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

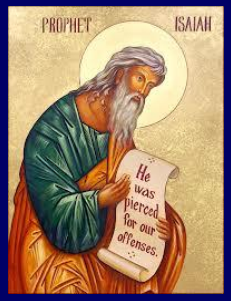


Satan's Original State and First Sin

1. Ezekiel 28:12-17



2. Isaiah 14:12-15





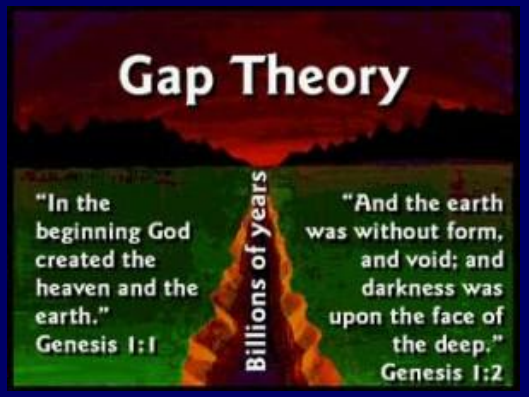
Original State and First Sin (cont'd)



- Time of Satan's fall
  - In eternity past
  - **In between Gen. 1:1-2 (gap theory?)**
  - After Gen 1:31 but before Gen 3

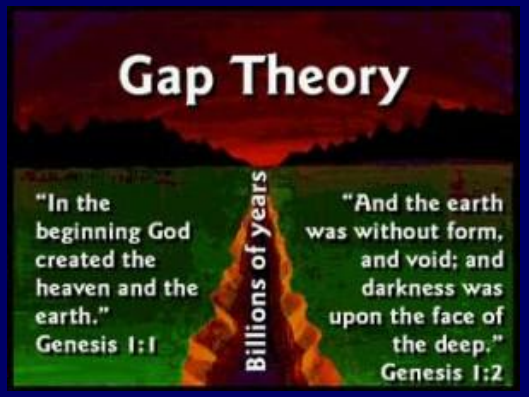
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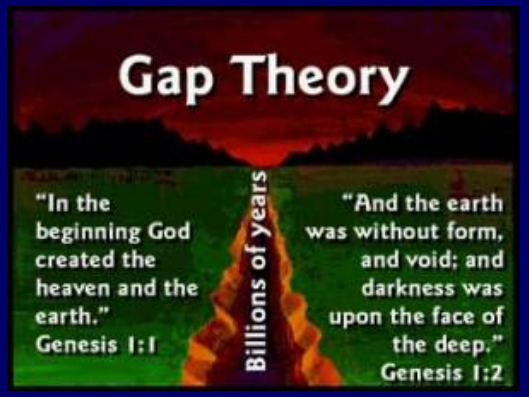
“1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. 2 The earth was formless and void, and darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was moving over the surface of the waters. 3 Then God said, ‘Let there be light’; and there was light.”





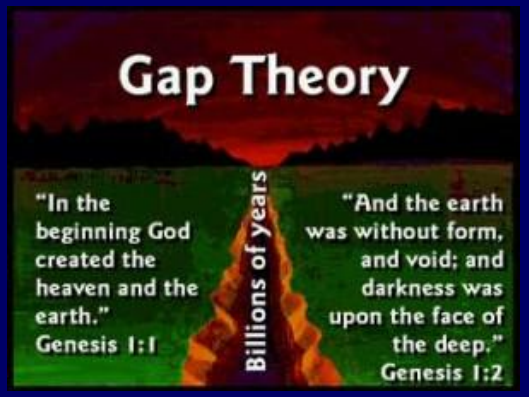
Gap Theory?

- 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)



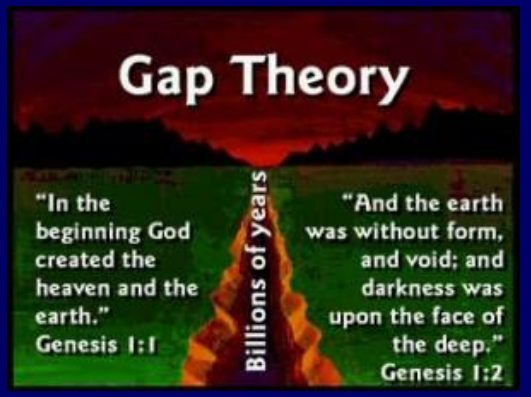
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1.	vs. 2	Conjunction = “but”	Conjunction = “and”
2.	vs. 2	*Hāyāh* = “became”	*Hāyāh* = “was”
3.	vs. 2	*Tohu* & *Bohu* = judgment	*Tohu* & *Bohu* = incompletion
4.	vs. 2	Darkness = evil	Darkness = absence of light
5.	vs. 1, 3	*Bara* & *āsāh* distinction	*Bara* & *āsāh* overlap
6.	vs. 2	*Lo tohu* (Isa. 45:18) = God did not create the Earth desolate	*Lo tohu* (Isa. 45:18) = Original creation was good
7.	vs. 2	Spirit = brooding (Eph. 4:30)	Spirit = moving

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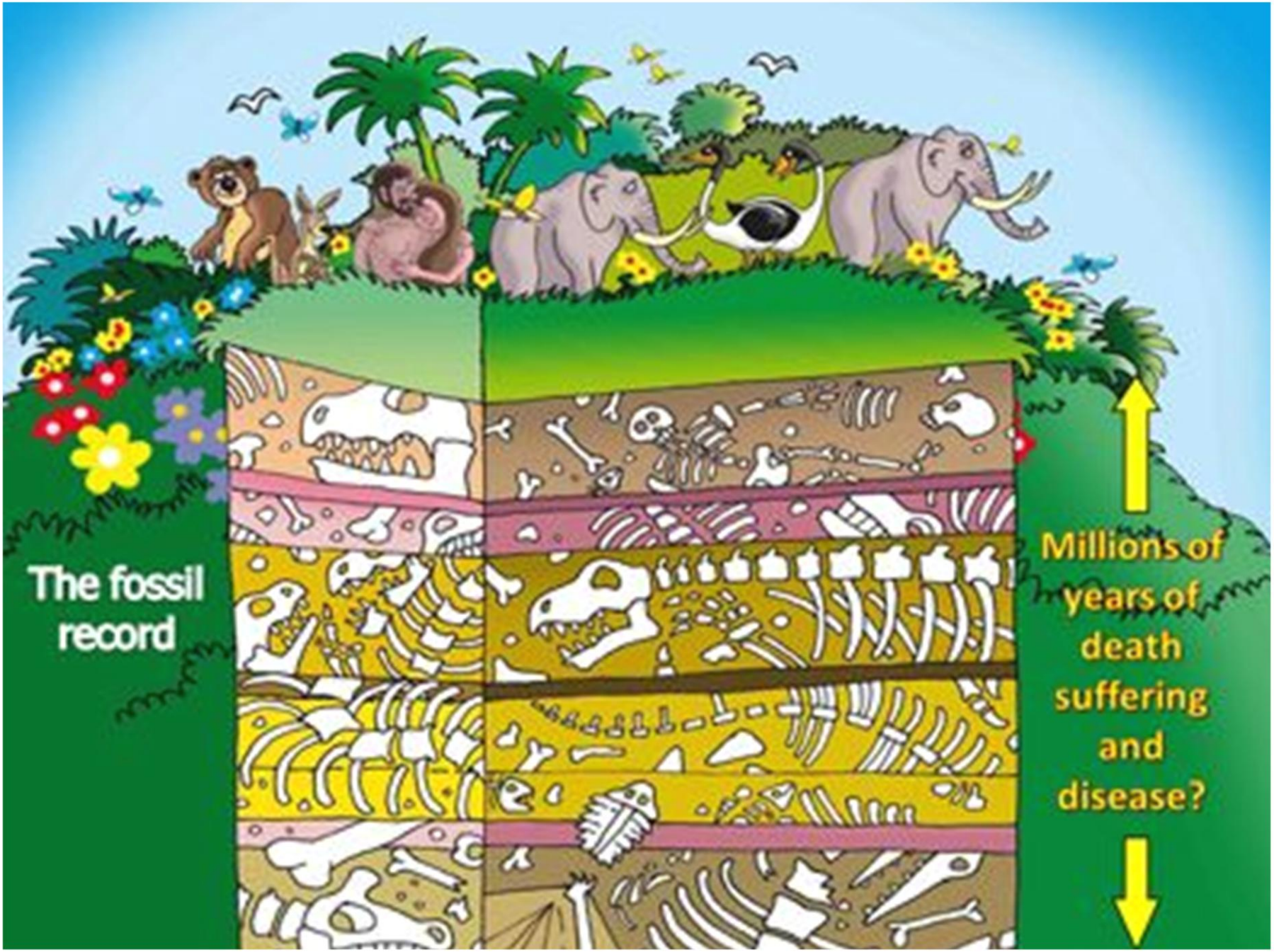
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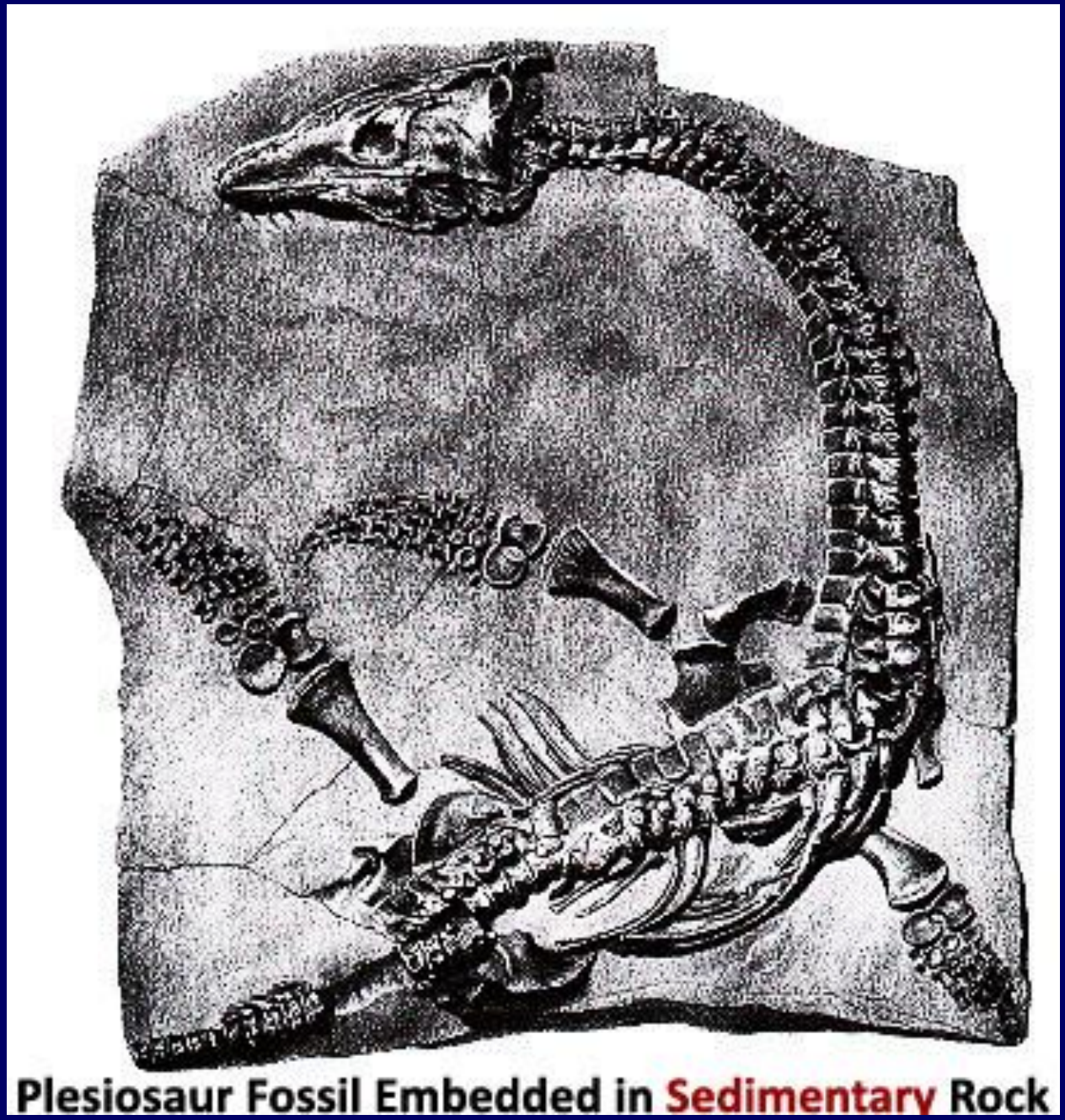
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Plesiosaur Fossil Embedded in Sedimentary Rock



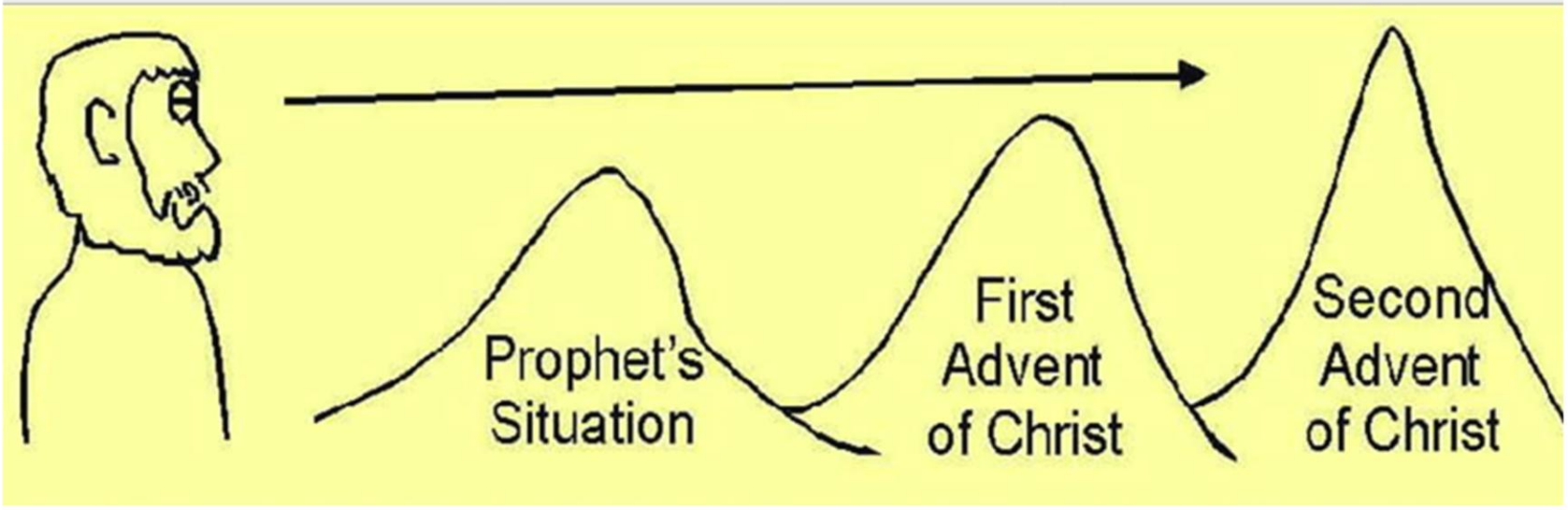
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Mountain Peaks of Prophecy

Multiple fulfilments in one prophecy





Isaiah 9:6-7

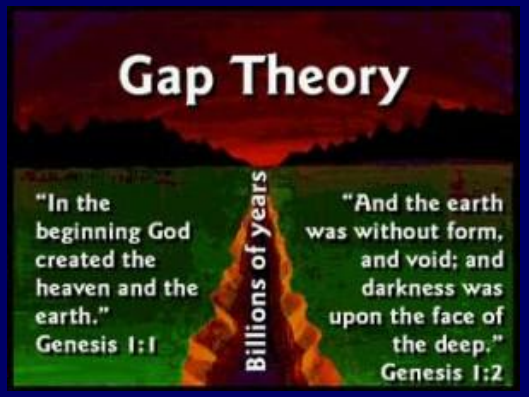
6 **For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us;**
And the government will rest on His shoulders; And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.7 **There will be no end to the increase of His government or of peace, On the throne of David and 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 will accomplish this.



Genre Confusion	
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Historical	Eschatological
Narrative	Prophetic
Looking backward	Looking forward

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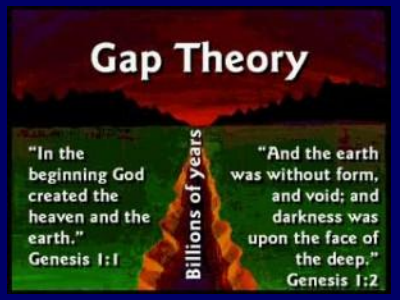
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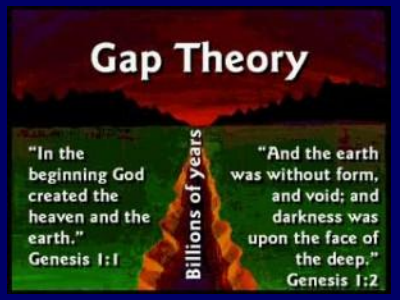
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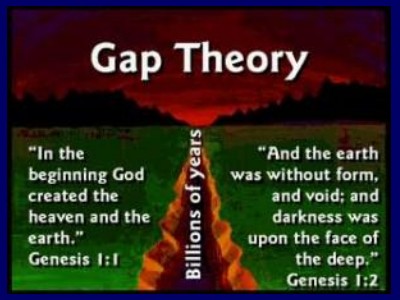
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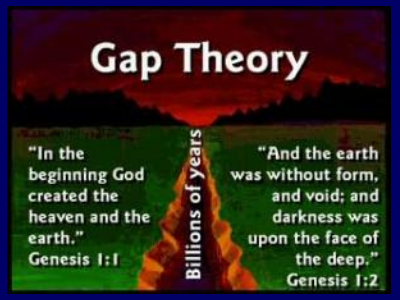
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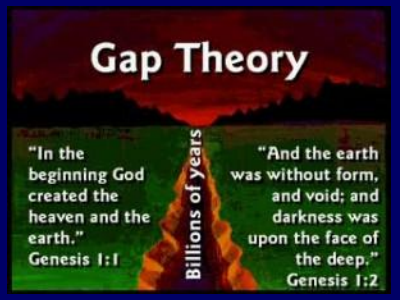
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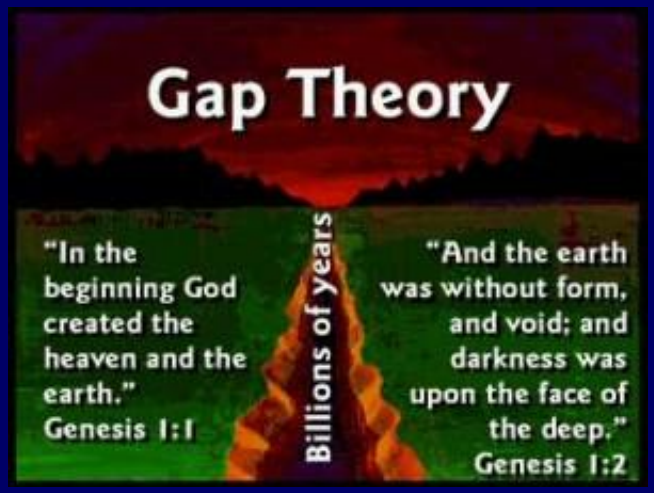
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Job 38:3-10

“3 “Now gird up your loins like a man, And I will ask you, and you instruct Me! 4 “Where were you when I laid **the foundation of the earth**? Tell Me, if you have understanding, 5 Who set its measurements? Since you know. Or who stretched the line on it? 6 “On what were its bases sunk? Or who laid its cornerstone, . . .



Job 38:3-10

… [7] When the morning stars sang together And all thesons of God shouted for joy?
[8] “Or who enclosed the sea with doors When, bursting forth, it went out from the womb;
[9] When I made a cloud its garment And thick darkness its swaddling band, [10] And I placed boundaries on it And set a bolt and doors…”



Hebrews 11:3

"By **faith** we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things which are visible."



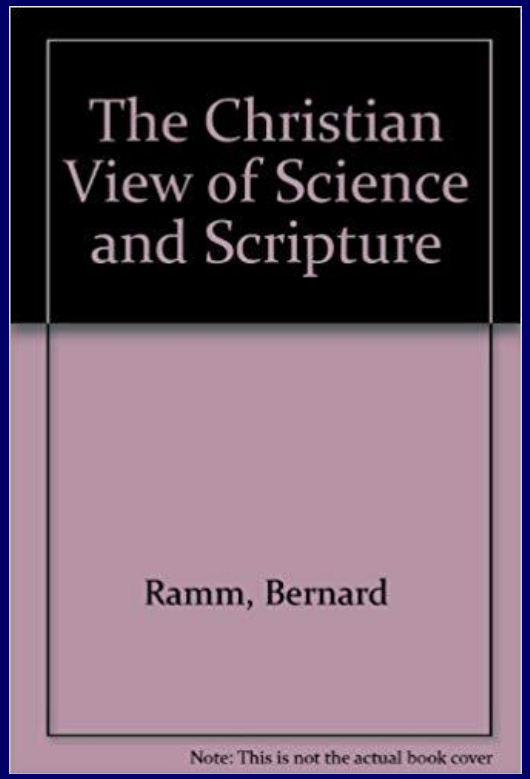
1 Timothy 6:20

"O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding profane and vain babblings, and oppositions of **science falsely so called**."



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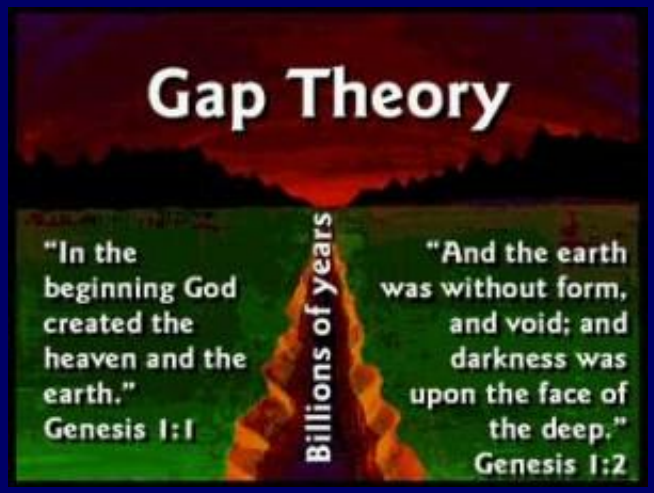
The Christian View of Science and Scripture (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1954), 196.



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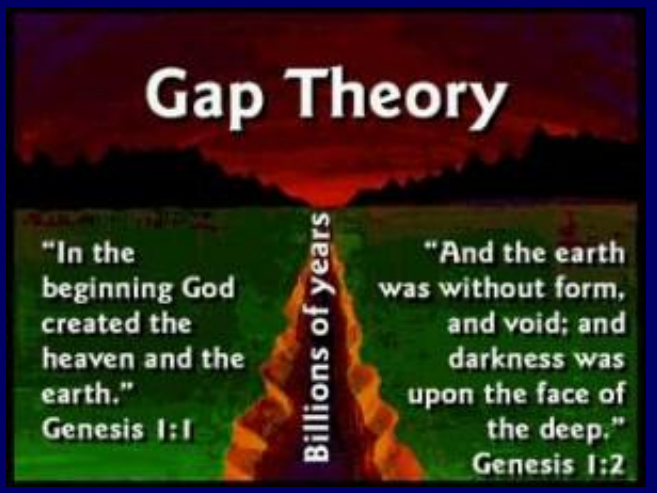
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2. Biblical Presupposition Model
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   B. "Genesis Flood" (1961) by Morris and Whitcomb
   C. New strategy
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   E. No need for the Gap Theory



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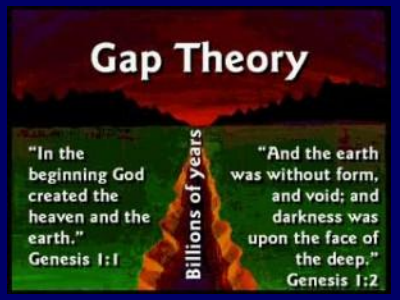
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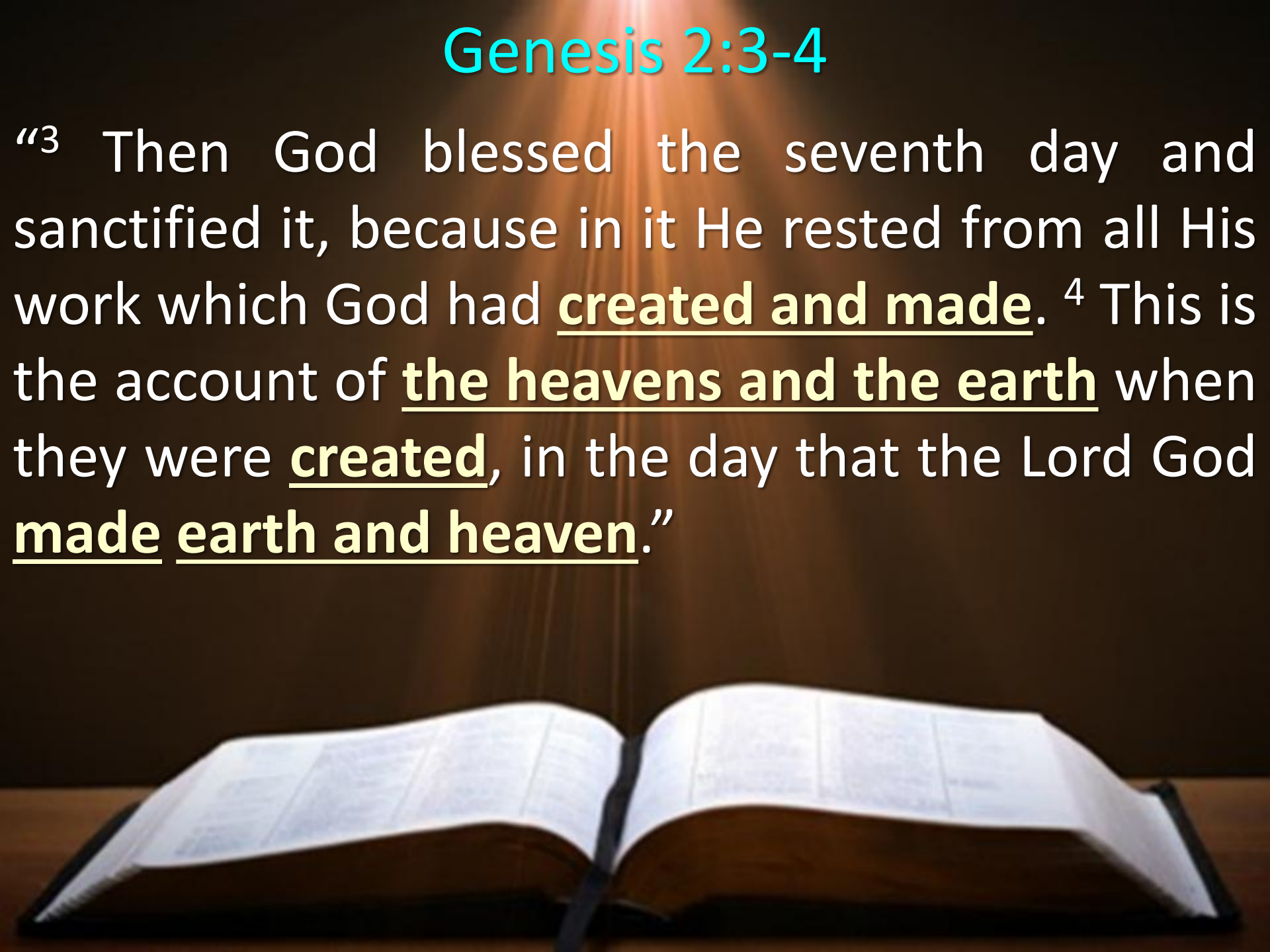
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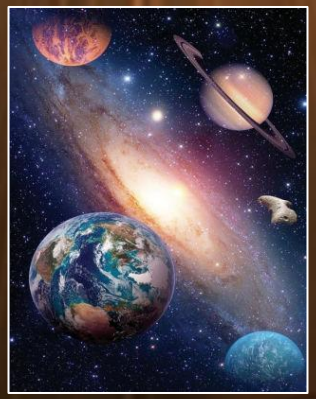
Genesis 2:3-4

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Exodus 20:11

"For in six days the Lord **made** **the heavens and the earth**, the sea and **all** that is in them, and rested on the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and made it holy."



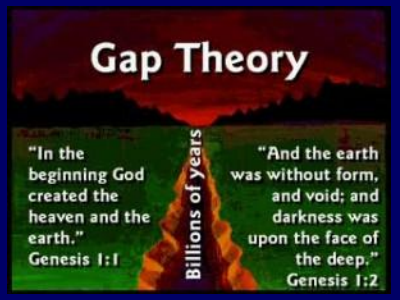
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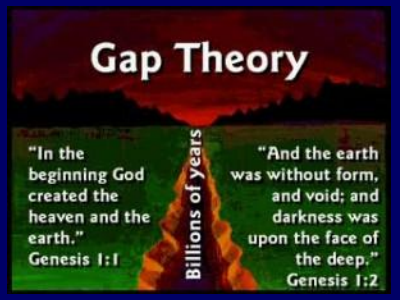
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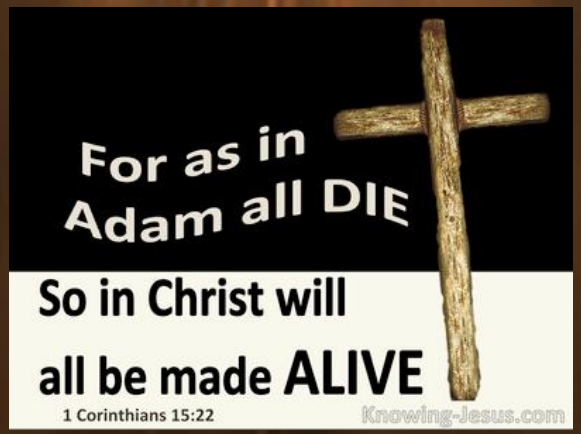
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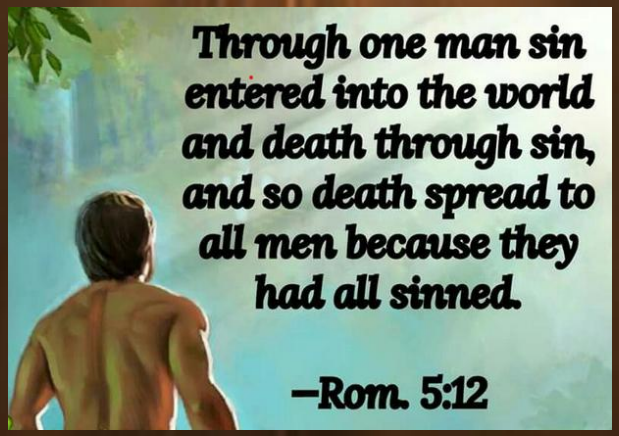
1 Corinthians 15:21-22

“[21] For since by **a man came death**, by a man also came the resurrection of the dead. [22] For as in **Adam** all die, so also in Christ all will be made alive.”



Romans 5:12

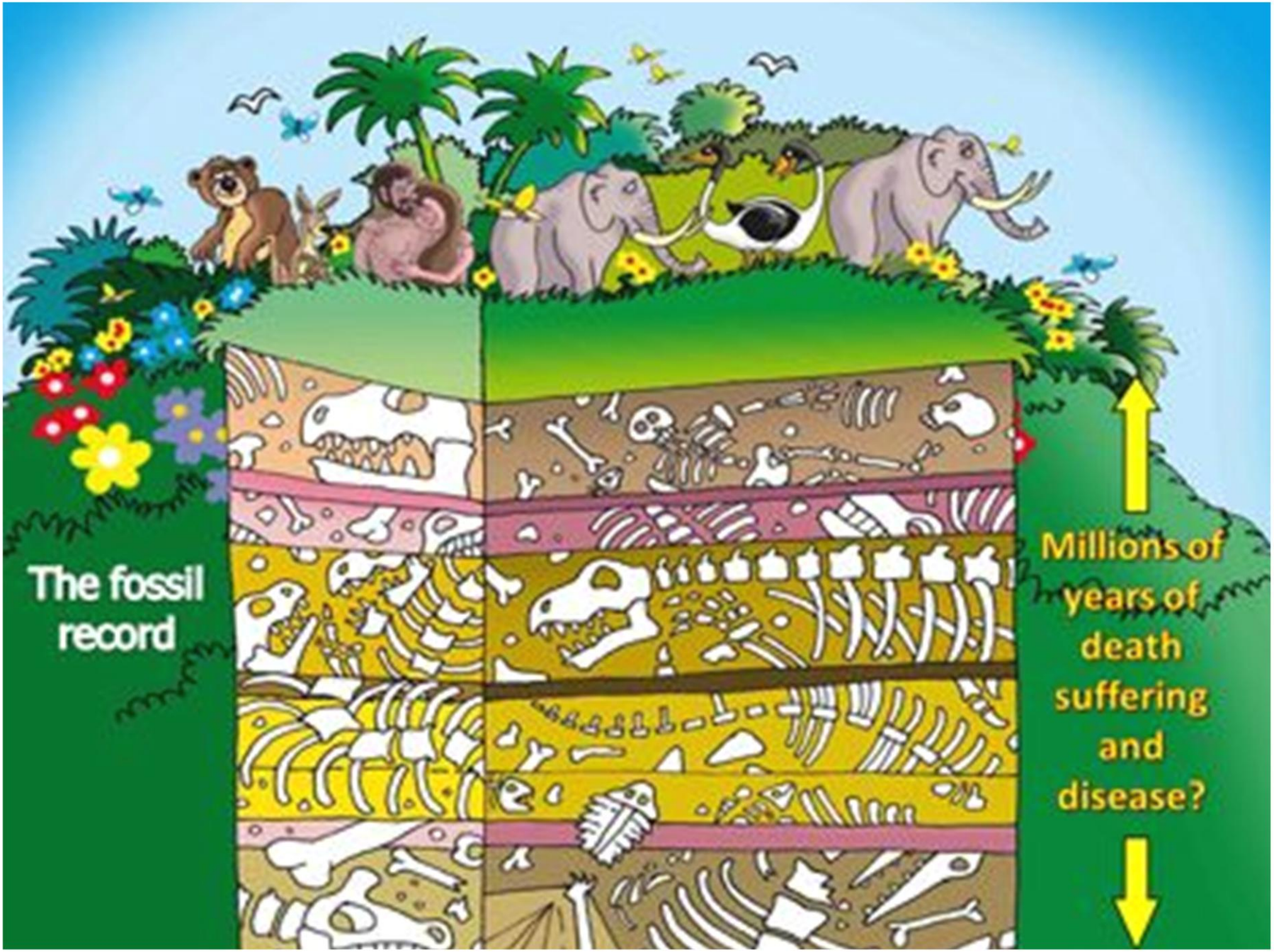
"Therefore, just as through **one man** sin entered into the world, and **death** through sin, and so **death spread to all men**, because all sinned—."



Romans 8:19-22

19 For the **anxious longing of the creation** waits eagerly for the revealing of the sons of God. 20 For the **creation was subjected to futility, not willingly**, but because of **Him who subjected it**, in hope 21 that the creation itself also will be set free from its **slavery to corruption** into the freedom of the glory of the children of God. 22 For we know that **the whole creation groans and suffers** the pains of childbirth together until now.




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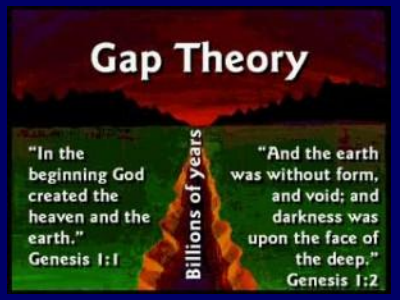
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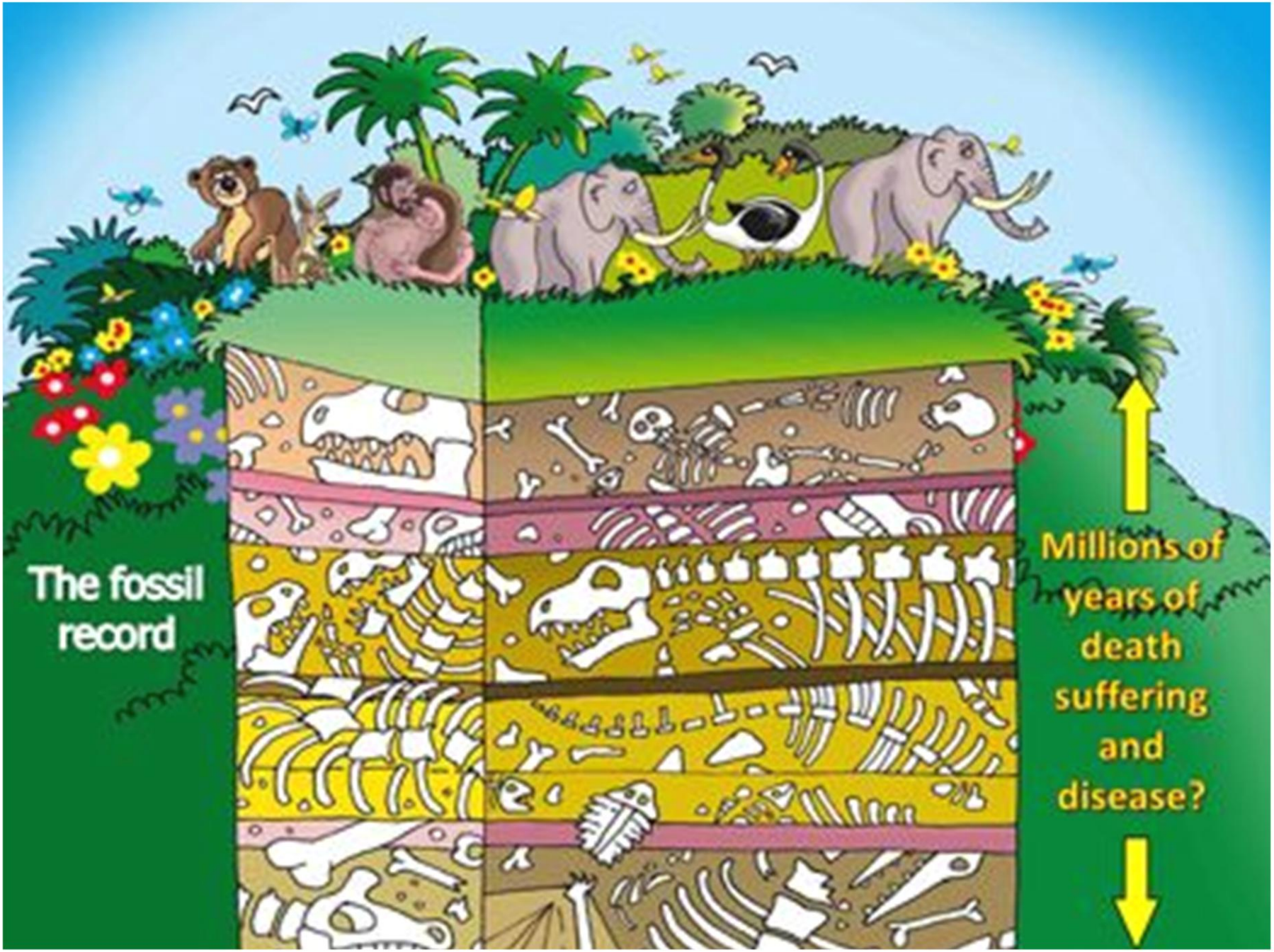
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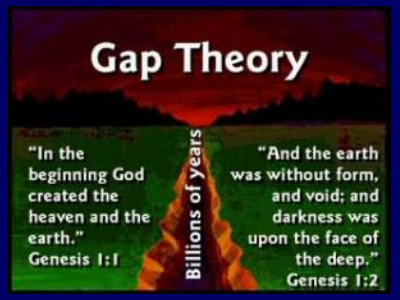
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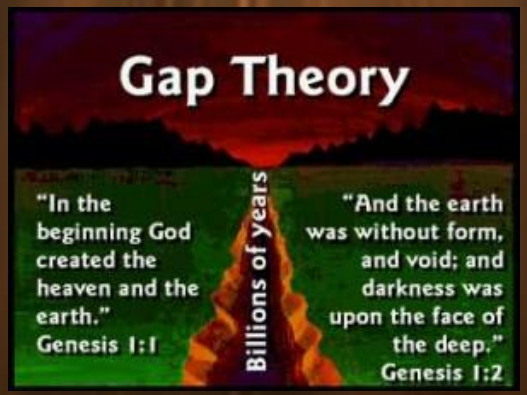
Matthew 19:4-6

“[3] Some Pharisees came to Jesus, testing Him and asking, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for any reason at all?” [4] And He answered and said, “Have you not read that **He who created them from the beginning** made them male and female, [5] and said, ‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be…



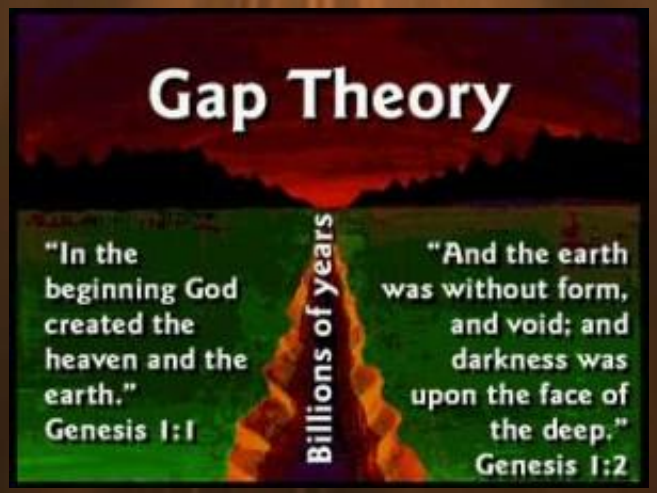
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…joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh’? 6 So they are no longer two, but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let no man separate.”



Mark 10:6

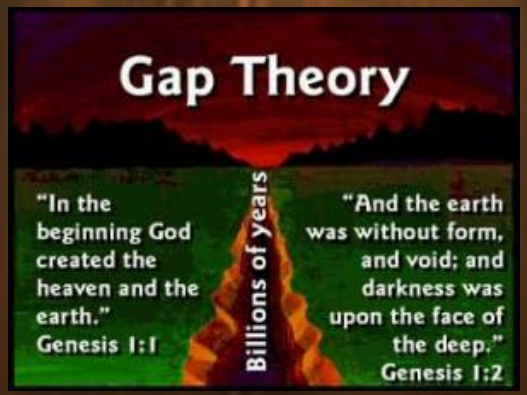
"But **from the beginning of creation**, God made them male and female."



Mark 13:19

“For those days will be a time of tribulation such as has not occurred **since the beginning of the creation (*ap archēs kisteōs*)** which God created until now, and never will.”

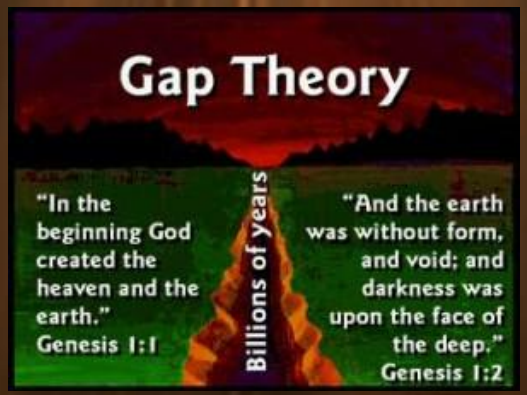
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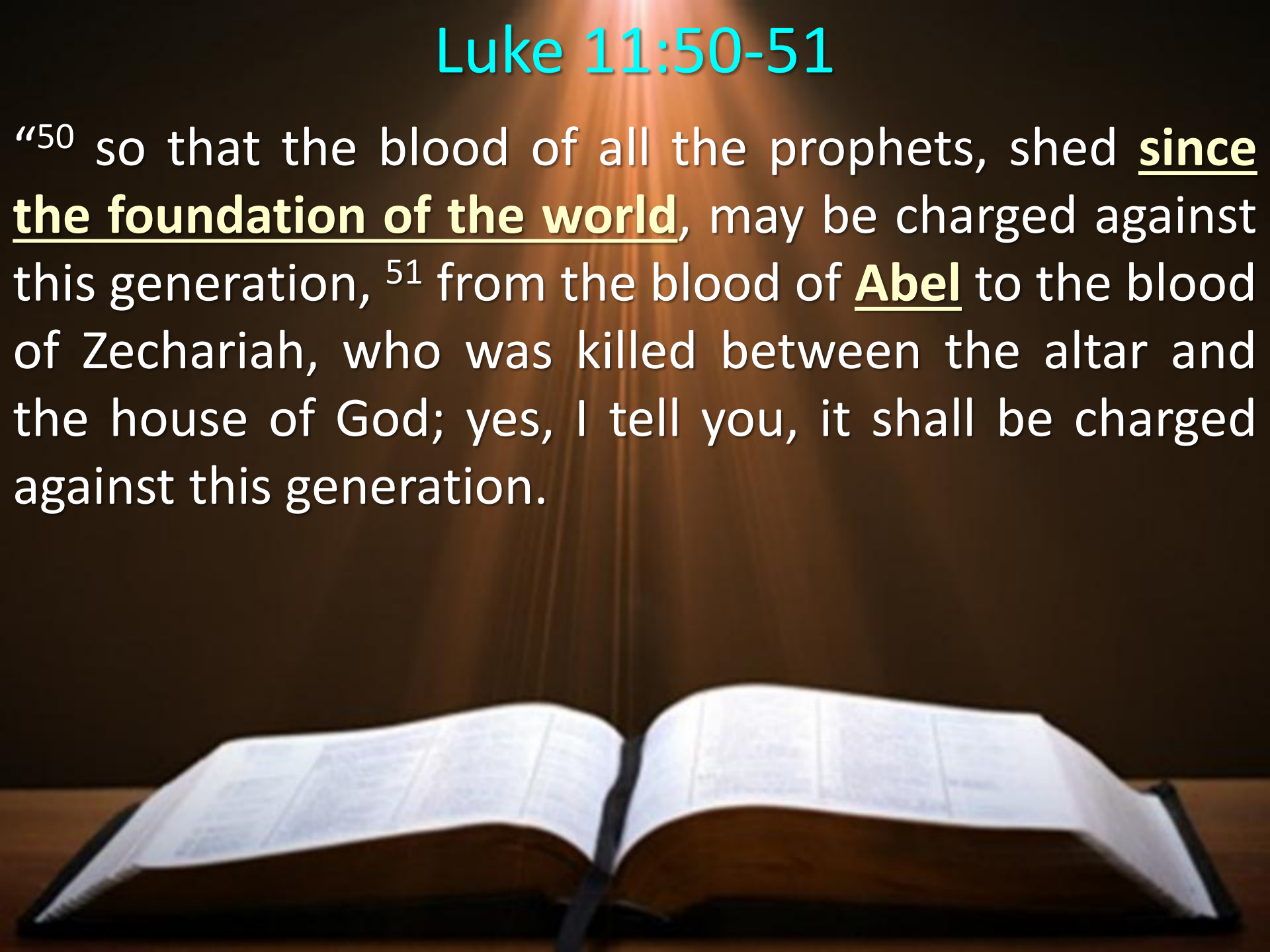
“and saying, “Where is the promise of His coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all continues just as it was **from the beginning of creation (*ap archēs kisteōs*)**.”

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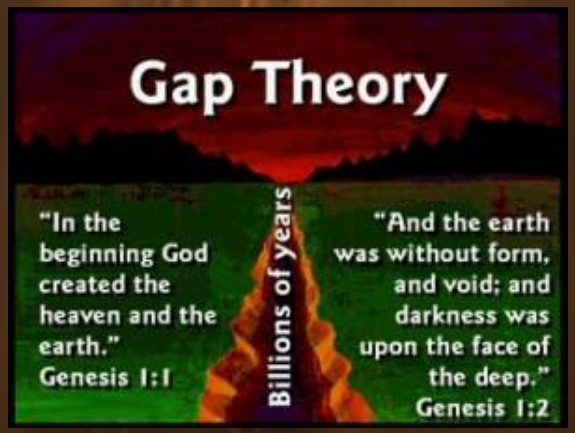
Luke 11:50-51

“50 so that the blood of all the prophets, shed **since the foundation of the world**, may be charged against this generation, 51 from the blood of **Abel** to the blood of Zechariah, who was killed between the altar and the house of God; yes, I tell you, it shall be charged against this generation.



Romans 1:20

"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."



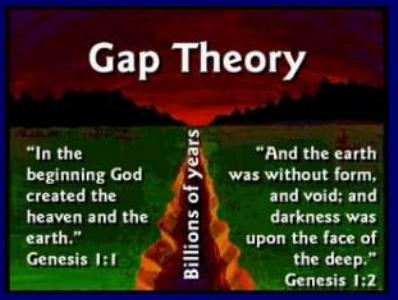
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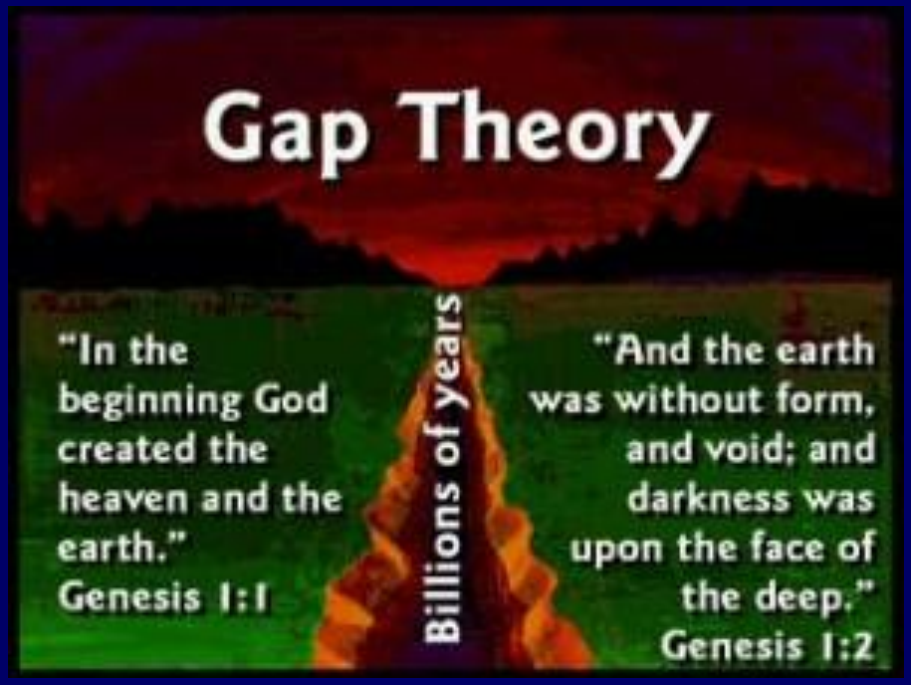
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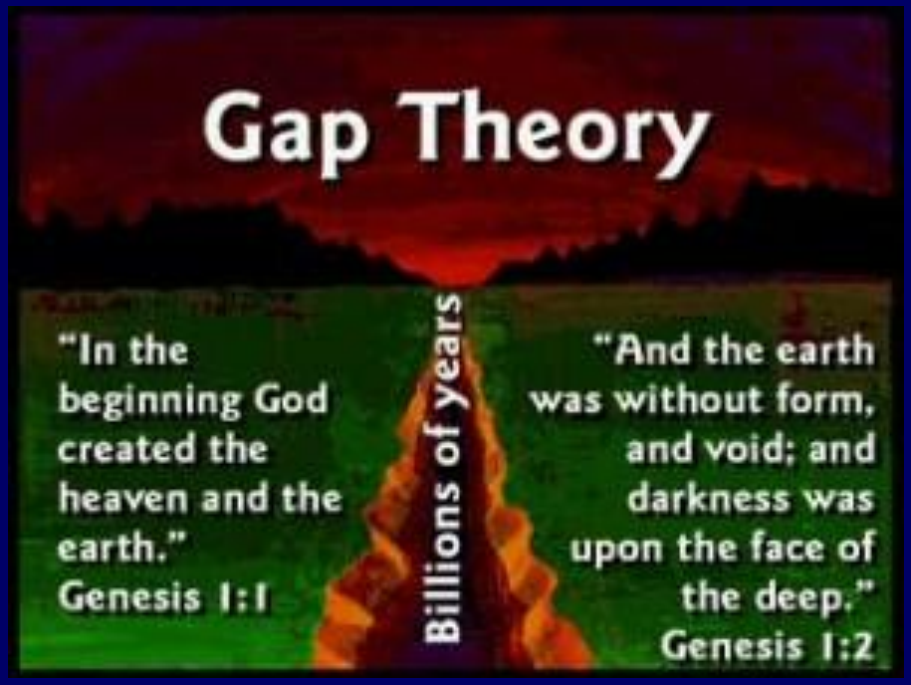
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“5 For when they maintain this, it escapes their notice that by the word of God the heavens existed long ago and the earth was formed out of water and by water, 6 through which **the world at that time was destroyed, being flooded with water**. 7 But by His word the present heavens and earth are being reserved for fire, kept for the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men.”



2 Peter 2:5

“and did not spare the ancient world, but preserved **Noah**, a preacher of righteousness, with **seven others**, when He brought a **flood** upon the world of the ungodly.”



1 Peter 3:18-21

“[18] For Christ also died for sins once for all, the just for the unjust, so that He might bring us to God, having been put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit; [19] in which also He went and made proclamation to the spirits now in prison, [20] who once were disobedient, when the patience of God kept waiting **in the days of Noah, during the construction of the ark, in which a few, that is . . .**



1 Peter 3:18-21

…**eight persons, were brought safely through the water.** 21 **Corresponding to that, baptism now saves you**—not the removal of dirt from the flesh, but an appeal to God for a good conscience—through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,



Mathew 24:38-39

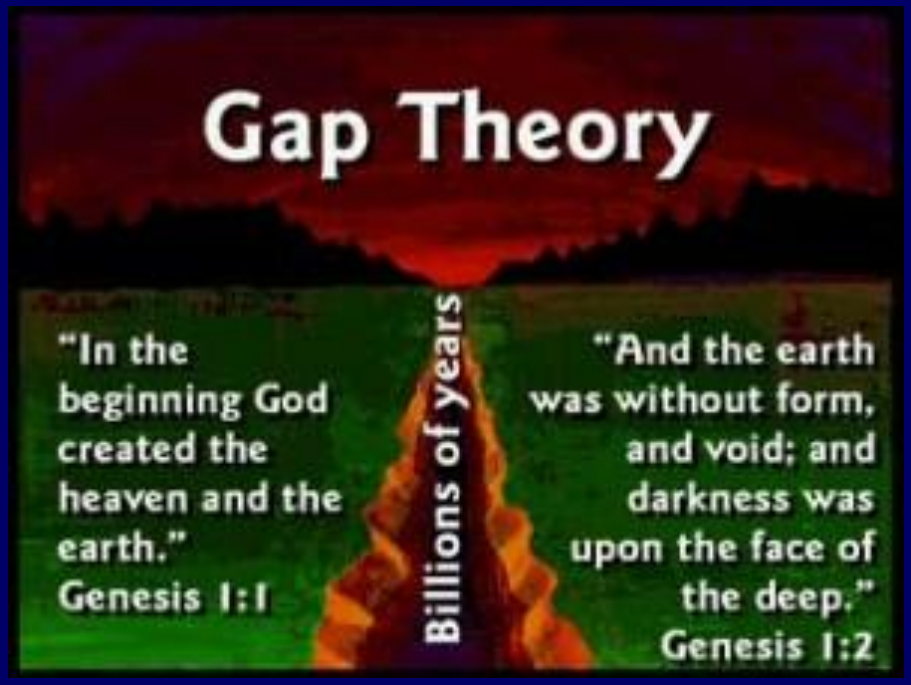
“38 For as in those days before **the flood** they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that **Noah entered the ark**, 39 and they did not understand until **the flood** came and took them all away; so will the coming of the Son of Man be.”



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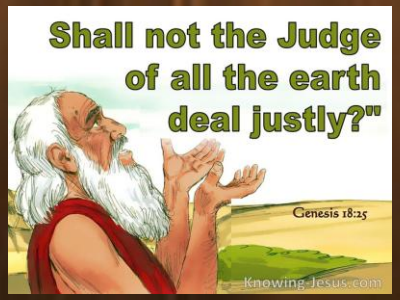
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Genesis 18:25

“Far be it from You to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous and the wicked are treated alike. Far be it from You! Shall not the Judge of all the earth deal justly?”



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