

BELPRES CHURCH

OUT OF CHAOS

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¹ In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. ² Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

³ And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. ⁴ God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness.

The Church Persecuted and Scattered

On that day a great persecution broke out against the church in Jerusalem, and all except the apostles were scattered throughout Judea and Samaria.

– Genesis 1:1-4; Acts 8:1b, 4

Discussion Questions: Read all of Genesis 1

1. What do the first four verses of Genesis tell us about the nature and character of God? Make as long a list as you can.
2. What do we learn about God from the rest of the chapter?
3. What does Genesis 1 tell us about ourselves?
4. In the Bible and in other cultures of the time, the "waters" and the "deep" mentioned in verse 2 symbolize chaos. What does God do with the chaos? What are examples in your life where God has brought a new creation out of chaos?