

"The Gap"
Genesis 1:1-2

Definition: "Primeval" – from the Latin, "_____ " "age".

Definition: "Gap Theory" – The primeval creation of Genesis 1:1 may have taken place _____ of years ago with all the geological _____ inserted in a tremendous time _____ between Genesis 1:1 and Genesis 1:2.

The "Gap Theory" was introduced into theology as a way for the _____ to not conflict with new _____ discoveries or _____ regarding the age of the earth.

The theory gained prominence in the _____'s through a Scottish theologian by the name of Thomas _____ but it was introduced in the late 1700's due to geological theories concerning the older age of the earth.

For reference, Charles Darwin wrote his "_____ of the Species" in 1859.

His evolutionary _____ has never been proven but disproven. There has never been one species that has turned into a completely different species. Species "_____"; they do not change into a completely different encoded entity.

The Gap Theory is also known as the "_____ - Reconstruction model."

It is called the "_____ - Reconstruction model" because it holds that after Genesis 1:1 Satan rebelled against God and God caused a great flood known as the "_____ Flood" to come upon the whole earth killing all that was made. This world-wide catastrophe accounted for all of the strata fossil findings which coincide with the alleged old age of the earth (millions of years). God destroyed his original or primeval creation and the earth was left without _____ and _____. It was _____. God then re-_____ the earth and all its inhabitants. Enter verse _____ of Genesis.

The so-called Lucifer's flood, teaches that many _____ of years ago God created a perfect heaven and earth (Genesis 1:1). At that time, Satan was the _____ of the earth, which was inhabited by a race of men with no _____. Satan rebelled, and sin entered the universe after Satan's rebellion and _____ from heaven. Satan's fall also brought God's judgment in the form of a flood named for him: Lucifer's flood. All the plant, animal, and human fossils upon the earth today were caused by this flood and do not bear any _____ relationship with the plants, animals and humans living today. This Luciferian flood is said to have occurred between Genesis 1:1 and 1:2, and it was this event that explains the "_____ " and that reduced the world to the "without form and void" state in Genesis 1:2 (KJV).

Three Major Premises of the Gap Theory:

1. It holds to a _____ view of Genesis (Six Day Creation).
2. It believes in an extremely _____ but undefined age of the earth.
3. It sees a need to fit the _____ of most of the geological strata and other geological evidence between Genesis 1:1 and 2.

Major Problems:

1. It is inconsistent with the _____ and God creating _____ in six days. Cf. Exodus 20:11; 1 Cor. 15:45
2. It puts _____, _____, and suffering _____ the Fall in Genesis 3. Cf. Romans 5:12-14, 1 Cor. 15:21
3. It is inconsistent because it explains _____ what it was intended to accommodate, namely _____ for an old earth.

Definition: Uniformitarianism – Physical processes (death and decay) have _____ functioned in the past essentially as they do in the present.

Given this uniformity you cannot have a global _____ of any kind because it disrupts the physical processes by early, chaotic, unpredictable events and after events. Even localized events such as exploding volcanoes or massive flooding provide evidence against this.

Not one _____ geologist believes in a Gap Theory because it destroys uniformity. And if you destroy uniformity, you destroy the _____ of the geological ages/geological column and...the evidence for an _____ earth. (Which has been proven to be false.)

4. The theory does away with the _____ for Noah's _____. There is no evidence for two global floods. If you believe in the _____ Flood, you must reject the Noahic. If you believe in the Noahic Flood, you must reject the _____.
5. It ignores the _____ for a _____ earth (less than 10,000 years old).
6. It undermines the _____ at its _____. It takes the focus of death off of _____ and places it upon _____ and some primeval event not recorded in Scriptures. In doing so it removes the _____ of death (physical and spiritual) to man's sin, and man's sin to God's _____: Jesus Christ. Cf. Romans 5:12.

In other words, it destroys the _____ based on the fall of man and places it on _____, angels, and pre-Adamic beings.

Note: Jesus did come to _____ the works of _____ (Heb. 2:14-15) but the focus of atonement is on man's sin not Satan's _____.

A Closer Look at Genesis 1:1 and 2

1. The word for "_____ " in verse one is "bara" but in Exodus 20:11 it is "asah" and translated "made." There are those who will take this word to mean "_____ " but the word seldom, if ever, means this. "Asah" is simply a synonym of "bara." Taken in its context and interpreted by Genesis 1:1, it means the same thing. Cf. Nehemiah 9:6

The word “_____,” as found in Genesis 2:7, is the word, “assar” and is associated with something that already existed. Adam was made from the _____ of the ground not *Ex Nihilo*.

2. Genesis 1:2, “_____...” The NIV chooses to translate the conjunction “and” differently to separate verse one from two. It does so on grammatical and _____ grounds. Most Hebrew scholars see in verse one a general statement that is a prelude to that which is to come. Verse two simply gives the reader or hearer a description of what the earth was like _____ to His forming. It does not, as the Gappists would have us believe, offer a validation for their theory.

3. “Hayetah” = “to be” or “_____,” from the verb “Hayah.”

Gappists translate this word as “_____,” but the syntax keeps this from being true.

A simple explanation:

a. “Became” = conjunction plus an imperfect verb (consecutive waw; this conveys “and” at the beginning of the sentence) plus a subject. This interpretation would allow something prior that was _____ destroyed. The translation would be, “And the earth became...” implying that it wasn’t without form or empty when it was first created (primeval creation).

b. “Was” = conjunction plus a subject plus a perfect verb (conversive waw with a perfect verb gives it a present or temporal sense instead of the past, e.g. “at this _____” or “now”). This is the syntax form of Genesis 1:2. Correct translation: “Now the earth was...” and simply states what its current condition **was** before God started to form it and further create.

4. “Tohu” and “Bohu” = “Now the earth was _____ and _____.” Gappists claim that these two words are associated with destruction and _____ which then fits into the Luciferian Flood/Judgment theory. Cf. Isaiah 34:11 and Jeremiah 4:23.

This may be true in the two cross reference contexts but not in all. Context drives the meaning. These are also known as “Verbal _____.” An allusion is a reference to something _____ in order to give the current context meaning, not the other way around. Genesis 1:2 gives Isaiah and Jeremiah meaning. Isaiah and Jeremiah do not give Genesis 1:2 meaning.

The most heart wrenching thing is that this is what most fundamental, conservative, _____, church and seminaries believe and teach.

It is a position that _____ espoused and is still in the foot notes of the Scofield Reference Bible under Isaiah 45:18. [This was changed]

It is the position of notable evangelist/preachers/authors such as:

Evangelist Billy _____

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Pastor John _____

Dr. James _____

Dr. Pat _____

Journalist/Author Lee _____

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