Genesis 1:1–2:3 Creation of the Cosmos





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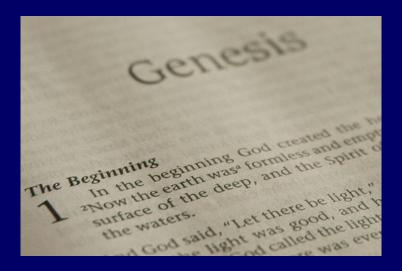
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INTRODUCTORY MATTERS

- 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

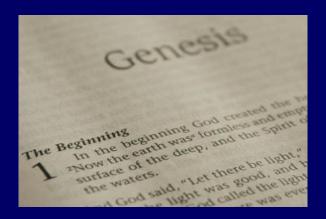
GENESIS STRUCTURE

- Beginning of the Human race (Gen. 1–11)
- II. Beginning of the Hebrew race (Gen. 12-50)



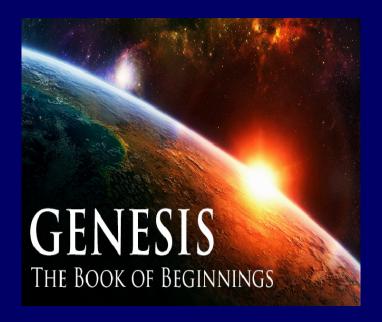
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- I. Genesis 1-11 (four events)
 - **A.** <u>Creation (1-2)</u>
 - B. Fall (3-5)
 - C. Flood (6-9)
 - D. National dispersion (10-11)

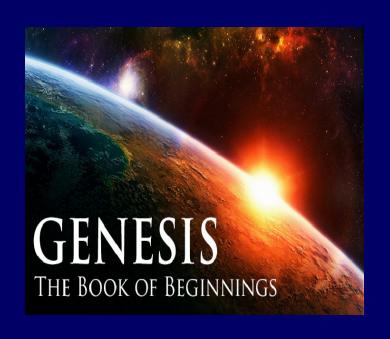


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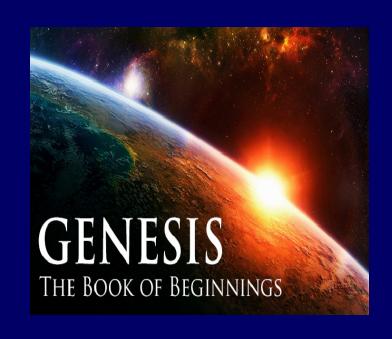
- Genesis 1 Overview of the whole creation
- Genesis 2 Details surrounding the creation of the garden, the first man, and his activities on day 6.



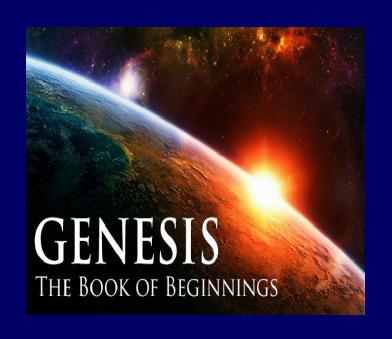
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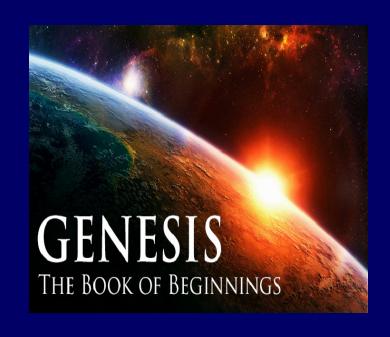
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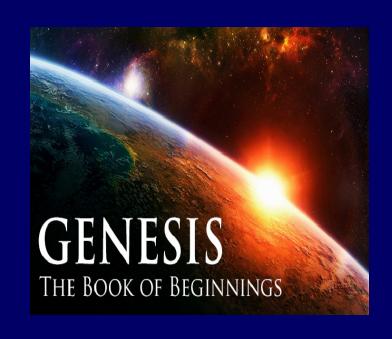
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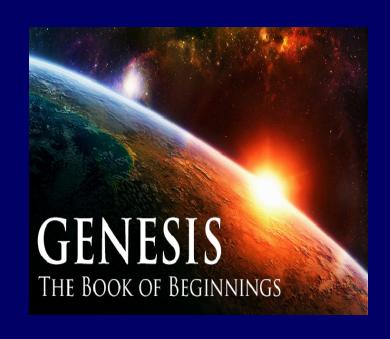


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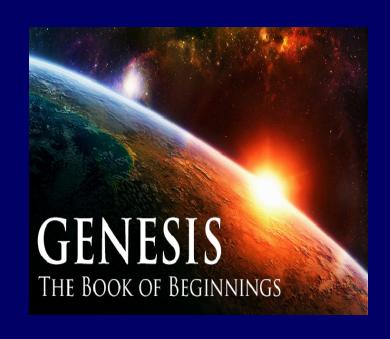
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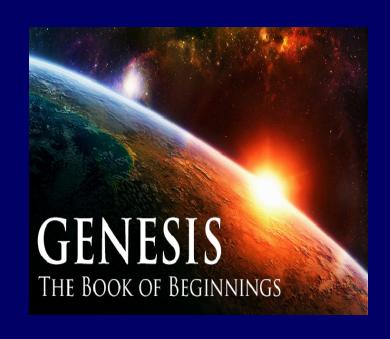


Shaping and Populating (Gen 1:1)

Day 1:	Light	Day 4:	Luminaries
Day 2:	Water, sky	Day 5:	Sea animals, birds
Day 3:	Land, vegetation	Day 6:	Land animals, man



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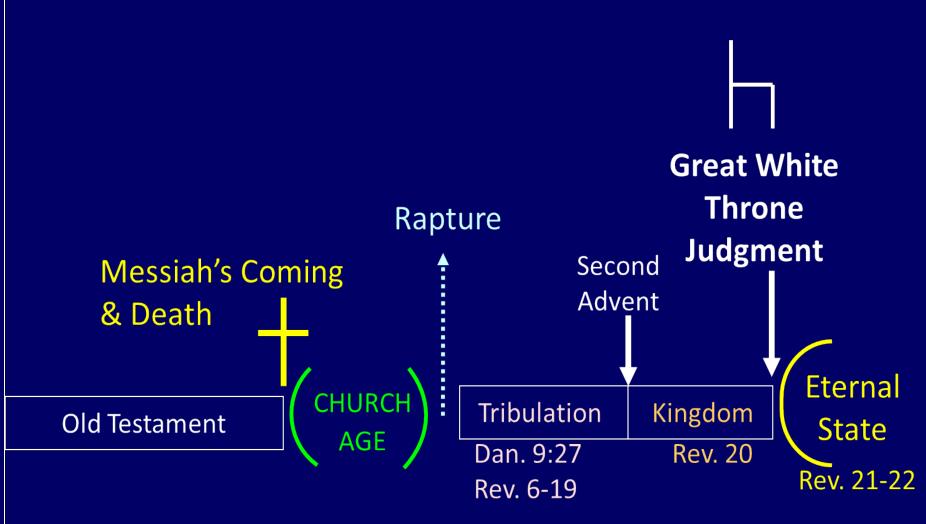


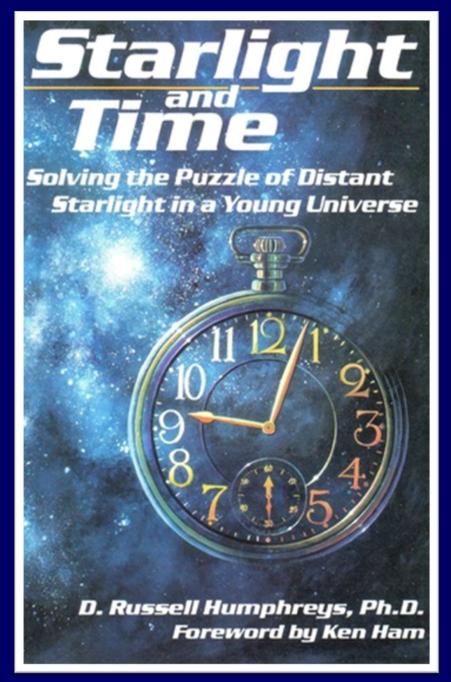
Genesis 1:14

Then God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the <u>day</u> from the <u>night</u>, and let them be for <u>signs and</u> for seasons and for days and years."



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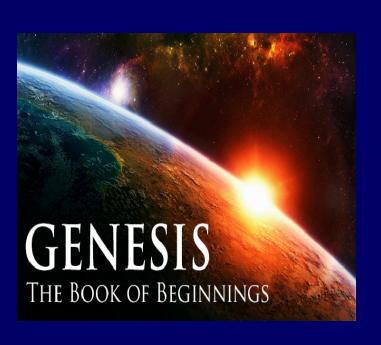






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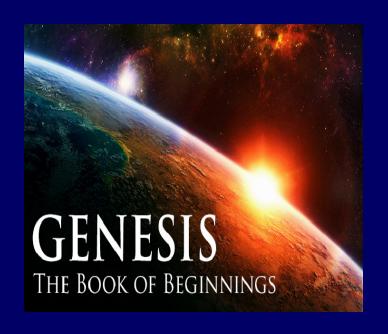


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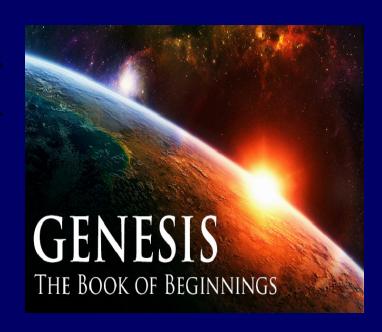
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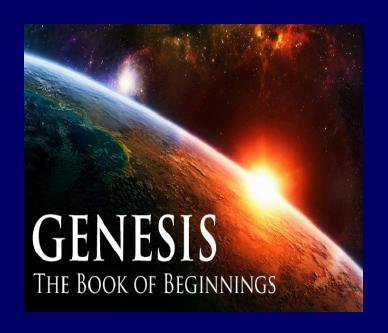
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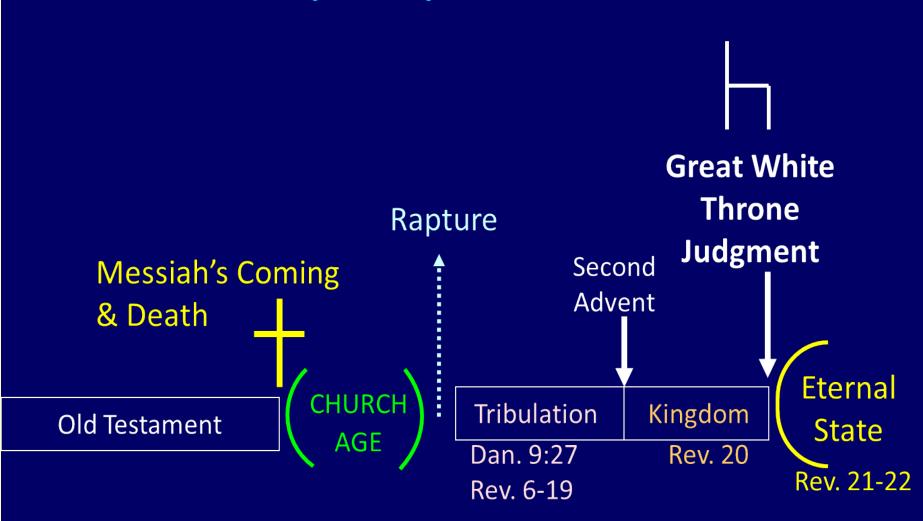
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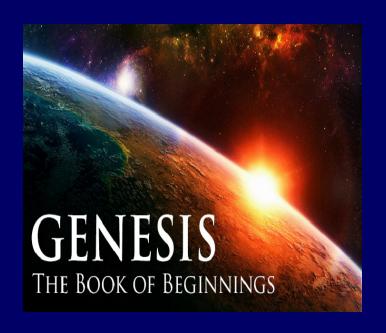


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DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE MILLENNIUM & ETERNAL STATE			
MILLENNIUM (REV. 20:1-10)	ETERNAL STATE (REV. 21–22)		
Present earth (Gen. 13:17)	New Earth (Rev. 21:1)		
Waters (Gen. 15:18-21)	No sea (Rev. 21:1)		
Rebellion (Zech. 14:16-18)	No rebellion (Rev. 21:4)		
Tribal land (Ezek. 47:13-23)	Tribal city gates (Rev. 21:12)		
Sin exists (Ezek 45:22)	No sin (Rev. 21:4)		
Temple (Ezek. 40–46)	No temple (Rev. 21:22)		
Rod of iron (Ps. 2:6-8)	No rod needed (Rev. 21:8)		
Death (Isa. 65:20)	No death (Rev. 21:4)		
Sun exists (Isa. 30:26)	No sun (Rev. 21:23; 22:5)		

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Deuteronomy 4:19

"And beware not to lift up your eyes to heaven and see the sun and the moon and the stars, all the host of heaven, and be drawn away and worship them and serve them, those which the Lord your God has allotted to all the peoples under the whole heaven."



Light only Revealed on Day 4?



- Luminaries not created on day 4 but only became visible to someone standing upon the earth?
- Big bang cosmology indicating that the sun preceded the earth
- Man not created until day 6
- Asah = "to show" (Gen 1:16; 24:12) yet asah (Gen 1:26) and bara (Gen 1:27)
- Raah = "Appear" (Gen 1:9)

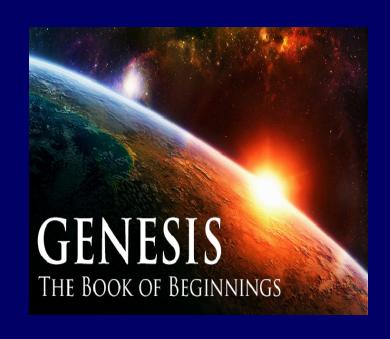
Days of Revelation?

Gen 1:26-27

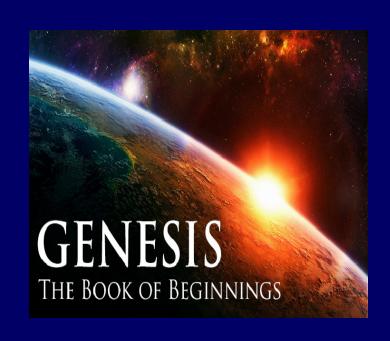
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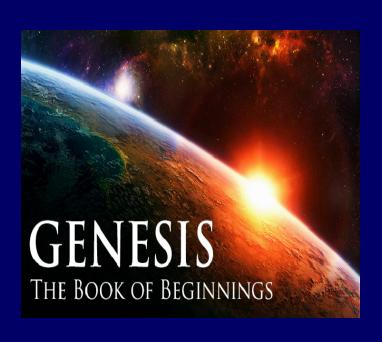


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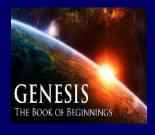


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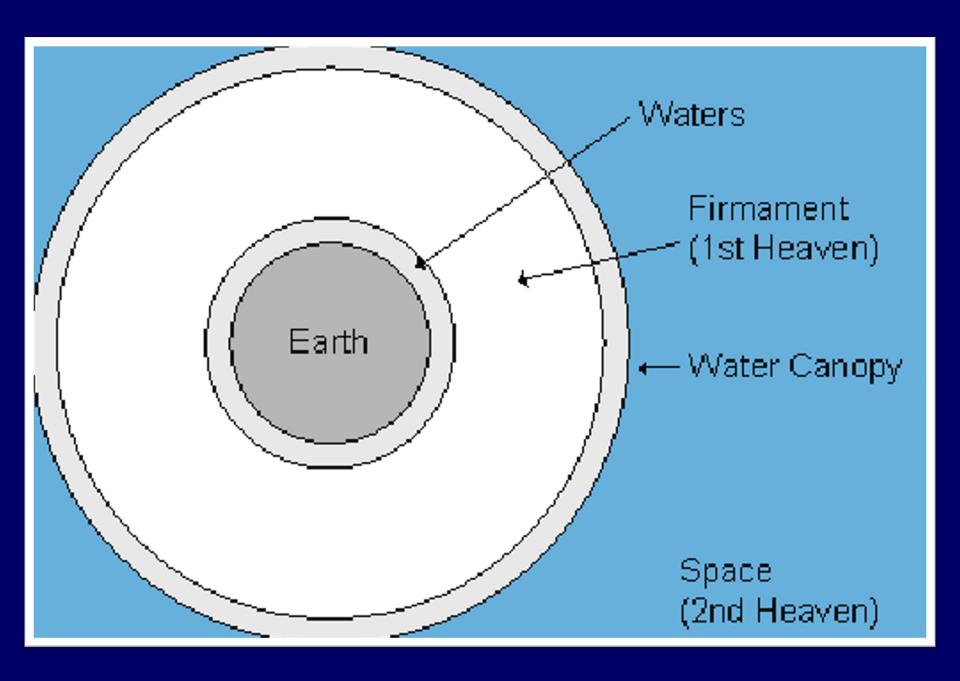


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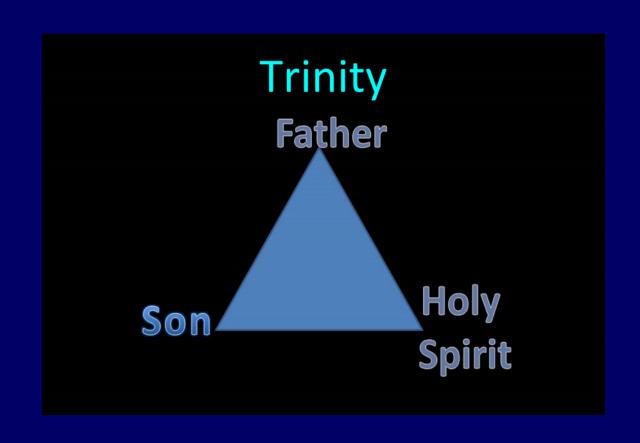
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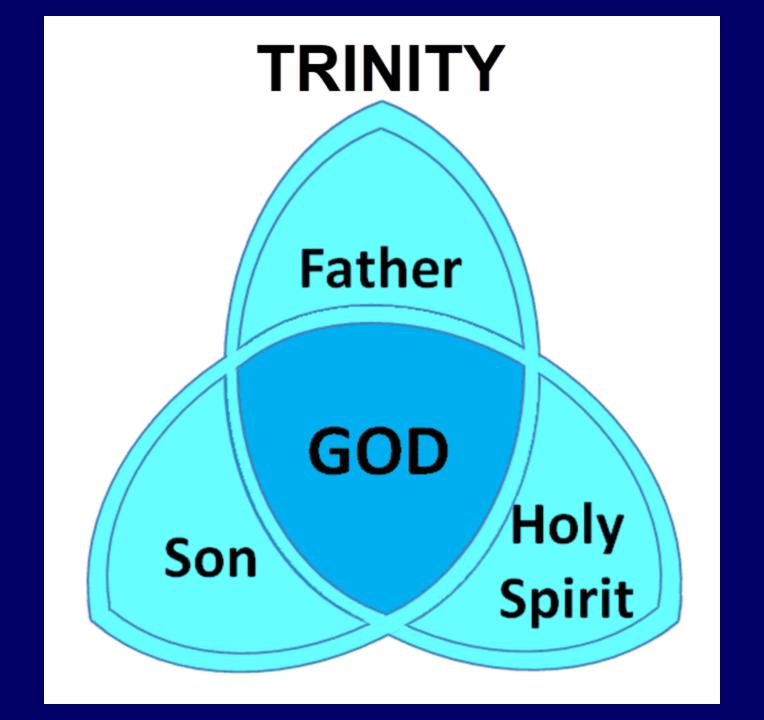
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Trinitarianism in Genesis

- Gen 1:26
- Gen 3:22
- Gen 11:7
- Isa 6:8





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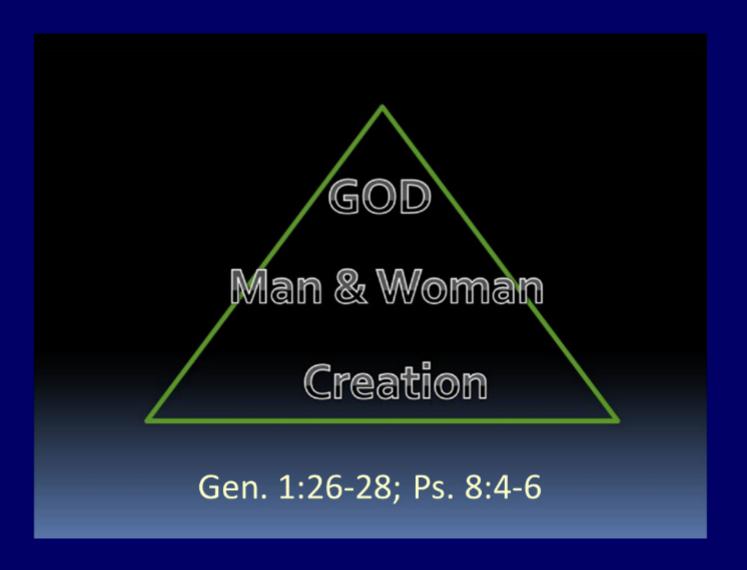


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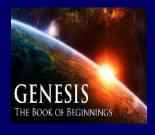
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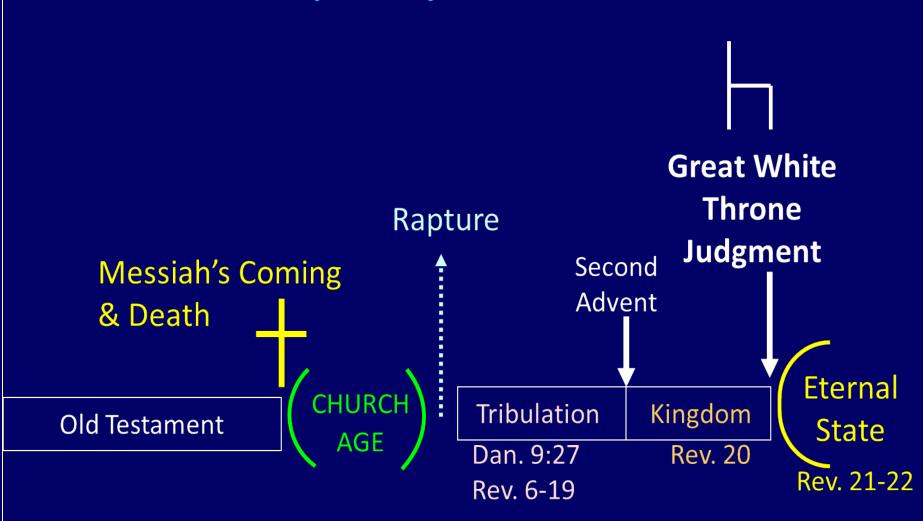


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Charles Ryrie

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 His 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."

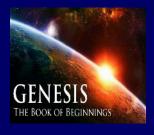


Mark Hitchcock

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."

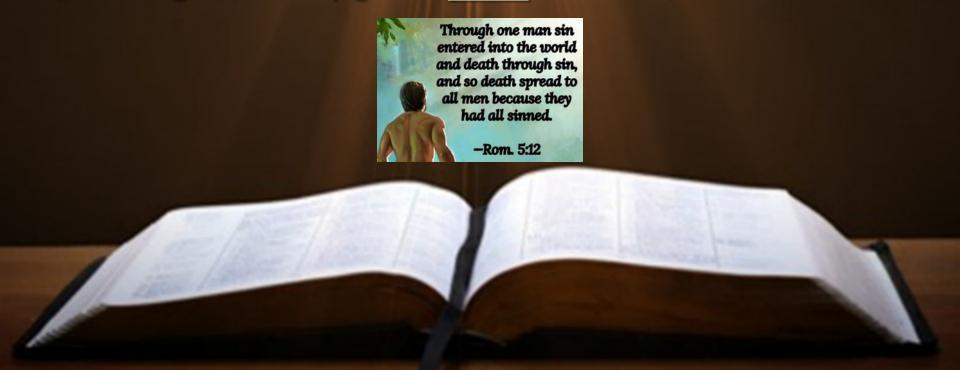
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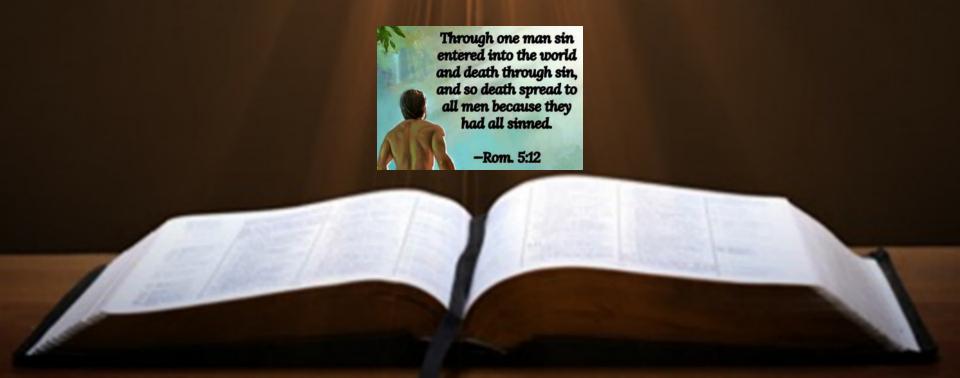
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"29 Then God said, 'Behold, I have given you every <u>plant</u> yielding seed that is on the surface of all the earth, and every <u>tree</u> which has <u>fruit</u> yielding seed; it shall be food for you; 30 and to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the sky and to every thing that moves on the earth which has life, I have given every green <u>plant</u> for food'; and it was so."



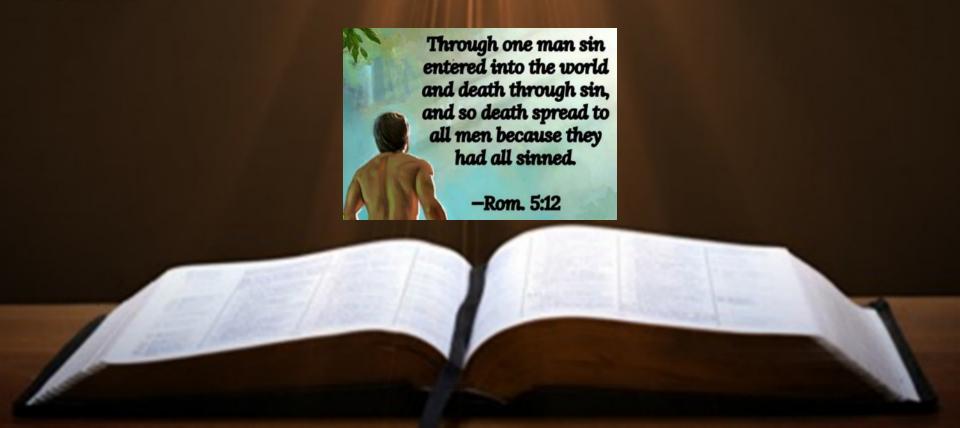
Genesis 2:16-17

"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)."



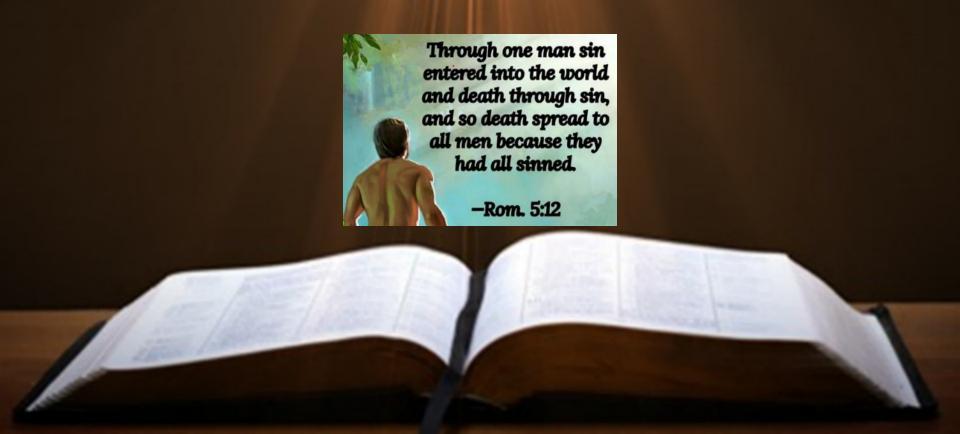
Genesis 3:19

"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."



Genesis 9:3

"³ Every moving thing that is alive shall be food for you; I give all to you, as I gave the green plant."



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Genesis 1:31

"God saw <u>all that He had made</u>, and behold, it was <u>very good</u>. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day."



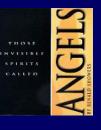
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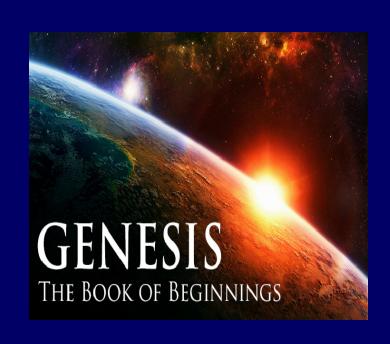


Renald Showers, *Those Invisible Spirits Called Angels* (Bellmawr, NJ: Friends of Israel, 1997), 82-83.

"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

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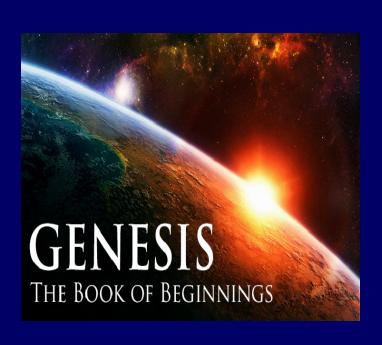


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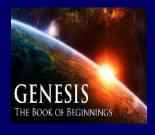
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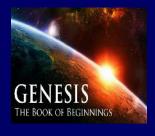
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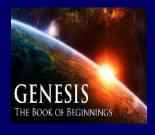
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Exodus 31:15-17

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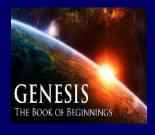


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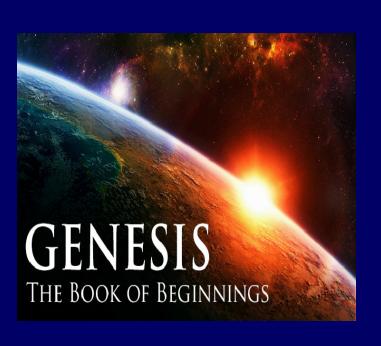
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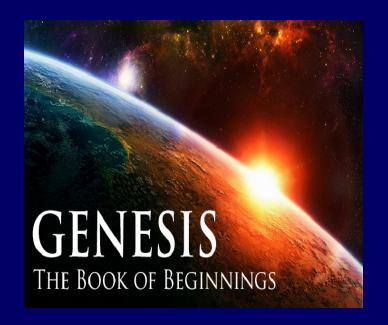
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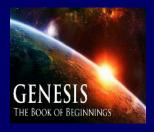
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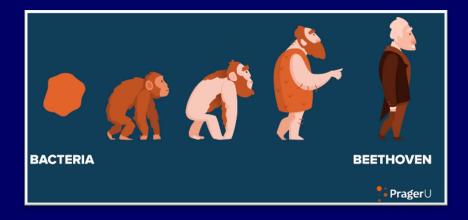


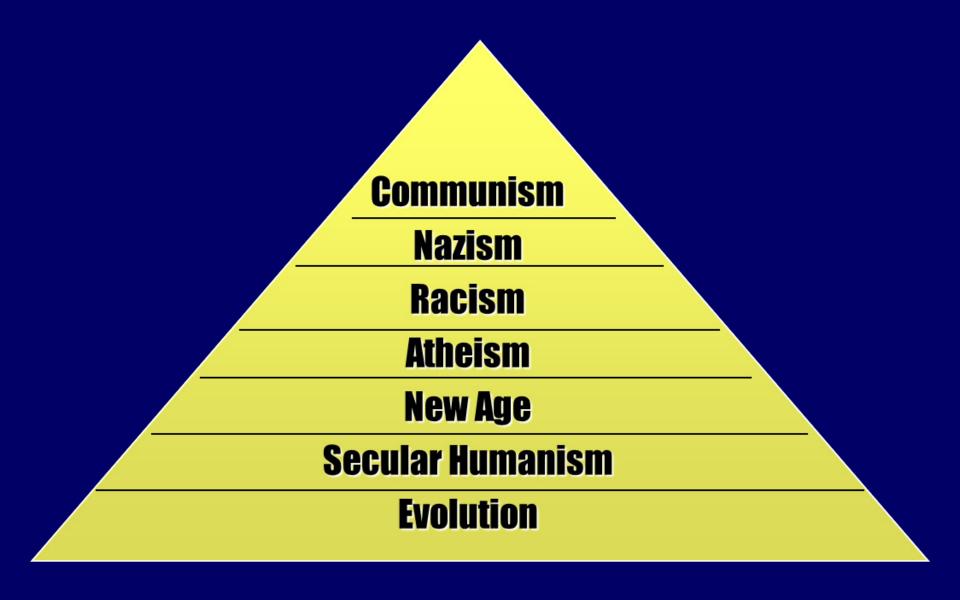
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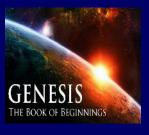


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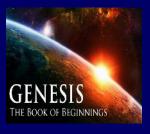




Intelligent Design Resources



- Michael Behe Darwin's Black Box
- Michael Denton Evolution: A Theory in Crisis
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- William Dembski Intelligent Design
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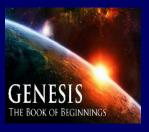


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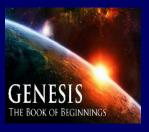


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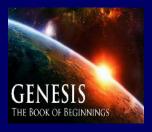
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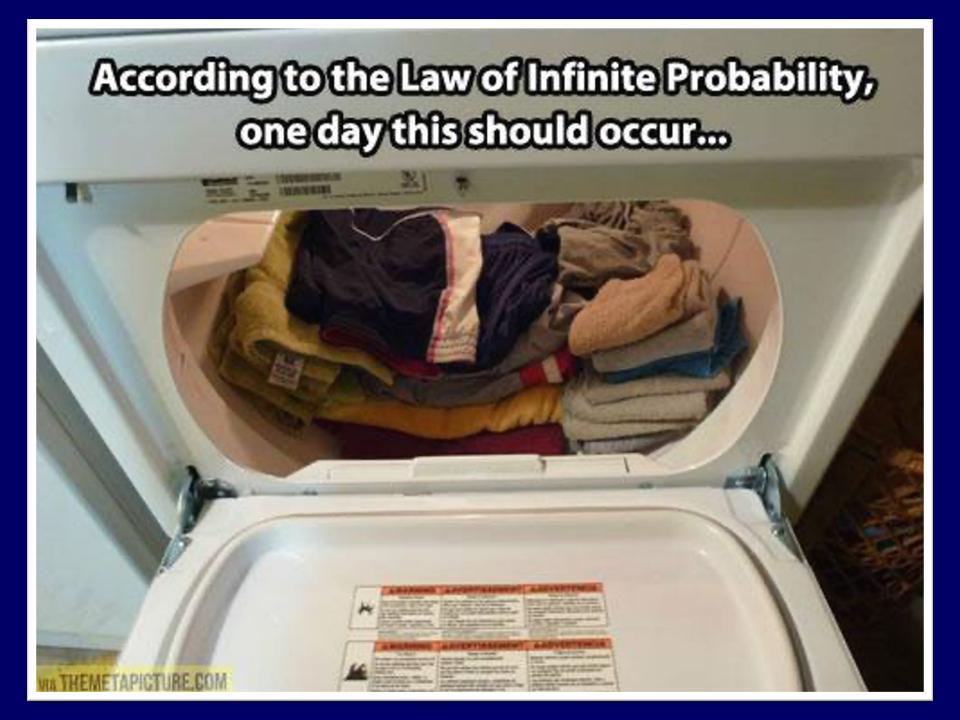


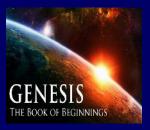
"Gradualism is a concept I believe in... Yet Gould and the American museum people are hard to contradict when they say that there are **no transitional fossils**..You say that I should show a photo of the fossil from which each type of organism was derived. I will lay it on the line-there is not one 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."

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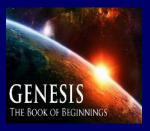


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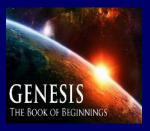




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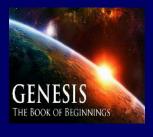


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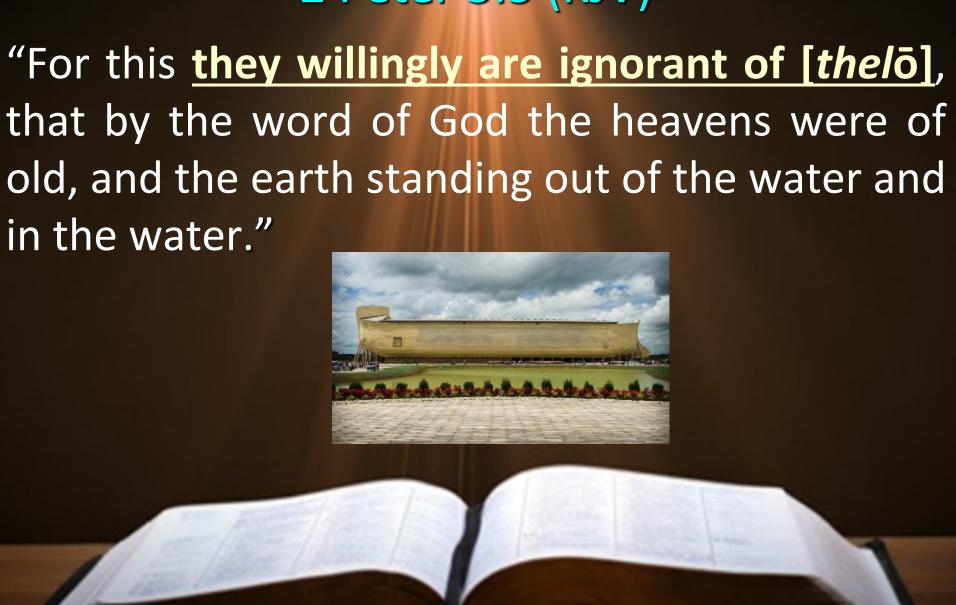


- "The evolutionary origin of man relieves man of responsibility to a personal Creator outside of himself."
- Rom 1:18ff; 2 Pet. 3:5 (KJV)

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.

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Uniformitarianism Defined

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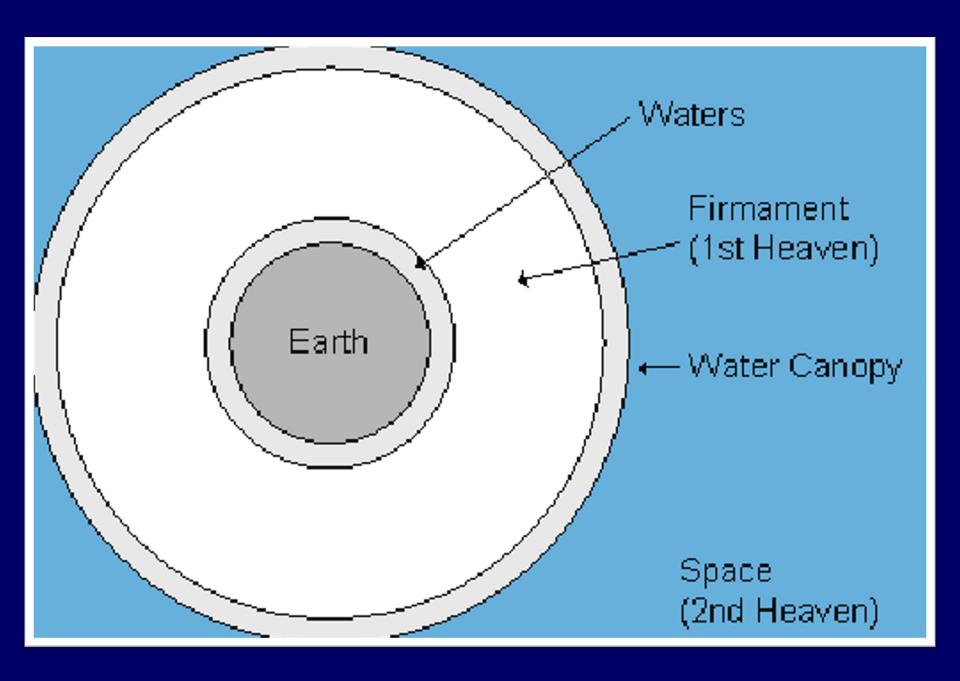
"Uniformitarianism, in geology, the doctrine suggesting that Earth's geologic processes acted in the same manner and with essentially the same intensity in the past as they do in the present and that such uniformity is sufficient to account for all geologic change. This principle is fundamental to geologic thinking and underlies the whole development of the science of geology... When William Whewell, a University of Cambridge scholar, introduced the term in 1832, the prevailing view (called catastrophism) was that...Earth had originated through supernatural means and had been affected by a series of catastrophic events such as the biblical Flood. In contrast to catastrophism, uniformitarianism postulates that phenomena displayed in rocks may be entirely accounted for by geologic processes that continue to operate—in other words, the present is the key to the past."

Uniformitarianism is not Biblicism

	ERA	SCRIPTURE	DISTINCTIVES
1.	Creation	Genesis 1-2	No death
2.	Fall	Genesis 3-6	Death, painful pregnancy & toil, long life spans, no human government
3.	Flood	Genesis 7-10	Shorter life spans, human government, one language, no nations
<u>4.</u>	<u>Babel</u>	Genesis 11-present	No global government, multiple languages, nations, ethnicities
5.	Antichrist	Rapture to 2 nd Advent	Global government, restrainer removed
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7.	Eternal State	Rev. 21-22	No death, new earth

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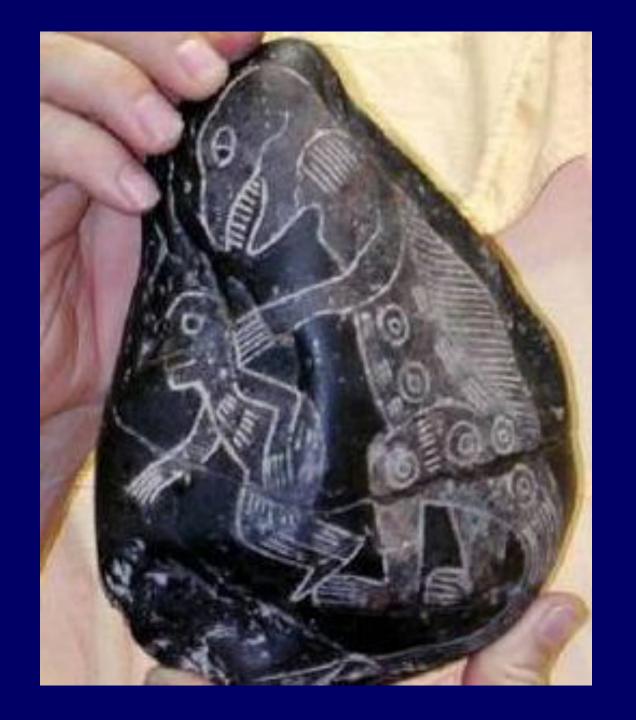




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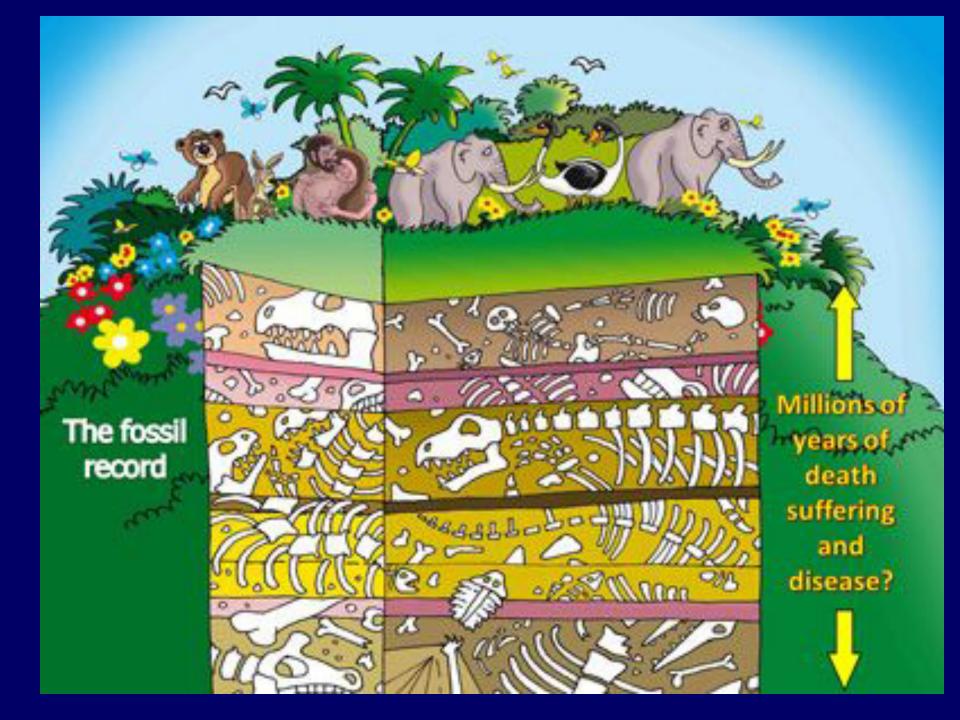


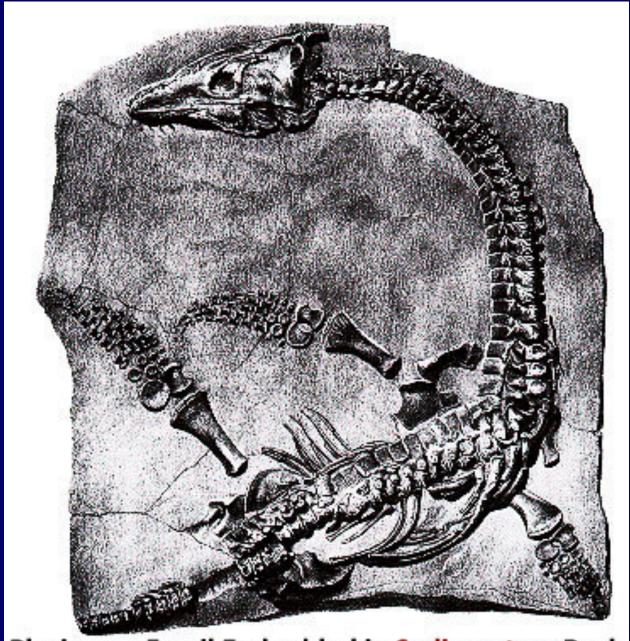


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Early man was primitive	Early man was advanced (Gen 4:17, 20-22;6:14; 11:4; Prov. 1:7; Ps 14:1; Rom 1:18ff)
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Geography Quiz

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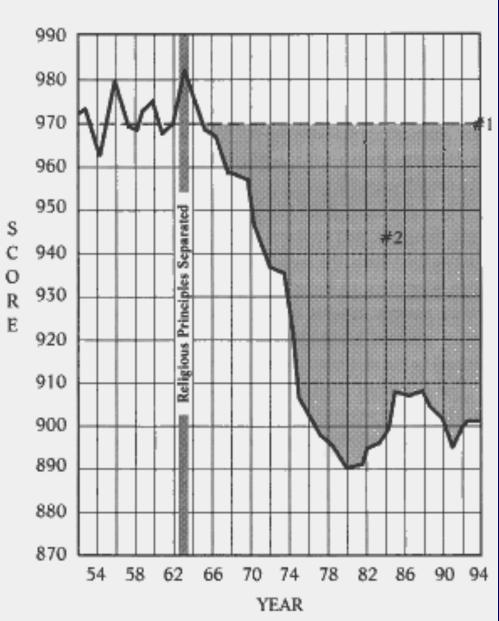
Thirty-five Minutes allowed for this Exercise.

[No books, nor helps of any kind, allowed on the desks, and none to be used during the Examination. All communication to be avoided. Pupils to receive no information from teachers, or others, respecting any of the questions. Every pupil to write at the top of each paper, his or her name, age in years and months, and name of the school; also the grade of the questions used, which will be found at the head of the questions. Each answer should be numbered to correspond with the number of the question. Pupils should be careful to express their answers in as good language as they can employ. They should also attend carefully to the spelling and writing, and to the use of capitals and marks of punctuation. All these points will be taken into account in summing up the results. Pupils of the third and fourth grades may either write or print their answers, as they prefer. At the close of the time specified every paper will be taken up, whether completed or not.]

- 1. How many degrees of longitude are there?
- 2. How many degrees wide are the temperate zones?
- 3. What is a water-shed?
- 4. Name the principal animals of the frigid zones.
- 5. Name the different races into which mankind is divided.
- 6. What is a monarchy?
- 7. What portion of the people on the globe are Pagans? What portion Christians?

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Evolution	Gen 1:1-2:3
Marriage is an evolved custom	Marriage was instituted by God (Gen 2:18-25; John 2:11)
Man developed units of time	 God implemented units of time (Gen 1:14)
Seven day week developed	■ God implemented the seven day week (Exod. 20:8-11; 31:15-17)
People did not reach 100	People reached 900 years of age (Ps 148:4; 90:10; Gen 1:6-7; 5:5, 27; 11:24-25)
Early man was primitive	Early man was advanced (Gen 4:17, 20-22;6:14; 11:4; Prov. 1:7; Ps 14:1; Rom 1:18ff)
Language evolved slowly	Man created with speaking ability (Gen 2:23; 3:9-10)
Things are improving	 Things are deteriorating
Thorns evolved with plants	 Adam's sin cause the thorns (Gen 3:18)
 Animalistic nature causes evil 	Sin nature causes evil (Jer. 17:9)
List adapted from Walt Brown, In The Beginning, 276-80	

Evolution	Gen 1:1-2:3
Suffering precedes man	Suffering follows man (Gen 1:31; Rom 8:19-23; Rev. 21:4)
Man is improving	Man is failing (Rev. 14:20)
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CONCLUSION

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

