

**"From the Earliest Times of the Earth When There Were No Depths (Hebrew: *tehom*)"  
(Prov 8:23-24)**

**The Testimony of Wisdom in Proverbs 8**

- v 22 "The LORD possessed me at the beginning of His way,  
Before His works of old.
- v 23 From everlasting I was established,  
From the beginning, from the earliest times of the earth.
- v 24 When there were no depths (Hebrew: *tehom*) I was brought forth,  
When there were no springs abounding with **water**.
- v 25 Before the mountains were settled,  
Before the hills I was brought forth;
- v 26 While He had not yet made the earth and the fields,  
Nor the first dust of the world.
- v 27 When He established the heavens, I was there,  
When He inscribed a circle on the face of the **deep** (Hebrew: *tehom*),
- v 28 When He made firm the skies above,  
When the springs of the **deep** (Hebrew: *tehom*) became fixed,
- v 29 When He set for the sea its boundary  
So that the water would not transgress His command,  
When He marked out the foundations of the earth;

**Genesis 1:2**

The **earth** was formless and void,  
and darkness was over  
the surface of the **deep** (Hebrew: *tehom*),  
and the Spirit of God was moving  
over the surface of the **waters**.

**Conclusion: The earliest times of the earth occurred before Genesis 1:2.**