

Genesis 1:1–2:3

Creation of the Cosmos



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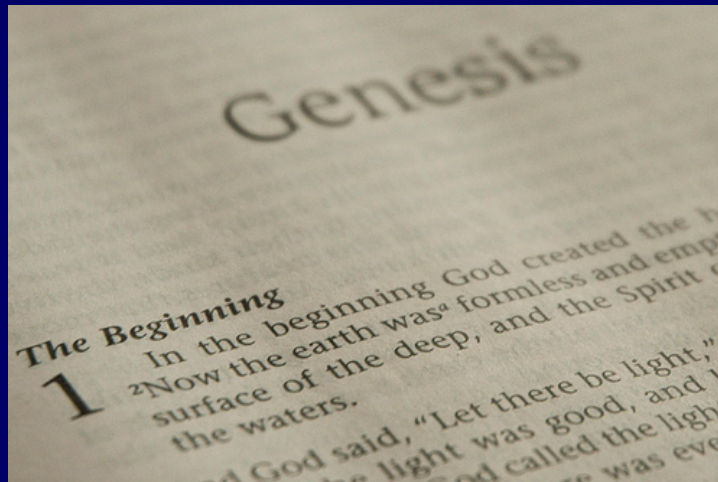
INTRODUCTORY MATTERS

- Title – Genesis
- Authorship, Date, Recipients – Moses; 1445 – 1405; Exodus Generation
- Structure – Toledoth; 2 Parts (4 Events)
- Setting – Mesopotamia, Canaan, Egypt
- Message & Purpose – Israel; Conquest
- Unique Characteristics – Beginnings
- Themes – Beginnings
- Christ In Genesis – Gen. 3:15 Tracing
- Importance – God's Glory; Salvation
- Historicity – Christ's Genealogy

GENESIS STRUCTURE

I. Beginning of the Human race (Gen. 1–11)

II. Beginning of the Hebrew race (Gen. 12–50)



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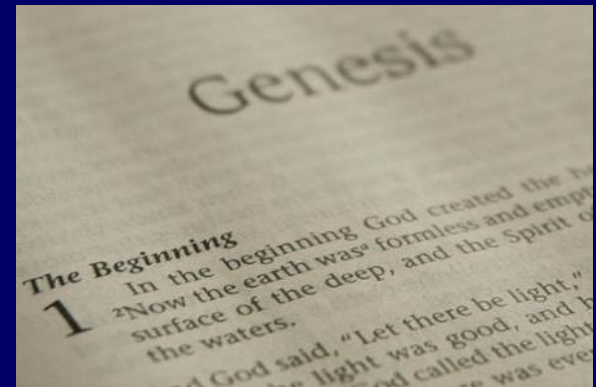
I. Genesis 1-11 (four events)

A. Creation (1-2)

B. Fall (3-5)

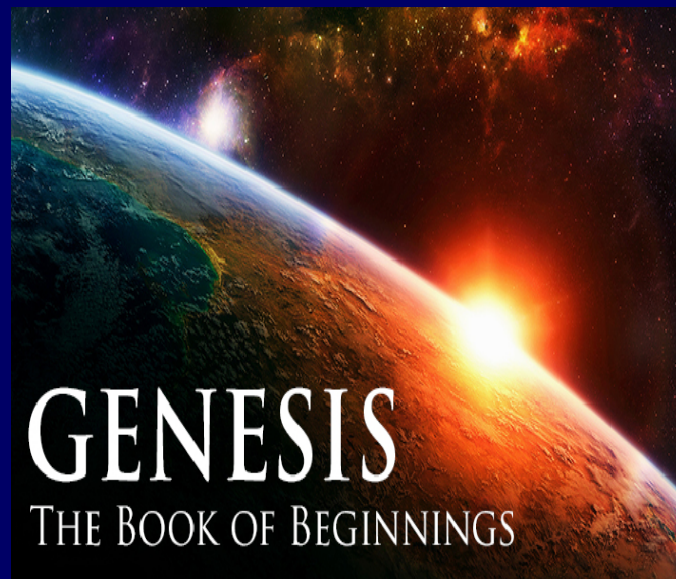
C. Flood (6-9)

D. National dispersion (10-11)



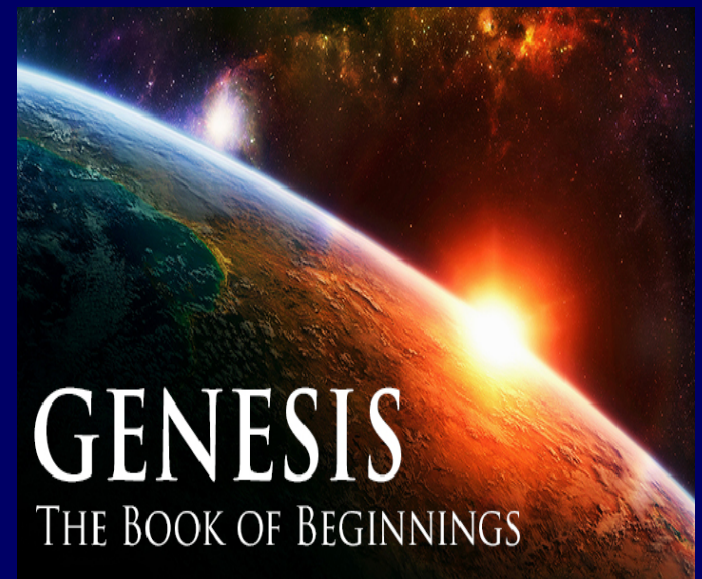
Contradictory Account of Creation?

- Genesis 1 – Overview of the whole creation
- Genesis 2 – Details surrounding the creation of the garden, the first man, and his activities on day 6.



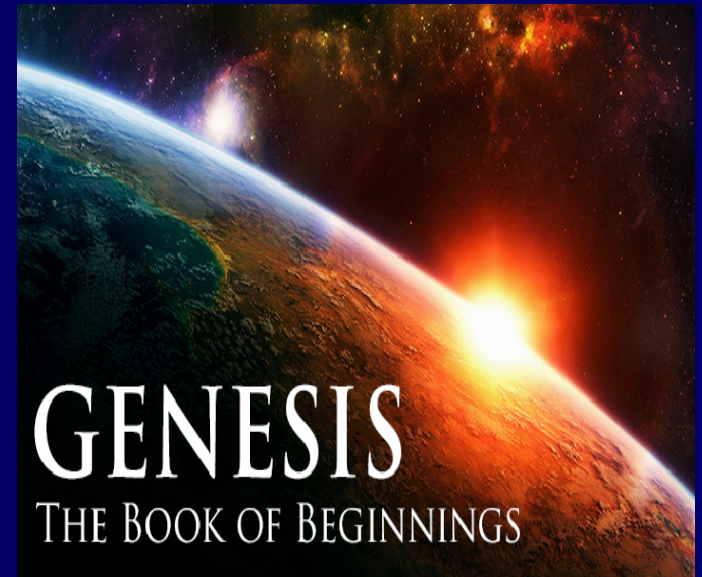
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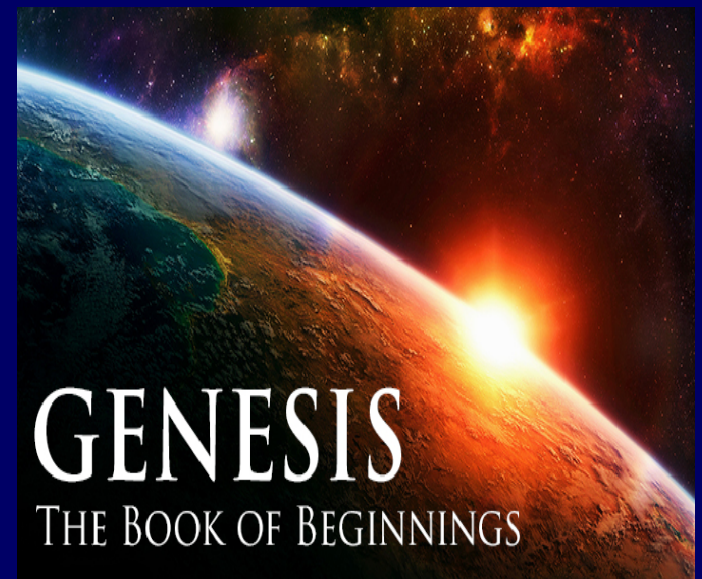
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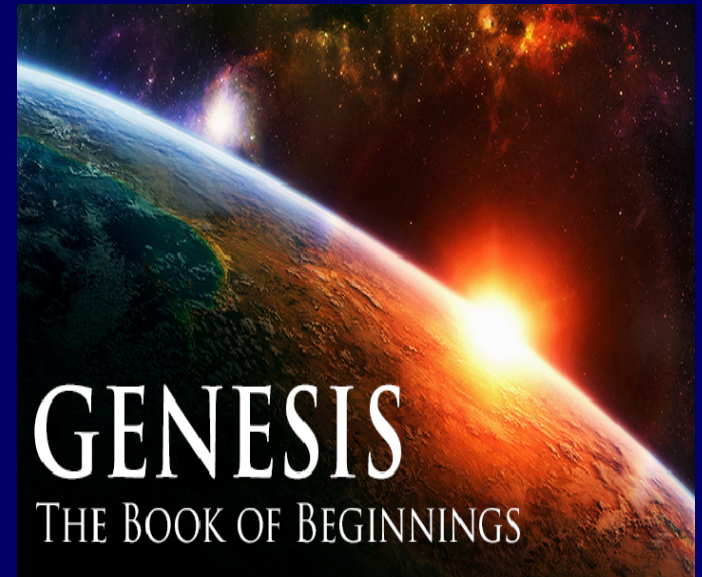
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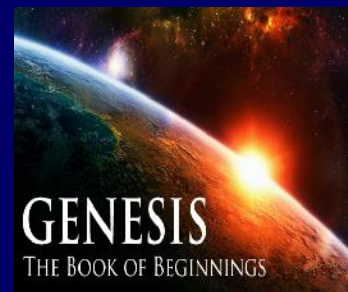
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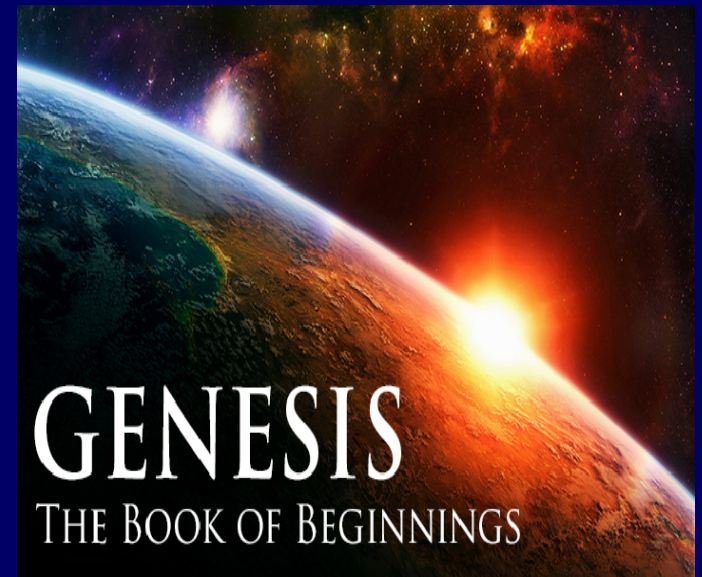
(Gen 1:1)

- Atheism – God created (Ps. 14:1)
- Pantheism – God is transcendent over creation
- Polytheism – One God created (Deut. 6:4; Isa 43:11; 44:6; 45:5)
- Materialism – Matter began
- Dualism – God alone created (Ezek. 28:13, 15)
- Humanism – God rather than man created
- Naturalism – God created



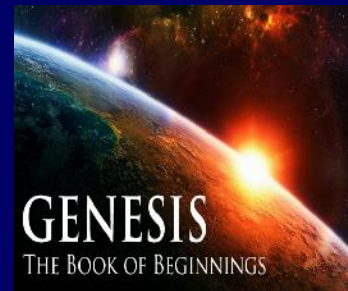
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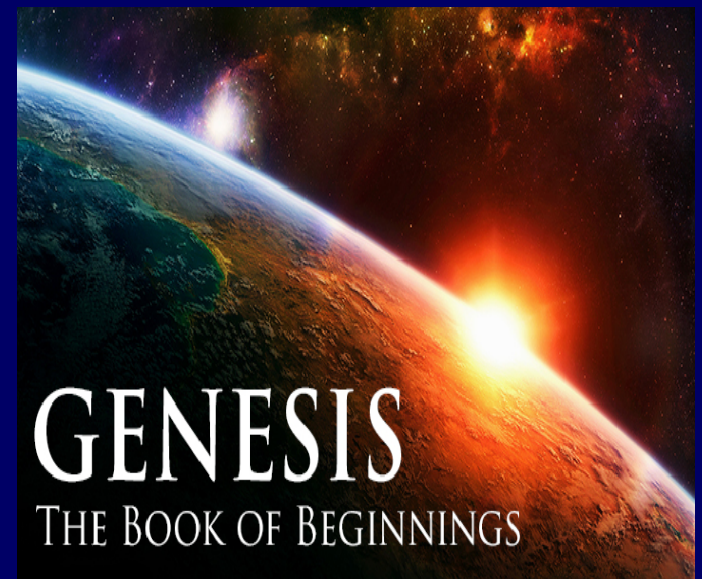
Genesis 1:1-3

- Original creation view = no creation before creation
 - ◆ 1:1 God's original creation on the first day
 - ◆ 1:2 Description of this original creation in its original state and described through the use of three circumstantial participles
 - Unfilled & unformed (*tohu* and *bohu*)
 - Darkness = no physical light (Gen. 1:3)
 - Spirit = anticipation
 - ◆ 1:3-31 Filling and forming process



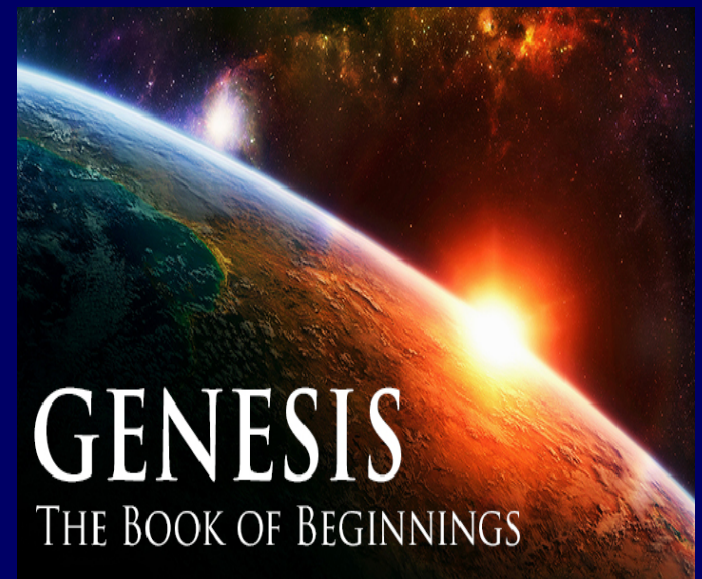
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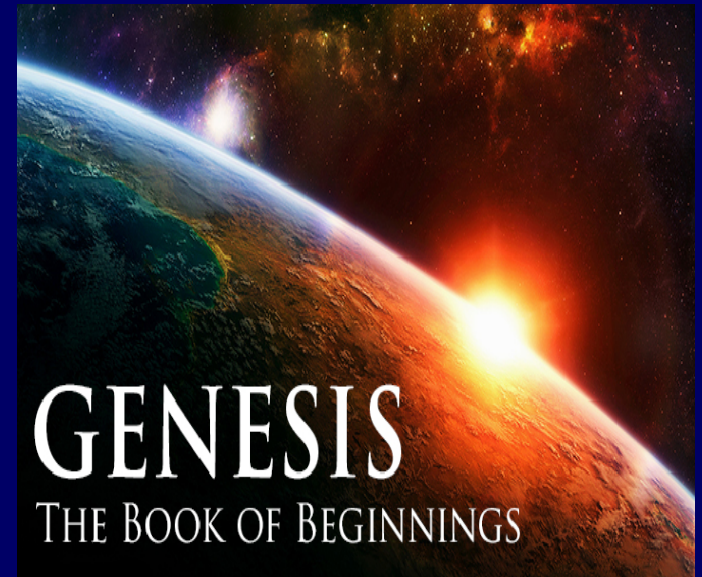
Genesis 1:1-3

“¹ In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. ² The earth was formless and void, and darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was moving over the surface of the waters. ³ Then God said, ‘Let there be light’; and there was light.”



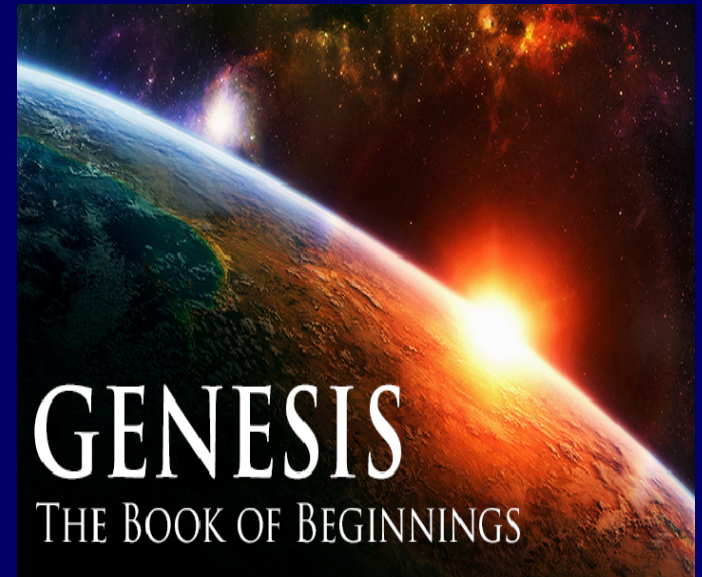
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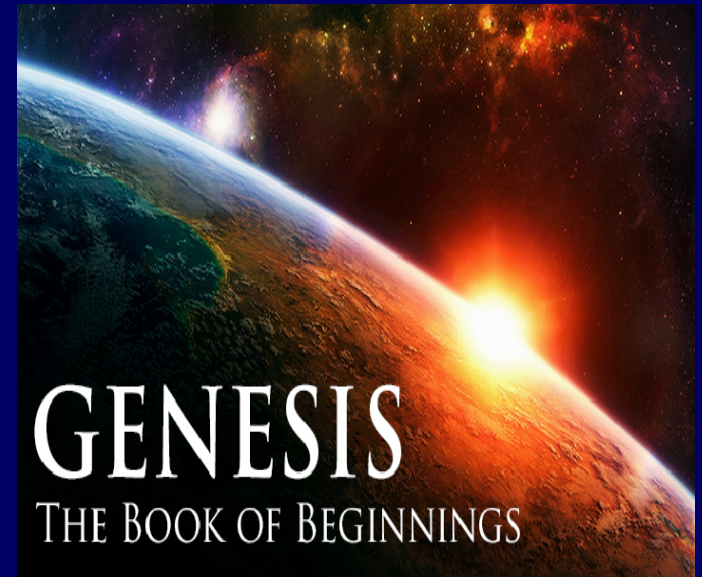
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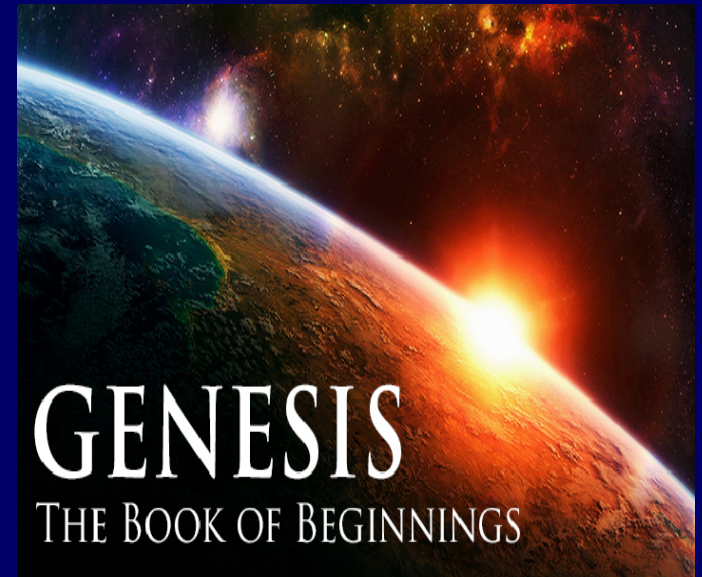
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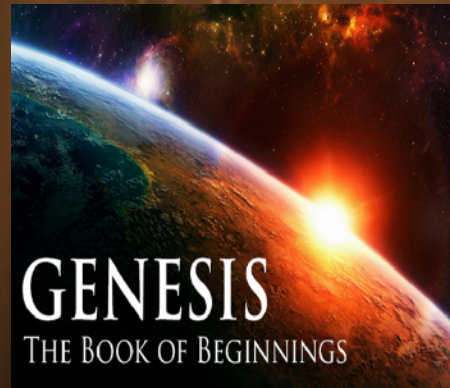
- Definition
- *Asah* = “to show” (Gen 24:12) in Exodus 20:11
- *Asah* (Gen 1:26) and *bara* (Gen 1:27)



Solar Non-Consecutive Days?

Exodus 20:11

This is the account of the heavens and the earth when they were created (*bara*), in the day that the LORD God made (*asah*) earth and heaven.



Days of Revelation?

Gen 1:26-27

²⁶ Then God said, “Let Us make (*asah*) man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” ²⁷ God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created (*bara*) him; male and female He created them.



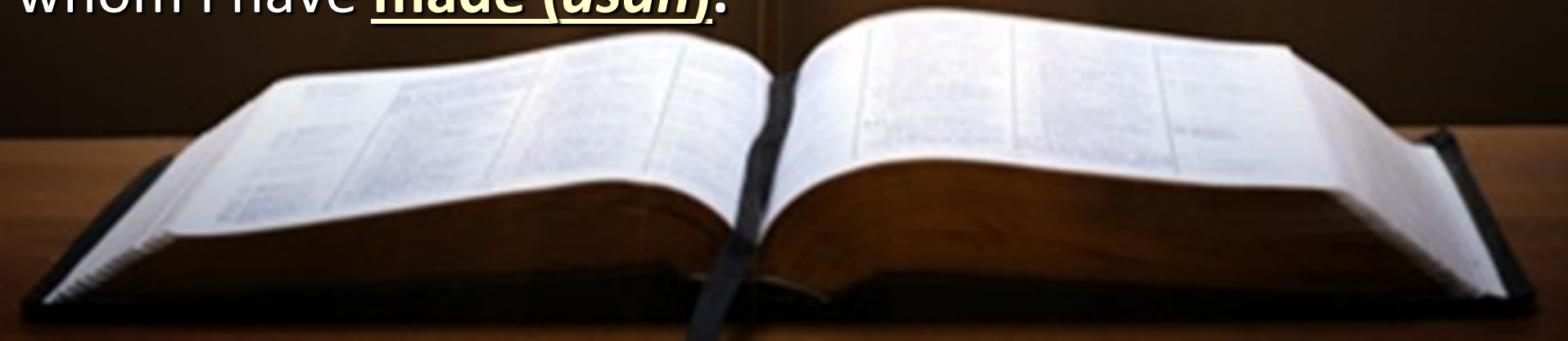
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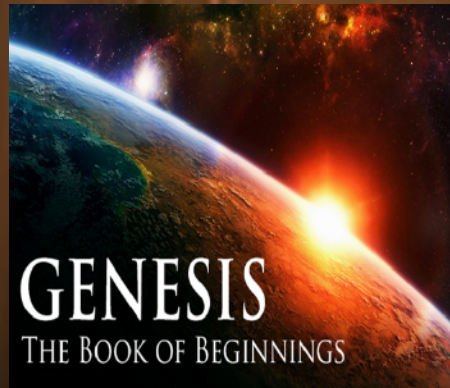
Everyone who is called by My name, And whom I have created (*bara*) for My glory, Whom I have formed, even whom I have made (*asah*).



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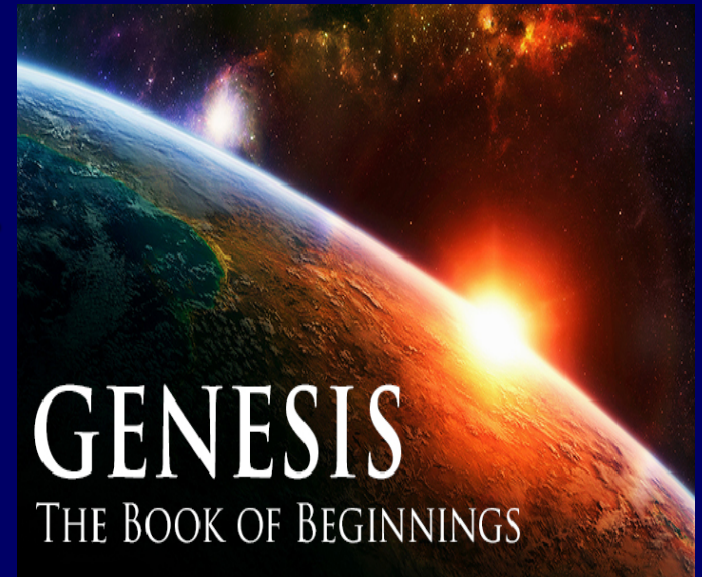
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John 14:1-3 – The Father's House: Are We There Yet?, 30. www.pre-trib.org

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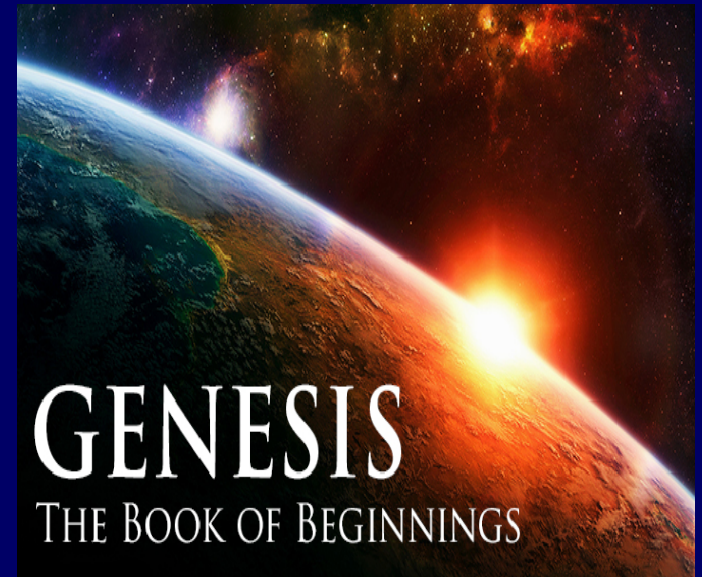
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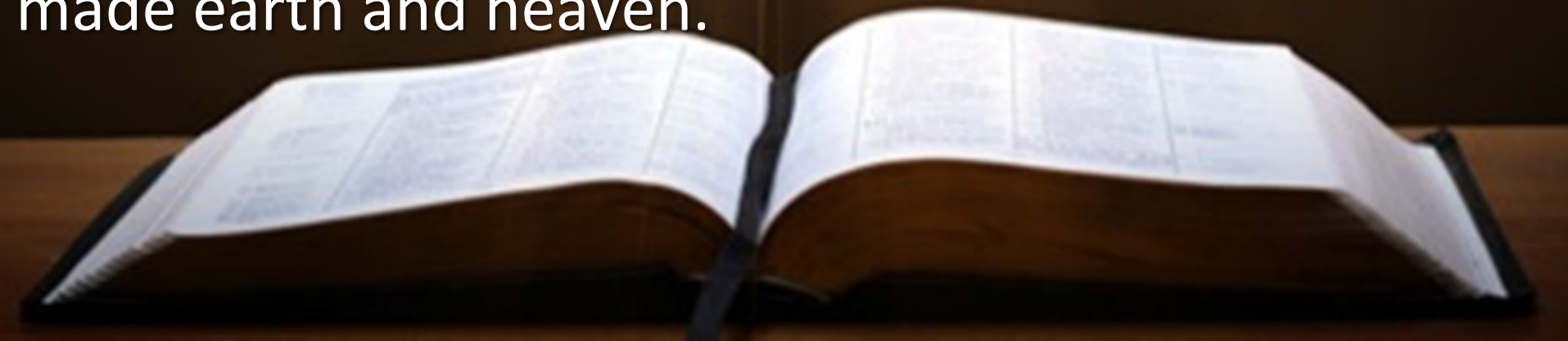
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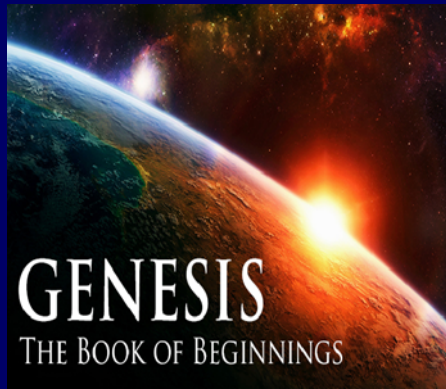
2 Peter 3:8

But do not let this one *fact* escape your notice, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years like one day.

Genesis 2:4?

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“Back in my father’s day, it took ten days to drive across the Australian outback during the day.”

Ken Ham et al, *Answers in Genesis*, rev ed. (Green Forest, AR: Master Books, 1990), 37-emphasis mine.

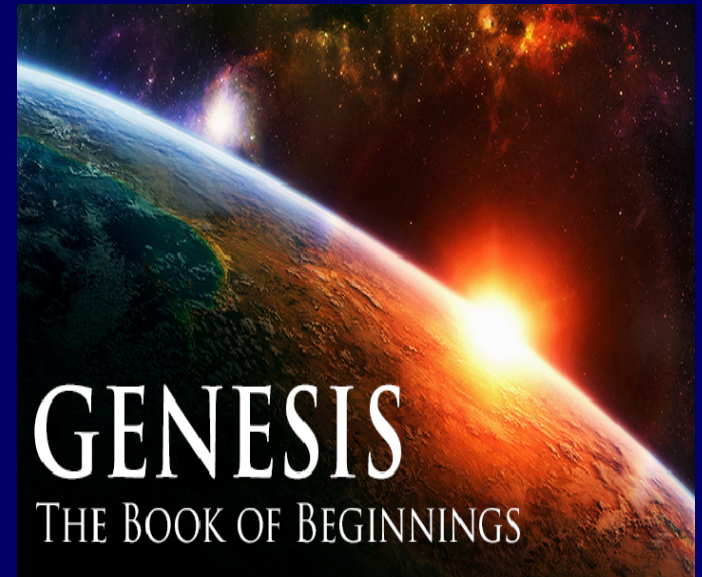
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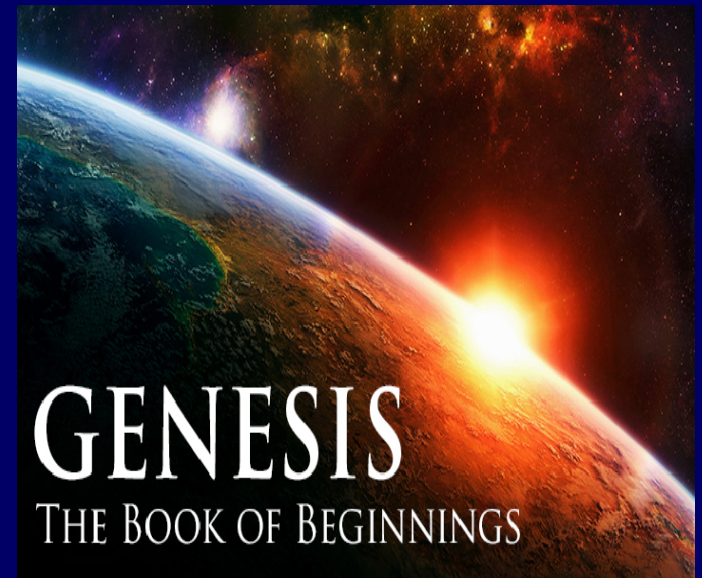
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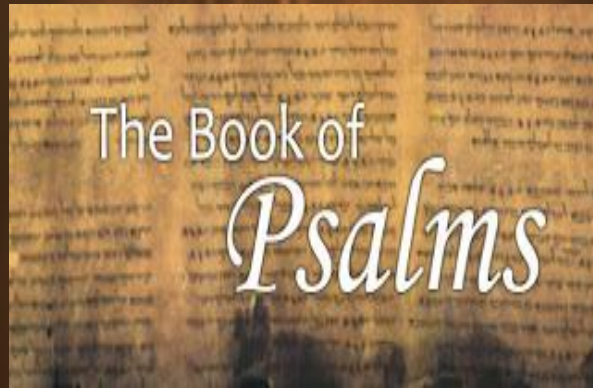
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Psalm 90:2

“Before the mountains were born Or You gave birth to the earth and the world, Even from everlasting (*olam*) to everlasting (*olam*), You are God.”



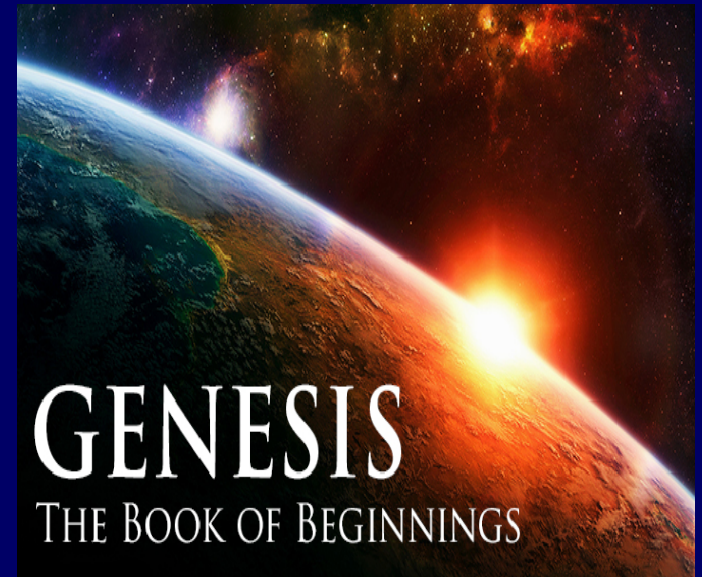
Exodus 21:2, 5-6

² “If you buy a Hebrew servant, he shall serve six years; and in the seventh he shall go out free and pay nothing...⁵ But if the servant plainly says, ‘I love my master, my wife, and my children; I will not go out free,’⁶ then his master shall bring him to the judges. He shall also bring him to the door, or to the doorpost, and his master shall pierce his ear with an awl; and he shall serve him forever (*olam*).”



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10 Ways of Communicating Ages in Gen 1

yāmîm – with “evening and morning” = many days of evening and morning

tamîd – continually, forever

dōr – generation, period

`orek – with yom = length of days

`ad – ancient, forever

zemān – season, time

qedem – of old, ancient time

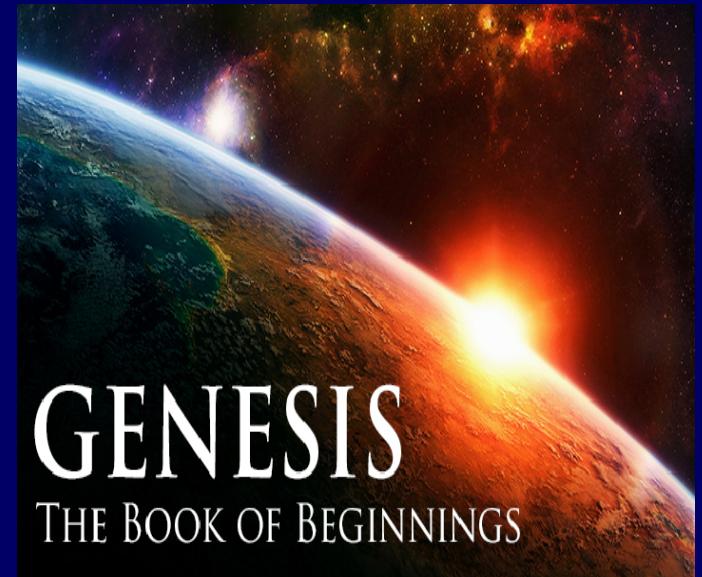
`et – time

netsach – always, everlasting, forever

mô `ēd – time, season

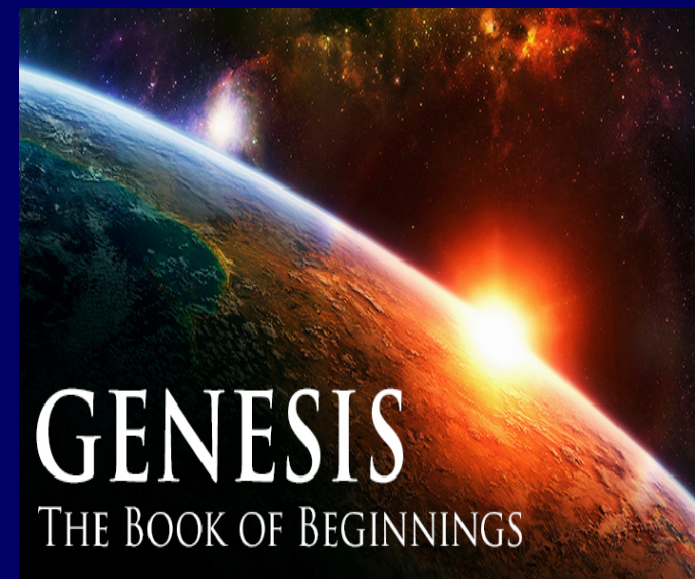
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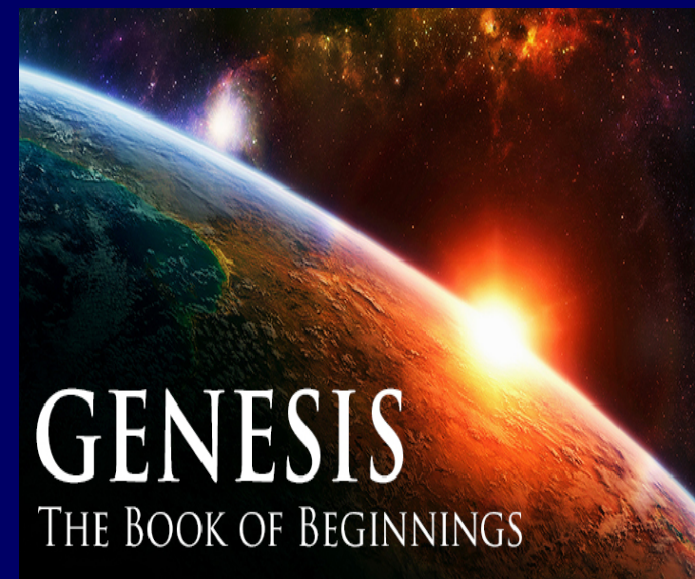
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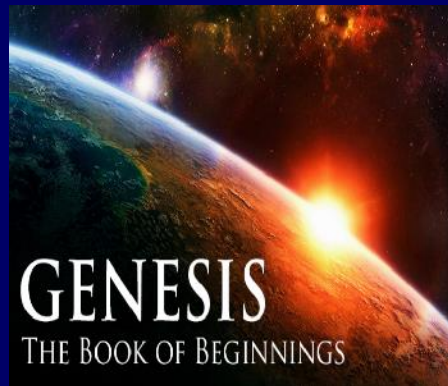
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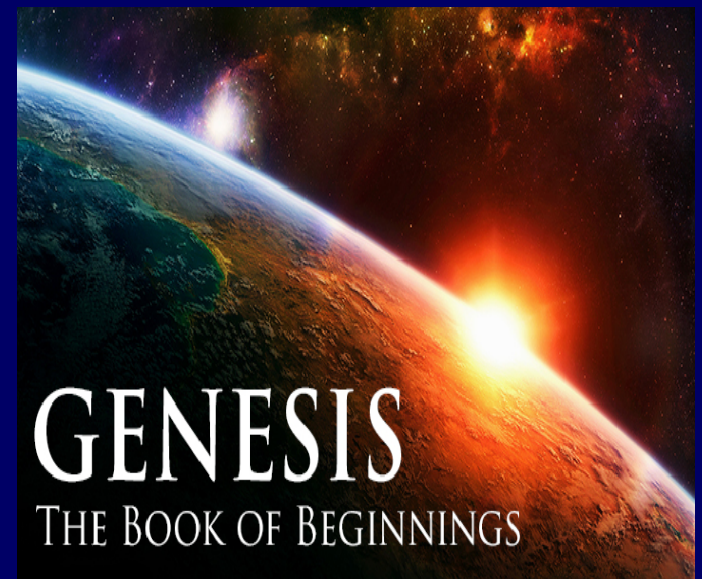
Survey of Old Testament Introduction (Chicago, IL: Moody Press, 1994), 196-97-emphasis mine.

“From a superficial reading of Genesis 1, the impression would seem to be that the entire creative process took place in six twenty-four-hour days. This seems to run counter to modern scientific research, which indicates that planet earth was created several billion years ago.”



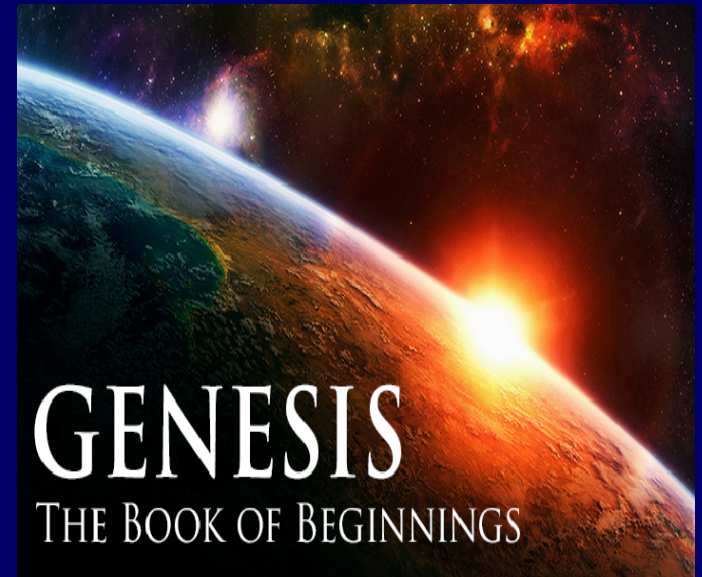
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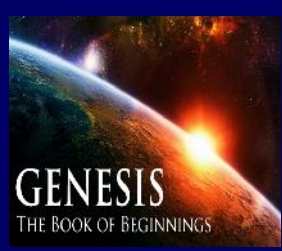
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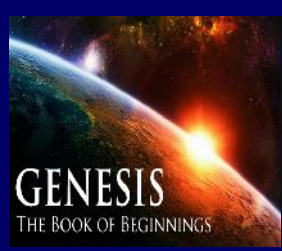
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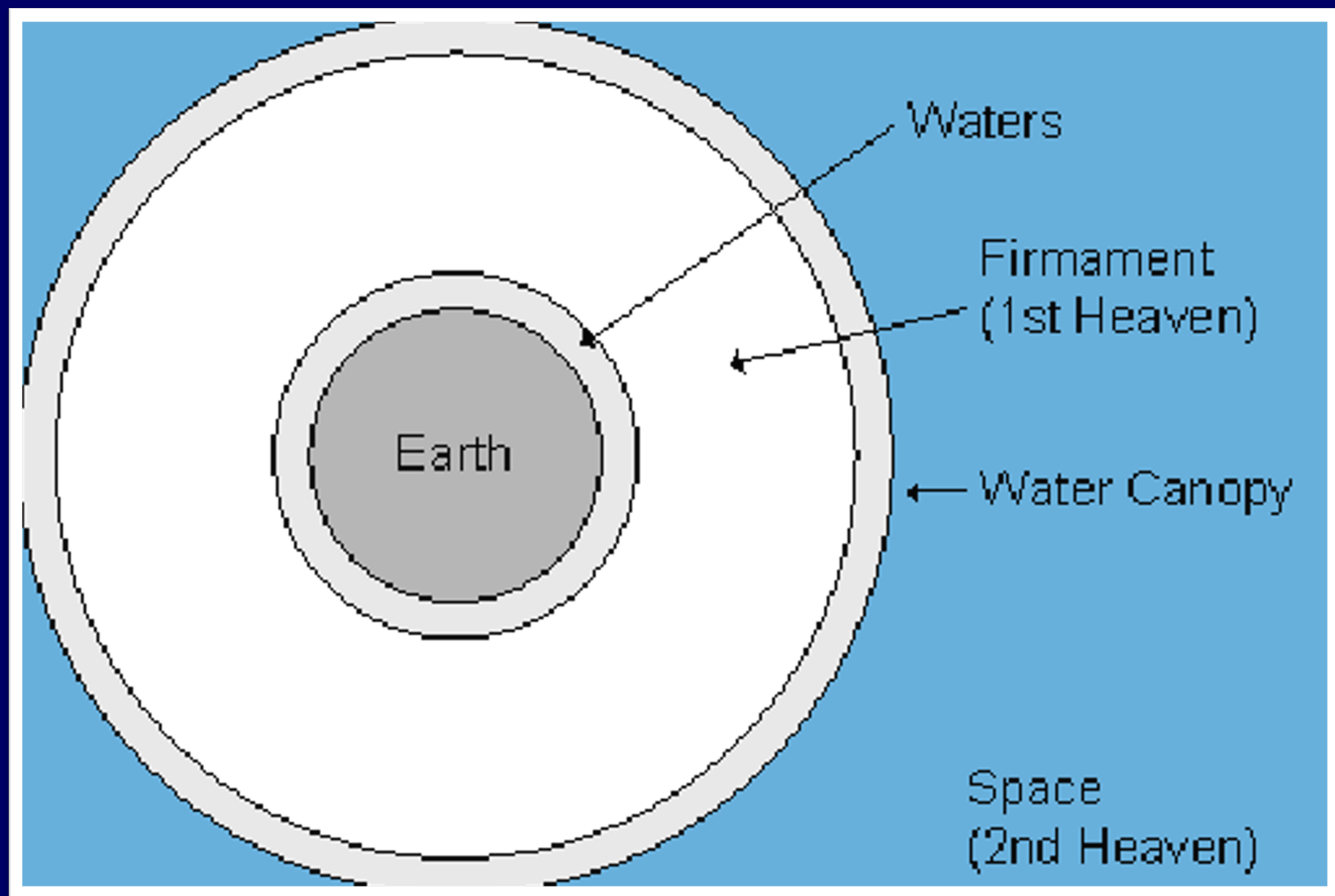
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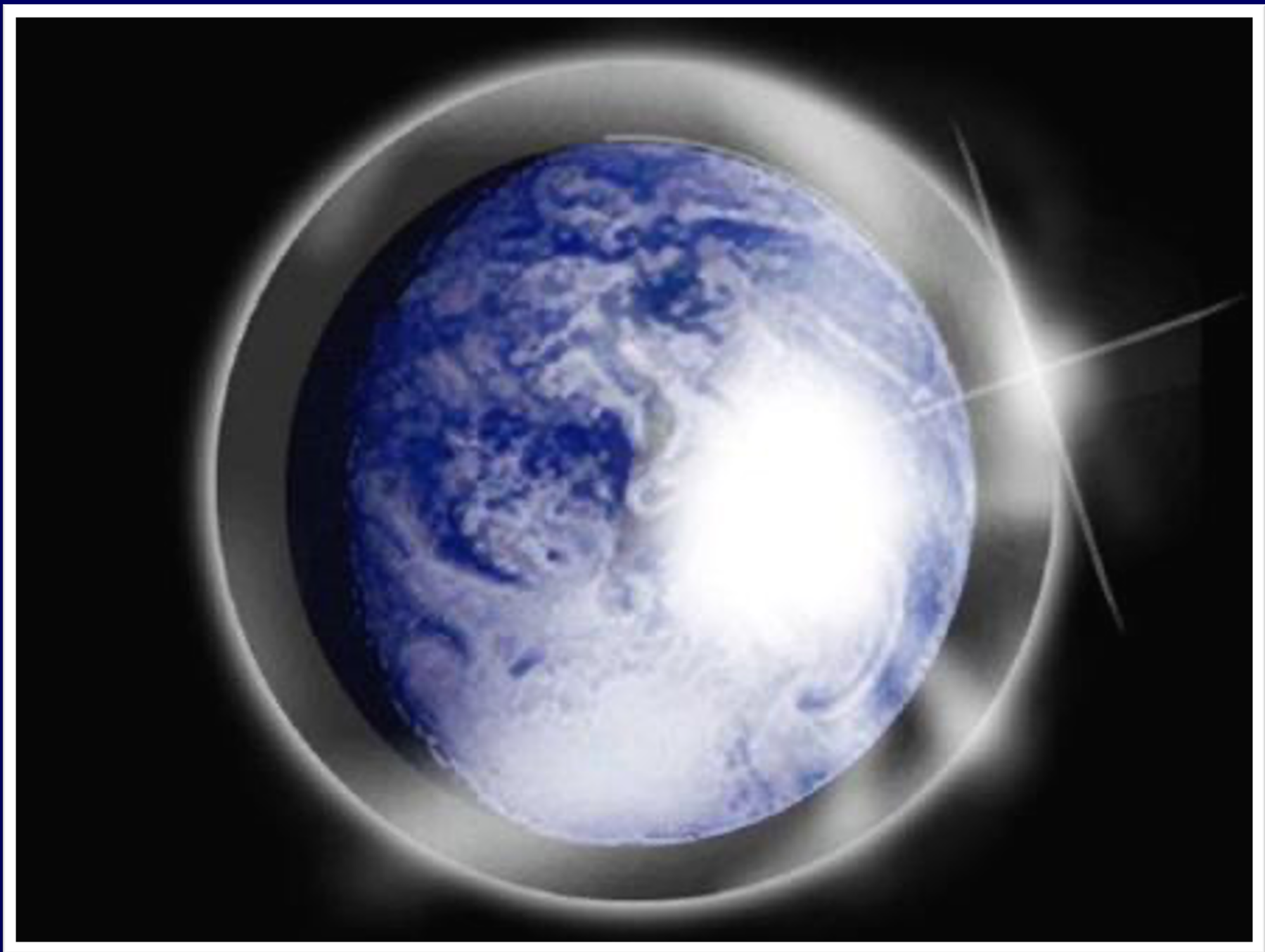
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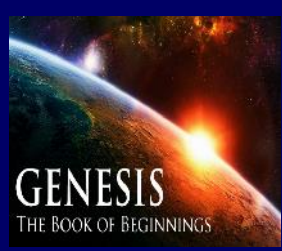
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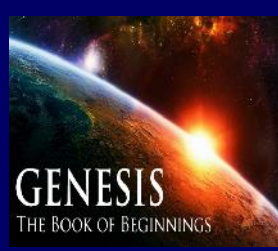
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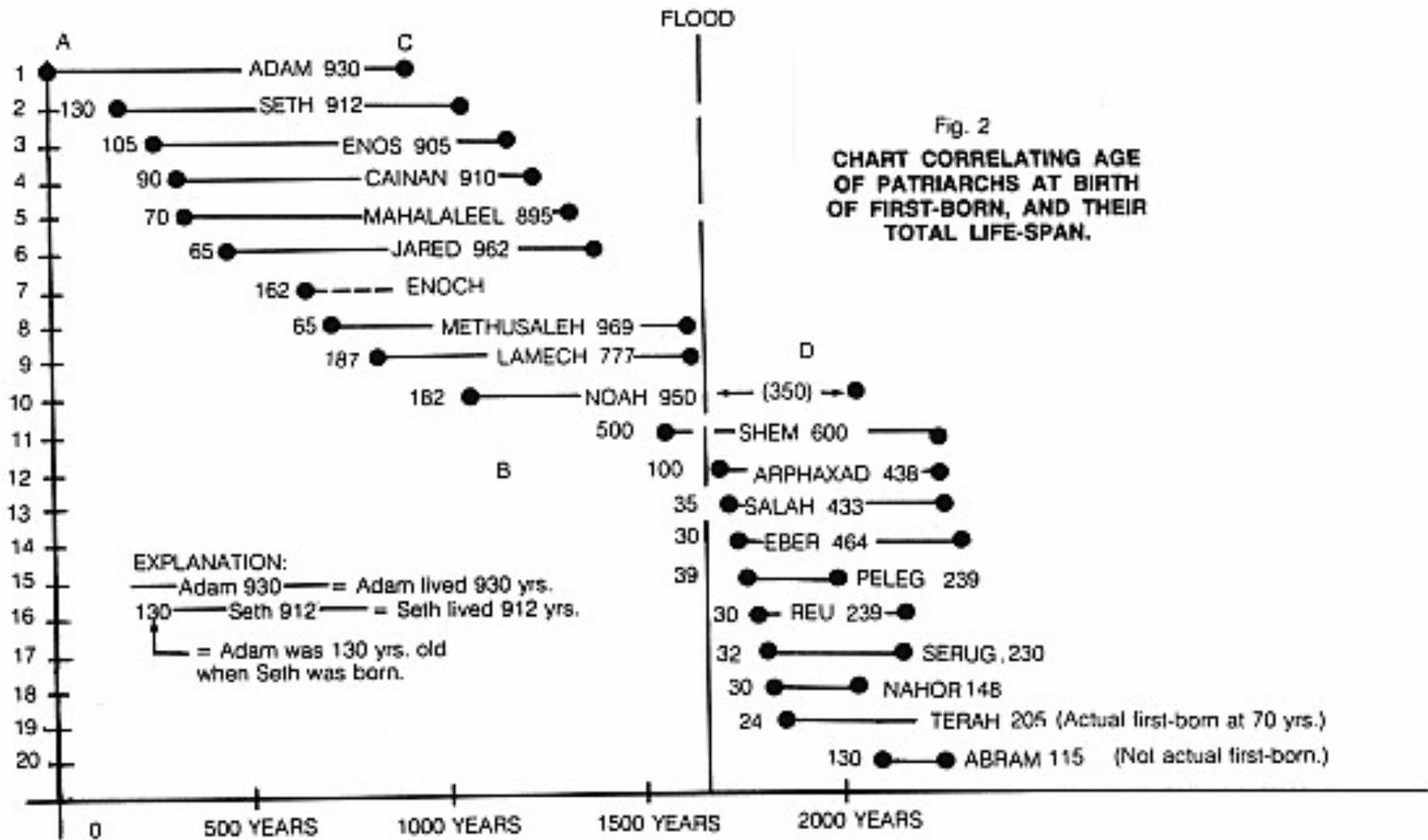
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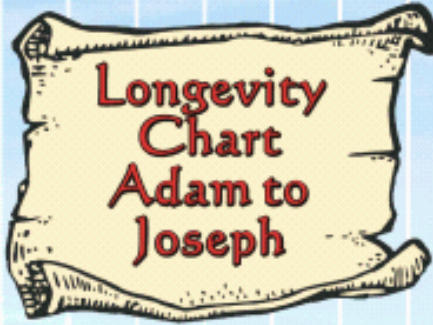
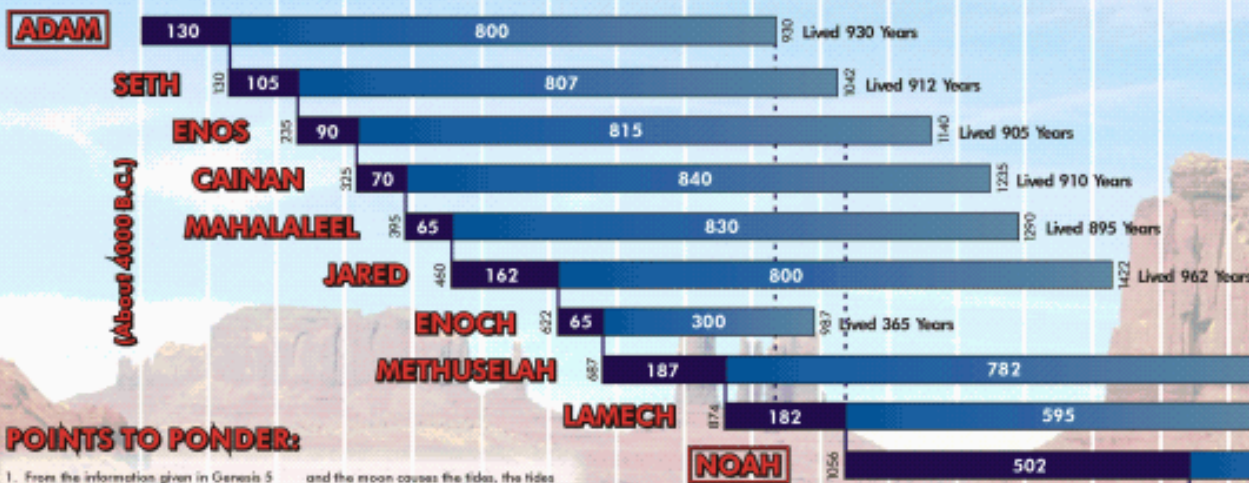
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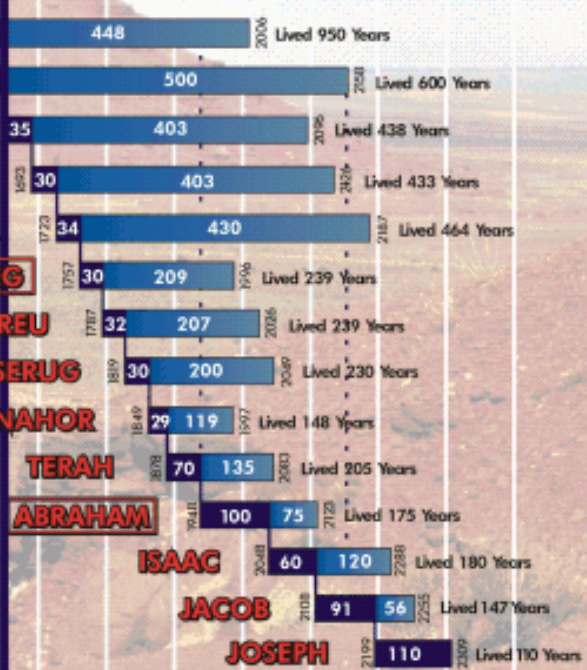


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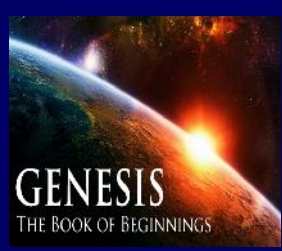
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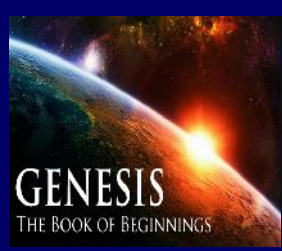
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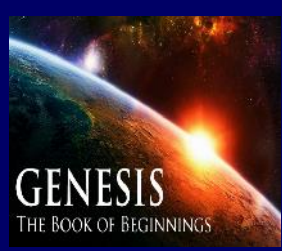
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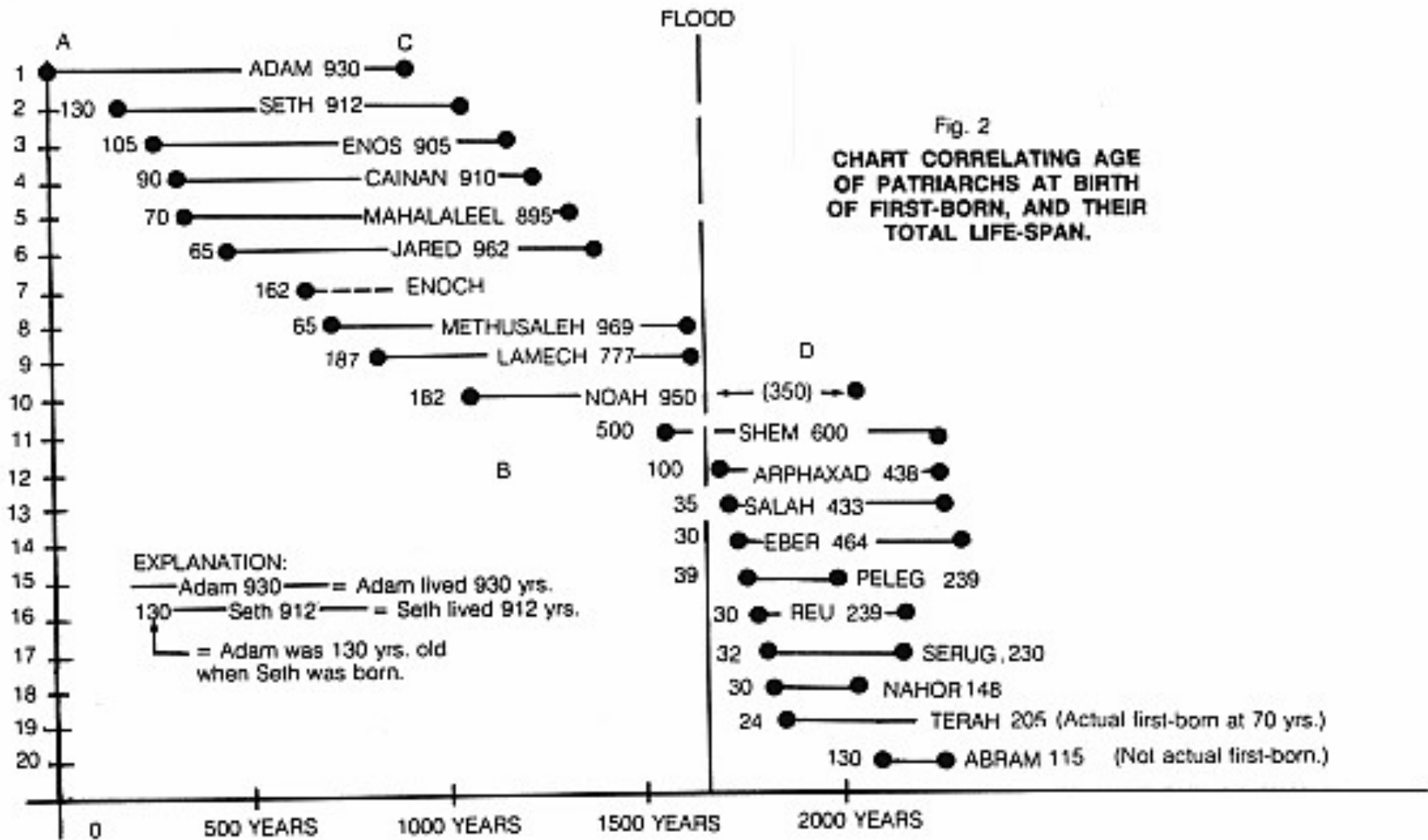
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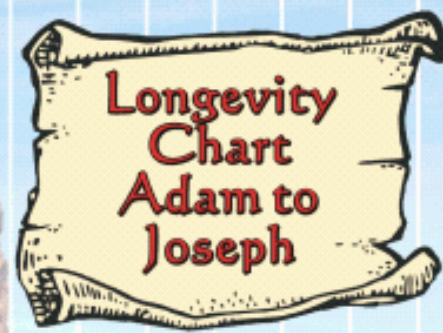
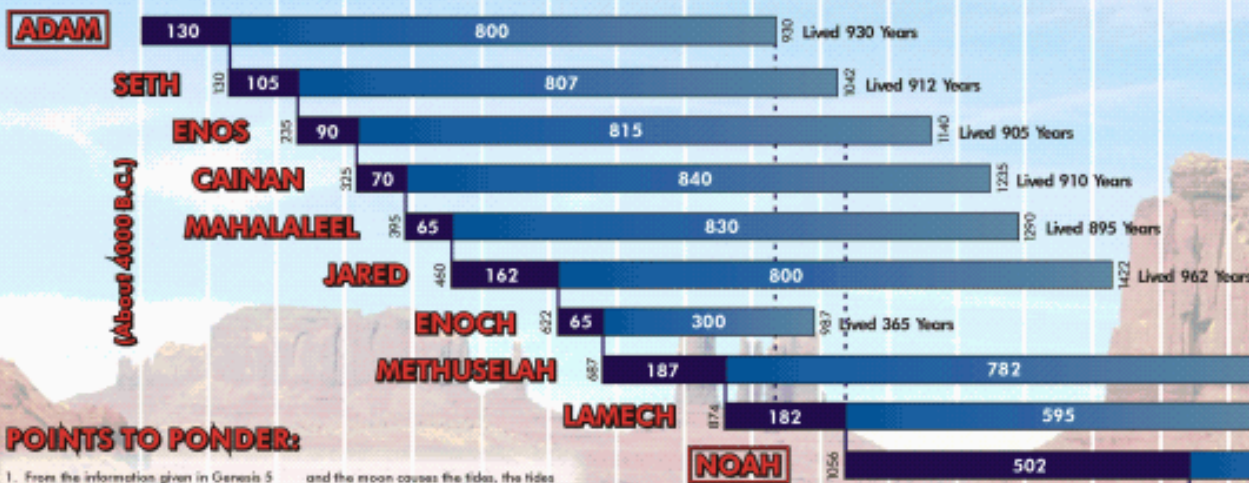
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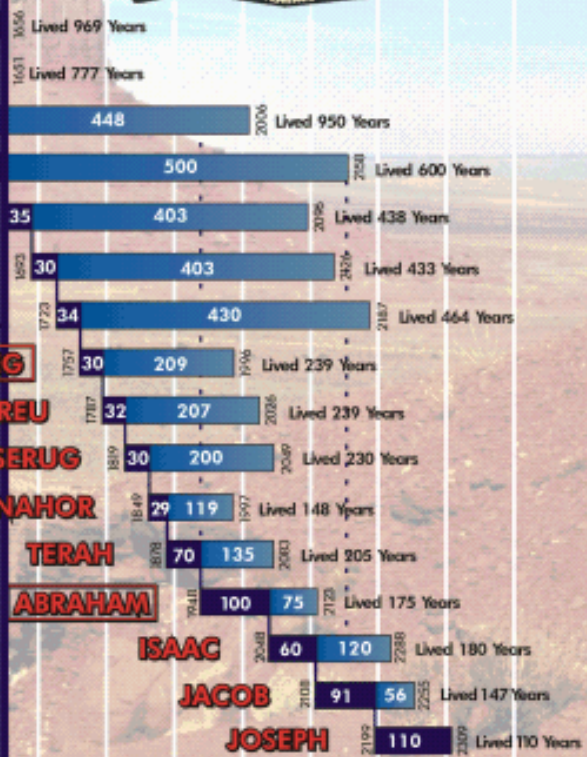


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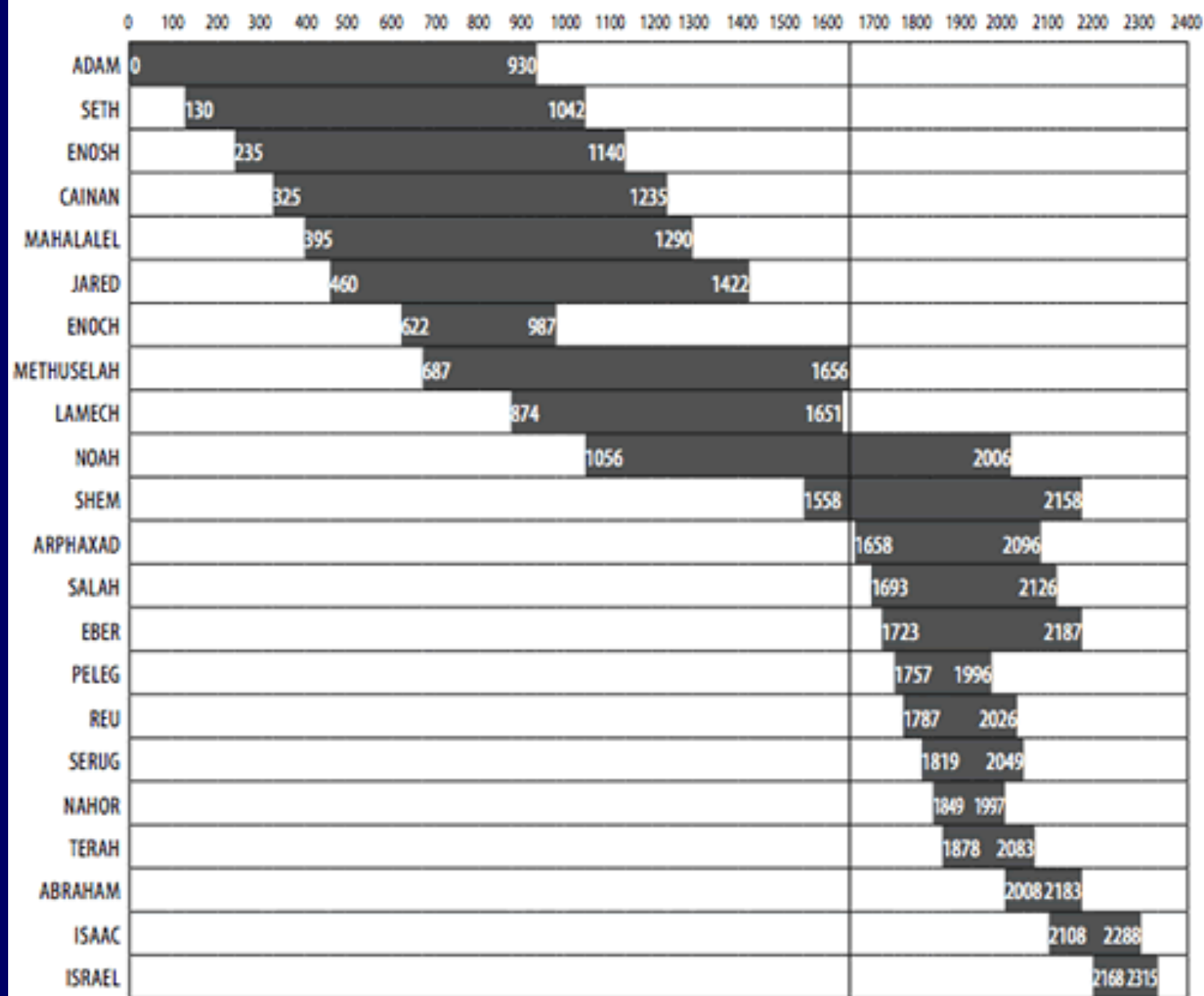
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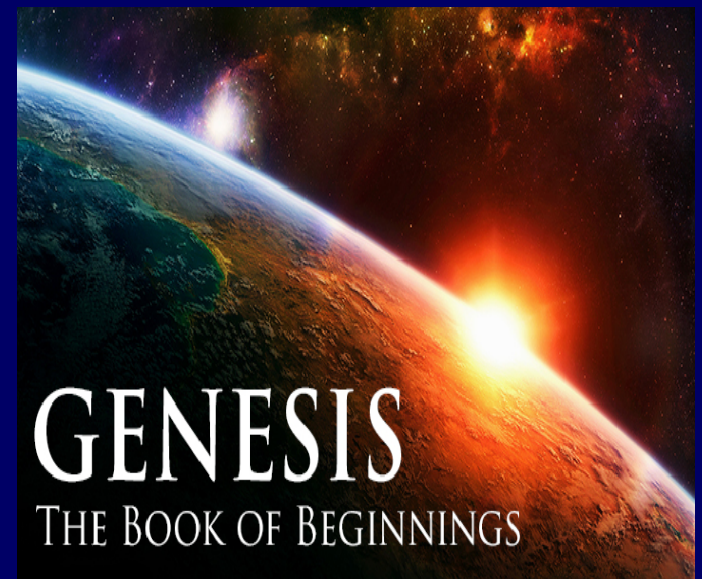
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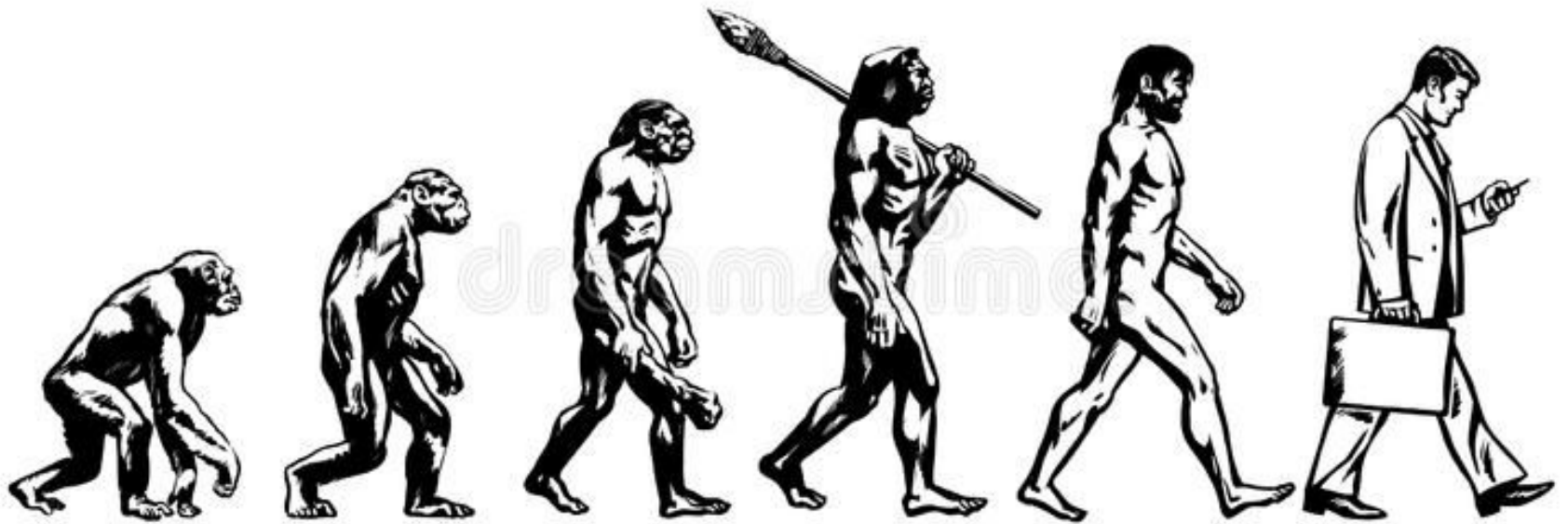


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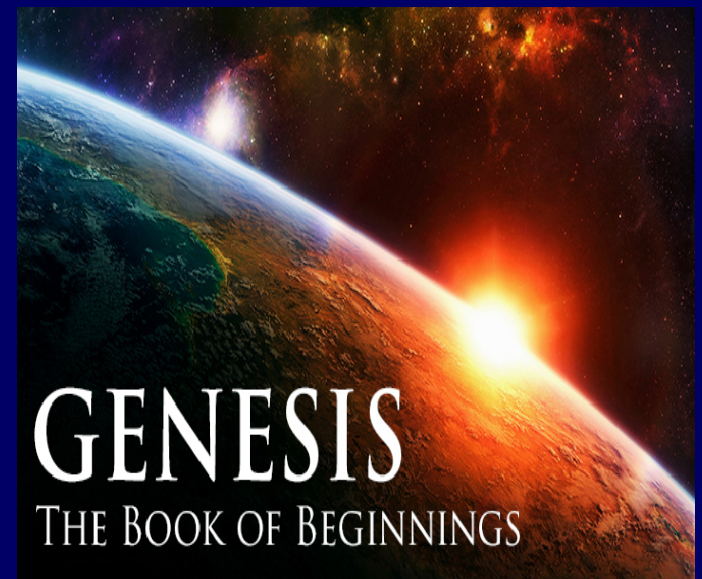
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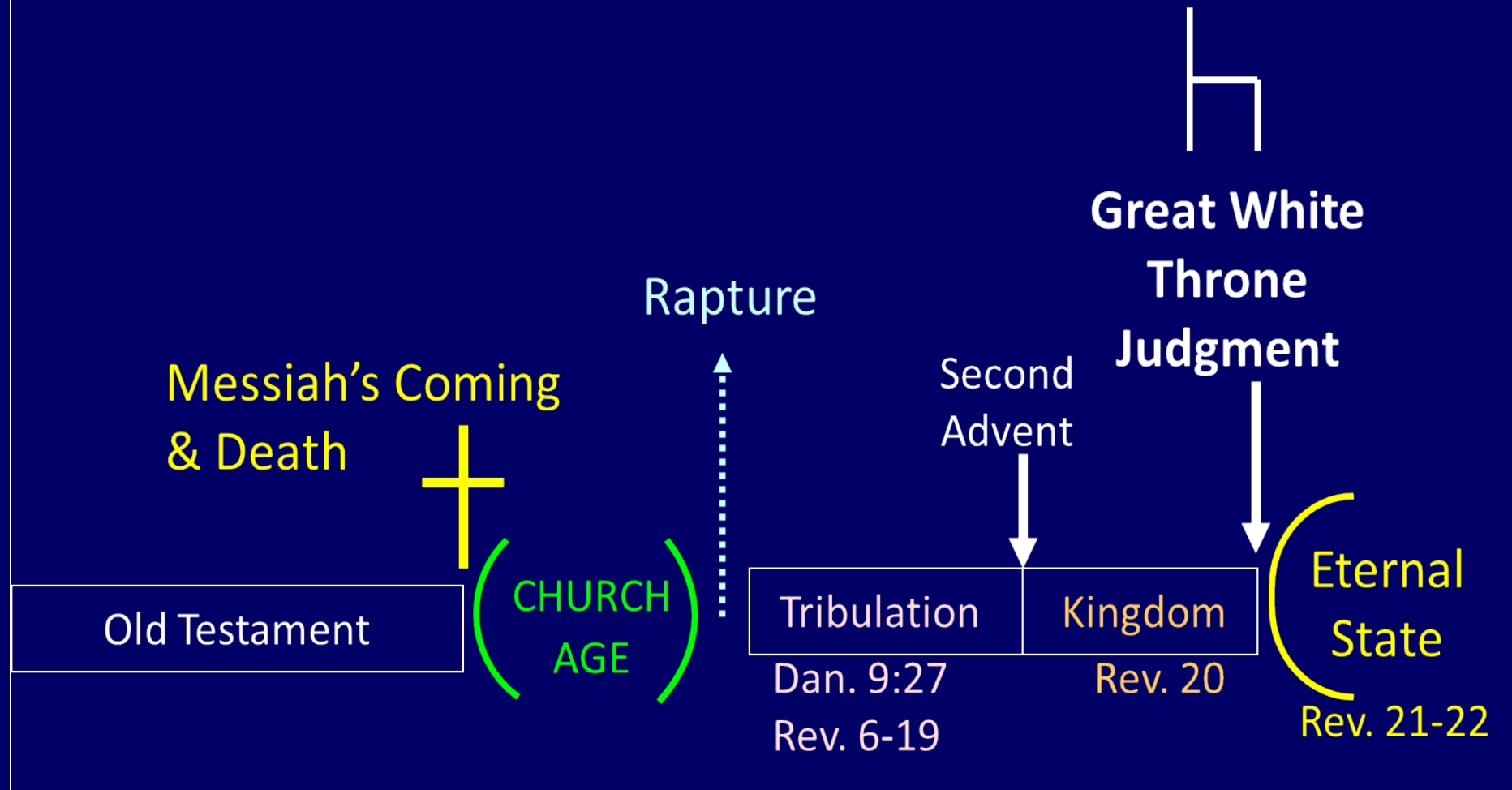


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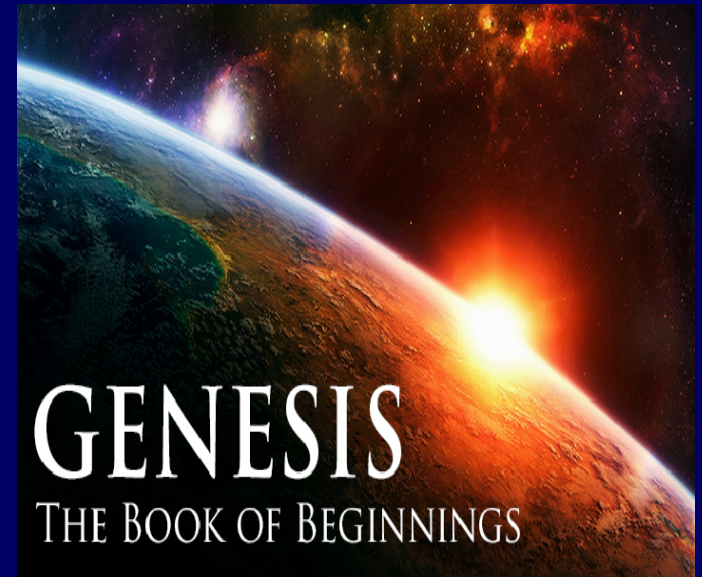


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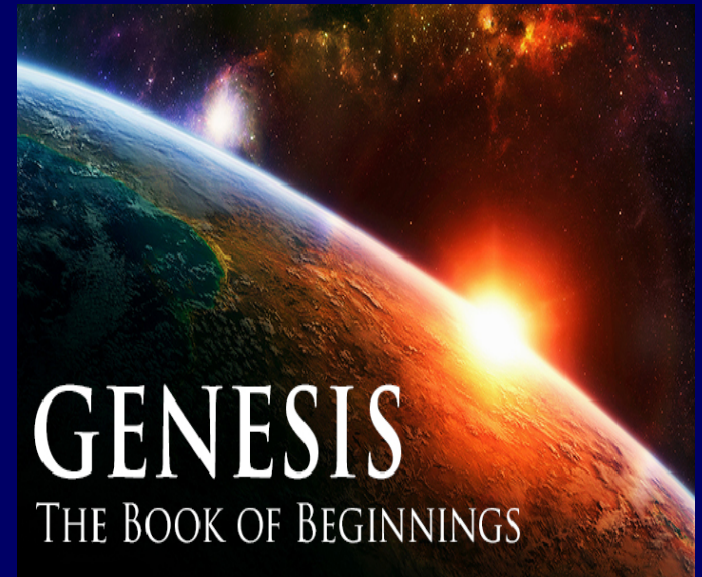
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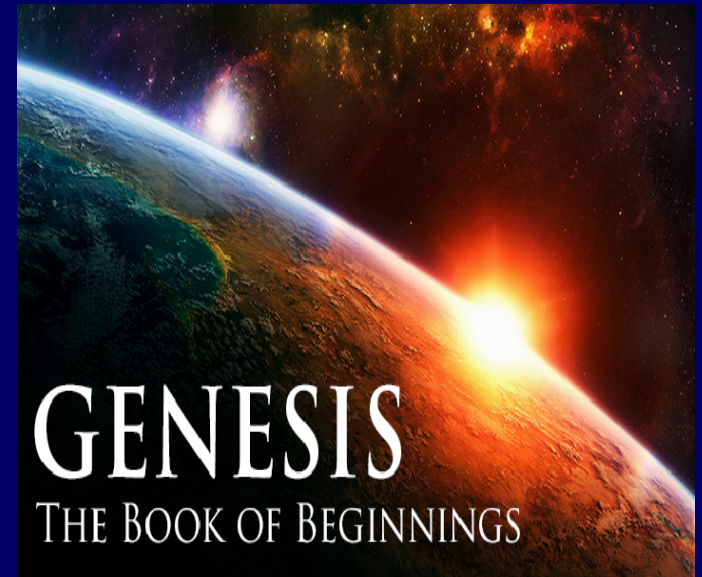
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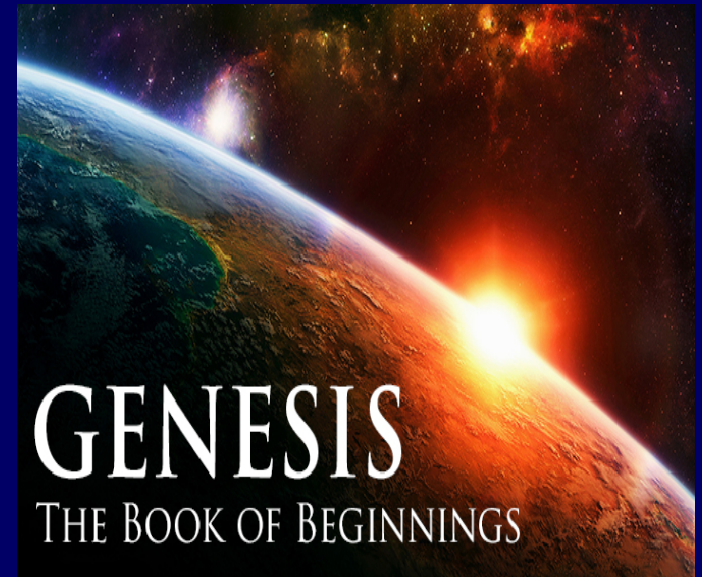
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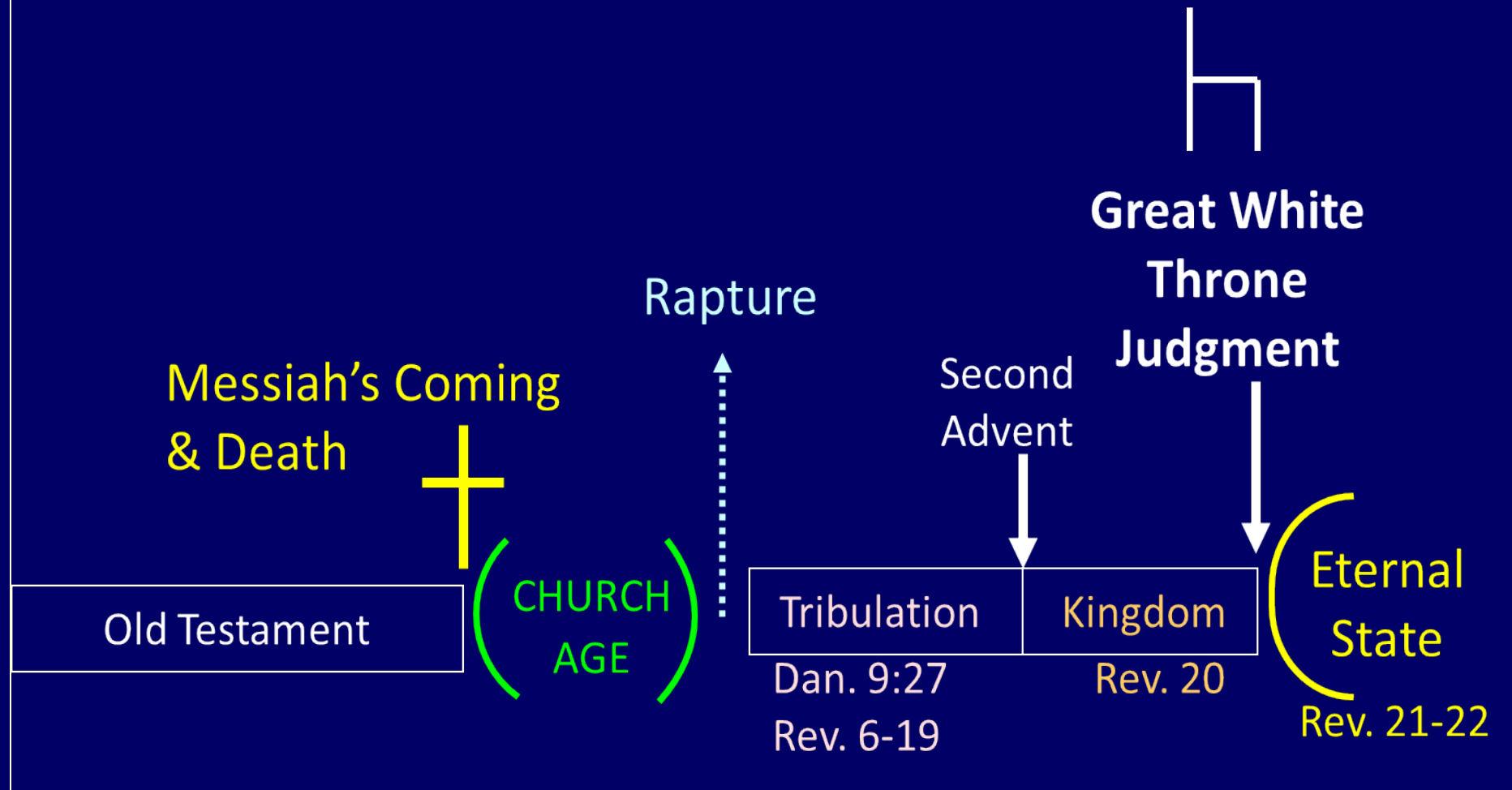
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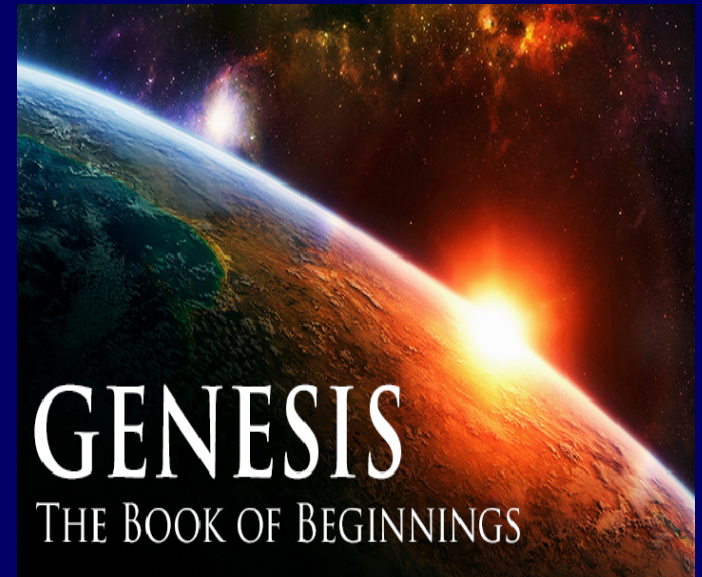
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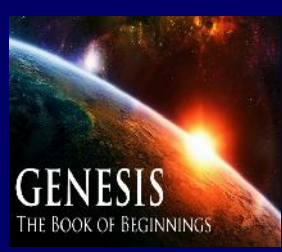


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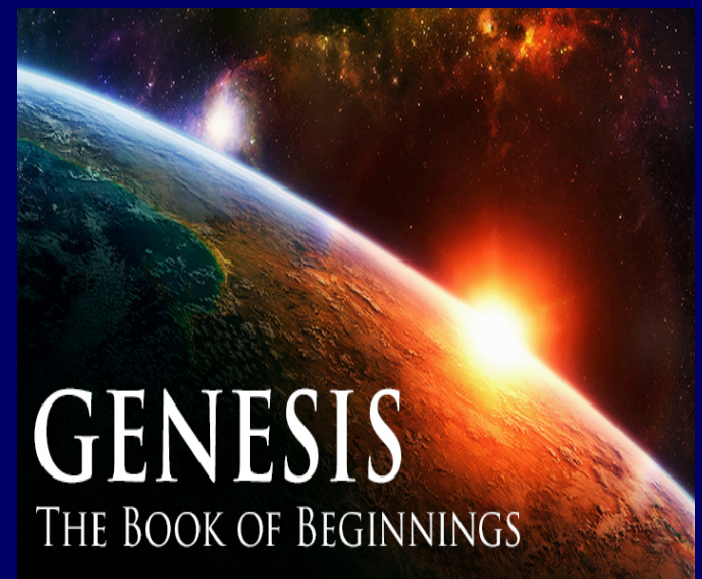
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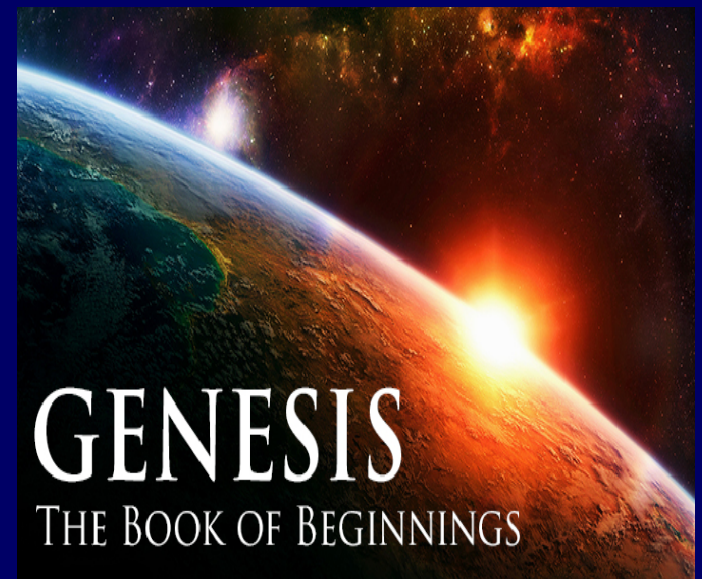
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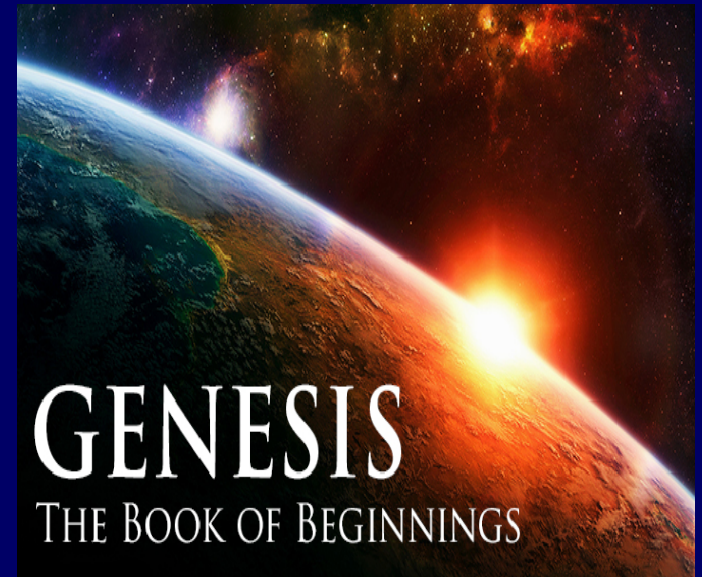
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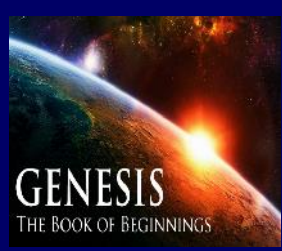


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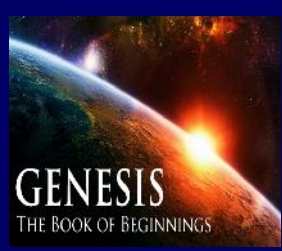


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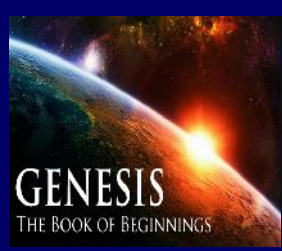
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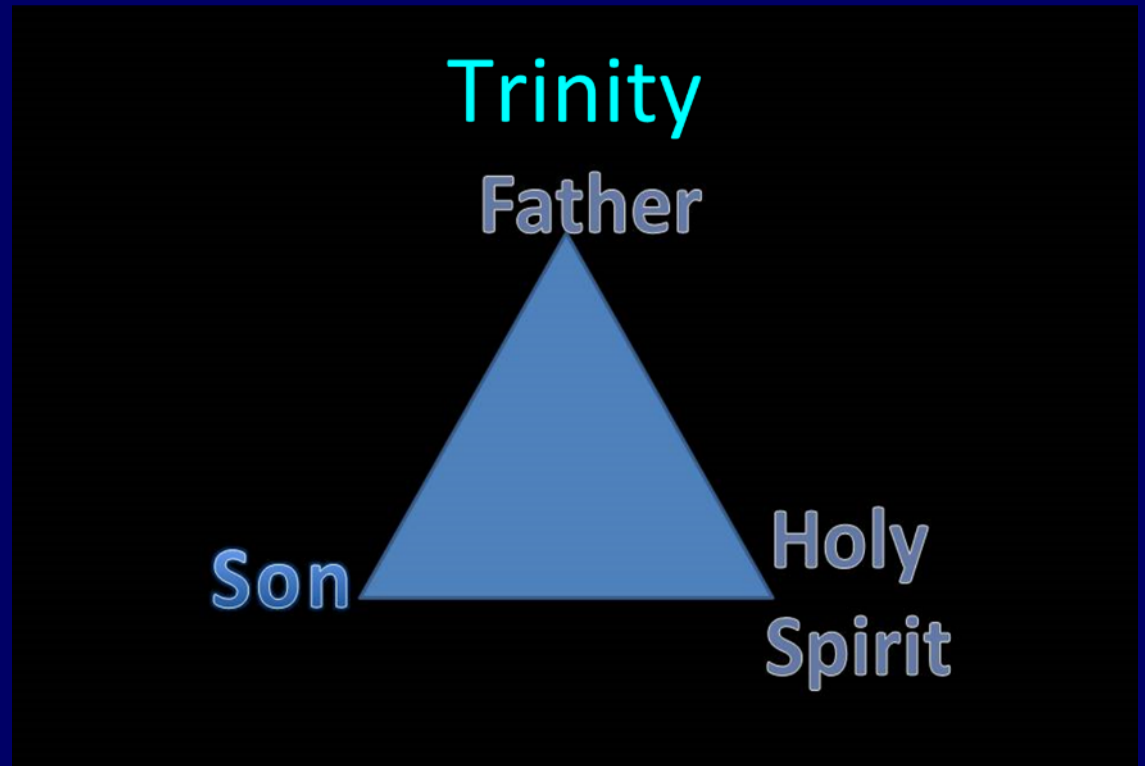
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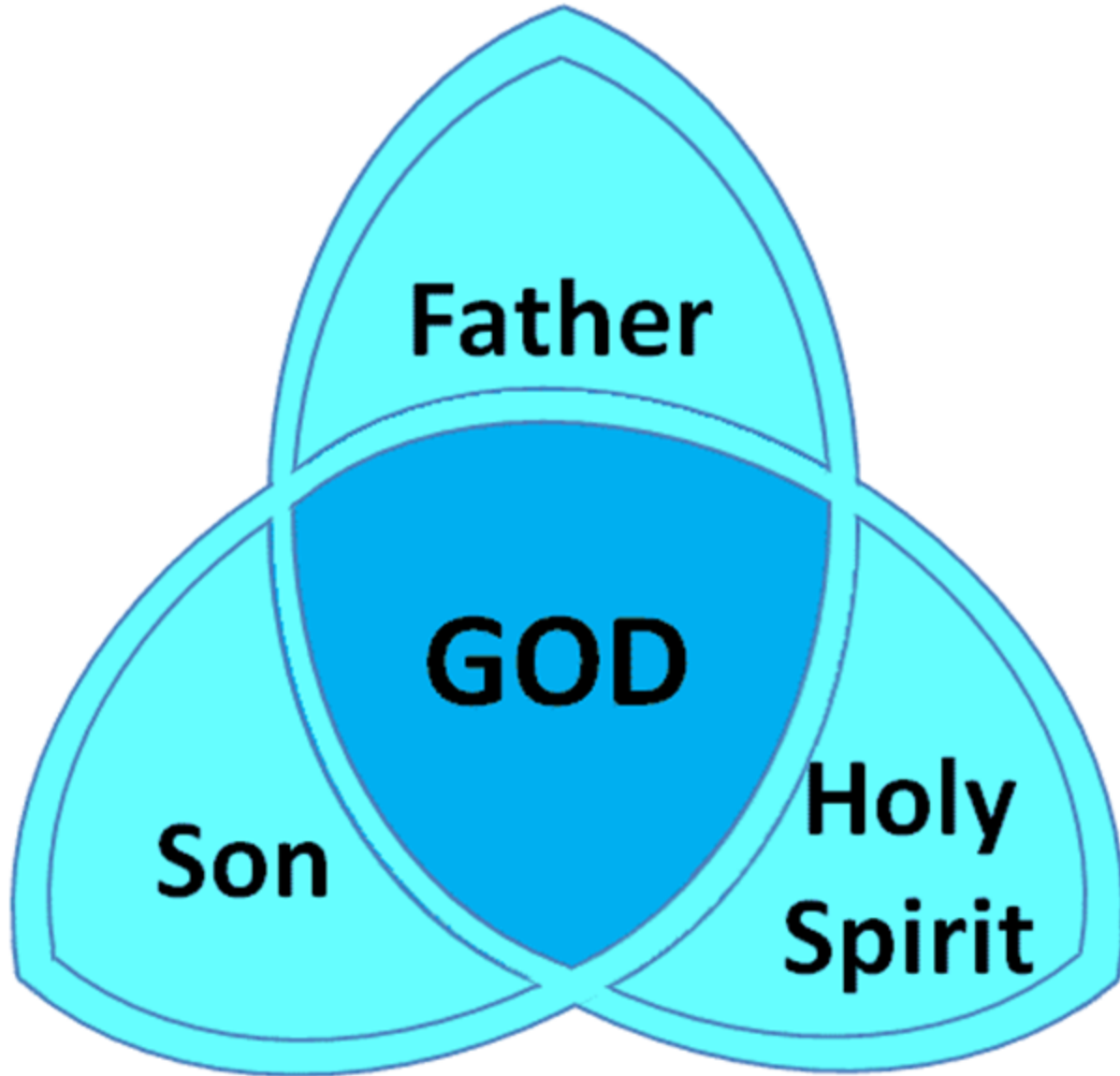


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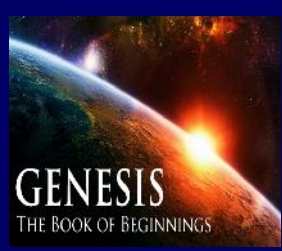


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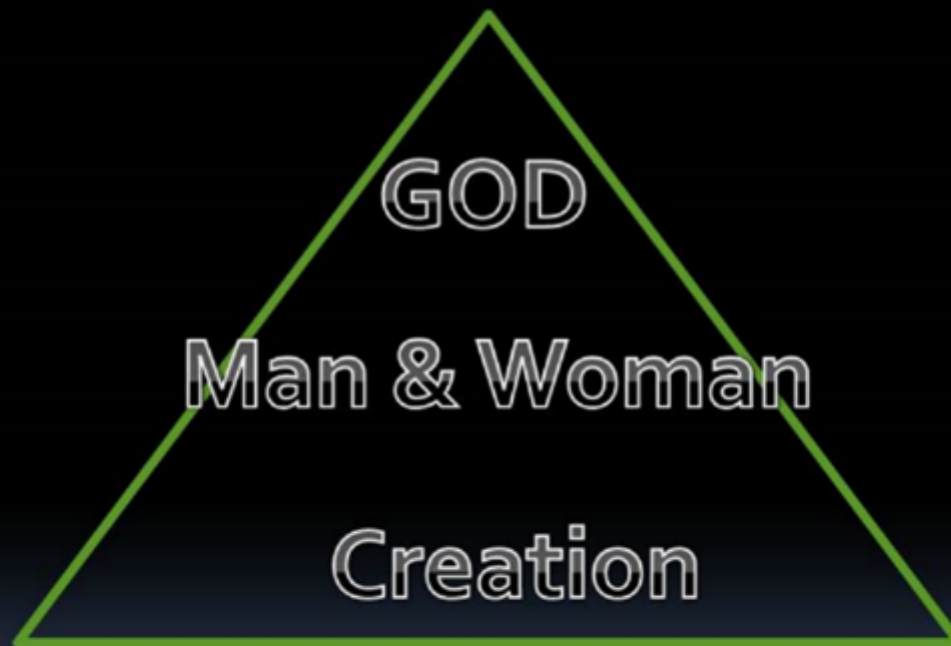
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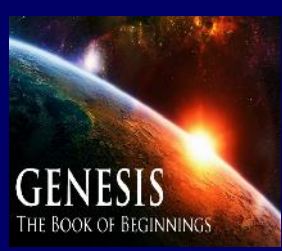


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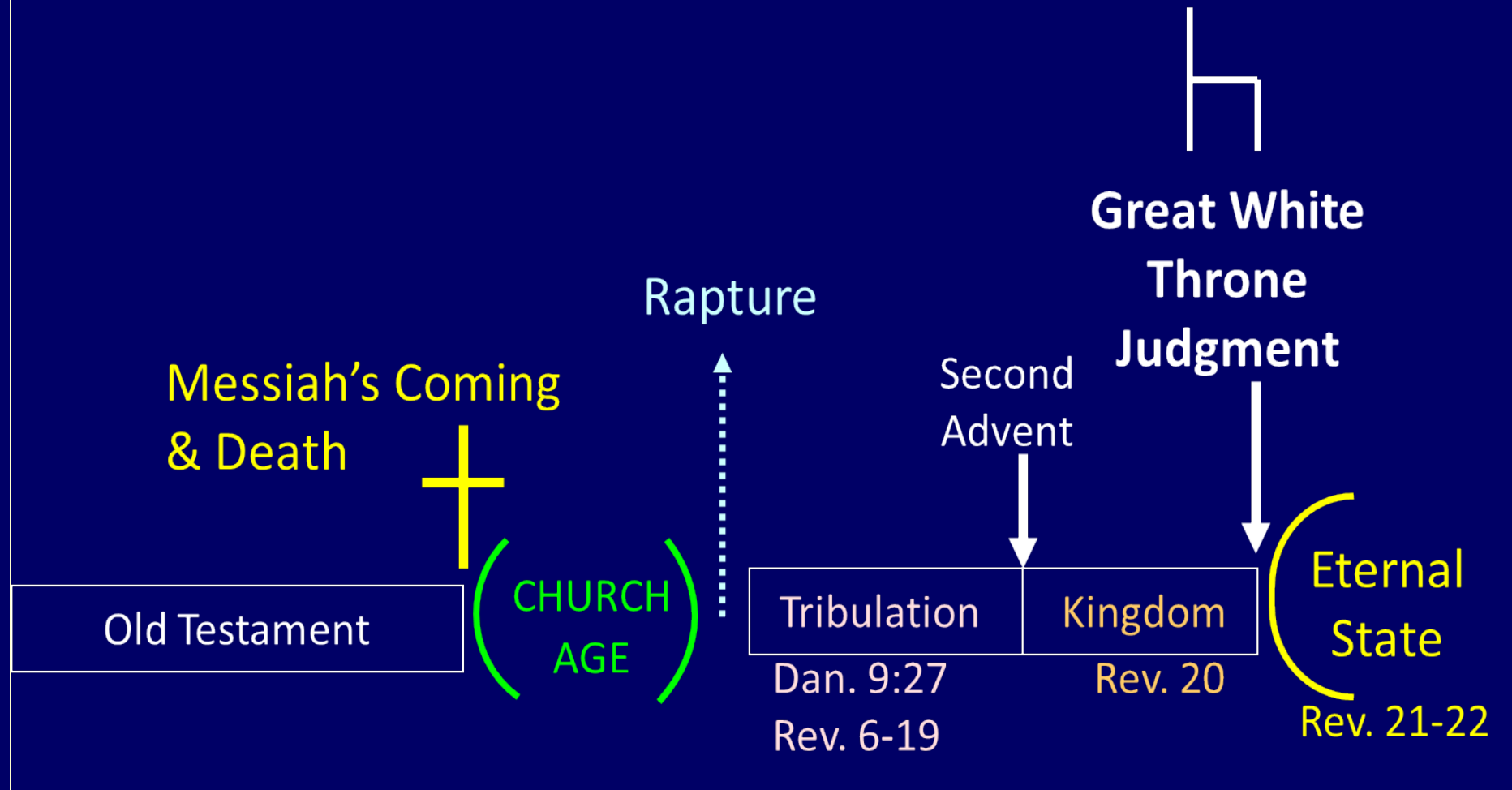
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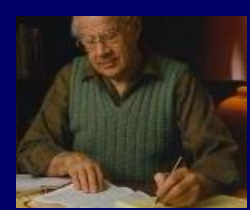




Charles Ryrie

Basic Theology. Page 511

“Why is an earthly kingdom necessary? Did He not receive His inheritance when He was raised and exalted in heaven? Is not His present rule His inheritance? Why does there need to be an earthly kingdom? Because He must be triumphant in the same arena where He was seemingly defeated. His rejection by the rulers of this world was on this earth (1 Cor. 2:8). His exaltation must also be on this earth. And so it shall be when He comes again to rule this world in righteousness. He has waited long for His inheritance; soon He shall receive it.”



J. Dwight Pentecost

Thy kingdom Come, Page 316

“Apart from the reign of Christ...here on earth...And apart from this rule, God’s purpose for man would never be brought to conclusion. God’s purpose for the earth would be unrealized and the problem generated by Satan’s rebellion would never be resolved. Thus the physical, literal reign of Christ on the earth is *a theological and biblical necessity*—unless Satan is victorious over God.”

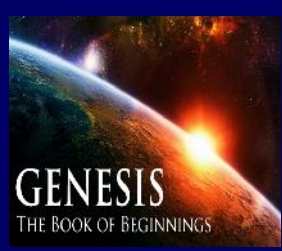


Mark Hitchcock

The End, Page 421-22

“Johahn Sebastian Bach sometimes slept more than he should have. His children had a unique way of waking him up. They would go to the piano and begin to play a composition. When they would get to the last note, they would stop. They wouldn't play the last note. It worked like a charm, and it would always wake him up. He would get up from his sleep, go to the piano, and play the final chord. He couldn't stand to leave it hanging there incomplete – unfinished. In the same way today, we are all waiting for the last note on the final page of God's song of victory. God will not leave His grand composition without striking the final note. That final note is the messianic Kingdom of Jesus Christ.”

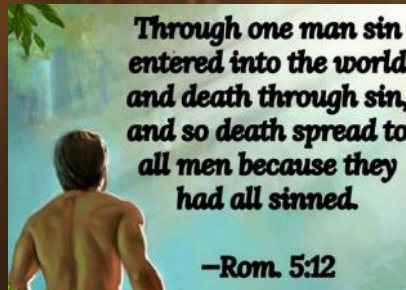
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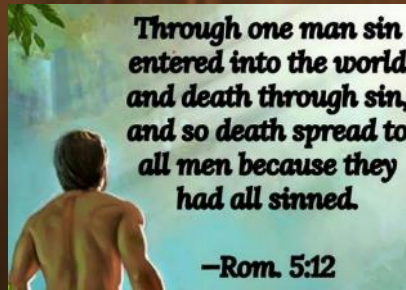
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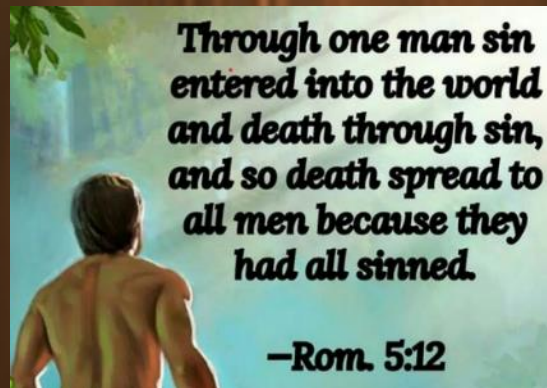
Genesis 2:16-17

“¹⁶ The Lord God commanded the man, saying, ‘From any tree of the garden you may eat freely; ¹⁷ but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat from it you will surely die (muwth).’”



Genesis 3:19

“¹⁹ By the sweat of your face You will eat bread,
Till you return to the ground, Because from it
you were taken; For you are dust, And to dust
you shall return.”



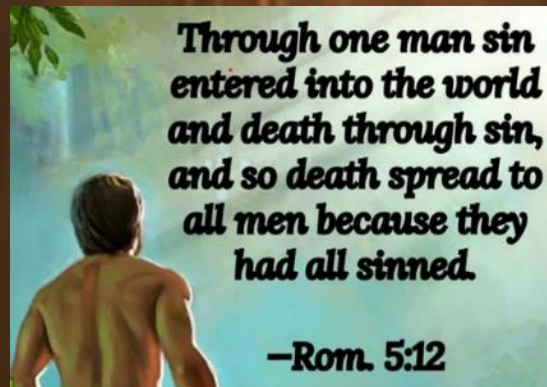
**Through one man sin
entered into the world
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-Rom. 5:12

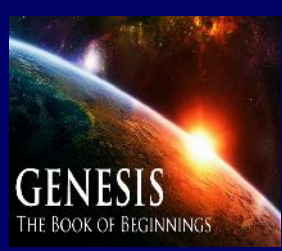


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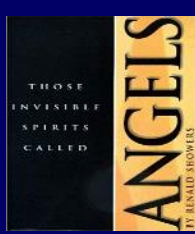
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Renald Showers

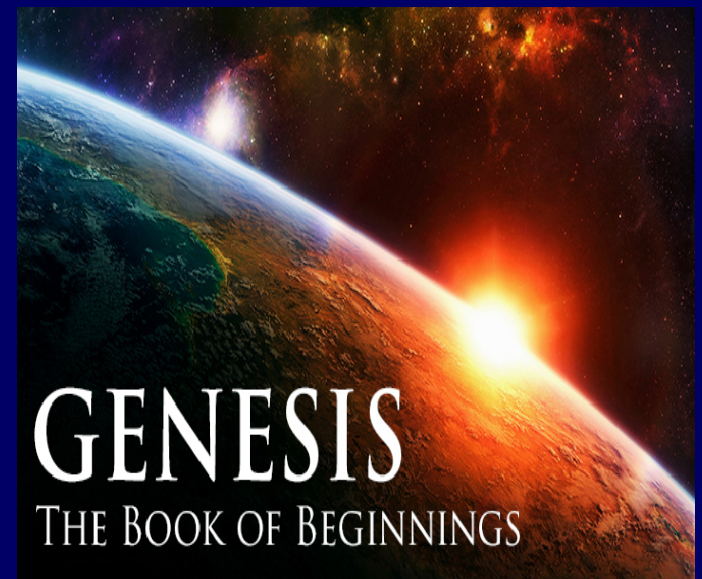
Renald Showers, *Those Invisible Spirits Called Angels*
(Bellmawr, NJ: Friends of Israel, 1997), 82-83.



“When did Satan fall away from God? We noted earlier that sin was nonexistent in every part of God’s creation, including the angels, through the end of the sixth or final day of creation (Gen. 1:31). Satan’s fall therefore took place after the end of creation. However, Satan was evil by the time he came to earth to tempt man to fall away from God (Gen. 3). These things prompt the conclusion that Satan’s fall took place in the interval between the end of creation and the fall of man. How long was the interval? It must have been quite short because when God created the first man and woman, he commanded them to be fruitful and multiply through procreation (Gen. 1:27–28), but there was no human conception until after the fall of man (Gen. 4:1).”

Genesis 1:1–2:3 Outline

- Original creation on the first day (Gen 1:1)
- Original creation in its unfilled and unformed state (Gen 1:2)
- **Creation week (Gen 1:3–2:3): “And God said,” “good”**
 - ◆ First day 1:3-5
 - ◆ Second day 1:6-8
 - ◆ Third day 1:9-13
 - ◆ Fourth day 1:14-19
 - ◆ Fifth day 1:20-23
 - ◆ Sixth day 1:24-31
 - ◆ **Seventh day 2:1-3**



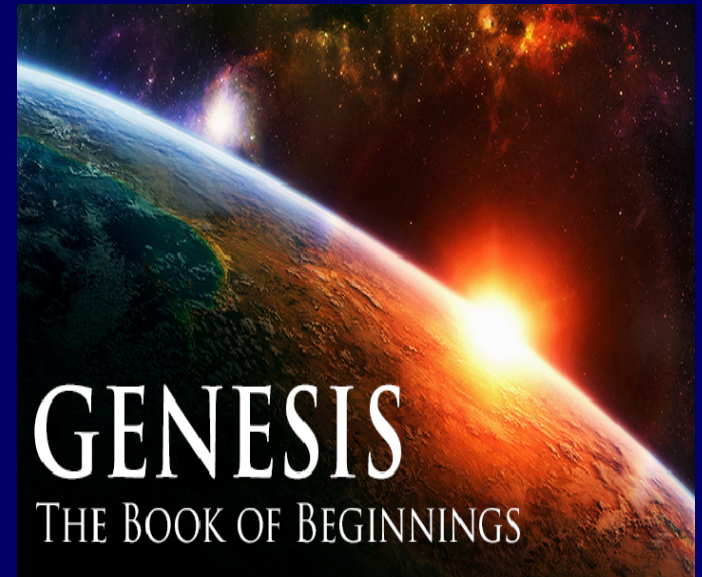
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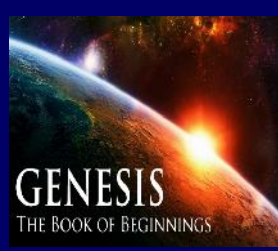
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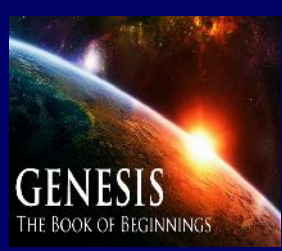
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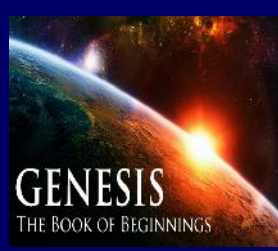
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Exodus 20:8-11

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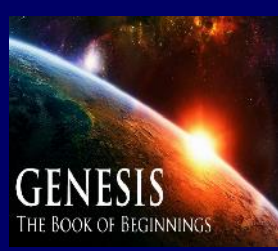
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¹⁵ 'For six days work may be done, but on the seventh day there is a sabbath of complete rest, holy to the LORD; whoever does any work on the sabbath day shall surely be put to death. ¹⁶ 'So the sons of Israel shall observe the sabbath, to celebrate the sabbath throughout their generations as a perpetual covenant.' ¹⁷ "It is a sign between Me and the sons of Israel forever; for in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, but on the seventh day He ceased *from labor*, and was refreshed."



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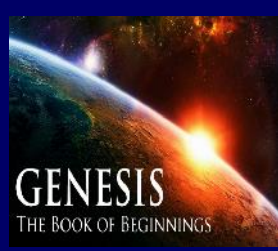
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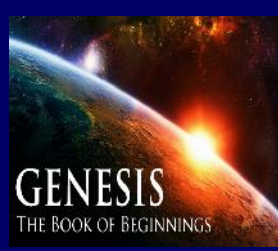
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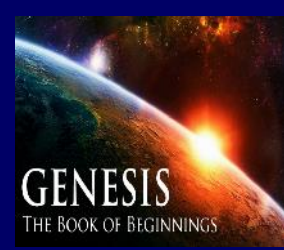
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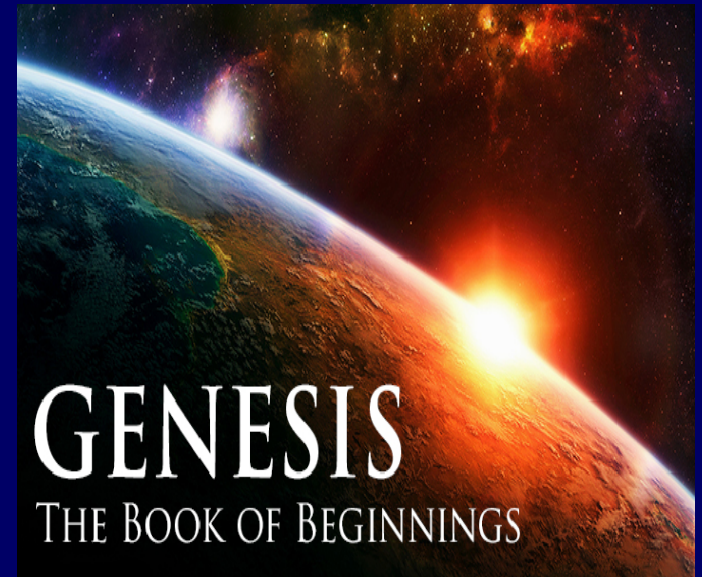
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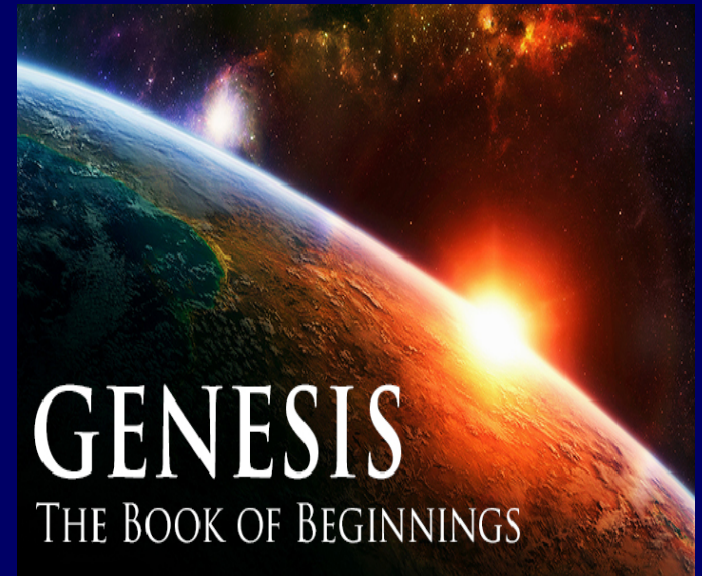
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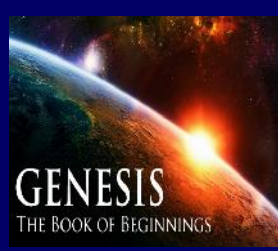
Origin of Man

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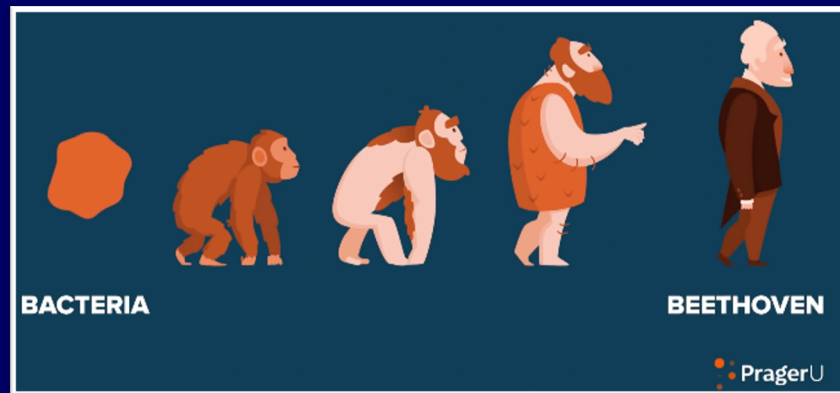


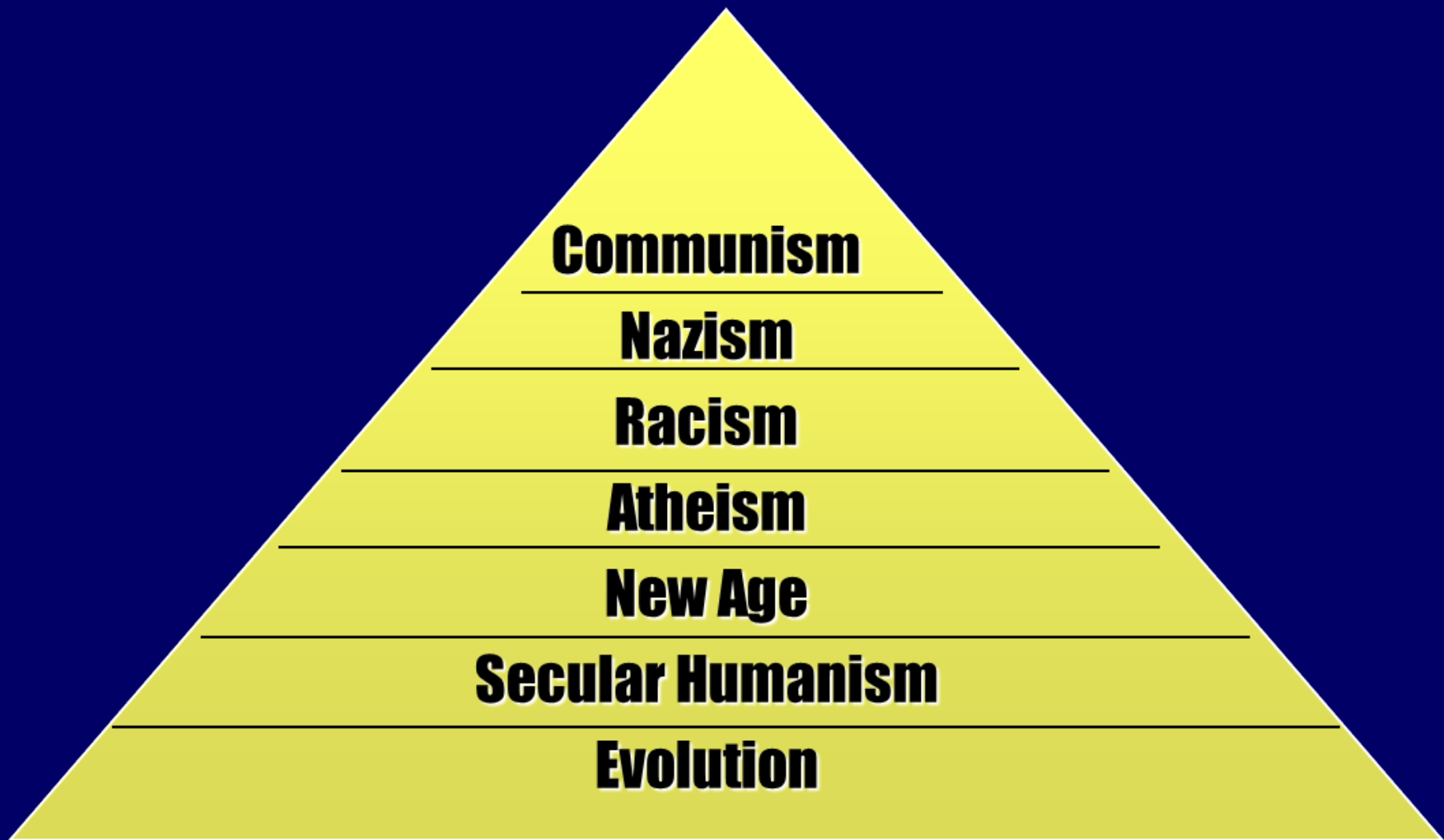
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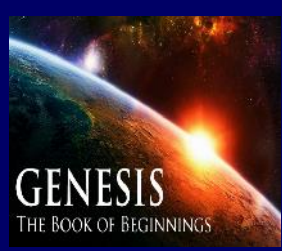
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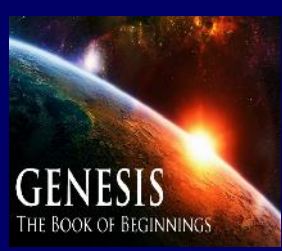
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Intelligent Design Resources



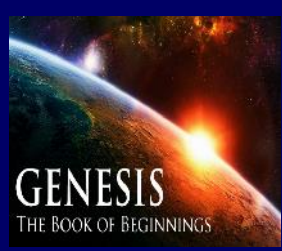
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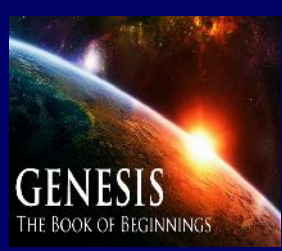
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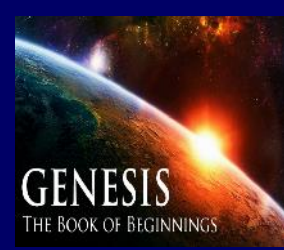
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“Links are missing just where we most fervently desire them and its all too probable that many ‘links’ will continue to be missing.”

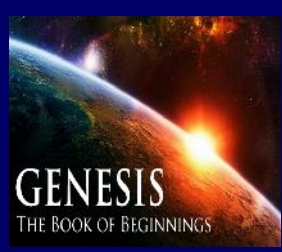
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“Gradualism is a concept I believe in...Yet Gould and the American museum people are hard to contradict when they say that there are no transitional fossils..You say that I should show a photo of the fossil from which each type of organism was derived. I will lay it on the line-there is not one such fossil from which one could make an airtight argument...It is easy enough to make up stories of how one form gave rise to another, and to find reasons why the stages should be favoured by natural selection. But such stories are not part of science, for there is no way of putting them to the test.”

Colin Patterson of the British Museum of Natural History,
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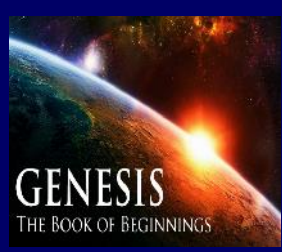


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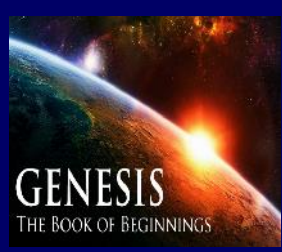


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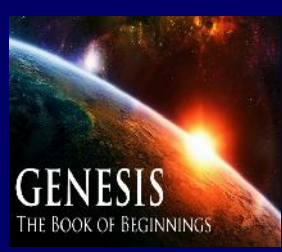
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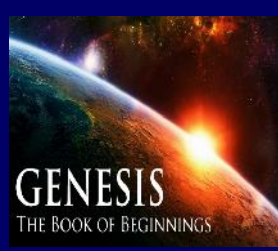
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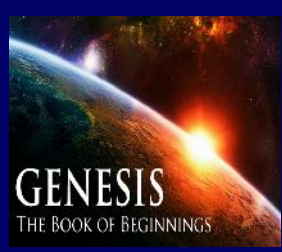
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Why Evolution's Popularity?



- “The evolutionary origin of man relieves man of responsibility to a personal Creator outside of himself.”
- Rom 1:18ff; 2 Pet. 3:5 (KJV)

Romans 1:18–20

¹⁸ For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, ¹⁹ because that which is known about God is evident within them; for God made it evident to them. ²⁰ For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse.



2 Peter 3:5 (KJV)

“For this they willingly are ignorant of [thelō], that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water.”



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TRUE GLOBAL WARMING IS COMING TO PLANET EARTH!

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<https://www.britannica.com/science/uniformitarianism>

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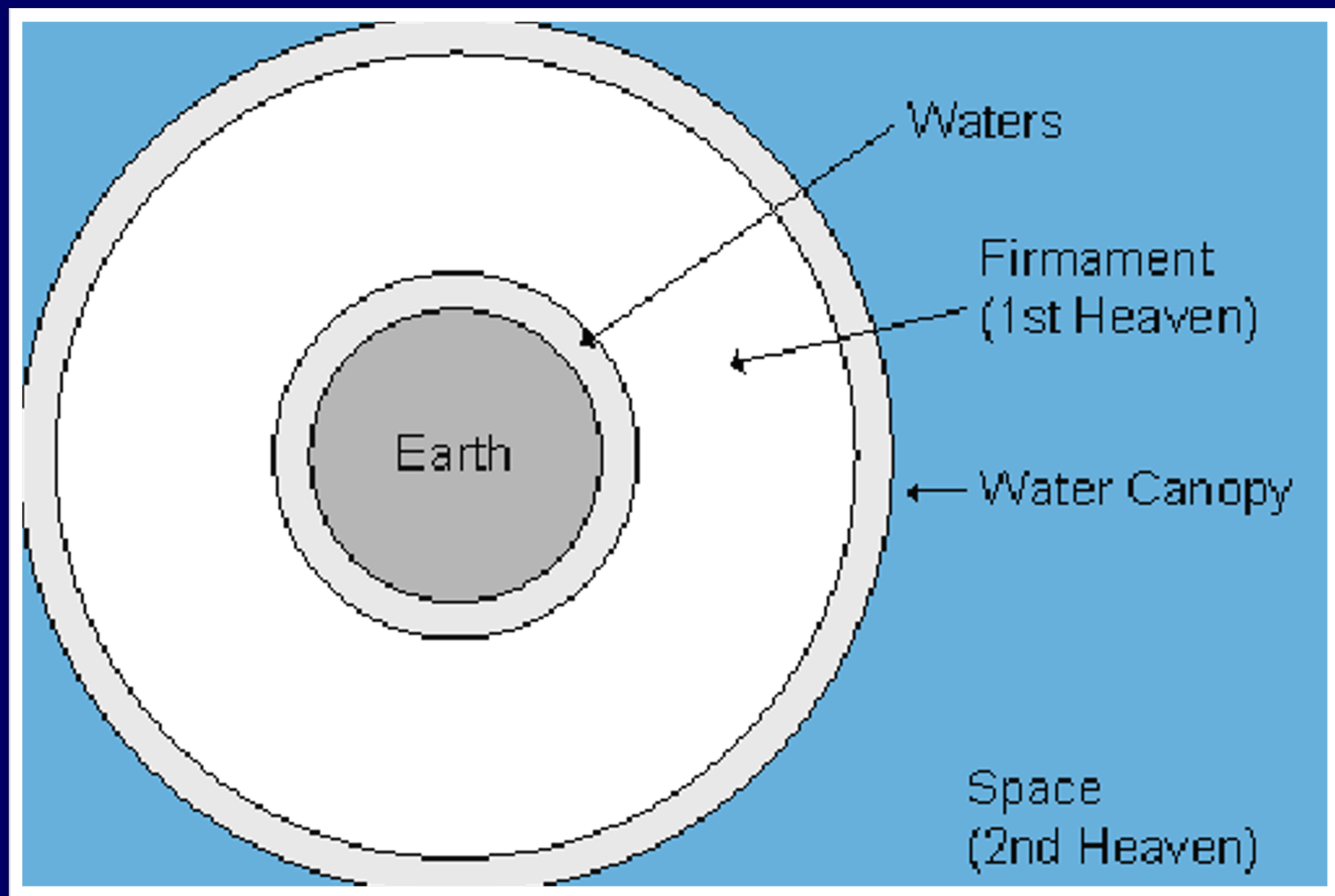
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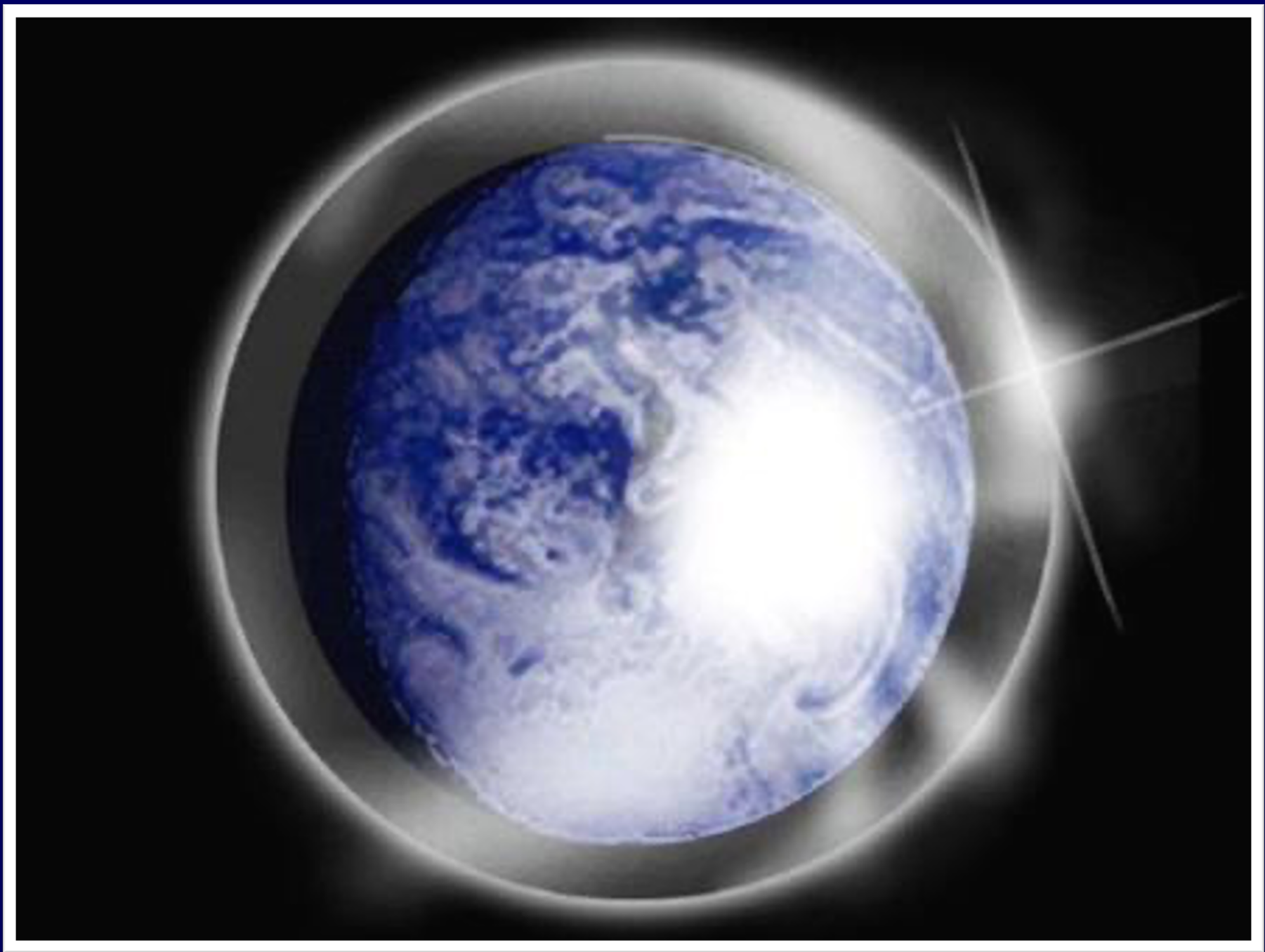
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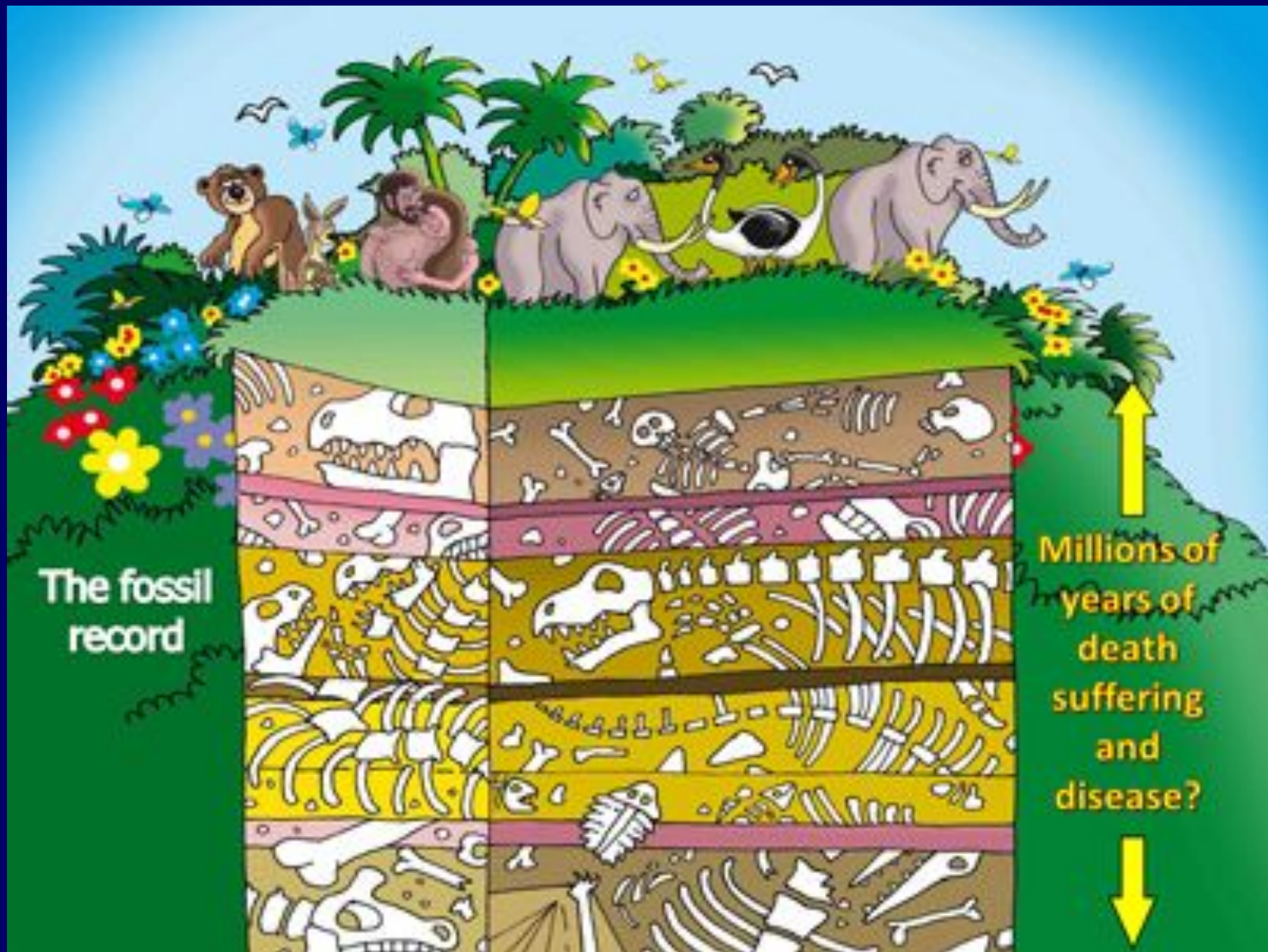
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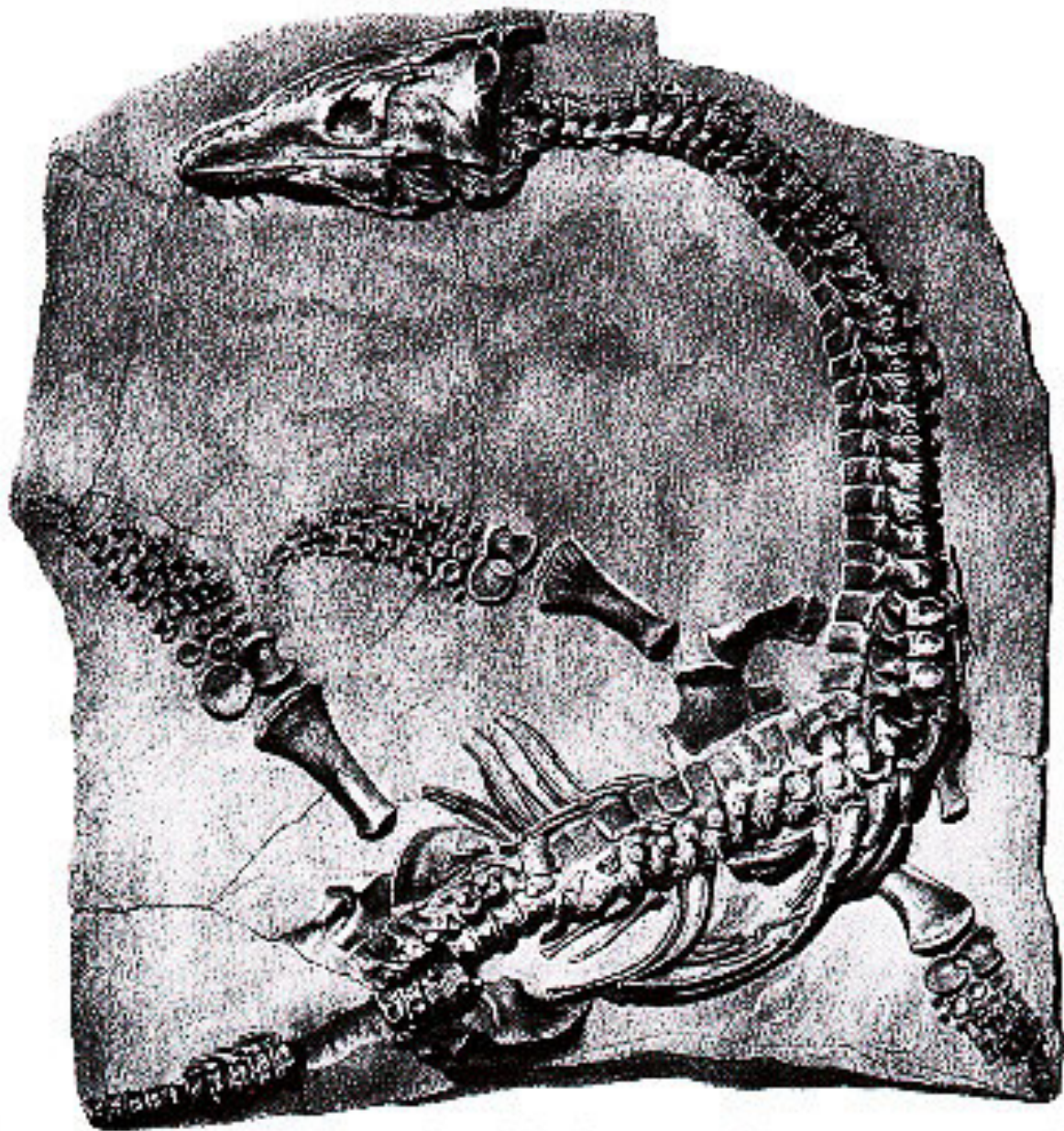
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(from the WallBuilders' library) that was given to Fourth Grades in 1862

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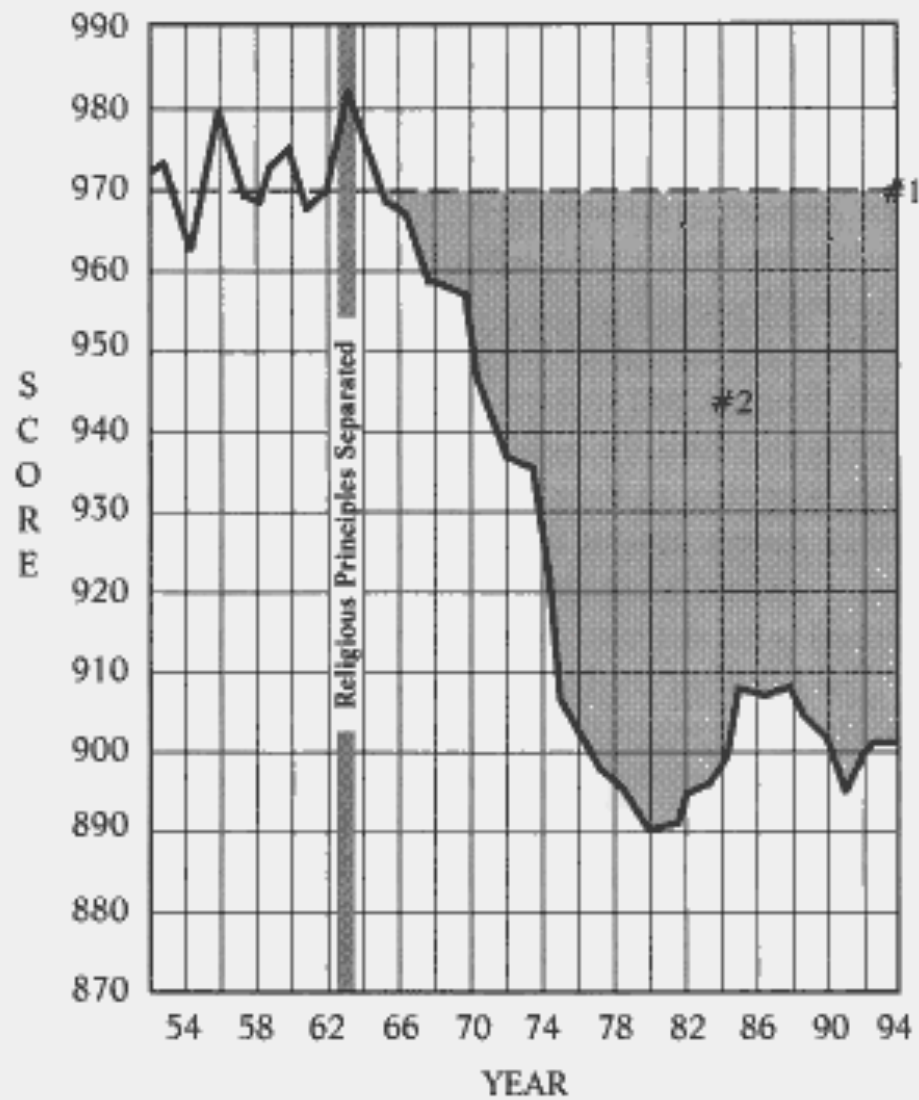
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5. Name the different races into which mankind is divided.
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CHICAGO, March 27, 1862.

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 - ◆ Seventh day 2:1-3

