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Age of Earth from Creation to Flood

I. Gap Theory Debunked

The Gap Theory suggests that between Genesis 1:1 and 1:2, there was a huge gap of time (perhaps billions of years) that suggest a pre-Adamic creation with animals and perhaps a civilization that were destroyed in a cataclysmic event. This event is often linked to the fall of Lucifer (Satan) and his expulsion to Earth.

Facts that Debunk the “Gap Theory”

1. _____ of the **Creation Narrative** (Genesis 1:1-2)
 - The narrative flows directly into the subsequent verses, describing the creation week without indicating a break or a significant gap of time. The lack of textual evidence for a gap suggests a continuous account of creation.
 - If there really was a “Gap” why wouldn’t the Scripture just say so?
2. **Completion of Creation in _____** (Exodus 20:11)
 - This verse emphasizes that all of creation, including the heavens and the earth, was completed within six days.
3. _____ of **Biblical Reference to a Pre-Adamic World**
 - Throughout the Bible, there is no explicit reference to a pre-Adamic world or civilization. The focus remains on the creation account as described in Genesis, which does not hint at a previous creation that was destroyed.
4. **Nature of _____ and Sin**
Romans 5:12 "Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned.
 - According to this verse, death entered the world through Adam's sin. The Gap Theory, which often includes a cataclysmic event before Adam, would imply death before Adam's sin, contradicting this passage.
5. **God's Pronouncement of _____** (Genesis 1:31)
 - If a catastrophic event had occurred before the six days of creation, it would seem inconsistent for God to declare His creation "very good" without addressing this previous destruction.

II. Was Time the Same Before the Flood?

Some might argue that the days, months, and years were different before and around the time of the flood.

- The biblical account shows that days, months, and years before the Flood were just like our current 24-hour days and similar to our months.

Days

Days of Creation

- Some people will argue that each “day” of Creation was actually 1,000 years based on 2 Peter 3:8.
- See Gen. 1:5,8,13,19,23,31
- **Clearly each day of Creation was one evening and one morning!**
- These days were not 1,000 year periods.

Giving of the Law Concerning the Work Week and Sabbath

- In Exodus when God gives the law to the Israelites, He references the Creation week when giving commands about the sabbath:
- ***Exodus 20:8–11*** “8 Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. 9 Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: 10 But the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: 11 For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.”
- The concept of a seven-day week with each day having a distinct evening and morning suggests a 24-hour day.

Months and Years

Flood Timeline:

- Genesis 6-8 provides a detailed account of Noah's life during the Flood year.
- Genesis 7:11: **The Flood started on the 17th day of the 2nd month.**
- Genesis 8:3-4: **The Ark came to rest on the mountains of Ararat on the 17th day of the 7th month.**
- **This shows that 5 months were equivalent to 150 days, indicating a 30-day month.**

Year Length:

- It is evident that a year back then was 360 days long.
- Our current solar year is 365¼ days, suggesting that the Earth's rotational cycle slowed down slightly over time.

2nd Month Lyar (close to our April)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 (1)	19 (2)	20 (3)	21 (4)
22 (5)	23 (6)	24 (7)	25 (8)	26 (9)	27 (10)	28 (11)
29 (12)	30 (13)					

3rd Month Sivan (close to our May)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 (14)	2 (15)	3 (16)	4 (17)	5 (18)
6 (19)	7 (20)	8 (21)	9 (22)	10 (23)	11 (24)	12 (25)
13 (26)	14 (27)	15 (28)	16 (29)	17 (30)	18 (31)	19 (32)
20 (33)	21 (34)	22 (35)	23 (36)	24 (37)	25 (38)	26 (39)
27 (40)	28 (41)	29 (42)	30 (43)			

4th Month Tammuz (close to our June)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 (44)	2 (45)	3 (46)
4 (47)	5 (48)	6 (49)	7 (50)	8 (51)	9 (52)	10 (53)
11 (54)	12 (55)	13 (56)	14 (57)	15 (58)	16 (59)	17 (60)
18 (61)	19 (62)	20 (63)	21 (64)	22 (65)	23 (66)	24 (67)
25 (68)	26 (69)	27 (70)	28 (71)	29 (72)	30 (73)	

5th Month Av (close to our July)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 (74)
2 (75)	3 (76)	4 (77)	5 (78)	6 (79)	7 (80)	8 (81)
9 (82)	10 (83)	11 (84)	12 (85)	13 (86)	14 (87)	15 (88)
16 (89)	17 (90)	18 (91)	19 (92)	20 (93)	21 (94)	22 (95)
23 (96)	24 (97)	25 (98)	26 (99)	27 (100)	28 (101)	29 (102)
30 (103)						

6th Month Elul (close to our August)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 (104)	2 (105)	3 (106)	4 (107)	5 (108)	6 (109)
7 (110)	8 (111)	9 (112)	10 (113)	11 (114)	12 (115)	13 (116)
14 (117)	15 (118)	16 (119)	17 (120)	18 (121)	19 (122)	20 (123)
21 (124)	22 (125)	23 (126)	24 (127)	25 (128)	26 (129)	27 (130)
28 (131)	29 (132)	30 (133)				

7th Month Tishrei (close to our September)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 (134)	2 (135)	3 (136)	4 (137)
5 (138)	6 (139)	7 (140)	8 (141)	9 (142)	10 (143)	11 (144)
12 (145)	13 (146)	14 (147)	15 (148)	16 (149)	17 (150)	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

III. Calculation for Pre-Flood Age of Earth

2 Ways to Calculate the Pre-Flood Age of Earth:

1. Add the span of time between the birth of a patriarch and the birth of his son:

Reference	Patriarchs	Time Span (years)	Running Total (years)
Genesis 5:3	Adam-Seth	130	130
Genesis 5:6	Seth-Enos	105	235
Genesis 5:9	Enos-Cainan		
Genesis 5:12	Cainan-Mahalaleel		
Genesis 5:15	Mahalaleel-Jared		
Genesis 5:18	Jared-Enoch		
Genesis 5:21	Enoch-Methuselah		
Genesis 5:25	Methuselah-Lamech		
Genesis 5:28	Lamech-Noah		
Genesis 5:32; Genesis 7:6	Noah-Flood		

Bonus: According to Genesis 5:32 and Genesis 11:10, Shem was born when Noah was 500 years old. Shem was 100 years old when the flood occurred, confirming the total duration from Adam to the flood as _____ years.

2. Determine Adam's age when Methuselah was born (since Methuselah died in the year in which the Flood occurred), then add Methuselah's life span to Adam's age at his birth.

Adam's Age when Methuselah was born	687 years old
Methuselah's entire life span (died same year as the flood)	969 years old
Total	_____ years