How much time went by between when He did create it, and when He called forth the light? We don't know, because it takes light in order to count days.

Now that's perplexing isn't it?!? He must have created it some amount of time sooner, only He doesn't tell us, or does He? Let's look at Yirmeyahu 4:

**Jer. 4:23-28** I looked at the earth, and saw it was formless and empty. And the heavens, they had no light. (24) I looked at the mountains, and saw they shook, and all the hills were swaying. (25) I looked, and saw there was no man, and all the birds of the heavens had fled. (26) I looked, and saw the garden land was a wilderness, and all its cities were broken down at the presence of יהוה, by His burning displeasure. (27) For thus said

יהוה, "All the earth shall be a ruin, but I shall not make a complete end. (28) "On account of this, let the earth mourn and the heavens above be dark, because I have spoken, because I have purposed and shall not relent, nor do I turn back from it."

Yahuweh literally said, in a past tense accounting of this event: "All the earth shall be a ruin, but I shall not make a complete end.", so this did actually happen. This is not just a dream, but a vision of what occurred! In **Gen. 1:2** "the earth came to be" by what is translated here and what the Hebrew means is that the earth already existed at this point. Notice also in **Gen. 1:2** "formless and empty", and again in Jer. the same phrase is used. This phrase is used only twice regarding the whole earth. In the Hebrew it's tohoo תהו and bohoo בהו, waste and ruin. How can something that would have just been created, be created in a wasted and ruined state? This looks

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like a vision Yahuweh gave him, and look what he saw, no light, no man, all the birds are gone, there were broken cities men or someone must have built previously, and which Yahuweh broke down due to His anger. All the earth is ruined, but not completely ended. If this was Noah's flood, he, his wife, and his son's and wives were alive, so this can't be that time. Also Yahuweh didn't take away the light either.

But again He creates everything through His Word, and yet the earth and the heavens weren't spoken into existence during this account of the six days of creation.

In Yirmeyahu there is no light, as there isn't in the beginning of the week of creation, and the earth was flooded with water.

We know that vegetation was created through seeds to grow. During the flood of Noah, there was no recreation of vegetation, though the earth was flooded for a little over a year. But during the week of creation He did create or recreate them, as it must have all come to naught. So it may have been quite a while before Yahuweh did a "do over".

So how does this support the boker/morning start of a day? One of the main arguments of the erev/evening belief has been that it all starts with darkness. However when looking at these facts you see, that:

1. A day in our terms a 24 hour period, which equals one revolution of the earth.
2. How long until Yahuweh spoke the first Word of creation from the accounting of [Genesis 1:1-2](#). We have no idea, for there was no light, and light is used to measure a day.
3. In [Jer. 4:28](#) Yahuweh said "... let the earth mourn...". How long is it to mourn or lament? Again we have no idea, but some amount of time would have elapsed. It could have been 1 day, 1000 years, we just don't know.
4. What was first spoken into creation in this accounting then? Light, not darkness, therefore the first day of creation began with light for without it, there would be no day.
5. One can only wonder, if maybe what scientists are seeing in that the earth is possibly older than 6,000 years. From the time of the Genesis accounting of creation, everything else would only be 6,000 years old.

The facts speak for themselves that the earth and the heavens were not spoken into existence in the Genesis accounting of creation, but at some other time previous.