

Genesis 1:14-19

¹⁴ Then God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night, and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days and years; ¹⁵ and let them be for lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth"; and it was so. ¹⁶ And God made the two great lights, the greater light to govern the day, and the lesser light to govern the night; *He made* the stars also. ¹⁷ And God placed them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth, ¹⁸ and to govern the day and the night, and to separate the light from the darkness; and God saw that it was good. ¹⁹ And there was evening and there was morning, a fourth day.

A fact that is critical to remember is that prior to the flood, the sky was not visible as it is today. Prior to the flood, the color of the sky was magenta, which is a moderate to purplish red color. It wasn't until **Genesis 7:11** that the sky was seen without the canopy. **In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, on the seventeenth day of the month, on the same day all the fountains of the great deep burst open, and the floodgates of the sky were opened.** If you go back to verse 14, only lights are mentioned, and in the literal translation the word is, illumination; never is the word sun or moon spoken. In fact, it isn't until **Genesis 15:17**, that the word sunlight is ever discussed. **And it came about when the sun had set, that it was very dark, and behold, there appeared a smoking oven and a flaming torch which passed between these pieces.** With the collapse of the canopy, the sun and stars would have become visible for the first time. Just think what the people who had mocked Noah for 120 years must have thought; when the canopy burst open, rain fell for the first time, and the sun and moon were exposed to the naked eye? I imagine nothing short of terror, until their very last breath. Will it be any different for the men and women who have rejected Jesus Christ all of their lives, I believe they will taste that same terror themselves; as they see the eastern sky split open, and the King of Kings piercing through the darkness of mankind, as He comes to bring His bride home.

I never cease to be amazed, when I remember that the first form of religious rebellion against God came after the flood through Astrology. In **Genesis 9**, we learn of when Ham came and saw his father Noah naked after becoming drunk from the wine he had farmed. Ham then went and told his brothers, but it was Shem and Japheth who went and covered their father. If you look further down the line of Shem, you will discover that his grandson was Nimrod; who was a mighty hunter. Nimrod was also a king, and the founder of Babel, or ancient day Babylon, which means confusion. It was at Babel that star worship was first instituted as the corporate religion of the day, only 150 years after the flood. Remarkably, over six thousand years later, we are still facing the consequences of the choices that are being made in modern Babylon! If you read **Romans 1:18-32**, Paul gives an account of what happened to the descendants of Noah, as they turned from the Living God, and became perverted through the worship of idols. If you didn't know any better, you would think that the Apostle Paul was talking about modern day America. How much longer will the Living God tolerate the idolatry, materialism, and blatant homosexuality and immorality in our land? May God have mercy on us all.