

Genesis Chapter 1

Introduction:

Genesis: Greek: origin / beginning.

Hebrew: (H-7225) "re-sit;" (ray-sheet) "in the beginning." 1st Word in the entire Bible.

- Often times the Hebrew books of the Bible, the OT books are named based on the first Word of each book as with this book of "beginnings." "Ray-sheet."
- Genesis is the foundational book of the Bible.
- Genesis is foundational to the understanding of the rest of the Bible because it's an outline for the rest of the Bible as a whole.
- Much like a building, if the foundation is unsound, the rest that follows will likewise fall.
- Genesis gives us the origin of: **universe**, order and complexity, solar system, atmosphere and hydrosphere, **life, man, marriage, good & evil, language, government, culture, nations, religion / relationship with God**, and God's chosen people, the Jews as differentiated from the rest of the Gentile world.

Authorship: Recorded by Moses Inspired word of God,.

2 Timothy 3:16 "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,"

2 Peter 1:20-21 "knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, ²¹for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit."

- 66 books, 40 authors inspired by God, on 3 continents, over 1500 years, all saying the same thing! All pointing to Jesus!

Psalm 40:7 "Lo, I come in the volume of the book, it is written of Me."

[Looking for Jesus!](#)

John 1:1-3 "¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things were made through Him, and without him nothing was made that was made."

Colossians 1:16 "For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth visible and invisible whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him."

[Jesus said:](#)

Revelation 21:8 "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end, says the Lord, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

- We should therefore be able to see Jesus from the beginning of the book, all the way to the end of the book.
- Genesis is the first book of the “**Pentateuch**” - (5-books) five volume book, the first five books of the Bible. (Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy) Same as the Jewish “Torah” / “Law.”

Time Written: Most likely written during the 40 years of wondering in the dessert at approximately 1446-1406 B.C.

- **1 Kings 6:1** the 4th year of Solomon's reign over Israel was the same as the 480th year after the Israelites had come out of Egypt. This was recorded at 966 B.C.
- 966 years + 480 years, and they wandered for 40 years.
- Adam lived 930 years. Noah was born in the year 1056, he missed Adam by 126 years, but 7 of the 10 patriarchs / descendants of Adam listed in Genesis Ch. 5 lived at the same time as Noah.
- Noah & Abram were contemporaries, their lives overlapped by 58 years.
- Noah’s oldest son, Shem, outlived Abram by 35 years.
- The 1st generation not to have had access to a flood survivor were the 12 sons of Jacob.
- Whether these histories and generations were passed down in written form, or given orally – Moses was actually not very far removed from the original sources.
- The Holy Spirit then sifted through all that information and compiled the book which we now “**study – to show ourselves approved unto God, workman that need not be ashamed,**” - learning how to – “**rightly divide the word of truth.**”
- Genesis is a book of relationships highlighting the relationships between:
 1. God and nature.
 2. God and man.
 3. Man and man.
- Genesis and the Bible as a whole are thoroughly **monotheistic**, taking for granted that there is only one God worthy of the name and opposing the ideas that there are:
 1. many gods: polytheism
 2. no god at all: atheism
 3. everything is divine: pantheism

- The Bible clearly teaches that the one true God is sovereign over all creation and that by divine election he often exercises his unlimited freedom to overturn human customs, traditions, and plans.
- Genesis introduces us to the way in which God initiates and makes covenants with his chosen people, pledging his love and faithfulness to them and calling them to promise theirs to Him.
- Genesis establishes sacrifice as the substitution of life for life (chapter 22) aka “substitutionary sacrifice.” Animals for men’s sins and the man, then Jesus for the sin of all mankind.
- Genesis gives us the first hint of God's provision for our redemption from the forces of evil.

Compare Genesis 3:15 to Romans 16:17-20.

Genesis 3:15 “And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed; he will bruise your head and you will bruise his heel.” (1st prophecy)

Romans 16:17-20 “Now I urge you, brethren, note those who cause divisions and offenses, contrary to the doctrine which you learned, and avoid them. ¹⁸For those who are such do not serve our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly, and by smooth words and flattering speech deceive the hearts of the simple. ¹⁹For your obedience has become known to all. Therefore I am glad on your behalf; but I want you to be wise in what is good, and simple concerning evil. ²⁰And the God of peace will crush Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with You. Amen.

- Genesis contains the oldest and most profound example / expression of faith:

Genesis 15:6 “And he ^(Abraham) believed in the Lord, and He ^(God) accounted it to him for righteousness.”

Romans 5:1 “Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

- When it comes to talking about faith, more than half of Hebrews chapter 11, the NT “hall of faith” refers to characters from Genesis
- Many of the subjects and themes of the first three chapters of Genesis are reflected in the last three chapters of Revelation.
- Navigation: When it comes to navigation through life, knowing our starting point helps us to determine our final destination.
- Those who don’t know the beginning, have no clue what the end will be.

GENESIS: probationary world (testing)		REVELATION: eternal world	
1:4	division of lt. / dk.	21:25	no night there.
1:10	division land / sea	21:1	no more sea
1:16	rule of sun and moon	21:23	no need of either
2:8-9	man in a prepared garden	21:2	man in prep. city
2:10	river flowing out of Eden	22:1	river flowing from God's throne
2:9	Tree of Life in midst of garden.	22:2	Tree of Life throughout the city.
2:12	gold in the land	21:21	gold in the city
2:12	bdellium & onyx stone	21:19	all manner of precious stones
3:8	God walking in the Garden	21:3	God dwelling with His people
	<i>Cursed World</i>		<i>Eternal World</i>
3:17	cursed ground	22:3	no more curse
3:17	daily sorrow	21:4	no more sorrow
3:18	thorns and thistles	21:4	no more pain
3:18	eating herbs of the field	22:2	12 kinds of fruit
3:19	returning to the dust	21:4	no more death
3:19	sweat on the face	21:4	no more tears
6:5	evil continually	21:27	nothing that defiles
3:21	coats of skins	19:14	fine linen, white, and clean.
3:15	Satan opposing / present	20:10	Satan banished
3:24	kept from the tree of life	22:14	access to tree of life
3:23	banished from garden	22:14	free entry into the city
3:15	Redeemer promised	5:9-10	redemption accomplished

- No other book in the Bible is quoted as much as is the book of Genesis.

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- While there are various *methods of interpretation*, (allegorical, spiritual, or typological approach) I have choose to take a literal / historical approach of interpretation.
 - There are instances where the Bible is to be interpreted in a allegorical or typological manner, but only when Scripture itself gives us the basis for that allegory or type.
 - The literal, plain meaning is best.

Day 1:

V:1 ***“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.”***

- This first verse is a general overview of the rest of the creation, a summary statement of sorts.

“Beginning” – (H-7225) . re'shiyth, ray-sheeth'; the first, in place, time, order or rank, beginning, principal thing.

- Notes the beginning of time, space, and matter all at once.
- None of these can exist without the other two.
- God was there before these things, and He exists outside all of these things.

Colossians 1:16-17 “For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. ¹⁷And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist.”

- Pre-eminent not only in importance, and glory, and honor, but pre-eminent in chronology.
- He lives outside of time, space, and matter – much like a different dimension or continuum.
- Genesis one deals with the original creation of the material universe, but it does not deal with the absolute very beginning.

John 1:1-3 “¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.”

“God” - (H-430). 'elohiym, el-o-heem': (32 X's in Ch. 1)

- Principle of 1st mention: demonstrates the importance and or significance of the subject.
- This first occurrence of the divine title of God which stresses His majesty and omnipotence.
- **“Elohim”** - A plural name with a singular meaning, a “uni-plural” noun, God is One, yet more than one.
- El = God, in a singular sense.
- The Hebrew language has a word for the duo, or duality which can be applied to God and is “Elahh.”
- With “im” as the suffix / at the end indicates more than one, more than two. It points towards three – a Trinity.
- In this very first mention of God in the Bible. We see God as a Singular Trinity, or a Tri-unity. Father, Son, Holy Spirit.

1 John 5:7 “For there are three that bear witness in Heaven: the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit; and these three are One.”

Matthew 3:16-17 “When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him. ¹⁷And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, this is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.”

Matthew 28:19 “Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.”

2 Corinthians 13:14 “The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.

Ephesians 1:17 “That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him.”

1 Timothy 3:16 “And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifested in the flesh, and justified in the Spirit, seen by angels, preached among the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up in glory.”

1 Peter 3:18 “For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit.”

Revelation 1:4-5 “⁴John, to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from Him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the Seven Spirits who are before His throne, ⁵and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of earth. To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood,”

Hebrews 9:14 “how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?”

Luke 2:40 “And the Child grew and became strong in Spirit, filled with wisdom; and the grace of God was upon Him.”

2 Peter 1:2-3 “Grace and peace be multiplied to you through the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord. ³as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue,”

- We have diversity amongst the authors who all write about the trinity in a manner where it is an assumed understanding:
- Without exception the writer of every book in the New Testament acknowledged the existence of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
- All three members of the Trinity are present at the creation: God the Father in Elohim. Then, Jesus as described in the Gospel of John:

Speaking of Jesus in the creation:

John 1:3 “³All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.”

- We'll come pointedly to the Holy Spirit in verse 2.

“Created” – ^(H-1254) "bara", baw-raw'; created out of nothing as opposed to assembling from pre-existing materials, called into existence.

Romans 4:17 “(As it is written, I have made you a father of many nations) in the presence of Him whom he believed – God, who gives life to the dead and calls those things which do not exist as though they did;”

Hebrews 11:3 “By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the Word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible.”

- “Bara” is only used to denote creating something out of nothing.
- There are two other words in Hebrew, “asah” and “yasar”, that are translated, made or formed; which are the Hebrew words used for assembling something from existing materials.
- In this account of creation the word “bara” is used in the first verse, then God made and God formed afterward.
- Once God had created / bara'd the heaven and the earth, He used existing materials to make and form most everything after that.

By design not by chance:

- When we can observe an intelligent design, that means there was an intelligent designer.

Psalm 19:1 ¹The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament shows His handiwork. ²Day unto day utters speech, and night unto night reveals knowledge. ³There is no speech nor language where their voice is not heard.”

Psalm 139:13-14 ¹³For You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother's womb. ¹⁴I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; marvelous are Your works, and that my soul knows very well.”

Romans 1:18-20 ¹⁸For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, ¹⁹because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them. ²⁰For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse.”



CREATIONISM vs: Evolutionary theories, the religion of Darwin. (Young earth vs: old earth.)

- 1st law of thermodynamics: there is nothing new, regarding matter or energy, that is created or destroyed in the universe, it is merely converted to other forms.
- 2nd law of thermodynamics: also called the law of entropy, matter always progresses from states of order into states of greater disorder, or decay.

Electro-magnetic decay:

- In 1842 Dutch scientists discovered an electro-magnetic field around the earth, they subsequently discovered that it could be measured.
- As they continued to examine this phenomenon they discovered that it was decaying at a constant and predictable rate.
- They also discovered that there is a corresponding temperature change that goes along with this reduction in the electro-magnetic field – global cooling.
- A modern day scientist, Dr. Barnes from the University of West Texas took the same calculations and began to reverse them, along with the corresponding changes in temperature.
- If we went back 25,000 years, the change in the electromagnetic field surrounding the earth would result in a surface temperature of 240° this would result in all of the water on the planet turning to steam and evaporating into the atmosphere.
- If we went back 100,000 years, the earth would be in a molten state, much like a marshmallow in the campfire.

Mt. St. Helens duplicated "billions" of years of evolutionary developments in a matter of weeks.

Apollo 11, mission to land on the moon, July 16, 1969. Neil Armstrong, Lunar module, designed w / big padded feet.

- The designers were concerned about the lunar module being swallowed up in moon dust which they estimated to be between 17-35 feet deep, having settled on the moon for at least the last 6 billion years.
- Turned out to be less than one inch of dust, just enough for a foot print.

Niagara Falls - Big Zipper.

- Niagara River flows over the falls in up state New York @ 6 million cubic feet of water per minute.
- As it flows over the edge it actually erodes the granite edge or face of the falls at about 1-3 feet per year.
- 5,280 feet per mile.
- Earth's circumference is 24,859 miles or 131,255,520 feet.
- 1.3 million years Niagara Falls un-zips the earth...

1 Corinthians 3:19-20 “¹⁹For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, He catches the wise in their own craftiness; ²⁰and again, the Lord knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are futile.”

Proverbs 1:7 “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction.”

- I choose intelligent design, and my Heavenly Intelligent Designer because He **“Created”** – “bara”, created all things out of nothing.

Psalm 33:6, 9 “⁶By the Word of the LORD the heavens were made, and all the host of them by the breath of His mouth.” - “⁹For He spoke, and it was done; He commanded, and it stood fast.”

Colossians 1:16-17 “For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. ¹⁷And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist.”

Revelation 4:11 “You are worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and for Your pleasure they exist and were created.”

“The heavens and the earth”

“Heavens” – (H-8064) “shamayim”, shaw-mah'-yim;

- “im” suffix could interpret as singular or plural, heaven or heavens.
- Not meaning the stars of heaven which were created on the 4th day, but more like what we consider “space”, in the sense of “space and time”
- Space as a component of the space, time, and mass universe or continuum.

“Earth” – (H-776). 'erets, eh'-rets; to be firm; the earth, land.

- Like “heavens” the term “earth” refers to the components of matter in the universe.
- At the time of the initial creation, there were no other planets, stars, or other material bodies in the universe; none of them came into being until the 4th day.
- According to **Genesis 1:2** the earth itself initially had no form to it; so this verse speaks essentially about the creation of the basic elements of matter which were later used to make and form the various creations that followed.
- Up to this point our Tri-une God has created, “bara” – called into existence a triad or tri-unity of creation – **time, space, and matter**, an expression and reflection of it's Creator.

Period, not a question mark!

- Statement of fact, not attempting to defend, or explain further – simply a statement of fact to be accepted or rejected.

2 Timothy 3:16 “All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,”

- Accepted by FAITH, if you believe the very first verse, the rest of the Bible follows.

Hebrews 11:1 “Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.”

Hebrews 11:6 “But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.”

“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.”

- It takes less faith to believe God's word, than to try and get past all the inconsistencies and fanciful speculations of the competing theories.
- But it still takes faith.

Psalm 139:14 “I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; marvelous are Your works, and that my soul knows very well.”

Summary - V:1

V: 1 “*In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.”*”

- God created time, space, and matter all at once.
- God spoke, and the universe leapt into existence.
- **Uni-verse:** (not found in the Bible, but common word) compound word – uni = one; verse = spoken word, expression.
- All the basic elements needed to make and form the rest of creation then existed.
- God speaks, it happens! God spoke and the world leapt into existence.

V:2 “*The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.*”

The earth was without form: (H-8414). tohuw, to'-hoo; formless confusion, empty space, chaos.

- A cosmic erector set, with billions of parts waiting to be assembled.
- Swing set from Wal-Mart or Home Depot: a jumbled mass of nuts, bolts, washers, and other parts.
- All waiting for the proper application of intelligence and energy.

Darkness was on the face of the deep: the absence of light.

(H-2822) choshek, kho-shek'; darkness, obscurity.

- Swing set – chaos – no apparent order.
- 1st roll-up garage door, lots of part, no instructions.

The Spirit of God was hovering: Intelligence and power, waiting to be applied.

(H-7307). ruwach, roo'-akh; Spirit, wind; breath, i.e. a violent exhalation; blast, wind.

Genesis 2:7 “*And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed (ruach) into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.*”

Abram & Sarai → Abraham & Sarah

Genesis 17:1; 5; 15 “*1When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram and said to him, I AM Almighty God; walk before Me and be blameless.*”

“*5No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you a father of many nations.*”

“*15Then God said to Abraham, as for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarahh, shall be her name.*”

- This all happened after **Genesis 15:6** when Abram had “believed in the Lord, and He accounted it to him for righteousness.”

2 Peter 2:9 “But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, (peculiar people) that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;”

- That is all of us!
- God cannot be put into a box, and He is not predictable so that we can say we’ve figured Him out.
- He is consistent in this – He takes broken lives that are in disarray and darkness – and He brings order and light through His Son Jesus.
- If we’ll let Him.

Gap Theory: (bogus) Just a theory, that there is a gap of time between verses 1 & 2. Generally speaking, this is a theory that seems to appeal to those who don’t actually take the Bible literally.

- The idea is that there was once a world before the world that we now know, and that God destroyed this world and essentially started over.
- We should know what we believe, and why we believe it.

2 Peter 1:10 “Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your call and election sure, for if you do these things you will never stumble.”

1 Peter 3:15 “But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense / answer to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear.”

- **Micro-evolution** (changes within species) vs: **Macro-evolution / theory** (transition to new species) which has never been observed.

- Evolution - Darwin’s Theory of Evolution - Theistic Evolution? Trial and error.

History & premise:

In 1795 James Hutton, an avowed atheist wrote a book entitled “Theory Of The Earth” in which he stated that the earth was millions of years old. This caused many Christians to doubt that the earth was 6,000 years old as it was commonly believed at that time.

Many Christians bought this lie, which contradicted and cast doubt upon God’s word. They then sought to reconcile the bible to this theory instead of using the bible to test the wisdom of man.

1 Corinthians 3:19 “For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, He takes the wise in their own craftiness.”

In 1814 Thomas Chalmers, a Scottish preacher and member of the Masonic Temple invented the “Gap Theory”; suggesting that there was a gap of time between **Genesis 1:1** and **1:2**. He suggested that in this gap of millions or even billions of years, a previously unknown people group and world could have existed and that this pre-Adamic group of people rebelled against God and were subsequently wiped out and destroyed in God’s judgment of this “pre-historic” world, and that God essentially started over.

- Even the phrase “pre-historic” is a denial of God’s Word. Pre-historic mean prior to the history of the Bible, since there are no books that record history before creation as described in the Bible.



In 1859 Darwin published his book “**Origin Of The Species**” causing many to doubt the creator. By this time many had accepted the idea of millions or billions of years. Some have since suggested this theory as a means to accommodate or advance some form of “**Theistic Evolution**”. Others have suggested that it was in this “gap” of time that God created the angelic host and that in this time span Lucifer rebelled, taking 1/3 of the angles with him, and that these events cannot be explained apart from the “gap theory”. Proponents of this theory assert that this theory allows for all the geological eras to take place.

I personally have chosen to interpret the Bible as literally as possible; the plain reading is the plain meaning. I encourage you to do the same.

- The plain reading of the text would never bring you to assume or understand that there was a gap in between the two verses. We would simply progress from verse one to verse two as part of an uninterrupted continuum.
- Proponents of this erroneous theory assert that a “day” as recorded in the Bible is not a day in the classical 24 hours sense, but that a day is a time period for which there is no exact definition, seeking to accommodate thousands of years, millions, or even billions of years.
- If in this case a “day” is not a “day”, but actually refers to some other spiritualized definition i.e.: millions or billions of years then why wouldn’t it follow that “salvation” is not literal either? If the common meaning of the words that God used to communicate to us are set aside, if they are given figurative or symbolic definitions how then can we rightly interpret the rest of the Bible? What or who is Jesus? Is Heaven real? Where does it end? I believe that the plain reading reveals the plain meaning, literally?

Genesis 1:5 “... And the evening and the morning were **the first day**.” As opposed to “a” day or “one” day.

- Other versions of the Bible translate this same scripture “one day”. (NASB, NIV, AMP, RSV, ASV)
This is because the translators of these Bibles did not believe in a literal 6 days of creation.
- Proponents of the gap theory try to use **Psalm 90:4** and **2 Peter 3:8** to bolster their case.

Psalm 90:4 “For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past, and as a watch in the night.”

2 Peter 3:8 “But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.”

- Both of these scriptures are intended to be figurative; they also both refer to “thousands” as opposed to “millions” etc., unless of course we change the meanings.
- Neither of these scriptures in context particularly relates to creation but in fact describes that time does not matter to God, that He is beyond the constraints of time, space, or matter; He is truly timeless.

Genesis 1:1 “¹In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.”

- Notice that it is written “heaven” singular and “earth” singular – not earths as in 1st, 2nd, or 3rd.

Genesis 1:2 “And the earth was without form, and void;”

- Without form and void; unformed and unfilled as opposed to “destroyed” as the proponents of the gap theory suggest.

“*Without form*” (H-8414). “tohuw”, (to'-hoo); formless, confusion, wilderness, waste; as in wasteland. Used 19 times in the Bible none of which refer to “destruction”.

“*Void*” (H-922) “bohuw” (bo-hoo); to be empty, a vacuity, void, not filled. Only used 3 times in the bible, each time indicating emptiness, not related to destruction.

- Nothing in the meaning of these words supports the supposition of a previously existent and subsequently destroyed world prior to the one that we know presently.

Genesis 1:28 “And God blessed them, and God said unto them, be fruitful, and multiply, and fill / replenish the earth....”

- In the KJV translation there is a foot note that indicates that “replenish” means “fill”.

- In our current or modern language “replenish” means to fill again or to re-fill. But in 1611 that was not the current meaning of the word, some words change meaning over time. When I was young “gay” meant happy and care free, today it is a reference to homosexuality.
- In 1611 the word “replenish” meant “to fill”. By 1650 a second definition “to re-fill” was added to the definition. At that point “to fill” was the primary meaning, and “to re-fill” was a secondary definition. For hundreds of years the word “replenish” was used primarily to mean “to fill”. In 1892 the order of these definitions was switched where “to fill” became a secondary definition. Later still the meaning “to fill” was dropped in lieu of “to re-fill” because that was the common usage of the word because the English language is constantly changing.
- Another example is in **James 2:3** where the phrase “**fine / gay clothing...**” is meant to mean happy, good, or cheerful attire as opposed to homosexual attire. **Romans 1:13** “**but was let hitherto**” meaning they were hindered. Let now means the opposite of hindered.

Gap Theory Comparison to other scriptures:

1 Corinthians 2:12-13 “¹²Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit who is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us by God. ¹³These things we also speak, not in the words which man’s wisdom teaches, but which the Holy Spirit teaches; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.”

1. **1 Corinthians 15:45** “And so it is written, the first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit.”
 - Was Adam the first man or not?
2. Trying to account for the fossil records in this “gap” of time would indicate that all these men and animals perished in this other world – which contradicts God’s word.

Romans 5:12 “Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned.”

1 Corinthians 15:21-22 “²¹For since by man came death, by Man came also the resurrection of the dead. ²²For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.”

- Death entered by one man, Adam; and reigned from Adam to Moses.
- If sin and death preceded Adam, then basically God’s word is not true.
- In a sense getting past verse one, but never getting to verse 2.
- The gap theory asserts that sin and death took place in between verses 1 and 2 prior to the creation of Adam.

3. **Exodus 20:11** “For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day: therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it.”

- The Lord made the heaven and the earth in six days, and everything in them which would include the angelic host.
- For anyone to say that Lucifer existed and fell from Heaven before this has a conflict with this verse.

Exodus 31:17 “It is a sign between Me and the children of Israel for ever; for in six days the Lord made heaven (singular, KJV) and earth (singular), and on the seventh day He rested and was refreshed.”

4. **Revelation 21:1** “And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away.” Was it the first or not?

- This is still the 1st heaven and the 1st earth.
- As opposed to the 2nd or 3rd heavens & earths...

5. The gap theory is not needed to explain or accommodate the creation of the angelic host:

Job 38:4-7 “⁴Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth? Tell Me, if you have understanding. ⁵Who determined its measurements? Surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? ⁶To what were its foundations fastened? Or who laid its cornerstone, ⁷when the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?”

- The angels, including Lucifer, were present as the foundations of the earth were laid. Referring to day 3, **Genesis 1:9** when the dry land appeared.
- This means that the angels were probably created on day 1 or 2, we’re not told specifically, but it stands to reason that this is the order.

6. **Hebrews 1:14** “Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister for those who will inherit salvation?”

- Why would God create these ministering spirits to minister to us millions of years before we existed if that was His plan?

7. **Ezekiel 28** describes the creation and fall of Lucifer, and that he was in the Garden of Eden prior to his fall.

Ezekiel 28:12-13 “¹²...You were the seal of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. ¹³You were in Eden, the garden of God; every precious stone was your covering.”

- Eden wasn't created until day six. Lucifer was in the garden prior to his fall. Lucifer couldn't have fallen from Heaven between verses 1 & 2 because Eden hadn't been made yet.

8. **Genesis 1:31** “Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good. So the evening and the morning were the sixth day.”

- At this point Lucifer exists as a created being, but not yet in a fallen state. If he has already fallen, then he / everything is not good. His fall must have taken place some time after the sixth day.
- Adam was 130 years old when Seth was born, plenty of time passed after day six to accommodate the fall of Satan before the fall of man.

9. **Genesis 3:20** “And Adam called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living.”

- So the question is was Eve really the mother of all living? Is God's Word true or not? She certainly wasn't the mother of all those who perished in the gap - because they never existed!

Romans 3:3-4 “³For what if some did not believe? Will their unbelief make the faithfulness of God without effect? ⁴Certainly not! Indeed, let God be true, but every man a liar. As it is written: “That You may be justified in Your words, and may overcome when You are judged.”

- Once again, the plain reading reveals the plain meaning – literally.

V:3 God spoke – and it happened.

Psalms 33:6, 9 “⁶By the Word of the LORD the heavens were made, and all the host of them by the breath of His mouth.” - “⁹For He spoke, and it was done; He commanded, and it stood fast.”

- There is power in the Word of God.

Hebrews 4:12 “For the Word of God is quick / alive, and powerful, and sharper than any two edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart.”

V: 4 Light is good because God is light.

1 John 1:5 "... God is light and in Him is no darkness at all."

Jesus is light:

John 8:12 "... I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."

- God saw that the light was good, which infers that darkness is not good.

1 Thessalonians 5:5 "You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness."

- He separated the light from the dark.

2 Corinthians 6:14 "Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness?"

V: 5 The 1st day.

- God used definitive commonly acknowledged terms: light, day light = day, darkness = night, night time. To try to change the plain meaning to accommodate any other unbiblical theories is a denial of God's Word, and academically dishonest.
- Each successive day is described in the same way:

"So the evening and the morning were the 2nd day."

- Indicating that the 1st through the 6th day were all equal in the amount of time accounted to each.
- It is also noteworthy, that God only worked in the light, not in the dark.
- Although it is not mentioned here in Genesis, it is possible that another act of creation took place on the 1st or 2nd day, and before the 3rd day of creation.
- The creation of the angelic host and realm:

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- Angels are often referred to as the "Heavenly host," so there must have been a heavenly place for them to be – in God's presence.
- The Bible doesn't say much about angels, so I'm not going to worry too much about them or try to figure it all out.

V: 6 This verse literally reads in the original Hebrew:

"God- said- be- firmament - midst - waters - let - divide - waters - waters."

Jeremiah 51:15 "He has made the earth by His power; He has established the world by His wisdom, and stretched out the heaven by His understanding."

- The "firmament" is simply a division between the waters above and the waters below.
- There appears to have been a water shield or canopy suspended over the atmosphere, which initially protected the planet from the harmful effects of the sun. This was eventually ruptured during the great flood of Noah.
- The earth being shielded from harmful cosmic rays flourished in incredible ways.
- There were no polar ice caps, it was a tropical climate and planet. They've found charcoal deposits in the North Pole, 200' under the ice. Mammoths found encased in ice in Siberia with tropical vegetation in their digestive tracts.
- There were no violent winds or storms due to the even temperatures – a hot house effect.
- Men lived longer healthier lives, bearing children even up to 900 years of age.
- They have found fifty foot tall asparagus ferns – having lived in ideal growing conditions.

V: 7 "*Thus God made*" (H-6213) 'asah, aw-saw'; to make from existing materials or components. Distinct from God created "bara" something from nothing.

- The division of the waters above from those below, with the "heaven" in between.

Proverbs 8:27-29 "²⁷When He prepared the heavens, I was there, when He drew a circle on the face of the deep, ²⁸When He established the clouds above, when He strengthened the fountains of the deep, ²⁹when He assigned to the sea its limit,

so that the waters would not transgress His command, when He marked out the foundations of the earth...”

“*And it was so*” – the very elements of our universe are obedient and subject to the will of God.

Jeremiah 10:12-13 “¹²He has made the earth by His power, He has established the world by His wisdom, and has stretched out the heavens at His discretion.

¹³When He utters His voice, there is a multitude of waters in the heavens: And He causes the vapors to ascend from the ends of the earth. He makes lightning for the rain, He brings the wind out of His treasures.”

V: 8 The “heaven” described here is basically the atmosphere.

“*Heaven*” (H-8064) “shamayim,” the sky through which the birds fly, the visible atmosphere in which the clouds move; as well as to the abode of the stars.

- The Apostle Paul describes 3 heavens:

2 Corinthians 12:2 “I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago - whether in the body I do not know, or whether out of the body I do not know, God knows - such a one was caught up to the third heaven.”

1. Atmosphere.
2. Stellar, outer space.
3. The dwelling place of God.

“*So the evening and the morning were the second day.*” (Plain reading is the plain meaning.)

V: 9-10 Separation of the land and the seas.

Psalm 95:5 “The sea is His, for He made it; and His hands formed the dry land.”

- God speaks; it happens..
- 1st time – “*And God saw that it was good.*”

Deuteronomy 32:4 “He is the Rock, His work is perfect; for all His ways are justice.”

V: 11-13 Starts with “*God said*” – and ends with “*and it was so.*”

Psalm 104:14 “He causes the grass to grow for the cattle, and vegetation for the service of man, that he may bring forth food from the earth.”

- God calls forth the grass, the herbs, and trees – each with their own seed within itself, each fully developed, with the ability to reproduce.

- God lends order to His creation.
- Each according to it's kind – no trans mutation. Apple seeds bring apples, wheat seed brings forth wheat – no proof of evolution here.
- God saw that it was good. (2nd time)

- 3rd day.
 1. The first day: light was created.
 2. The second day: the atmosphere was created.
 3. The third day, God separated the dry land from the seas, then.
 4. Life came on the third day. - **Jesus rose again on the 3rd day!** (What a coincidence!)

V: 14-19 God said & it was so.

- God established lights in the heavens, sun, moon, and stars.
- God established order, times, and seasons.

Psalm 74:16-17 “The day is Yours, the night also is Yours; You have prepared the light and the sun. ¹⁷You have set all the borders of the earth; You have made summer and winter.”

Psalm 104:19 “He appointed the moon for seasons; the sun knows its going down.”

Our is the God of order:

1 Corinthians 14:33 “For God is not the author of confusion but of peace, as in all the churches of the saints.”

- Order and relationship in the solar system.
- Set at just the right distance to receive energy and warmth from the sun, but not so close that we would burn up. Not so far that we'd have a permanent ice age
- Our axis is tilted at 23 1/3 degrees, to give us 4 seasons, otherwise part of the world would be hot all the time, and the other part cold, throwing the planet off balance and causing us to wobble out of control.
- There are estimated to be 10²⁵ stars.
- There are 8 billion people on the earth, each one could have 11 billion stars!
- This is a good day's work!

“*And God saw that it was good.*” (4th time)

“*¹⁹So the evening and the morning were the fourth day.*”

V: 20-23 God creates sea creatures and birds of the air each according to it's kind.

“kind” (H-4327) “miyn”, (meen); a sort, i.e. species:--kind.

- Groups of living organisms belong in the same created “kind” if they have descended from the same ancestral gene pool.
- This does not preclude new species because this represents a partitioning of the original gene pool.
- Information is lost or conserved not gained.
- A new species could arise when a population is isolated and inbreeding occurs.
- By this definition a new species is not a new “kind” but a further partitioning of an existing “kind”.

“Abounded” - abundantly, teeming, swarming – not just a few...

“²¹And God saw that it was good. (5x) ²²And God blessed them...” (1st)

Proverbs 10:22 “The blessing of the LORD makes one rich, and He adds no sorrow with it.”

“So the evening and the morning were the fifth day.”

V: 24-25 “Then God said” - “and it was so...”

- Living creatures: cattle, creeping things, beast of the earth.
- Each “according to it's kind.” (10X's in Ch. 1).
- Each created fully developed, able to reproduce – refutes Theistic evolution.
- Creatures can't evolve if they can't feed themselves, re-produce, circulatory, respiratory, neurological systems aren't complete.

“And God saw that it was good.” (6th time)

V:26 *“Let US make man in OUR image”* (Plural)

- 2nd reference to the Trinity, God the Father, God the Son, Jesus, and God the Holy Spirit.

“According to Our likeness.”

- God makes a creative distinction between animals, beasts of the field and man.
- Another refutation of “Theistic evolution”.

1 Corinthians 15:38-39 *“³⁸But God gives it a body as He pleases, and to each seed its own body. ³⁹All flesh is not the same flesh, but there is one kind of flesh of men, another flesh of animals, another of fish, and another of birds.”*

- Man is distinct in all of creation being the only one to be created in His image.
- God’s direction: Dominion over all the animals and over all the earth.
- Satan’s plan: precedence given to birds, creeping things, trees, fields.
- Debate: offshore drilling etc.

V: 27 “*Elohim*” created / bara – man in His own image.

Psalm 139:14 “I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.”

- **Anthropomorphism** - Because we know that God hears us, and because we know that we use our ears to hear, we assume that God has ears like us, or eyes, or any other physical attribute.

John 4:24 “God is a Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship Him in Spirit and in truth.”

- We have no idea what God looks like.
- He didn’t want us making graven images for that reason.

God is a Triune being	Man is a triune being
God is Sovereign	Man is self determinate to a degree.
God is Omnipotent, all powerful.	Man has power and ability.
God is Wisdom incarnate	Man has cognitive abilities, he’s able to think, reason, and learn.
God is love.	Man has the capacity for love.
God is a Spirit	Man is a spiritual being.

- We are spiritual creatures; we are encased in these bodies of flesh, but the real us is spiritual and will one day be released to either spend eternity with our Father in Heaven, or to spend eternity in eternal separation from our Father in Hell.
- Someone told me once, that God is a homosexual, because he was a homosexual, and he was made in God’s image. ☹
- Lucifer was an angel of light, a worshipper of God, until the day that he rebelled against God, he made a choice and became something else – as do men.

“Male and female He created them.”

Mark 10:6 “But from the beginning of the creation, God made them male and female.”

- God’s word explains the origin of the sexes – evolution does not and cannot explain this.

V: 28-31 Then God blessed them. Separately from the animals.

Be fruitful, multiply, fill the earth – 1 st command.	No kids - Abortion, homosexuality, feminist movement.
Subdue it.	Subject to it.

Psalm 115:16 “The heavens, even the heavens, are the LORD’s; but the earth He has given to the children of men.”

“*God saw everything that He made, and indeed it was very good.*”

- Not just “good” but “very good.”

“*So the evening and the morning were the sixth day.*”