

Genesis 1 - 2:16: Fact, Fiction or Fulcrum
“God Created, God Made Formless and Void”

I. Understanding the Hebrew term for “Made”

A. “Made” is NOT the same as C_____.

1. Texts for Made

a. Deuteronomy 21:12, II Samuel 19:24

2. The word means to A_____ or A_____.

II. Possible Objection

A. Exodus 20:11

1. No use of merism.

2. Explanation

3. Also see later reference in the Pentateuch – Exodus 31:17.

B. Further note contrast with Genesis 1:1.

1. Hebrew term BARÁ

III. Formless and void

A. Introduction

1. William Tyndale

2. King James 1611 Bible

a. TOHU WABOHU

b. NASU variant rendering.

3. Translator objects

a. Two creations – raw material and then particular things.

B. Modern reader

1. Observing – evolving in the shape of the world.

C. Void or a wilderness?

1. Early Jewish translations

a. Examples

2. The Hebrew expression TOHU WABOHU refers to the wilderness similar to the

F_____ Y_____ of W_____.

a. Deuteronomy 32:10

3. Remainder of Genesis One reports the preparing of the L_____.

D. Closing thoughts.

1. Israel's wanderings.

2. Time of the exile – Jeremiah 4:23-26

3. Summation