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

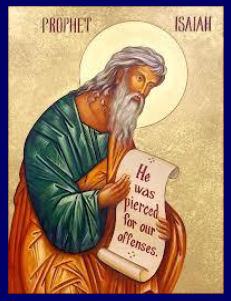


Satan's Original State and First Sin

1. Ezekiel 28:12-17



2. Isaiah 14:12-15





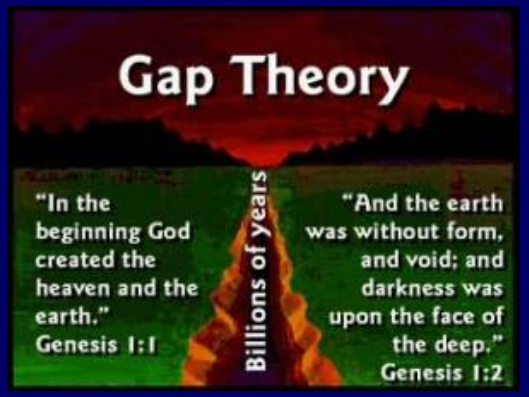
Original State and First Sin (cont'd)



- 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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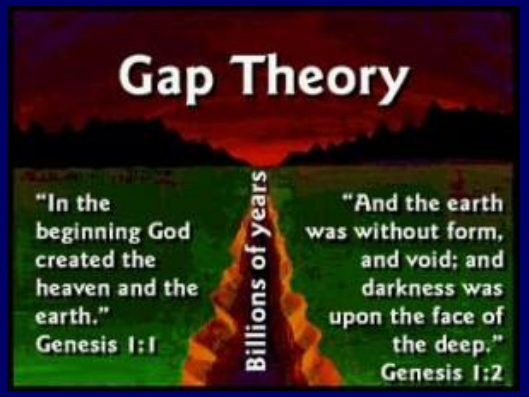
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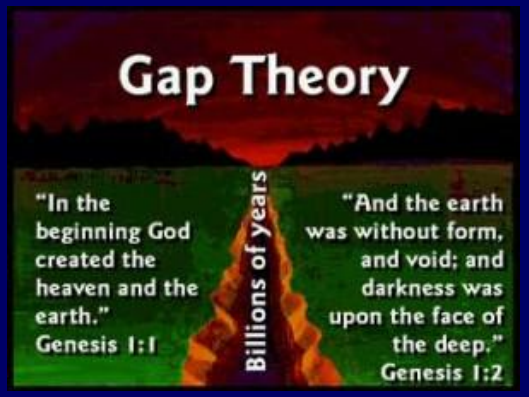
Gap Theory?

- 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)



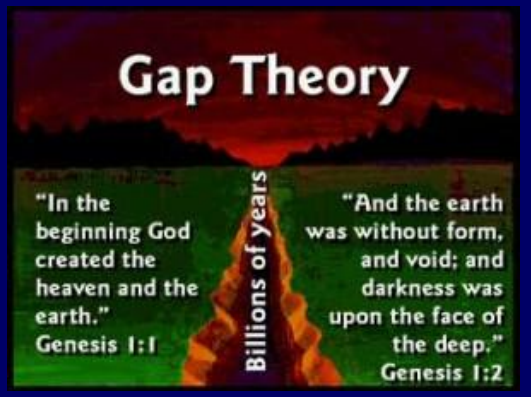
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The Gap Theory

NO.	Gen 1	Evidence	Response
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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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."

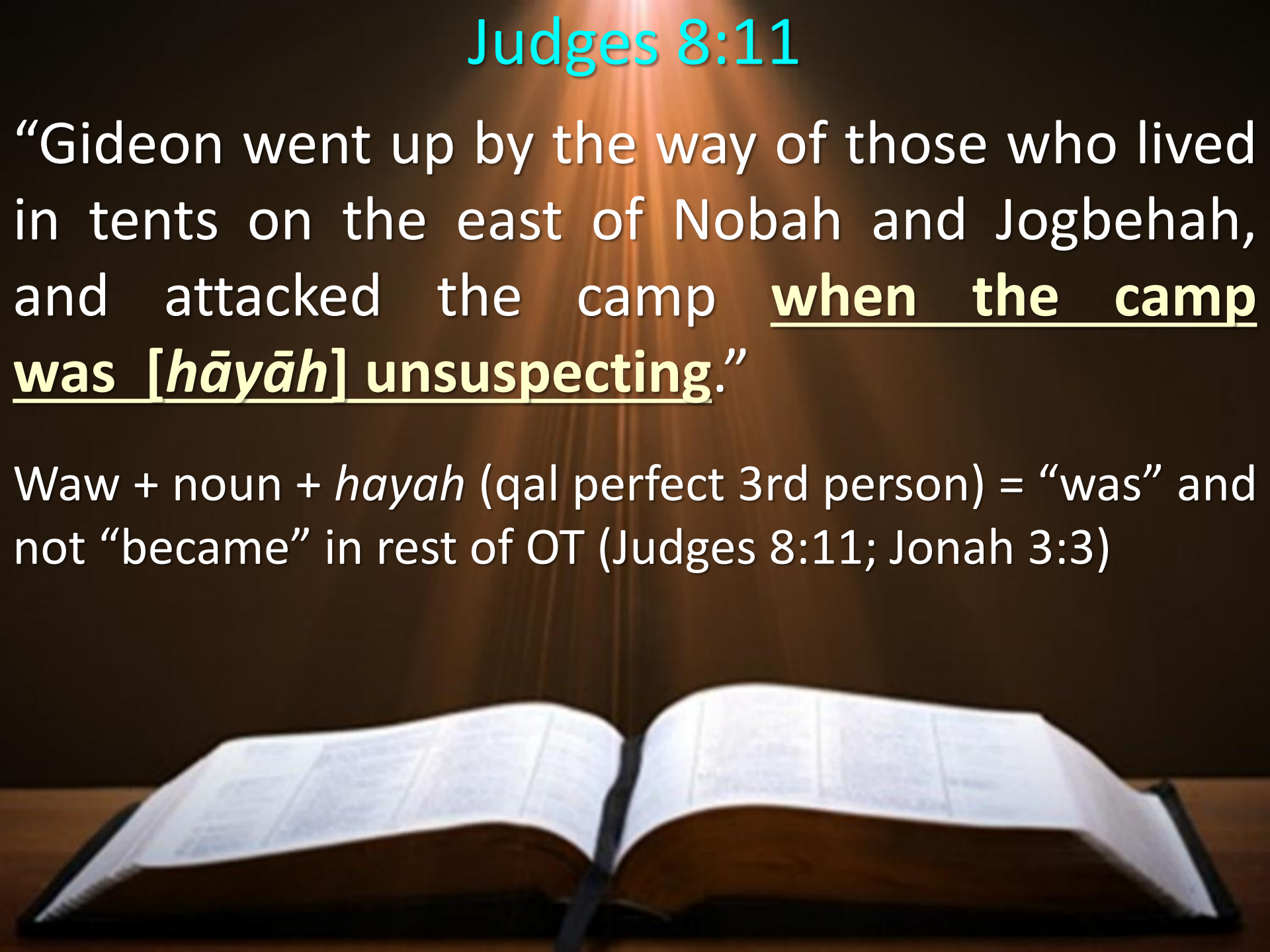
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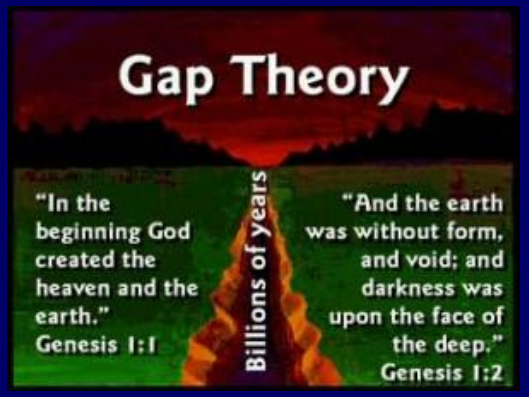
"Gideon went up by the way of those who lived in tents on the east of Nobah and Jogbehah, and attacked the camp **when the camp was [*hāyāh*] unsuspecting**."

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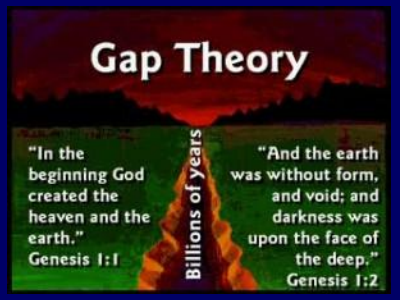
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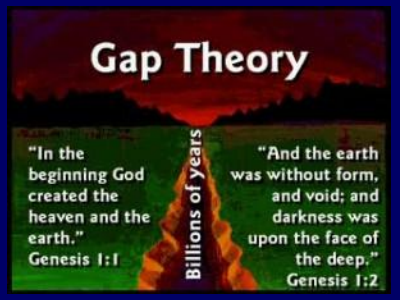
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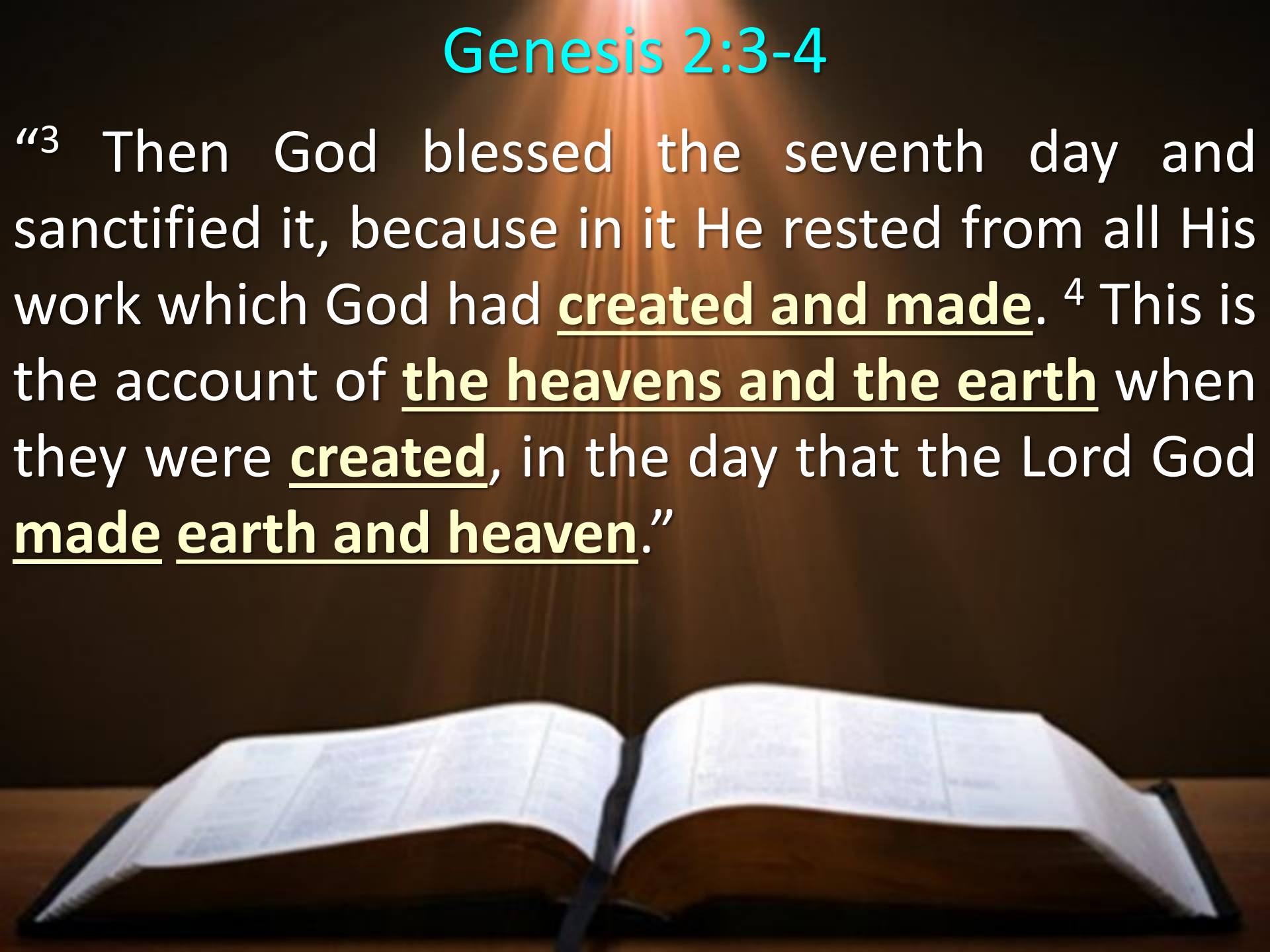
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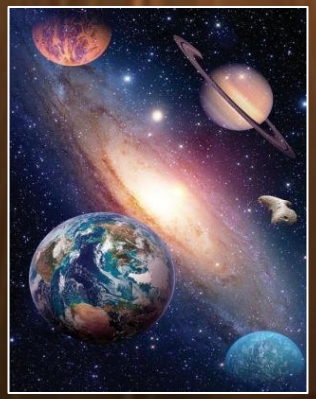
Genesis 2:3-4

“3 Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all His work which God had **created and made**. 4 This is the account of **the heavens and the earth** when they were **created**, in the day that the Lord God **made earth and heaven**.”



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."



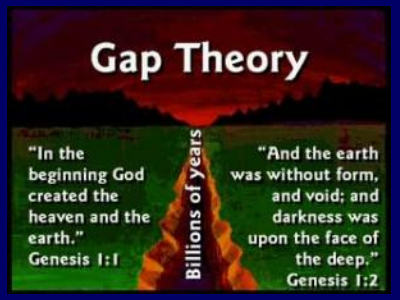
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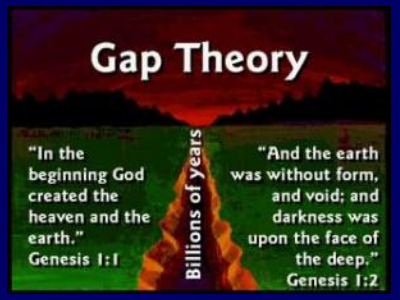
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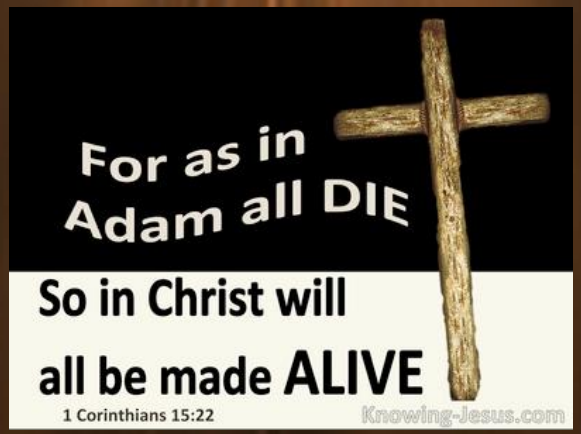
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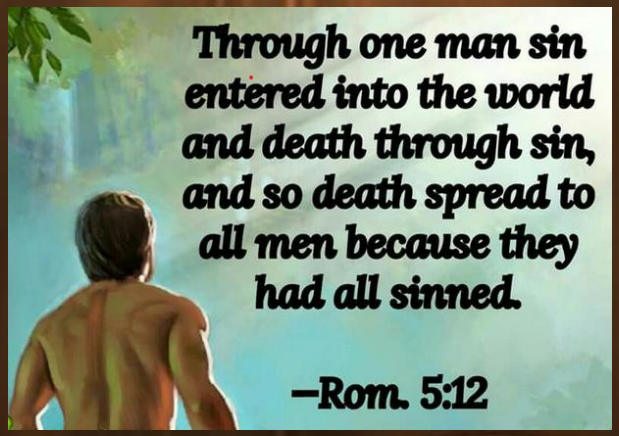
1 Corinthians 15:21-22

“[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.”



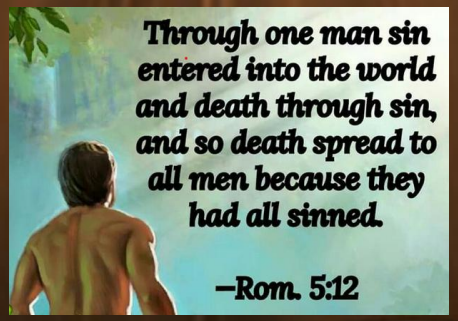
Romans 5:12

"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—."



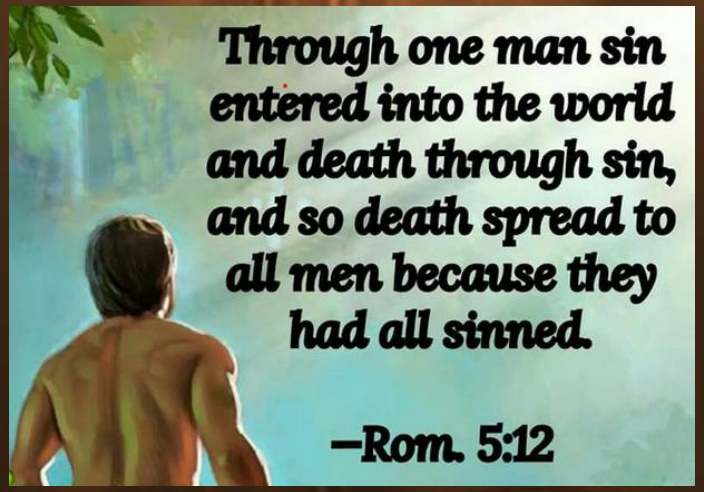
Genesis 1:29-30

“[29] Then God said, ‘Behold, I have given you every **plant** yielding seed that is on the surface of all the earth, and every **tree** which has **fruit** 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 **plant** for food’; and it was so.”



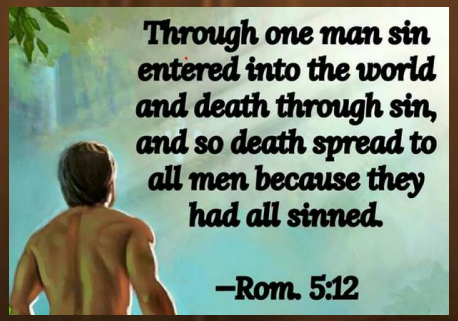
Genesis 9:3

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



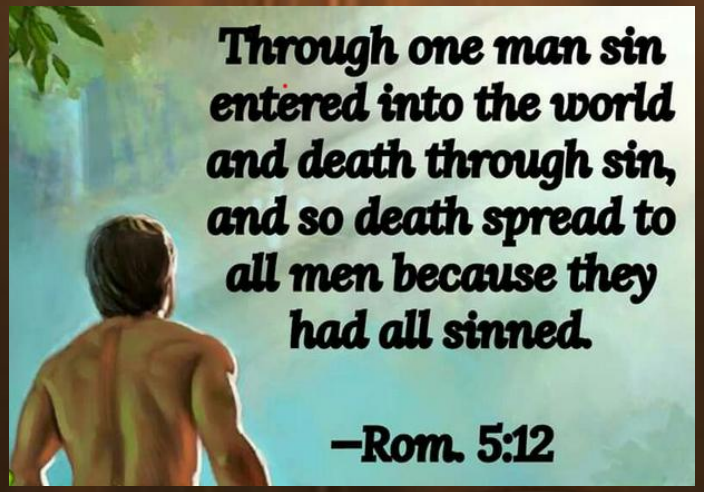
Genesis 2:16-17

“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

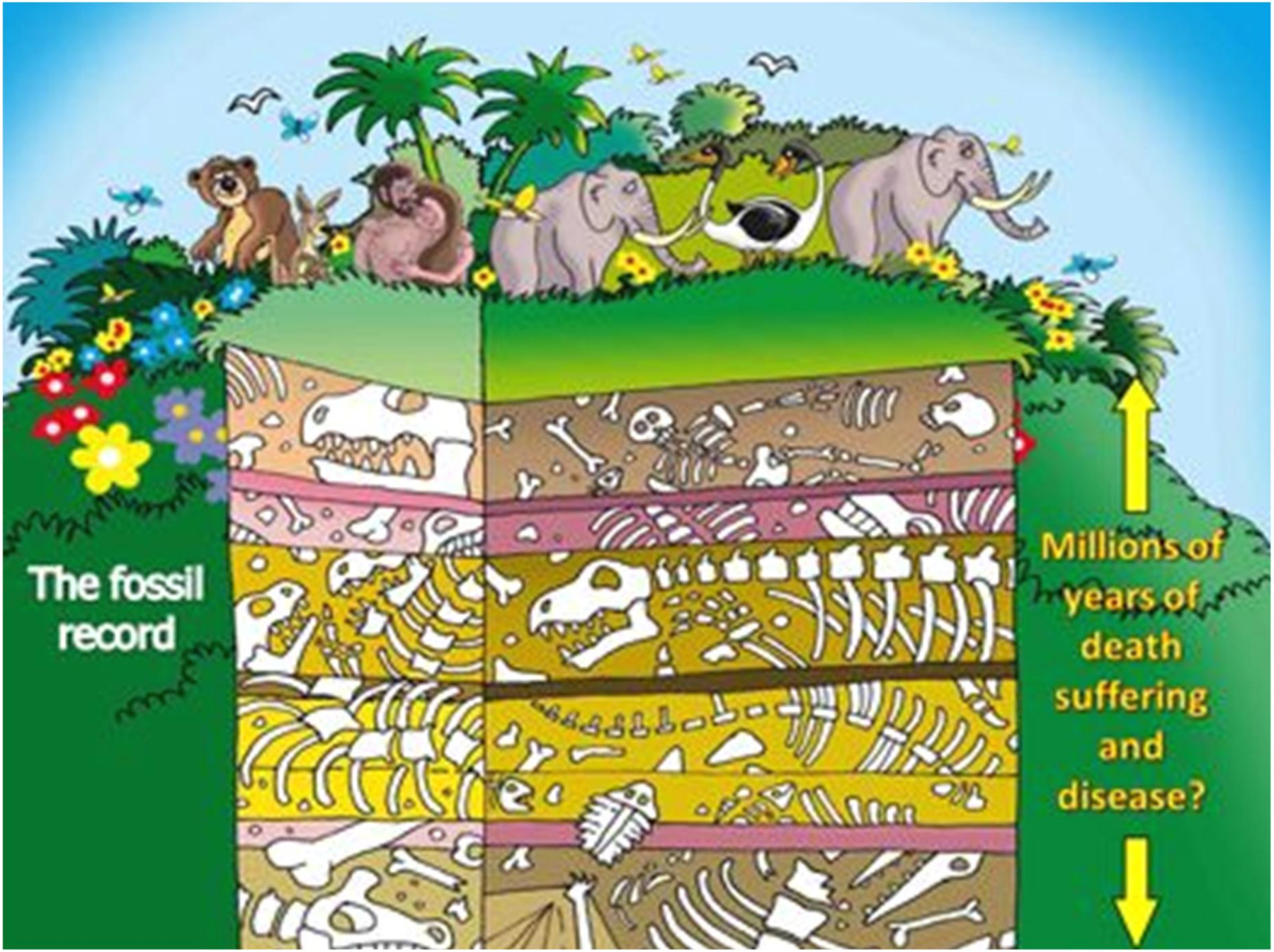
“By the sweat of your face You will eat bread, Till you return to the ground, Because from it you were taken; For you are dust, And to dust you shall return.”



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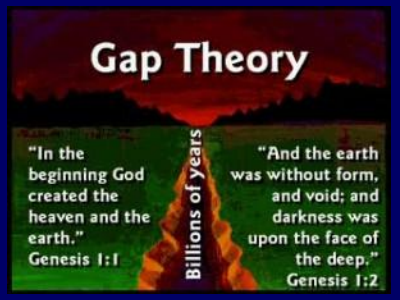
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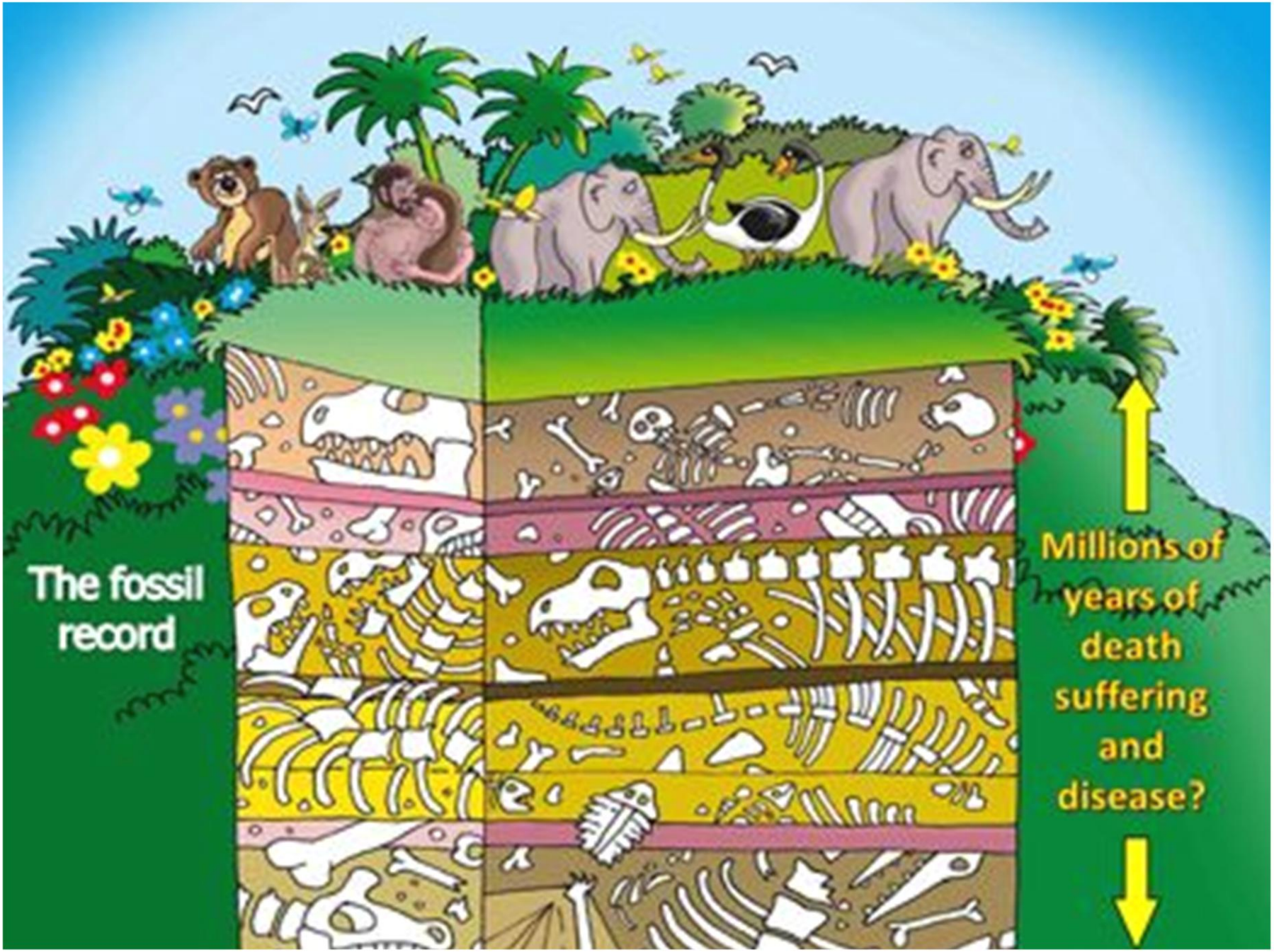
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"God saw **all that He had made**, and behold, it was **very good**. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day."




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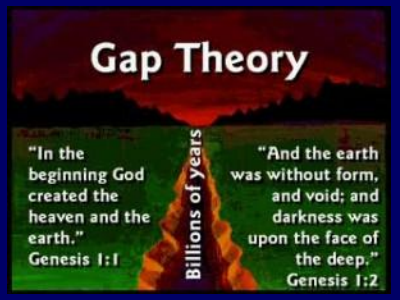
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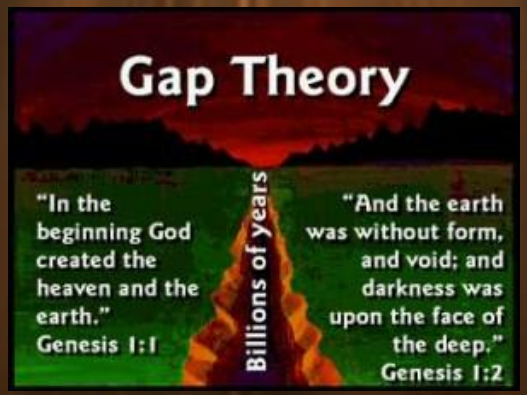
Matthew 19:4-6

“[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…



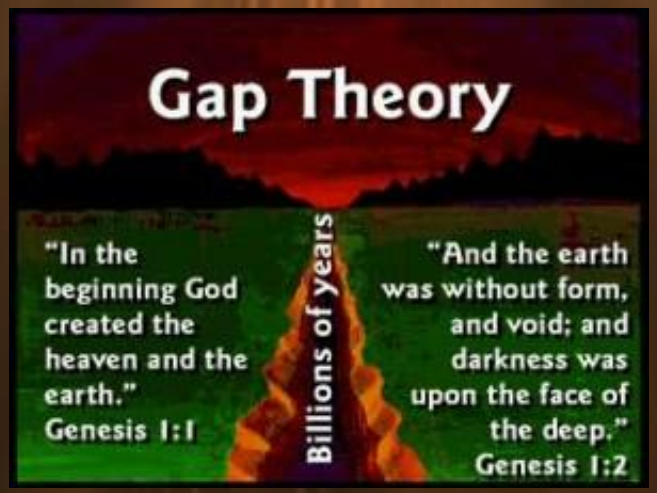
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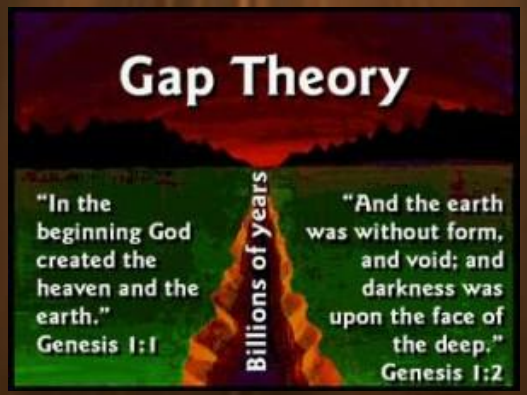
"But **from the beginning of creation**, God made them male and female."



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.”

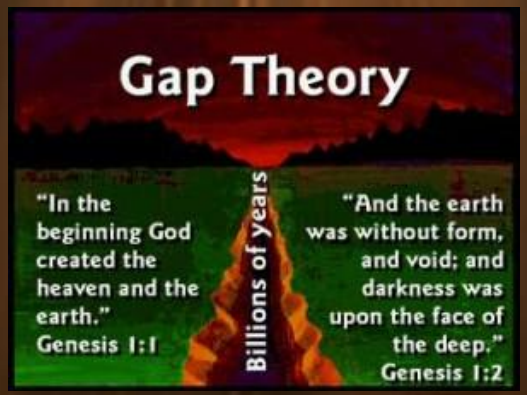
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2 Peter 3:4

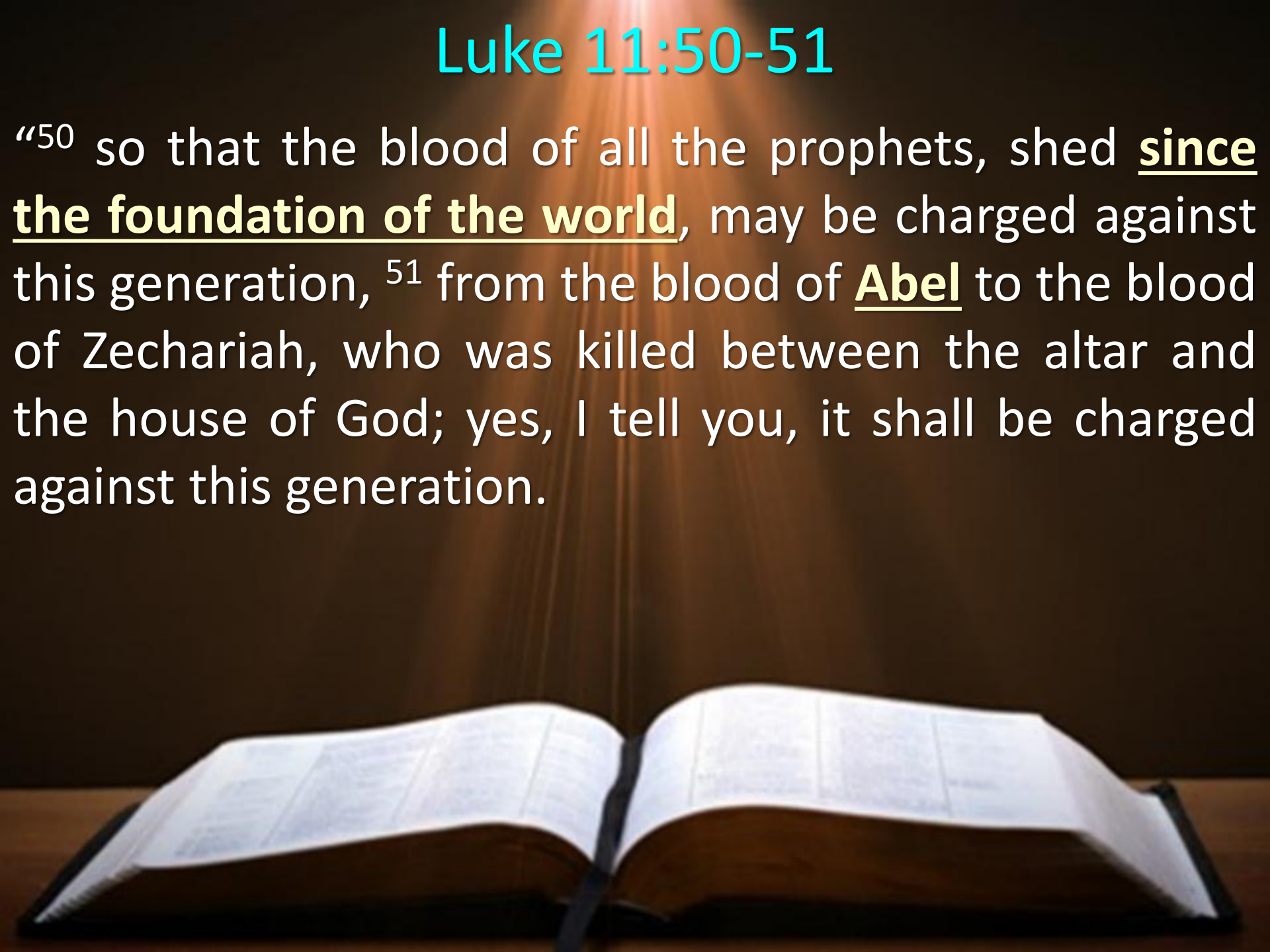
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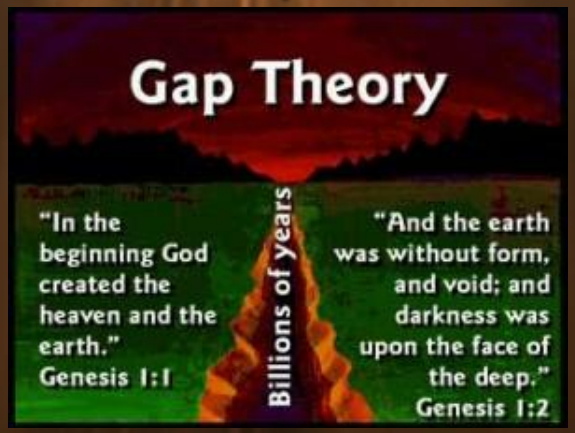
Luke 11:50-51

“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."



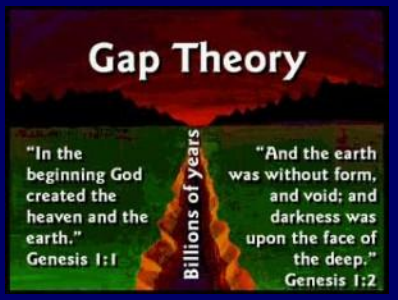
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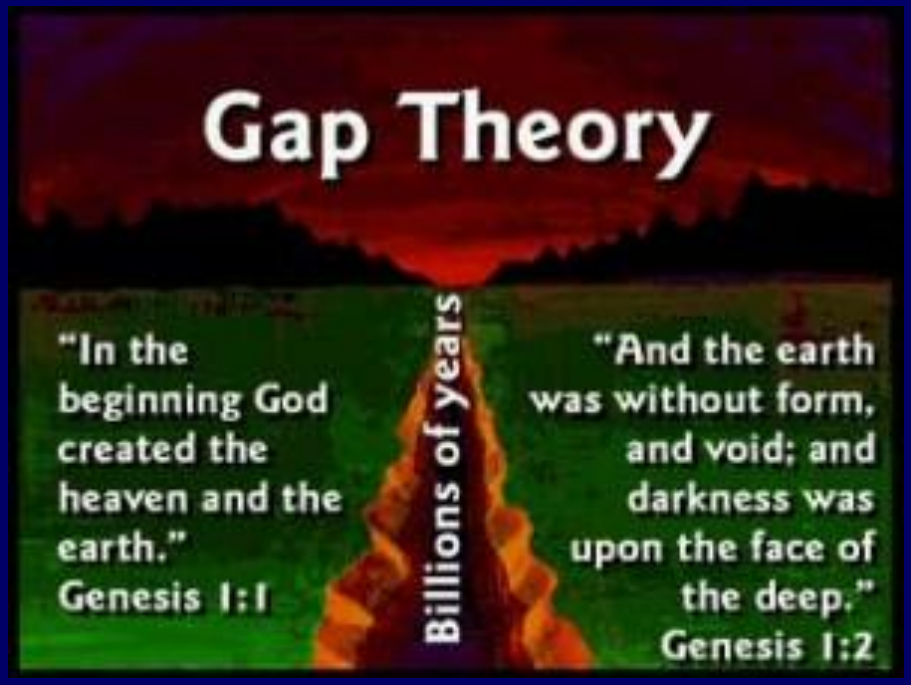
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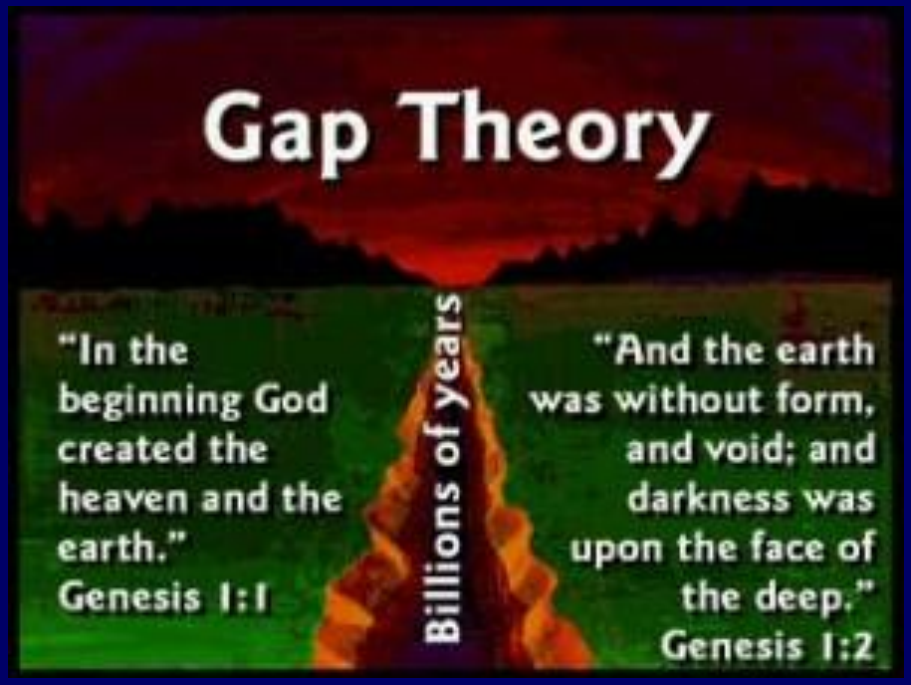
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2 Peter 3:5-7

“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

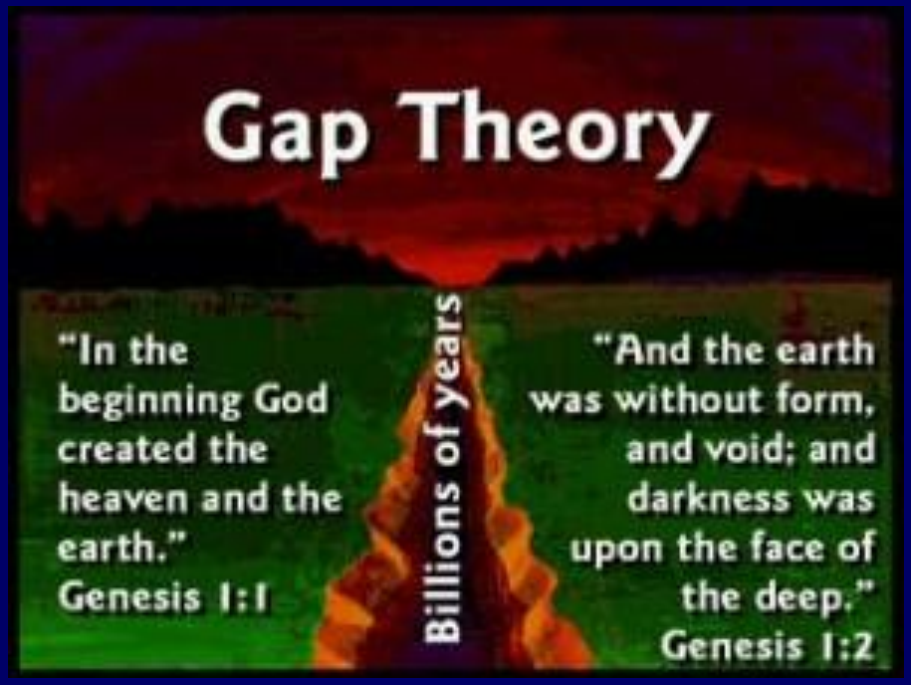
“38 For as in those days before **the flood** they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that **Noah entered the ark**, 39 and they did not understand until **the flood** came and took them all away; so will the coming of the Son of Man be.”



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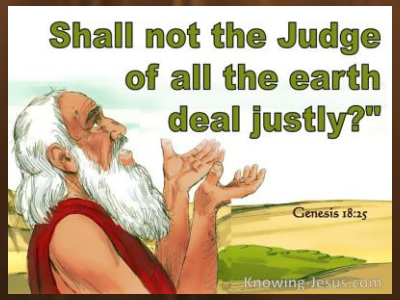
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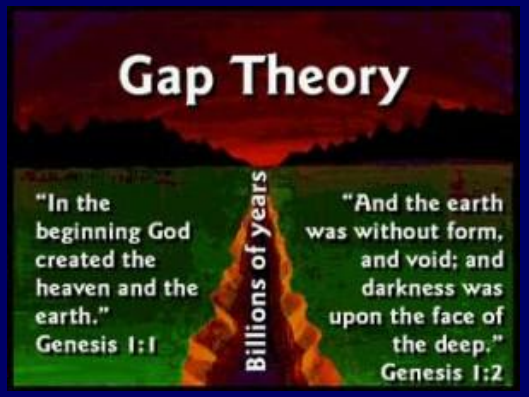
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“Far be it from You to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous and the wicked are treated alike. Far be it from You! Shall not the Judge of all the earth deal justly?”



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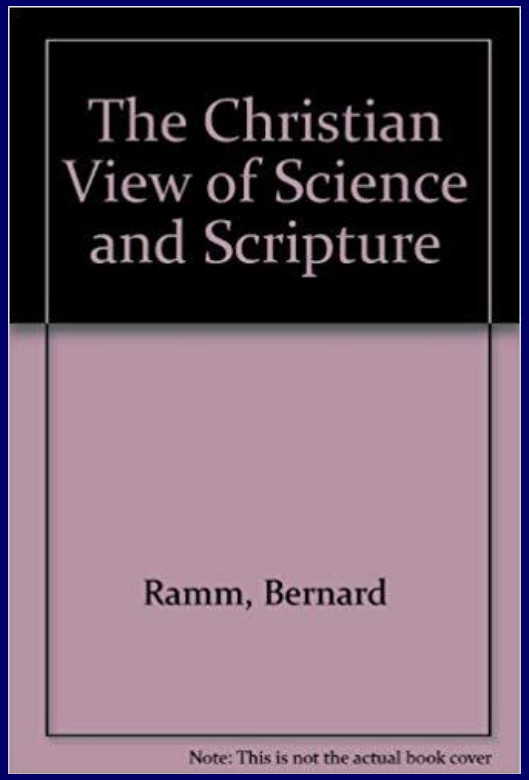
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Bernard Ramm

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



"In the case of *tohu* and *bohu*…it is equally admissible to consider these words as referring to the unformed nature of the earth before God impressed upon it His creative will. A marble block and a crumbled statue are both formless. The former is in a state which awaits a form and from that formlessness emerges the image. When God made the earth He made it like a marble block out of which He would bring the beauty of the world."

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Francis Brown, S. R. Driver, and Charles A. Briggs, eds., *A Hebrew and English Lexicon of the Old Testament: With an Appendix Containing the Biblical Aramaic* (Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1907), 1062.



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Shaping and Populating
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- Day 3: Land, vegetation
- Day 4: Luminaries
- Day 5: Sea animals, birds
- Day 6: Land animals, man

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**

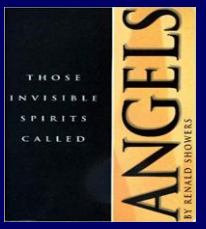
Genesis 1:31

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





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)."

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