

SATANOLOGY



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Preview of Angelology

1. Good angels
2. Satanology
3. Demonology
4. Gen. 6:1-4 controversy



Preview

1. Existence
2. Personhood
3. Names and titles
4. Original state and first sin
5. Works

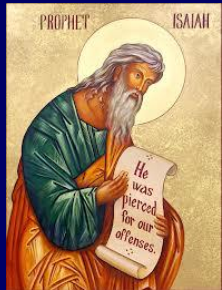


Satan's Original State and First Sin

1. Ezekiel 28:12-17



2. Isaiah 14:12-15



Original State and First Sin (cont'd)

- Time of Satan's fall

- ◆ In eternity past

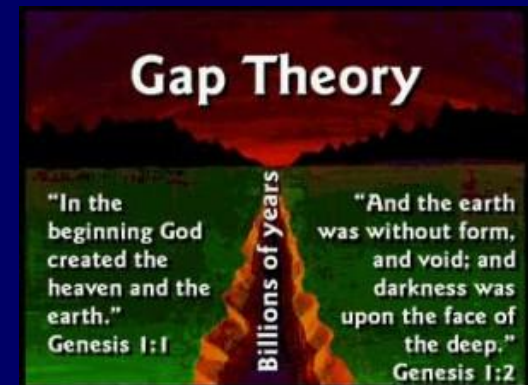
- ◆ In between Gen. 1:1-2 (gap theory?)

- ◆ After Gen 1:31 but before Gen 3



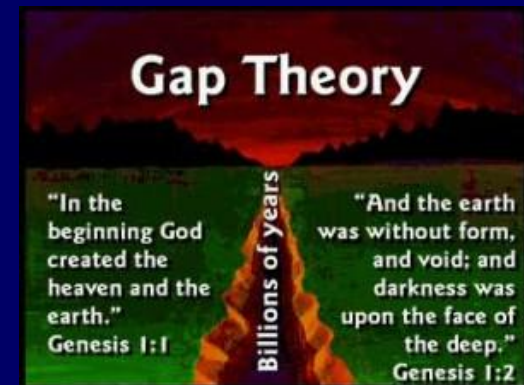
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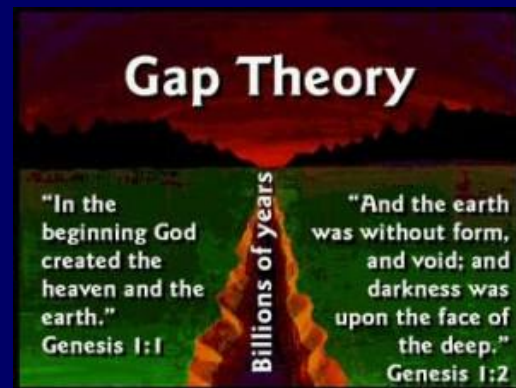
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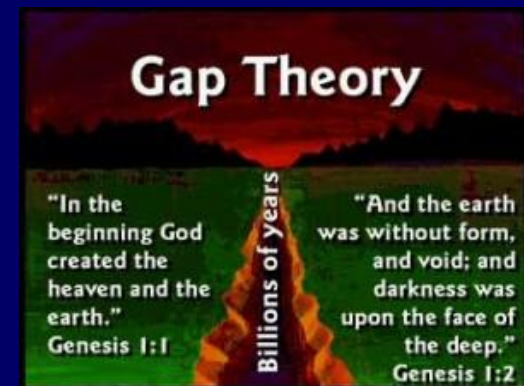
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- Original creation brought into existence (1:1)
- Billions of years & Satan's fall in between verses 1 & 2
- Chaotic conditions and fossil record (1:2)
- Re-creation or Renovation (1:3-31)



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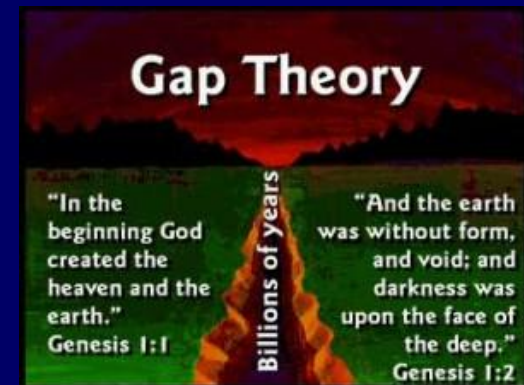
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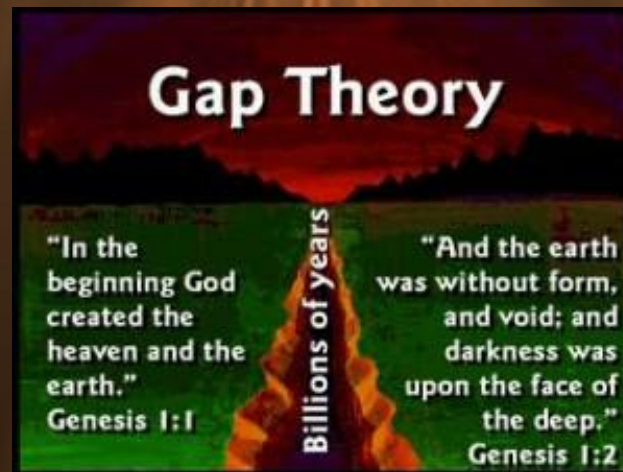
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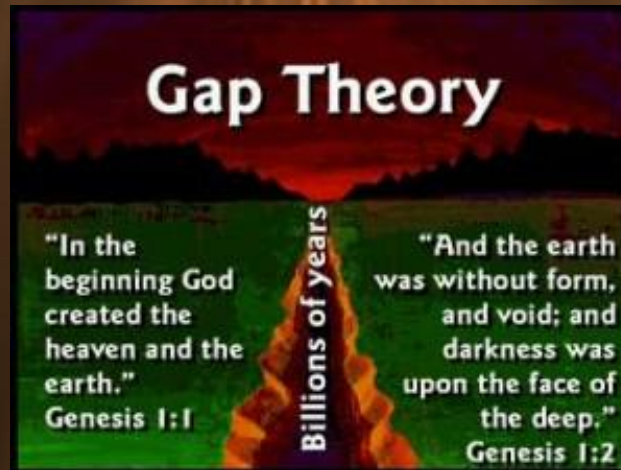
Psalm 11:3

“If the foundations are destroyed, What can the righteous do?”



Proverbs 18:17

“The first to plead his case seems right,
Until another comes and examines him.”



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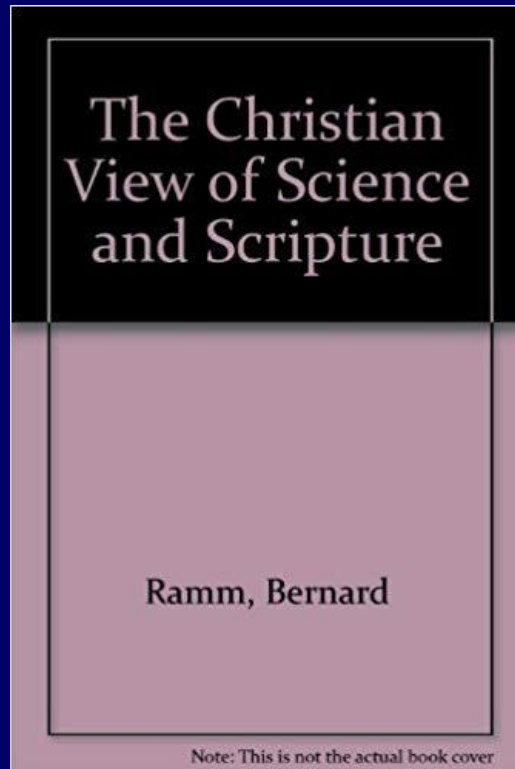
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The Christian View of Science and Scripture (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1954), 203.



“The interpretive objection is this: the entire interpretation of geology and Genesis is made to hinge on *secondary meanings of two Hebrew words*. To indicate that in some cases *waw* may mean *but*, and that *hayah* means *became*, does not give full warrant to insert these meanings in Genesis 1:2 and require all geology to conform.”

Jonah 3:3

“So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was [hāyāh] an exceedingly great city, a three days’ walk.”

Waw + noun + *hayah* (qal perfect 3rd person) = “was” and not “became” in rest of OT (Judges 8:11; Jonah 3:3)



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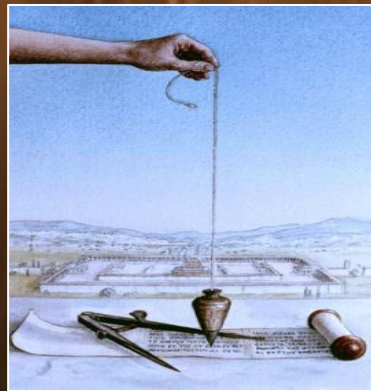
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Isaiah 34:11

“But pelican and hedgehog will possess it,
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stretch over it the line of desolation And
the plumb line of emptiness [tohu & bohu].”



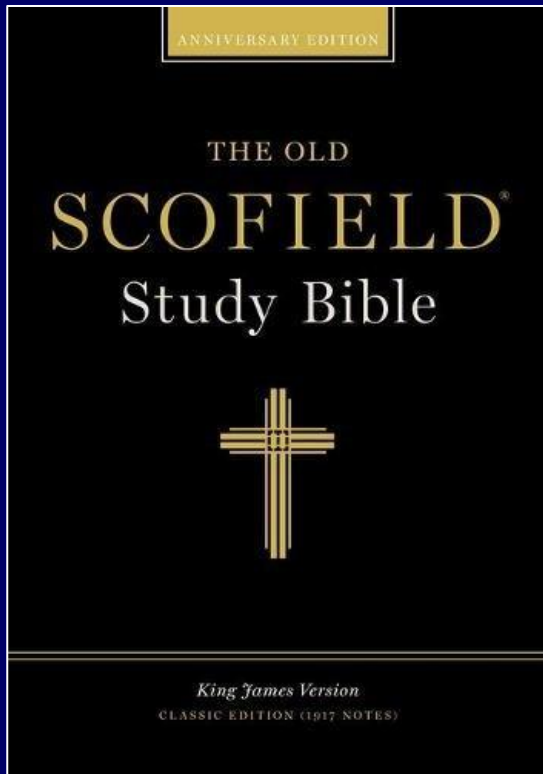
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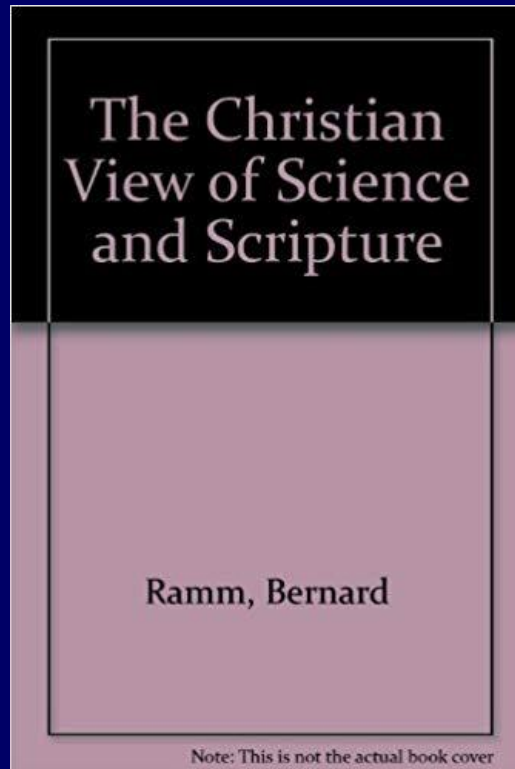
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Shaping and Populating

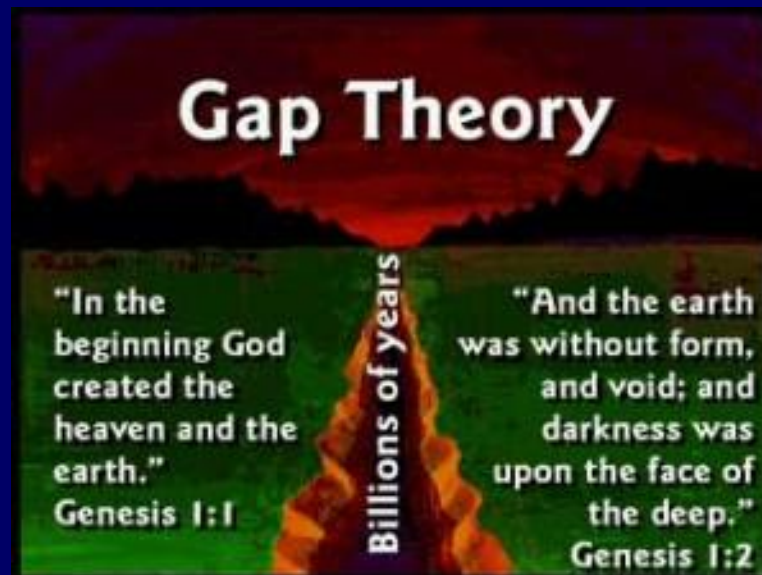
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Ken Ham

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

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



George Gunn

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

“I ran out of ingredients for the salad, so I decided to make a quick run down to the store. While at the store, I left the car engine running while I made my purchase, thinking that I would be right out again. However, while I was in the store, I ran into my good friend Edward who was running for county supervisor. This resulted in my having to endure a somewhat long-winded run down on how his campaign was running. Finally, fearing that my car would run out of gas, I ran with great haste out to the parking lot and returned home with the car surely running only on fumes.”

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Tohu & Bohu

Genesis 1:2

Jeremiah 4:23

Original creation

Future judgment

Creation “very good”
(Gen. 1:31)

Creation not “very
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Entire earth (Gen. 1:1)

The Land of Israel

Looking backward

Looking forward

No humans

Surviving humans

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John 3:19-21

“¹⁹ This is the judgment, that the Light has come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the Light, for their deeds were evil. ²⁰ For everyone who does evil hates the Light, and does not come to the Light for fear that his deeds will be exposed. ²¹ But he who practices the truth comes to the Light, so that his deeds may be manifested as having been wrought in God.”



Jude 13

“wild waves of the sea, casting up their own shame like foam; wandering stars, for whom the black darkness has been reserved forever.”



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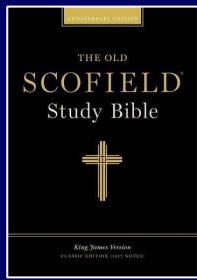
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Genesis 1:1, 16

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Genesis 1:26-27

“²⁶ Then God said, ‘Let Us make [*āsāh*] 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 [*bara*] man in His own image, in the image of God He created created [*bara*] him; male and female He created them.”



Genesis 2:4

“This is the account of the heavens and the earth when they were created created [*bara*], in the day that the Lord God made [*āsāh*] earth and heaven.”



Isaiah 43:7

“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 [āsāh].”



John Whitcomb

The Early Earth (Grand Rapids: Baker, 1952), 128.

“Genesis 1:21 states that 'God created [**bara**] the **great sea-monsters** . . .' while **verse 25** states that God made [**asah**] the **beasts of the earth** . . . Surely we are not to think that the sea creatures were directly created on the fifth day, but land animals were merely 'appointed' or 'made to appear' on the sixth day! All those who hold that bara and 'asah cannot be used on the same kind of divine activity are faced with a serious difficulty here. In fact, the difficulty is so severe that the New Scofield Reference Bible, in support of this distinction, suggests that the beasts which were made on the sixth day (vs. 25) were actually created on the fifth day (p. 2, note #2)!”

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Isaiah 45:18

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Genesis 1:2 (AMPC)

“The earth was without form and an empty waste, and darkness was upon the face of the very great deep. The Spirit of God was moving (hovering, brooding) over the face of the waters.”



Ephesians 4:30

“Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.”

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Genesis 1:28 (KJV)

“And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish [male’] the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.”

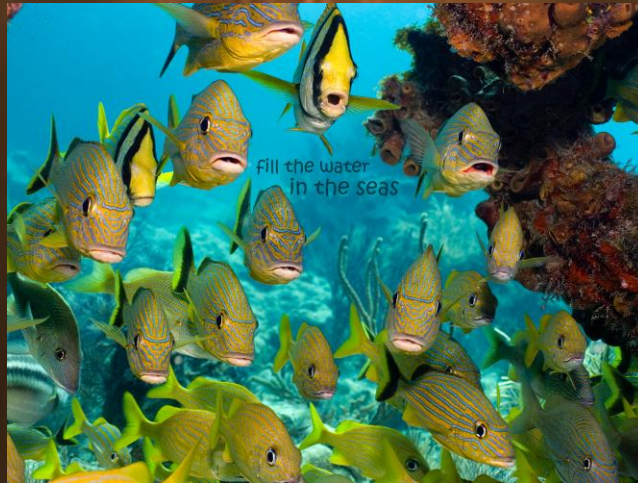


Replenish?

- Gen 1:28 “replenish” (KJV)?
- *Male'* = “be full” or “fill” (BDB pp.569-71) and not “refill.”
- No modern Bible English translation says “refill”
- “Re” prefix did not always signify “again” but intensification as in “research.”

Genesis 1:22 (KJV)

“And God blessed them, saying, Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill *[male’]* the waters in the seas, and let fowl multiply in the earth.”



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Isaiah 24:1

“Behold, the Lord lays the earth waste, devastates it, distorts its surface and scatters its inhabitants.”



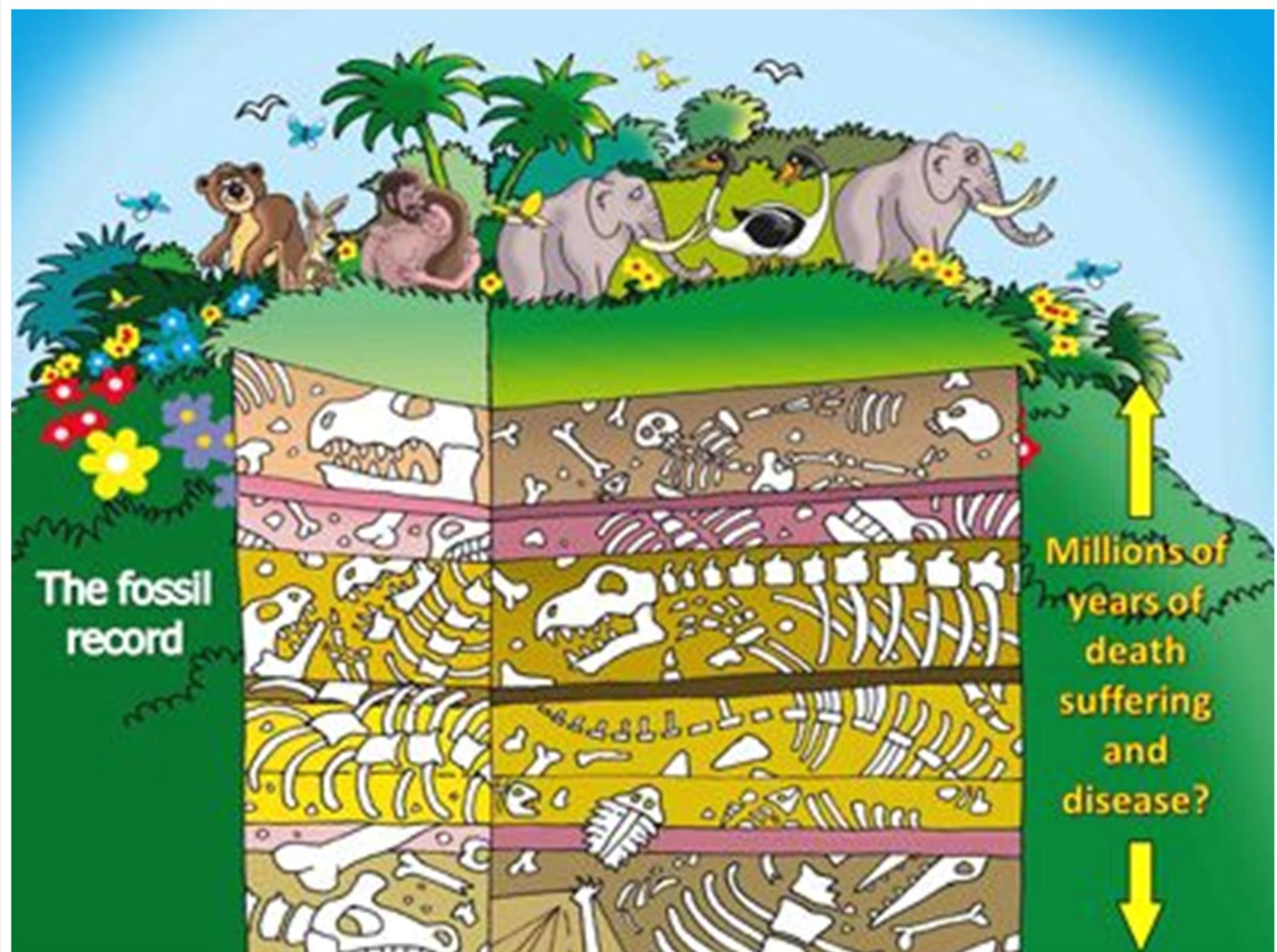
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Ezekiel 28:13-14

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The fossil
record

Millions of
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“How you have fallen from heaven, O star of the morning, son of the dawn! You have been cut down to the earth, You who have weakened the nations!”



Ezekiel 28:13-14, 16

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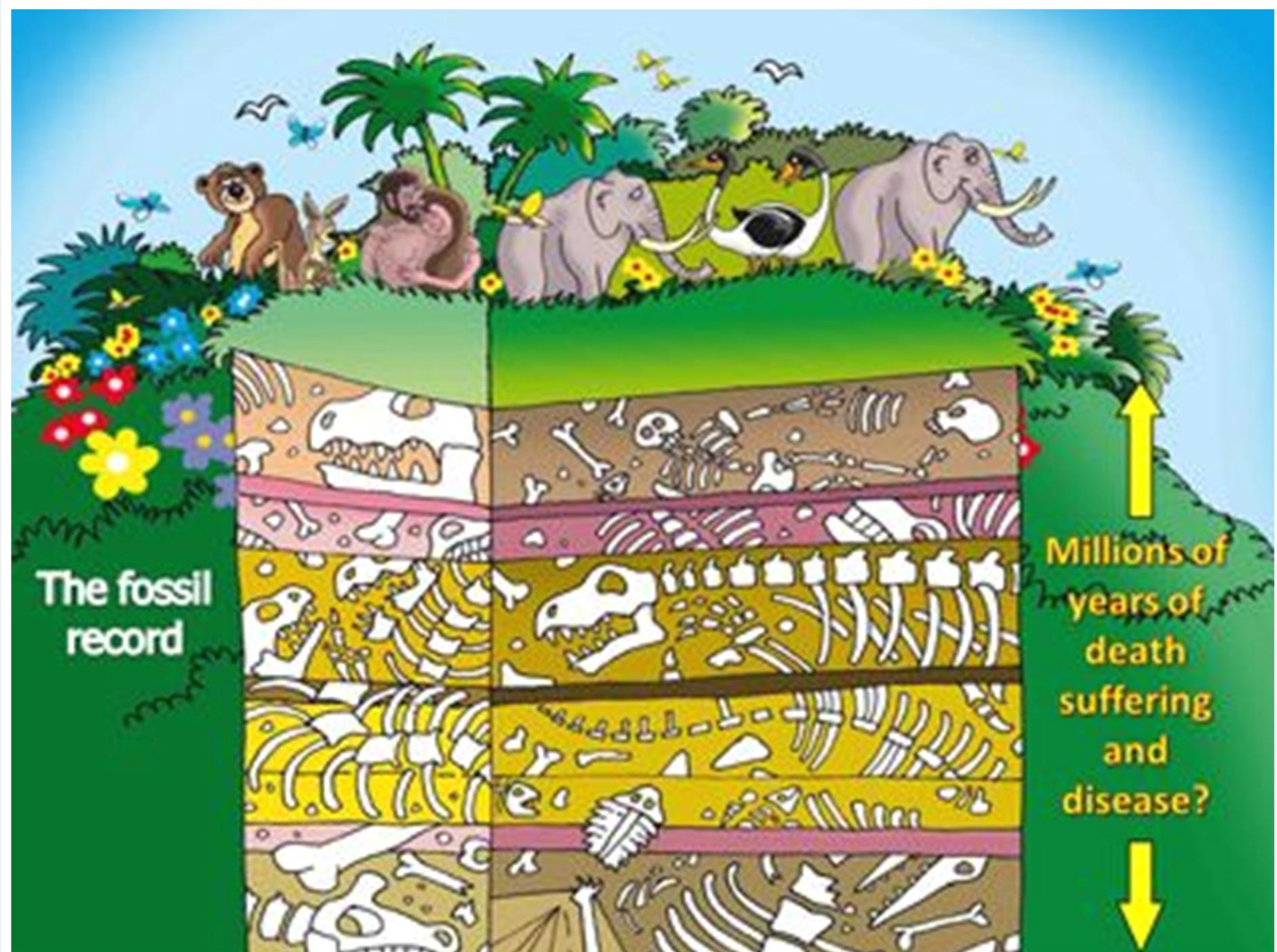


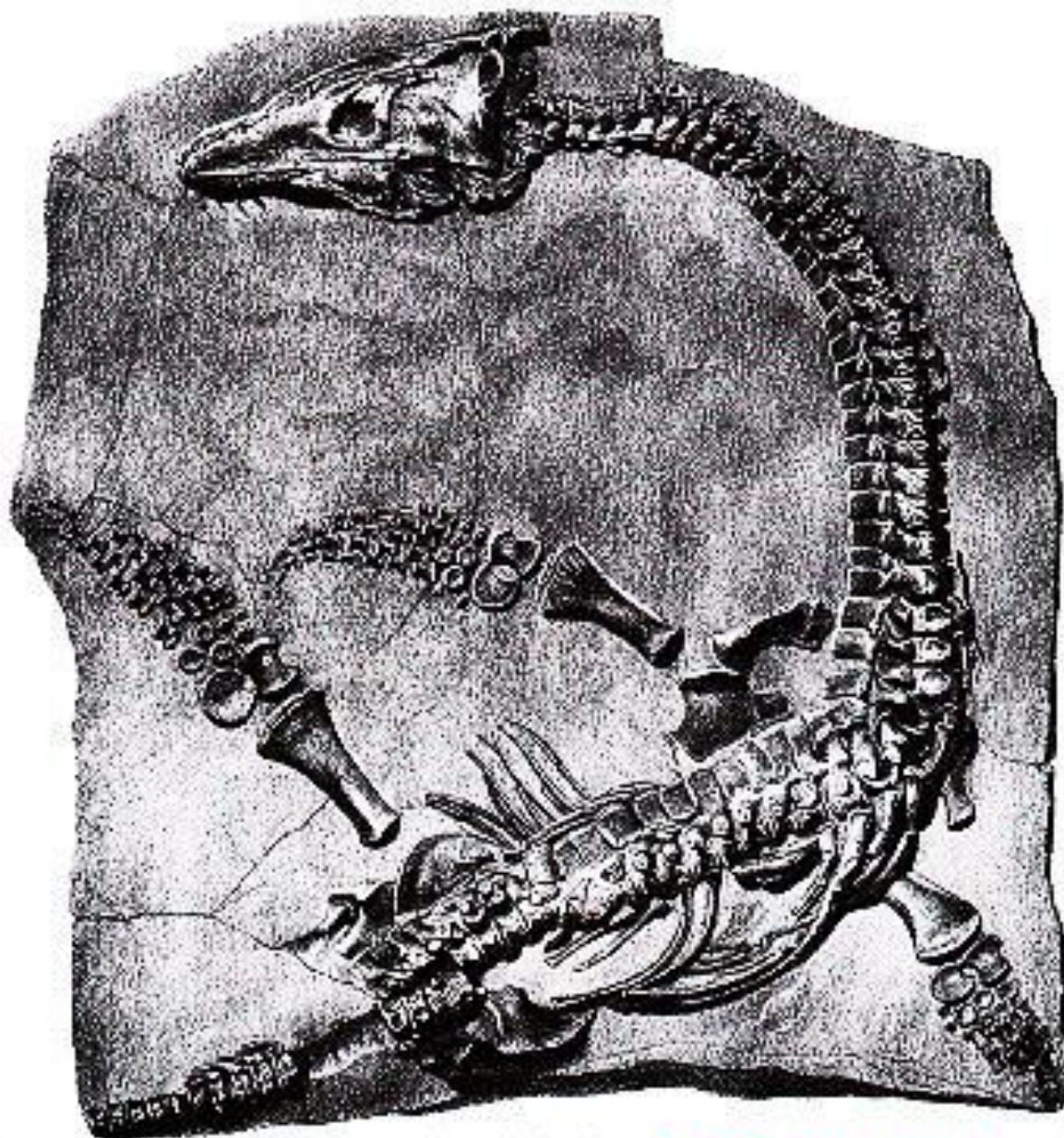
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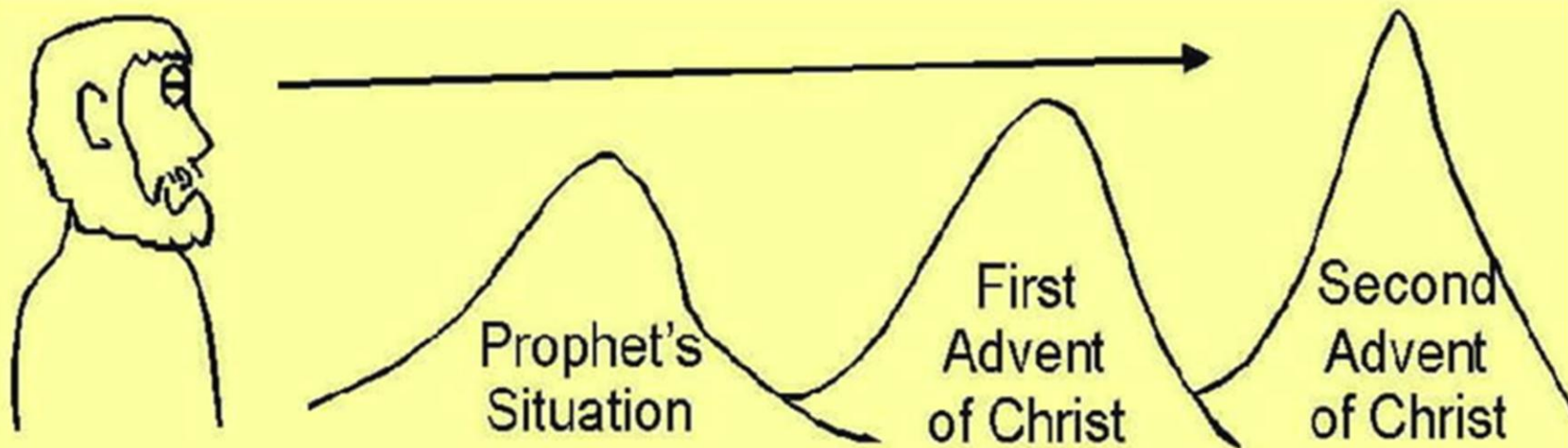
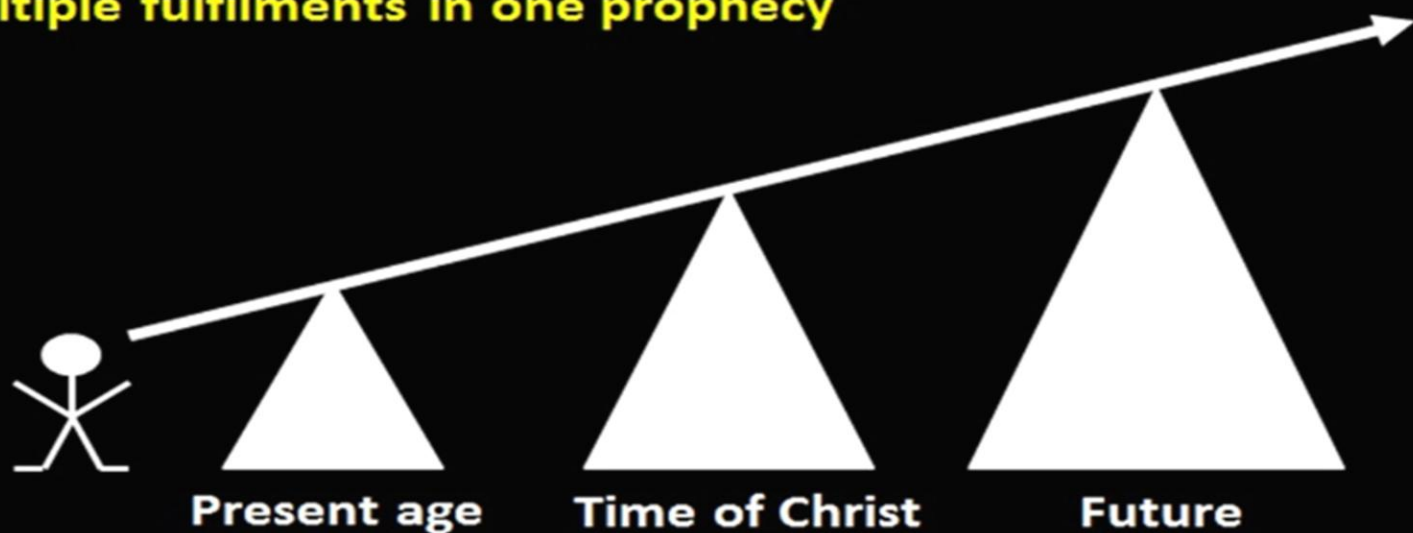


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Mountain Peaks of Prophecy

Multiple fulfilments in one prophecy



Isaiah 9:6-7

⁶ For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us;
And the government will rest on His shoulders; And His
name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.⁷ There will be no end to
the increase of His government or of peace, On the
throne of David and over his kingdom, To establish it
and to uphold it with justice and righteousness From
then on and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts
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Genre Confusion

Genesis 1:1-2

Historical

Narrative

Looking backward

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Eschatological

Prophetic

Looking forward

CONCLUSION

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1.	vs. 2	Conjunction = “but”	Conjunction = “and”
2.	vs. 2	<i>Hāyāh</i> = “became”	<i>Hāyāh</i> = “was”
3.	vs. 2	<i>Tohu & Bohu</i> = judgment	<i>Tohu & Bohu</i> = incompleteness
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