## The Third Day of Creation

Our help is in the name of the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth.—Psalm 124:8

If you go to the beach and pour a bucketful of water onto one place in the sand, the force of that water will make a big hole and the sand from that hole will get pushed to the side and make little mountains. You will have a tiny lake surrounded by hills.

This gives us an idea of how God and the Logos created the oceans and the mountains. When the rings around the earth forced through the firmament, their strong power made the earth buckle and wrinkle, which made deep valleys and high mountains—like the lake and the hills you might make at the seashore.

This was the work of the third creative day: the separation of the sea from the land and the growth of grasses and trees upon the land. The earth was cooling off considerably as it became prepared for people to live on it.

When the land dried out enough and fresh water supplies were able to maintain the plant world, many kinds of grasses, shrubs, trees, and plants of all kinds (vegetation) began to appear (Genesis 1:11,12).

The seeds of this vegetation reproduced "after their kind." God's purpose in his creation of living things—from grasses and microbes to animals and man—is that each variety should reproduce "after its kind."

During Day Three there was still an enormous amount of carbon in the air. It had not rained yet, but dense mists watered the newly formed land which was still warm by its own heat. These conditions would cause the vegetation to grow quickly to a giant size.

When we look at an ocean or a lake, we are thrilled to know that in the kingdom "the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea" (Habakkuk 2:14). When we see the grand majesty of mountains, we, like David the psalmist, would think, "I lift up my eyes to the hills—where does my help come from? My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth" (Psalm 121:1,2).



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