

33. Once the verdict was announced and the sentence declared, it becomes evident that Lucifer, serving as his own defense attorney, appealed the decision.
34. Since the sentence is not going to occur until after human history is over, it becomes evident that his appeal was granted.
35. This moved the case to the Divine Court of Appeals. The universe and planet earth, formally in deep freeze, now goes through the process of thawing out indicated by:

Genesis 1:2b ... and the Holy Spirit of God was moving [*Pi'el* participle, active voice of רָחַף (*rachaph*): “to intensively incubate”] over the surface of the waters.

36. Here are two references that amplify the impact of the verb, “moving”: *rachaph*:

Ruach Elohim is not a breath of wind caused by God, for the verb does not suit this meaning, but the creative Spirit of God, the principle of all life, which worked upon the formless, lifeless mass, separating, quickening, and preparing the living forms, which were called into being by the creative words that followed. רָחַף [“(Ruach: “moving”] in the *Piel* is applied to the hovering and brooding of a bird over its young, to warm them, and develop their vital powers.¹⁰

The Hebrew verb has been translated “hovering” or “moving” (as a bird over her young). The Syriac cognate term means “to brood over; to incubate.” How much of that sense might be attached here is hard to say, but the verb does depict the presence of the Spirit of God moving about mysteriously over the waters, presumably preparing for the acts of creation to follow. If one reads “mighty wind” then the verse describes how the powerful wind begins to blow in preparation for the creative act described in vv. 9–10.¹¹

(End JAS3-33. See JAS3-34 for continuation of study at p. 331.)

¹⁰ C. F. Keil and F. Delitzsch, *Biblical Commentary on The Old Testament: The Pentateuch*, trans. James Martin (Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1968), 1:49.

¹¹ *The NET Bible*, “Genesis” (Dallas: Biblical Studies Press, 2005), 2tn11.



37. These excerpts cite a process that prepares the environment in which the appeal will be adjudicated:
1. When Lucifer sinned, the universe was frozen in place as his court trial was adjudicated in the Third Heaven.
 2. Genesis 1:2 certifies the point that the earth was also frozen in place. It is movement that produces heat; therefore, the universe was in a suspended state.
 3. Once the appeal was granted, then the environment for its resolution had to be prepared.
 4. This was required so the earth could become the courtroom for the resolution of the appeal.
 5. To prepare the earth for its duly required rotation on its axis and revolutions around the sun, a thawing out is required.
 6. This process was provided by the power of the Holy Spirit to incubate the frozen planet. This verse uses the illustration of a bird sitting on eggs providing the warmth necessary for them to hatch into life.
 7. The metaphor depicts the frozen planet, covered with frozen water, requiring heat to regain the state it recently enjoyed prior to the angelic rebellion.
 8. At the fall of Lucifer, the earth became “formless and void.” This phrase translates the Hebrew, תהו ובהו (tohu wa-bohu). This had to be transformed into a functional, living planet which is what is taking place in the last part of verse 2.
 9. We do not know how long the universe was frozen in place during the course of the trial of Lucifer. We do not know how long it took for the planet to thaw out.
 10. Yet at some point, God issued the command, “Let there be light, and there was light” (v. 3) followed by the Lord’s separation of the light from the darkness (v. 4).
 11. This indicates resumption of the planet’s rotation on its axis and its revolutions around the sun (v. 5).

! “Incubate. To sit upon (eggs) to hatch them; hence, under conditions favorable for hatching and development” (*Webster’s New Collegiate Dictionary*, 2d ed. (1953), s.v. “incubate.”)

12. This completed Day One of the restoration.
38. The analysis that we have developed reveals that there was a tremendous amount of time between the “creation” of the angels and the “restoration” of the universe and planet earth:
 1. God’s creative acts began with that of the angelic population whose number is myriad.
→ **Time lapse (unknown)**
 2. The creation of the universe including planet earth.
→ **Time lapse (one yoctosecond: (Genesis 1:1))**
 3. The divine organization of the angelic population into an ordered system where cherubs had authority over the pursuivants, and Lucifer granted delegated authority over them from God.
→ **Time lapse (unknown)**
 4. Lucifer’s fall.
→ **Time lapse (1 day)**
 5. Lucifer’s recruitment of one-third of the angelic community to join him in his rebellion.
→ **Time lapse (unknown)**
 6. Lucifer’s arrest, trial, conviction, and sentence to the lake of fire.
→ **Time lapse (Unknown)**
 7. Lucifer’s appeal was submitted and then granted by the Supreme Court of Heaven with earth selected the venue for the hearing.
→ **Time lapse (Unknown)**
 8. The incubation of the universe and the earth, the latter as the courtroom for the “calling out” of witness for the defense and the Prosecution.
→ **Time lapse (unknown: Genesis 1:2)**
 9. The restoration of planet earth for hearing Lucifer’s case before the Divine Court of Appeals.
→ **Time lapse (7 days: Genesis 1:3–31)**



39. These 9 segments of time outline the events that occurred prior to and following the creation of the universe including earth.
40. Thousands of years could have elapsed from the time the universe was created up to the point the earth was restored in preparation for it becoming the courtroom for Lucifer's challenge before the Divine Court of Appeals.
41. Both the Creation Museum and the Ark Encounter present their displays from the standpoint of "Young Earth" creation which asserts that Genesis 1:1, which occurred in a yoctosecond, began the divine process of forming the earth for habitation for humans.
42. It began a process that over the course of seven days or 164 hours the earth was restored. If the beginning of that process is moved forward to Genesis 1:3, then we can agree with their position.
43. However, we have demonstrated in our analysis of various passages of Scripture that numerous events took place in heaven following the original creation event.
44. The earth's original state of perfection and subsequent fall into chaos, indicates that events transpired that caused the planet's status of perfection to become negatively altered.
45. I submit those events occurred in the Third Heaven, one of which was the ascendancy of Luther followed by his arrogance, sin, judgment, and sentence.
46. The time between Genesis 1:1 and Genesis 1:2b is unknown. But it could have consisted of millions of years, thousands of years, or even hundreds.
47. But those events surely took place. They transpired over the course of time between the conclusion of verse 1 and the beginning of the second half of Genesis 1:2. We have confirmed they most certainly did not occur over the course of just one day.

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We now return to our study of *James: Chapter 3* with the expanded translation of:

James 3:7 For the taxonomy of every species of **beasts** [θηρίον (*thērion*)], and **birds** [πετεινόν (*peteinón*)], of **reptiles** [ἑρπετόν (*herpetón*)], and **creatures of the sea** [ἐνάλιος (*enálios*)], is **tamed** [customary present passive indicative of δαμάω (*damázō*): “to tame, subdue, or control] and has been tamed by Homo sapiens. (EXT)

James 3:8 But no one can tame the tongue; it is a restless evil and full of deadly poison. (NASB)

1. We have met the “living creatures,” as they are described in the NASB, in verse 7 are for the most part wild, some are extremely fast such as the cheetah or slow as the sloth.

The cheetah lives on open plains of southern, central, and eastern Africa. The cheetah is the fastest land animal in the world over short distances; it can attain a speed as great as 71 miles per hour.

The cheetah hunts alone or in small groups. It usually hunts in the morning or late afternoon, cautiously stalking its prey (usually small antelopes) and then running it down in a final rapid sprint. The cheetah has been trapped and tamed in Asia, where it has been used for coursing [to hunt or pursue] game. The cheetah is the sole species of the genus *Acinonyx* [of the family *Felidae*].²

2. The sloth has to win the accolade, “slower than cold gravy.” Here’s why:

Sloth, tree-dwelling mammal. The forelimbs are longer than the hindlimbs, with long, curved claws sharp enough to cause deep wounds.

Sloths seldom voluntarily descend to the ground. Because they cannot walk but must pull themselves along the ground with their claws, they are easy prey for jaguars and other predators. They cling erect to tree trunks and branches or hang upside down and move with extreme slowness, hand over hand, through the trees, feeding on vegetation. Generally silent, they can utter a shrill cry or a hiss.

In captivity the unau [/ū-nó/ two-towed] has lived more than 20 years.³

3. As noted above, Cheetahs have been tamed as house pets in Asia. Sloths are copacetic if high up in a tree. In between is everything else among the “living creatures” all of whom have been tamed, subdued, or controlled, by man.
4. In verse 8, James has set us up to yet again drive home his point about a small organ in the head of a Homo sapiens. In the Greek text, the first three words of the verse are, “But the tongue,” which is introduced by the conjunction of contrast **δέ** (**dé**): “But.”

² “Cheetah,” in *The New Encyclopaedia Britannica: Micropaedia* (2010), 3:148.

³ “Sloth,” *Ibid.*, 10:882–83.



5. This is followed by the noun, **γλῶσσα (glōssa)**: “the tongue.” Yes, James is back on that. In fact, he’s never left it. He just made the point that in all the categories of taxonomy—animals, birds, reptiles, and fish—man has been able to tame, subdue, and control all of them.
6. “But how about the tongue?” he asks. He does so with the statement, “But the tongue,” followed by the phrase, “no man is able,” the static present middle indicative of the verb, **δύναμαι (dúnamai)**: “to possess capability; capacity”
7. The static present indicates a condition which is assumed as perpetually existing, or to be ever taken for granted as a fact.⁴ What is the fact that perpetually exists among men?
8. The aorist active infinitive of **δαμάζω (damázō)**: “to tame, subdue or control.”
9. Now where have we heard that before? What verse did we encountered the act of taming, subduing, or controlling something or someone? Anyone? How about this?

James 3:7 For the taxonomy of every species of **beasts** [**θηρίον (thērion)**], and **birds** [**πετεινόν (peteinón)**], of **reptiles** [**έρπετόν (herpetón)**], and **creatures of the sea** [**ένάλιος (enál ios)**], **is tamed** [**customary present passive indicative of δαμάζω (damázō)**: “to tame, subdue, or control] and has been tamed by Homo sapiens. (EXT)

10. Man has the ability to impose on all of these living creatures the power, moxie, tactics, strategy, etc., to bring them under control.
11. What’s next for James? What do we have so far in verse 8? “But the tongue no man has the capacity to tame, subdue, or control” is what we have in our exegesis.
12. There is still one more word to consider. Who, among mankind, has the ability to control the tongue? The answer is found in the subject of the verb *dúnamai*: which means “capacity.”
13. It is the negative, **οὐδείς (oudeís)**: “nobody!”

⁴ H. E. Dana and Julius R. Mantey, *A Manual Grammar of the Greek New Testament* (Toronto: The Macmillan Co., 1955), 186.

14. James is just getting tuned up. Here he comes again with two more negative examples of this incapacity. The first is the adjective, **ἀκατάστατος** (*akatástatos*): “unstable, restless, vacillating.”
15. This condition has characteristics that define the noun **κακός** (*kakós*): “evil, injurious, dangerous, pernicious.”
16. So far, what have we got with an expanded translation?
James 3:8a But the tongue nobody has the capacity to tame, subdue, or control; it is an unstable, restless, vacillating, and injurious evil ...
17. The final remark James uses to complete the verse is his summary indictment for the tongue is contained in three words:
 1. The adjective, **μεστός** (*mestós*): “full.”
 2. The adjective, **θανατηφόρος** (*thanatēphóros*): “death-dealing.”
 3. The noun, **ῥός** (*iós*): “serpent-ejected venom.”
18. James does not mince his words regarding the damage done by the tongue: “full, death-dealing, serpent-injected venom.”
19. James’s illustration of the destructive use of the tongue is the snake, usually expressed in Scripture by the word “serpent.” In the Old Testament it is the noun **נָחָשׁ** (*nachash*) and in the New is the noun **ὄφις** (*óphis*).
20. These words are used in Scripture to describe the arch enemy of God and believers. We see Satan’s use of *nachash* in his exchanges with Ishah in Genesis 3 which resulted in her being propagandized to eat the fruit of the forbidden tree.
21. Paul uses the noun **ὄφις** (*óphis*) to accuse members of the Corinthian church of being propagandized by Satan as did Ishah in the garden:
2 Corinthians 11:3 I am afraid that, as the serpent [**ὄφις** (*óphis*)] deceived Eve by his craftiness, your minds will be led astray from the simplicity and purity of devotion to Christ.
v. 4 For if one comes and preaches another Jesus whom we have not preached, or you receive a different spirit which you have not received, or a different gospel which you have not accepted, you bear this beautifully.

