

Gen 1:2 and the land had existed in confusion and was unfilled and darkness was upon the face of the deep sea and the wind of "Elohiym [Powers]" was much fluttering upon the face of the water,

Hebrew

Land

Existed - היה H.Y.H

- Normal syntax is verb/noun but here it is noun/verb - past perfect.
- Why some translate this as "the land became empty" implying a past civilization.
- But, more "and the land was empty" which is paralleled with verse 1.
- Was there a civilization before Gen 1:1?
 - Hebrew time is circular
 - creation/destruction
 - Gen 1
 - The flood
 - Revelations (New heavens and new earth)

Confusion and was unfilled

- Confusion and was unfilled - tohu v'vohu
- The land was "unfilled."

Darkness - חשך Hhoshekh

- Synonymous with chaos

Face - פנים paniym

- From the parent root PN
- Origin of our word pane, as a flat surface, paniym can mean surface
- Child root is PNH but the H drops with the masc. plural suffix
- Always plural - we have many faces
- Is in the construct so written as paney meaning "face of... the deep."
- liphney
 - Before but...
 - to the face of
 - The command - do not bring any other elohiym to my face.

Deep sea - תהום tehom

- An abyss, a deep dark place.
- Sometimes used as a synonym to sh'ol, The four realms.

All which YHWH desires he will do, in the skies and in the land, in the seas and in the depths. (Ps 135:6)

Wind - ru'ah רוח

- Spirit is abstract whereas wind is concrete
- Also used for breath / character

RSV Ezekiel 36:27 And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to observe my ordinances.

- I will give my wind/breath in among you
- What does being "filled with the spirit" mean, we will keep Torah

Elohim אלוהים

Fluttering - merahhephet מרחפת

- Root is R.Hh.P meaning to flutter like the mother bird does over the nest.
- This form of the verb is feminine, the spirit of Elohiym is feminine, not a he.

Face

Waters - mayim מים

- The plural form of the word mah which means "what."
- Water is an unknown substance and even today scientists are baffled by its mysteries.

Summary

- Darkness was upon the face of the deep = Wind of Elohiym fluttered over the waters
 - Darkness is synonymous with the Wind of Elohiym
 - God always appears in darkness
 - Gen 1
 - Elohiym spoke to Avram through a "great" darkness.
 - Elohiym was in the darkness that separated the camp of Israel and the army of Mitsrayim

Exodus 20:21 And the people stood afar off, while Moses drew near to the thick darkness where God was.

- 1 & 2 go together
 - Verse 1 - Elohiym filled the sky and the land
 - Verse 2 - Because the land was empty and unfilled