

# GENESIS 1-2 EXEGETICAL STUDY

THE COMPARISON STUDY OF THE YOUNG EARTH CREATION VS. THE OLD EARTH  
INTERPRETATION



Today we are going to dig deep into scripture. This is not a beginner's course in apologetics, but an in-depth examination of the evidence for and against the Young Earth interpretation in scripture and science and compare that with the Old Earth interpretation. We will look at the Hebrew (Masoretic text) and at times compare that with the Greek OT (Septuagint - LXX)

**“As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another.” MSB**

In this study, I want us to have fun and discuss this subject with an open mind to learn and to listen. Study the material on your own and let the Holy Spirit teach as he is the one true teacher. This study is only meant to point the way so ask questions.

Lets start this off with a video by Dr. Michael Heiser. While he recorded this for his own use in promoting his book “The Unseen Realm”, what he has to say in the beginning of it is both pertinent to our discussion of Genesis 1-6 and also (and perhaps more importantly) how to search deeper into scripture than just the surface read, which is required to understand the Genesis account. (Note: The video will not play in the PDF)

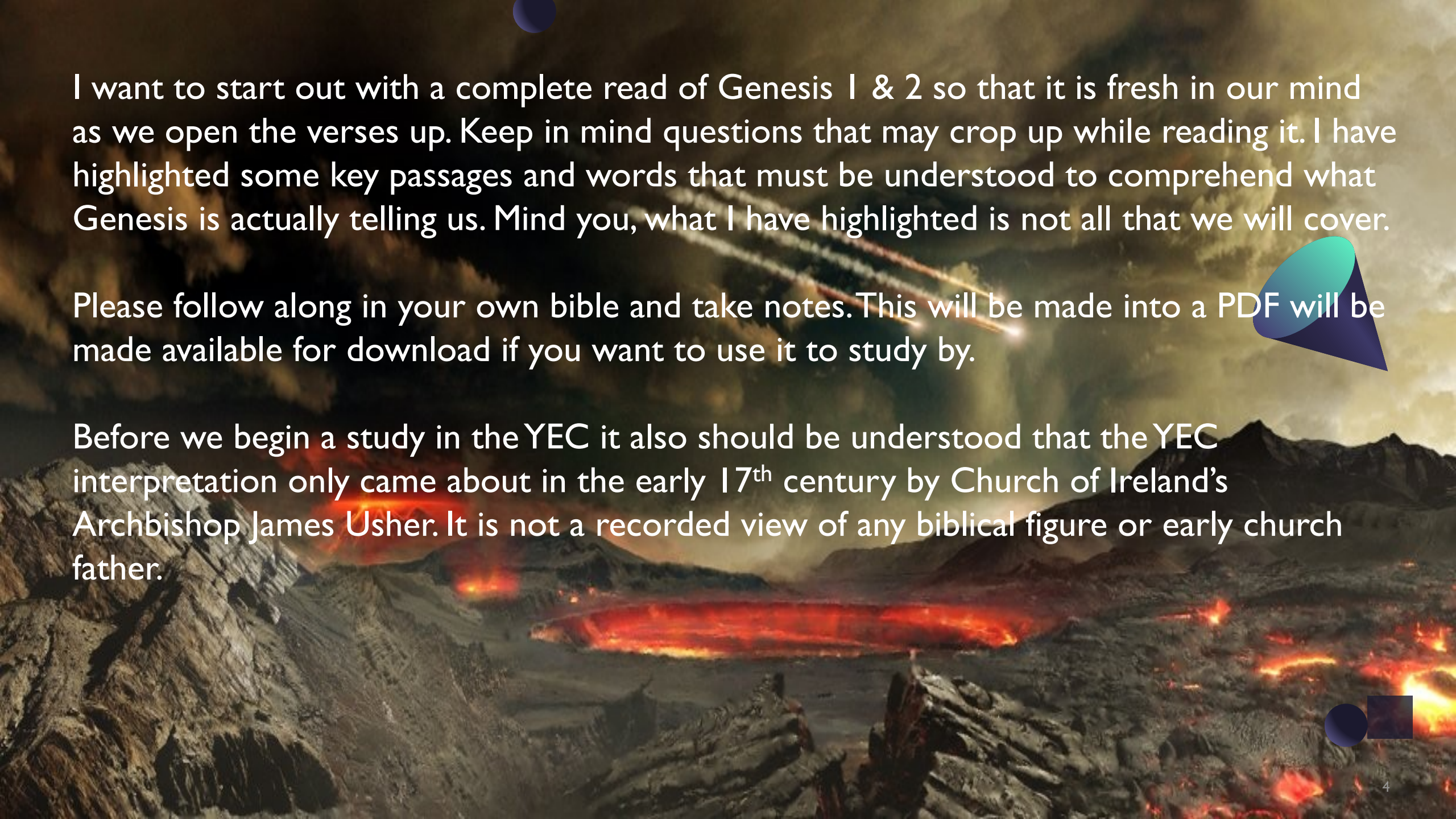




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I want to start out with a complete read of Genesis 1 & 2 so that it is fresh in our mind as we open the verses up. Keep in mind questions that may crop up while reading it. I have highlighted some key passages and words that must be understood to comprehend what Genesis is actually telling us. Mind you, what I have highlighted is not all that we will cover.

Please follow along in your own bible and take notes. This will be made into a PDF will be made available for download if you want to use it to study by.

Before we begin a study in the YEC it also should be understood that the YEC interpretation only came about in the early 17<sup>th</sup> century by Church of Ireland's Archbishop James Usher. It is not a recorded view of any biblical figure or early church father.



# Genesis 1 (AKJV Translation)

- 1, In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.
- 2, And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved on the face of the waters.
- 3, And God said, **Let** there be light: and there was light.
- 4, And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness.
- 5, And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first **day**.
- 6, And God said, **Let** there be a firmament in the middle of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters.
- 7, And God **made** the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament: and it was so.
- 8, And God called the firmament Heaven. And the evening and the morning were the second day.
- 9, And God said, **Let** the waters under the heaven be gathered together to one place, and let the dry land appear: and it was so.
- 10, And God called the dry land Earth; and the gathering together of the waters called he Seas: and God saw that it was good.
- 11, And God said, **Let** the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, on the earth: and it was so.
- 12, And the earth brought forth grass, and herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed was in itself, after his kind: and God saw that it was good.
- 13, And the evening and the morning were the third day.
- 14, And God said, **Let** there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years:
- 15, And let them be for lights in the firmament of the heaven to give light on the earth: and it was so.
- 16, And God **made** two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: he made the stars also.
- 17, And God set them in the firmament of the heaven to give light on the earth,
- 18, And to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness: and God saw that it was good.
- 19, And the evening and the morning were the fourth day.
- 20, And God said, **Let** the waters bring forth abundantly the moving creature that has life, and fowl that may fly above the earth in the open firmament of heaven.
- 21, And God **created** great whales, and every living creature that moves, which the waters brought forth abundantly, after their kind, and every winged fowl after his kind: and God saw that it was good.
- 22, And God blessed them, saying, Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let fowl multiply in the earth.
- 23, And the evening and the morning were the fifth day.
- 24, And God said, **Let** the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth after his kind: and it was so.



# Genesis 1&2 (Cont'd)

- 25, And God **made** the beast of the earth after his kind, and cattle after their kind, and every thing that creeps on the earth after his kind: and God saw that it was good.
- 26, And God (Elohim) said, Let **us** make man in **our** image, after **our** likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.
- 27, So God **created** **man** in **his** own image, in the image of God created **he** him; **male and female** created he them.
- 28, And God blessed them, and God said to them, Be fruitful, and **multiply, and replenish** 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 moves on the earth.
- 29, And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is on the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat.
- 30, And to every beast of the earth, and to every fowl of the air, and to every thing that creeps on the earth, wherein there is life, I have given every green herb for meat: and it was so.
- 31, And God saw every thing that he had **made**, and, behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

- Genesis 2
  - 1, Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them.
  - 2, And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had **MADE**; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had **MADE**.
  - 3, And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God **created** and **made**.
  - 4, These are the **GENERATIONS** of the heavens and of the earth when they were **CREATED**, in the **DAY** that the **LORD** God **MADE** the earth and the heavens.
  - 5, And every plant of the field **before** it was in the earth, and every herb of the field **before** it grew: for the **LORD** God had not caused it to rain on the earth, and there was not a man to till the ground.
  - 6, But there went up a mist from the earth, and watered the whole face of the ground.
  - 7, And the **LORD** God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.
  - 8, And the **LORD** God **planted** a **garden** eastward in Eden; and there he put the man whom he had formed.

(Man first, and then the garden)



# Genesis 2 (Cont'd)

- 9, And out of the ground made the LORD God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; **the tree of life also in the middle of the garden**, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil.  
10, And a river went out of Eden to water the garden; and from there it was parted, and became into four heads.  
11, The name of the first is Pison: that is it which compasses the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold;  
12, And the gold of that land is good: there is bdellium and the onyx stone.  
13, And the name of the second river is Gihon: the same is it that compasses the whole land of Ethiopia.  
14, And the name of the third river is Hiddekel: that is it which goes toward the east of Assyria. And the fourth river is Euphrates.  
**15, And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to KEEP it.**  
16, And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat:  
17, But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, you shall not eat of it: for in the day that you eat thereof you shall surely die.  
18, And the LORD God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him.
- 19, And out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought them to Adam to see what he would call them: and whatever Adam called every living creature, that was the name thereof.  
20, And Adam gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field; but for Adam **there was not found** an help meet for him.  
21, And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his **ribs**, and closed up the flesh instead thereof;  
22, And the **rib**, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her to the man.  
23, And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.  
24, Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall join to his wife: and they shall be one flesh.  
25, And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.



# Verses we need to pay special attention to.

- **Genesis 1:1, 1:21, 1:27**

The only verses that use the Hebrew word בָּרָא / Bara / create (original creation). All the rest of the verses use either the word עָשָׂה / Asah / made or the adverb “let” (which does not even imply a creative act) to define the action. (Bara only 3 times, Asah 4 times, and “let” ten times)

- **Genesis 1:2**

The Earth is in a state of Tohu VaBohu – “without form and void” and I maintain is a bad translation that we will dive into later.

- **Genesis 1:26**

Elohim is plural indicating the sons of God are present for the making of mankind.

- **Genesis 1:28**

The created humans are given the command to be fruitful and multiply and subdue the earth and replenish it. The same command given to Noah in Genesis 9. Was Noah stocking the earth or Restocking it? The same could be said for the humans of Genesis 1:28.

- **Genesis 2:2-4**

Account of the CREATED dispensation finalized in the MADE dispensation. This is the Rosetta stone to understanding the old earth references in the old and new testaments. (Part of Genesis 1 in the Tanakh).



# Verses we need to pay special attention to.

- **Genesis 2:5-8**

Adam was CREATED BEFORE any plants, birds, or animals. How does this line up with the humans created in period 6 of Genesis 1:26-28? In fact, this linear progression is totally different than Genesis 1. How is this reconciled?

- **Genesis 2:15**

Adam placed in the Garden of Eden to dress it and KEEP (shamar / guard!) it. How does this compare with the command to “subdue the earth” of Genesis 1:28? These two commands are counter to each other.

- **Genesis 2:16**

Adam is told that he can eat from any tree in the garden except from the tree of the “knowledge of good and evil”. This includes eating from the tree of life. The question we should ask is, had he eaten from it? People assume that he hadn't because later the Cherubim and flaming sword blocked him from eating from it so that he would not live forever, but no where does it imply that a person only needs to eat from it once and then be immortal. When the Cherubim and sword blocked the way that only sealed the fact that he could not eat from it anymore and hence he would ultimately die. The question then remains was he eating from it already?

- **Genesis 2:18-21**

While a help meet was promised to Adam in vs. 18, חַוְּוָה / Chavvah / Eve was not created until AFTER the animals and birds and then that they were named first. There was “not found” a help meet for Adam yet. (**Genesis 2:20**). So again, how is this reconciled with the understanding that Adam and Chavvah / Eve were created on day 6 of Genesis 1?



# Genesis 1 / Genesis 2 Comparison

Genesis 1	Genesis 2
Earth in a state of Tohu VaBohu (without form & Void), skies are black (Genesis 1:2).	Not in Tohu VaBohu (Formed). Sun exists in the beginning (plants in the garden / photosynthesis)
Earth is flooded (Genesis 1:2,6)	Not flooded. Hasn't even rained yet
Mankind created after plants, sea creatures, animals, & birds. (Genesis 1:26-29)	Adam created before plants. Garden planted to put him in. Animals and birds created after him and brought to him to name them.
Man and woman created on the same day / day 6. (Genesis 1:27)	Adam created in the beginning. Chavvah / Eve not created until after everything else had been.
Mankind given the command to be fruitful and multiply and replenish the earth, and subdue it. (Genesis 1:28)	Adam not told the command to be fruitful and multiply in Genesis 2 but instead commanded to dress the garden and to guard it (Counter command to Genesis 1:28). Adam and Eve do not have children until after their expulsion from the garden.
No record of eating anything within the garden but instead of things in the earth in general. No command about the tree of life or the tree of knowledge of good and evil.	Adam given the command not to eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil (Obedience test). Eve never heard that command from God as she was not created yet. She heard that from Adam.
Command to subdue the earth and replenish it.	Command to dress the garden of Eden and guard it. Conflicting command to Genesis 1 mankind.

# The Young Earth Creation Interpretation





# The YEC Interpretation of Genesis 1&2

## WHAT IS THE YEC INTERPRETATION OF GENESIS 1?

1. The earth is 5,700 to 6,500 years old. This is based on adding the genealogies from Genesis chapter 5 and filling in the blanks and generalizing life expectancy from the genealogies found in the gospel of Luke chapter 3. Most YEC proponents limit this to 6,000 years (and I also agree that this dispensation started 6,000 years ago).
2. Genesis 1 is original creation. Nothing existed before this creation.
3. Genesis Chapter 1 is in the order of original creation.
4. Each day of creation is a literal twenty-four-hour day.
5. Mankind did not exist before day six.
6. Adam and Eve are the humans created on day six and all the earth's population comes from them.
7. Dinosaurs were alive during the time of Noah and possibly afterward.
8. Adam and Eve's offspring (Cain and Seth) married their sisters.

# Traditional YEC Timeline

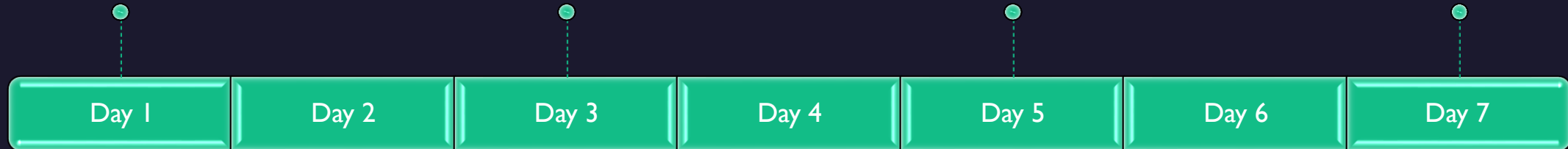
God begins creation. Earth (land) is created and the Ruach Elohim (Spirit of God) begins to form the atmosphere. Light was also created though no mention of where it was coming from or where the waters came from. (Formless and Void?)

The seas were created, and the dry land appeared. The expanse between the water above and below continued to grow. Plants and trees are created.

God creates the sea creatures (Whale specifically) and birds

Genesis 2 – Some bibles like the Tanakh include the first three verses in Genesis 1.

The day of rest for God and he blesses it and sanctifies it for mankind.



The water was separated into the expanse above and below the expanse. Heaven in the context of the scripture means the atmosphere.

God creates the Sun, Moon, and stars.

Animals were created as well as Adam and Eve



# What is wrong with the YEC understanding The Biblical Witness



# Questions / Problems with the YEC Interpretation in Genesis 1 (Scriptural Basis)

We should first understand that English translations fill in the blanks of a sentence with words and ideas that may not be in the original language. For example Genesis 1:1 in the Hebrew is בְּרֵאשִׁית בָּרָא אֱלֹהִים אֶת הַשָּׁמַיִם וְאֶת הָאָרֶץ / Bereshit bara Elohim et Hashamyim VeEt HaErets, whose literal translation is “**Beginning created God the heavens and earth**”. (See your own translation)

Notice how each translation on the right conveys a slightly / more than slightly, different meaning.

For the example above the ESV, KJV 1900, LEB, ASV all have translated bara / created as past completed tense and the sentence is stand alone and complete.

ESV	KJV 1900	LEB	ASV	YLT	Tanakh
<b>Genesis 1</b>					
1 In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.	1 IN the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.	1 In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth—	1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.	1 In the beginning of God's preparing the heavens and the earth—	1 When God began to create heaven and earth —
2 The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.	2 And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.	2 Now the earth was formless and empty, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the surface of the waters.	2 And the earth was waste and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep: and the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.	2 the earth hath existed waste and void, and darkness is on the face of the deep, and the Spirit of God fluttering on the face of the waters.	2 the earth being unformed and void, with darkness over the surface of the deep and a wind from God sweeping over the water—

However, both the YLT and the Jewish Tanakh have it happening in present / future tense and the sentence depends on the next verse to complete it. Can this make a difference to how we are to understand what the passage is saying? You bet it can!



# Questions / Problems with the YEC Interpretation in Genesis 1 (Scriptural Basis)

ESV	KJV 1900	LEB	ASV	YLT
2 The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.	2 And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.	2 Now the earth was formless and empty, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the surface of the waters.	2 And the earth was waste and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep: and the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.	2 the earth hath existed waste and void, and darkness is on the face of the deep, and the Spirit of God fluttering on the face of the waters.

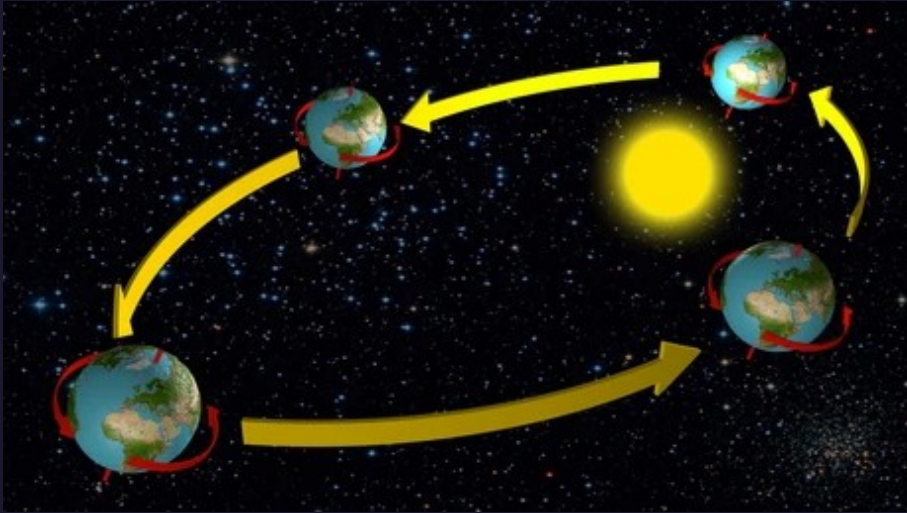
The issue is that when a translation is made, the bias of the translators comes into play. The book of Genesis is a case study to this point (and I will prove just how much in this study when we get to dissecting verse 2 and we will let the bible interpret the bible).

If you were a translator and working on Genesis, if you thought what you were translating was the original creation story instead of a ruin-restoration account, do you think that would come into play in how you translated the passages? It can and does as we shall see when we dissect Genesis 1 verse 2.

Let us first look at the overview picture of what we just read in Genesis 1&2 and see what questions may stick out in our mind that don't seem to have an answer in the YEC. (This is the focus of the highlighted verses.)

# Questions / Problems with the YEC Interpretation in Genesis 1 (Scriptural Basis)

## Questions We Should Spot When Reading the Text



1. What does “was without form and void” (הִיְתָה תֹהוּ וָבֹהוּ / Hayatah Tohu VaBohu) actually mean? What even is something that is “without form and void”?
2. What is the light on day 1? If the sun is not created until day 4 (by the YEC) then what is causing this light? (YEC – Celestial light)
3. Why is the earth pictured as flooded? Also wasn't the earth supposed to be “without form” and yet there are clouds, water, and dirt under the water. Which brings us back to question 1.
4. Why are plants created before there is a sun? (day 3) Does this creation order make scientific sense? (God created photosynthesis so we can't dismiss it).
5. How is there a day and night sequence if the sun is not created until day 4? Are these then a literal 24 hour period if there is no sun?
6. Does the creation order make any astronomical sense? The earth created before the rest of the universe or even the sun. (no rotation?)
7. Dry land is called earth – Genesis 1:10 (הָאֶרֶץ / Erets / earth) but that doesn't necessitate that it means the entire planet and elucidated by the word הַמַּיִם קָרָא יָמִים / mayim kara yam / water - seas being named separately.



# Questions / Problems with the YEC Interpretation in Genesis 1 (**Scriptural Basis**)



7. Why is God using different words for each periodic action? Hebrew **בָּרָא** / bara / created, **עָשָׂה** / asah / made, and then **הִיְתָה** / hayah / let?
8. Why is a “whale” (Hebrew **תַּנִּינִים** / tan-neen’ / sea monster) called out specifically when no other single species is called out? (**Exodus 7:9** it is a serpent and in **Psalms 74:13 & 91:13** it is translated dragon.)

9. In **Genesis 1:27** is **אָדָם** / Adam to be understood the Man or Mankind? Adam the man is referenced 27 times in the word but mankind 571 times. (Man and Woman both created but called **אָדָם** so, obviously this instance means mankind).
10. In **Genesis 1:28** God commands mankind to “be fruitful, multiply, and replenish (or fill) 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 moves on the earth.”  
Is this contrary to any command that Adam (the man) was given in Genesis 2? And how are we to interpret **מְלֵא** / mah-lay / “to replenish the earth”? Same command given to Noah in Genesis 9:1. Was Noah to fill, or refill the earth? AKJV - **Replenish**
11. **Genesis 1:29-31** states that God’s intent for mankind was to be a vegetarian. In this discussion however we will not focus on that aspect but for another time.

# Questions / Problems with the YEC Interpretation in Genesis 2 (Scriptural Basis)



**Note:** Genesis 2:1-3 are actually in Genesis 1 in the Tanakh (Jewish Bible). (Chapters added in 13<sup>th</sup> century, and verses added in 16<sup>th</sup> century)

1. **Genesis 2** appears to be a different account of creation as the sequence is entirely different than Genesis 1.
2. **Genesis 2:2** states that God rested from all his work that He had MADE (**asah**), not CREATED (**bara**). This is a signpost to something deeper.
2. **Genesis 2:4** states that there are generations (**אֵלֶּה תּוֹלְדוֹת** /el leh toledot / these generations) (plural) of the heavens and the earth. Not singular. The YEC maintains there is only one starting in **Genesis 1:2** but that is not what **Genesis 2:4** states. We will return to this wording when we talk about the OEC.
3. **Genesis 2:5-7** tell us that Adam was created before any food for him was. He was created and then the Garden was planted, and he was then put in it. This would be before day 3 by the YEC. Without the garden of Eden, he would have had no food.
4. **Genesis 2:9** states that both the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil are in the middle of the garden. This is important for understanding **Genesis 2:15**
5. **Genesis 2:15** is the perhaps the most overlooked verse in Genesis. It is a both a command and a reason WHY Adam was placed in the garden. Adam was placed in the garden to: (**Continued next slide**)

# Questions / Problems with the YEC Interpretation in Genesis 2 (Scriptural Basis)



5. **Continued** – dress the garden and KEEP it. **לַעֲבֹדָה וּלְשָׁמְרָה** / le-avdah oolshamra. Le-avdah – a “husbandman” is not so important but it does require time. It is **וּלְשָׁמְרָה** / oolshamra (shamar) that is important. It means to guard / protect. It is the same command given to the Cherubim and flaming sword in **Genesis 3:24 (Read)**.

5. Compare with Exodus 23:20 - Guard, Psalms 130:6 – Watchmen Root **שְׁמוּרוֹת** / she-moo-roht (Psalms 77:4 – as the eyelid protects / covers the eye)
6. So, we now must ask some important questions.
- Why was Adam given guard duty if he was the only human on the planet? Who was Adam guarding the tree of life FROM?
  - How could Adam & Eve be the one in **Genesis 1:28** & given the command to subdue the earth if he is to guard the tree of life? The cherubim and flaming sword could not leave their post and Adam could not have left his. In the military this is called dereliction of duty and is a court-martial offense.
6. While Eve (**חוּה** / Chavvah / Hebrew and **ζωη** / Zoe / Greek) was promised Adam in vs. 18, the Animals and birds are then created in vs. 19 and brought before Adam to name. We know this happened before Eve / Chavvah was created because it states in vs. 20 “but for Adam there **was not found** an help meet for him” Eve wasn’t created until vs. 21.



# Questions / Problems with the YEC Interpretation in Genesis 2 (Scriptural Basis)



6. So if Adam was not created at the same time as Eve, how could THEY be the people in **Genesis 1:28** that were created at the same time in period 6 and after the animals and birds?
7. The YEC claims that because Adam and Eve are the couple that all humanity sprang from then Cain, Abel, and Seth would have had to marry sisters. How can a believer rationalize this knowing that incest is a sin?

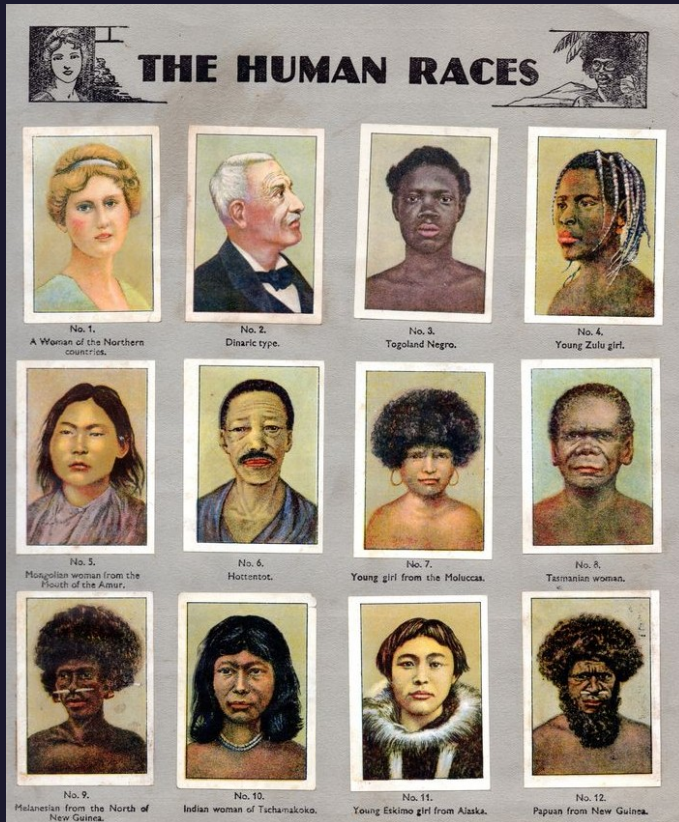
7. **Leviticus 18:9**, “The nakedness of your sister, the daughter of your father, or daughter of your mother, whether she be born at home, or born abroad, even their nakedness you shall not uncover.”

**Deuteronomy 27:22**

“Cursed be he that lies with his sister, the daughter of his father, or the daughter of his mother. And all the people shall say, Amen.”

Using the excuse that the law is not written yet so it was not a sin, does that mean that it was ok that God could be the author of incest? God being the author of the law as well how does that add up seeing that God abhorred incest? It is a very bold statement to accuse God of being the author of sin concerning incest. **Romans 5:13,14** states “for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.” Death was a curse of sin and was before the law was given so how can the YEC accuse God of authoring incest??<sub>21</sub>

# Questions / Problems with the YEC Interpretation in Genesis 2 (Scriptural Basis)



The answer is that **Genesis 1:26-28** of more created humans could also answers the questions about who the sons of God could have been in **Genesis 6:2** and them not to have been angels. I am not saying they aren't but this is another option as to who they were. God's created beings are called sons of God whether angels or men. Adam is called a son of God for example in **Luke 3:38**. They are not the sons of Seth which are called "sons of men"

If the scriptures lead us to the fact that God did not just create Adam and Eve (Chavvah) as the only humans, then what are we to understand about what Adam said in **Genesis 3:20** about Eve being the mother of those living?

The Hebrew word **אִמָּה** / em / mother does not always mean a physical mother. See **Judges 5:7** "The inhabitants of the villages ceased, they ceased in Israel, until that I Deborah arose, that I arose a **mother** in Israel."

The Hebrew word **אִמָּה** / em also means a matriarch "a woman who is the head of a family or tribe". This is what Chavvah / Eve was. Not all the population of the world came through her. Adam called her this in the same way that the Lord called Abraham the father of many nations. He was not the physical father of all the nations that would be united under Christ as both Israelites AND the Gentiles are part of his family.

# Questions / Problems with the YEC Interpretation in Genesis 2 (Scriptural Basis)

Something interesting though not critical in interpreting Genesis 2 is that in **Genesis 2:21,22** the word translated “rib” is an interpretation of the word **הַצֵּלַע** / hatsela is not specific to a rib but means a “side”. Once again the translators struggled understanding how God could have taken a “side” of Adam so they translated this as rib. It was only translated rib in these two verses, but in all the other places in the word it was used to support an idea of two opposite sides of something.

- For Example  
**Exodus 25:12** “You shall cast four rings of gold for it and put them on its four feet, two rings on the one **side** of it, and two rings on the other **side** of it.”
- **Exodus 26:27** “and five bars for the frames of the other **side** of the tabernacle, and five bars for the frames of the **side** of the tabernacle at the rear westward.
- **Ezekiel 41:9** “The thickness of the outer wall of the **side** chambers was five cubits. The free space between the **side** chambers of the temple and the~



# Questions / Problems with the YEC Interpretation in Genesis 2 (Scriptural Basis)

Genesis 1:26-31 Mankind

## Genesis 4:14-17

Cain said to the Lord, “My punishment is greater than I can bear. Behold, you have driven me today away from the ground, and from your face I shall be hidden. I shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth, and **whoever finds me will kill me.**” Then the Lord said to him, “Not so! If anyone kills Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold.” And the Lord put a mark on Cain, **lest any who found him should attack him.** Then Cain went away from the presence of the Lord and settled in the **land of Nod**, east of Eden. **Cain knew his wife**, and she conceived and bore Enoch. When **he built a city**, he called the name of the city after the name of his son, Enoch.”

This passage brings up a lot of questions that support that there are more people on the earth.



3. 4 or 5 people on the earth at the time hardly constitute a reason to build a city.

1. Who was Cain afraid of if there are only 3 people on the earth at the time?
2. Cain's wife was not mentioned until he went into the land of Nod (where he found a wife)

# What is wrong with the YEC understanding of Genesis 1? Miracles.

## Instantaneous Creation Ex Nihilo?

One of the underpinnings of the YEC interpretation is that God created the sun, moon, and stars, ex nihilo (from nothing). But is that how God demonstrates how He creates in the miracles that we see in the word? Obviously, there was a time He did create Ex Nihilo, but where is the point that He then used his early creation for future creation? Let's examine the biblical miracles and see how they were demonstrated.

### The miracles of Jesus.

- Turning water into wine – He did not just create wine in the empty jars but filled the jars with water and then changed the water into wine. (Matter Conversion)
- Feeding of the 5000 – He did not create uniquely created fish and bread but used the existing fish and bread to multiply it. (Matter Multiplication). He did the same thing with the feeding of the 4000.
- Multiple healings – All using their existing bodies as the basis for their healing. In one case of the blind man from birth He used his own spit and dirt to make mud and placed that on the man's eyes.
- The temple tax a coin was retrieved from a fish's mouth. (Divine knowledge). He did not just create the coin.

### Other miracles

#### Plagues of Egypt by Moses

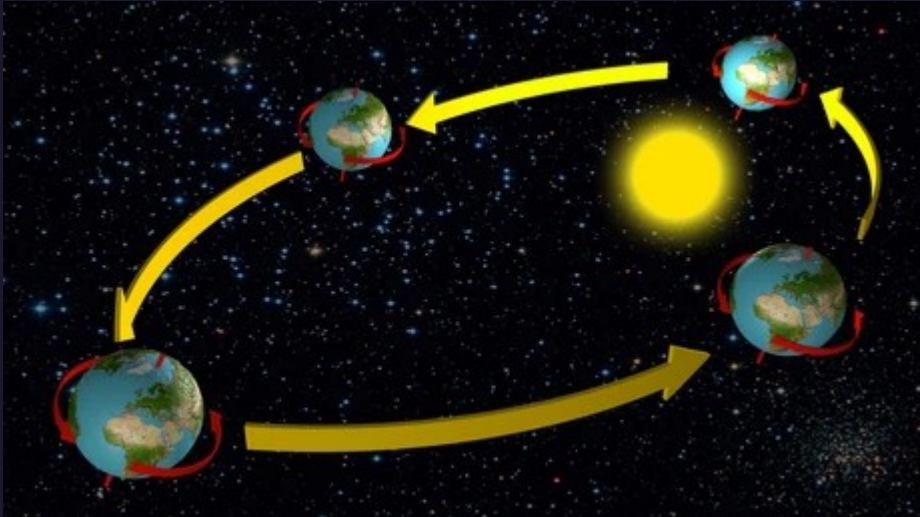
- Water turned to blood (Matter Conversion)
- Frogs (Matter Multiplication using existing frogs)
- Lice from Dust (Matter Conversion)
- Hail (Weather Manipulation)
- Cattle death (Specific Pestilence)
- Boils on the Magicians (Pestilence)
- Fiery hail (Matter manipulation – space debris)
- Locusts (Matter Multiplication using existing locusts)
- Darkness (Control of Space & Time)
- Death of the firstborn of Egypt (By the Destroyer Angel)

### Other miracles

- Elijah – Barrel of meal and cruse of oil (Matter multiplication using existing meal and oil)
- Elijah - Fire from Heaven (Judgement Power of God)

**NONE** of these miracles are ex nihilo but are conversions or multiplication of existing matter, manifestations of targeted aspects of diseases, control of space & time, the power of God, or weather manipulation, or Angelic intervention! Does God use what He has already created to create new things? Yes! That is how He has demonstrated how He has is working! We will get more into this aspect of creation when we get to slide 31.

# What is wrong with the YEC understanding of Genesis 1? (Scriptural Basis)



- In the YEC interpretation, **Genesis 1:1** is a recap and has no meaning since the creation process really begins with **Genesis 1:2** when the earth is “without form and void”. Only the earth is apparently created on day one since it isn’t until day four that the Sun, Moon, and stars are created.

- So, then we must ask according to the YEC, what is creating the first through third day as a day hourly period if there is no Sun yet? The YEC states that some “cosmic” light apparently (day one), if there is no point light external to the earth, what is causing there to be a day and then night then? Is God flipping the “light switch” to turn it off for the night sequence?
- It takes the earth’s rotation with an external point light to create a day and night sequence by any natural means. General “cosmic” light can’t do it. If that was the case, it would be light all the time and there would be no day / night sequence.
- I am not saying that God cannot do something supernaturally, but science was started by religion to understand the “how’s” and without a point light and earth’s rotation, the origin of the day and night sequence needs to be questioned.



# What is wrong with the YEC understanding Genesis 1 vs Genesis 2?

- **Numbers 23:19**

“God is not man, that he should lie, or a son of man, **that he should change his mind.** ~

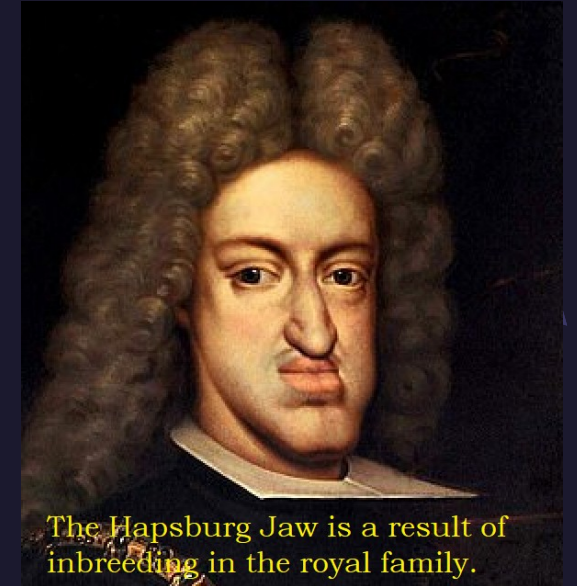
- **Hebrews 13:8**

“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.”

- Paul states in **Romans 1:18-21** that that mankind will be judged by creation even if they do not know God. Using the excuse that the law wasn't written yet and therefore incest was ok is not correct. **Genesis 4:7** God acknowledges that sin exists before the law. Incest comes with a genetic curse that comes from God so how could God be both the author for the case of incest AND the author of the genetic curse? (See Right Side)



Ferdinand of Austria  
(Inbreeding deformity  
of the cranium)



The Hapsburg Jaw is a result of  
inbreeding in the royal family.

\*Inbreeding deformities are a curse from God such as the Hapsburg chin (German royal family), and the Ptolemies (successors of Alexander the Great) who also history of inbreeding and the result was many of the offspring were lunatics.

# What is wrong with the YEC understanding Genesis 1 vs Genesis 2? (cont'd)

- God therefore would not have made it the only way for the children of Adam to have a mate. No moral law has ever been repealed or changed, and they never will be. Moral law (not dietary or ritual law), never changes as it reflects the Holiness of God and his nature. The YEC may state that the law wasn't written yet, but that didn't stop God from stating that the people during the time of Noah were wicked and were going to be destroyed in Genesis 6! Cain knew murder was wrong and still the law was not written yet. God is the same yesterday, today, and forever. He does not change and neither do the definitions of moral sin.
- God destroyed mankind during the time of Noah for being wicked, but would He have been just if they didn't even know they were doing wickedly? **They knew.** Our conscience tells us right from wrong just like the passage in Romans stated. The reason for the law had to be written is because we can sear our conscience to the point where it is no longer a good guide. Again, as Romans states, "their foolish heart was darkened". The written law is there to refresh our understanding after that point. To remind us of what true morality is.



The most inbred family in America. (Name withheld to cover the sinner's sin.)

# What is wrong with the YEC understanding Genesis 1 vs Genesis 2? (cont'd)

- To state that the law had to be given first or sin did not exist is to admit things like the following would be acceptable and not sin.
  - 1) Cain and Seth could have had sex with Eve for offspring?
  - 2) If murder was not sin, then could Cain could have murdered anyone he wanted with no repercussions?
- Why did Cain hide the body and then obfuscate when God asked him the whereabouts of his brother? The gift of conscience is God given unwritten law. Cain later stated in that same conversation anyone who found him would kill him (**Genesis 4:14**). If he was the only person alive WHO would know what he had done and WHO was it that would kill him? His future children? How would they even know what he had done? Who would have told them? So why the fear? Because his conscience convicted him of sin and he was not alone on the earth.
- We will find out who was Cain's wife when we get to the Old Earth interpretation. Part of the problem for interpreters was the fact that in Genesis 1, the Hebrew word for Adam אָדָם also means mankind. It is just an assumption if you apply the word Adam in all cases to the man. In the O.T. Adam is translated the man only 9 times, and 541 times mankind. In fact, a few of those 9 times in reference to the man, actually mean mankind such as **Genesis 5:2**



# Scientific Evidence Against the Young Earth Interpretation

## The Creation / Scientific Witness

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# What is wrong with the YEC understanding of Genesis 1? (Science)

Creation is to be a witness to us. Its witness cannot be ignored. The bible is a witness, and creation is a witness. That there is more than one witnesses to anything important is a biblical principle.

- 2 Corinthians 13:1

“This is the third time I am coming to you. In the mouth of two or three witnesses shall every word be established.

- 1 Corinthians 14:29

“Let the prophets speak two or three, and let the other judge.”

- Mathew 18:20

“For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the middle of them.”

- Deuteronomy 17:6, 19:15, etc.

- Romans 1:20 (Creation is a witness of God & the lost will be judged by creation if they have not heard the gospel) “For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse.”

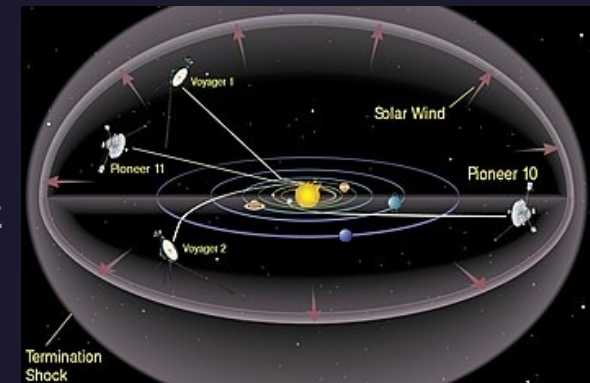
# What is wrong with the YEC understanding of Genesis 1? (Science)

- Let's first examine scientific evidence against the YEC 6,000-year-old earth interpretation. For one, it is contrary to the laws of Physics: The speed of light in a vacuum is approximately 186,282 miles/second. While that is incredibly fast, in the expanse of space it is slow. If the earth, sun, moon, and stars were created only 6,000 years ago, light generated from celestial objects beyond that time would not have reached us yet.
- While Albert Einstein first proposed that we may not assume the speed of light is the same in outward and inward directions the YEC latched on to that and would have you believe that the speed of light is only one way (outward) and that inward it is infinite or that God changed the laws of physics for us to see the distant galaxies even though they are millions or billions of light years away. This multi speed light travel explanation has however been disproved by not only the Michaelson interferometer tests but also by NASA every day with deep space communication with space probes.

## Speed of Light

The speed of light in a vacuum,  $c$ , is a physical constant.

- meters per second: 299,792,458 m/s (exact)
- kilometers per second: 300,000 km/s (rounded)
- miles per second: 186,000 mi/s (rounded)
- miles per hour: 671,000,000 mph (rounded)



Even as far in deep space as the Voyager 1 which is now (15 billion miles from earth), it takes over 23 hours to receive data from it.

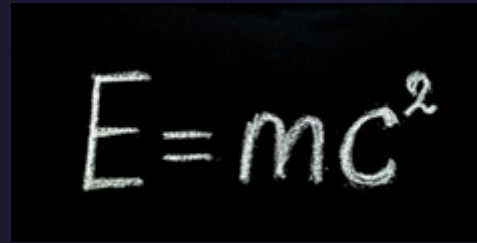


# What is wrong with the YEC understanding of Genesis 1? (Science Cont'd)



- Understanding the speed of light and the distances involved, this would make most of our skies almost total devoid of stars and black if the universe was created only 6,000 years ago. Just in the Milky Way galaxy alone it is calculated to be over 100,000 light years wide so <10% of the stars in the milky way would be seen. The other 90% would suddenly show up as the time elapsed in relation to their distance from the earth.
- To top that off, we can even see the Andromeda Galaxy with our naked eyes, which is over 2,200,000 light years or (674,846.6 parsecs or  $1.29045 \times 10^{19}$  miles) from us. A parsec is the distance light travels in 3.26 years. By this understanding from what we can see even with our own eyes, the evidence is contrary to the stars being created only 6,000 years ago.
- If we look even deeper, our most powerful telescopes see over 13 billion years back in time! God created this law of the speed of light in physics. Remember that creation is to be a witness to us. God is not out to deceive us!

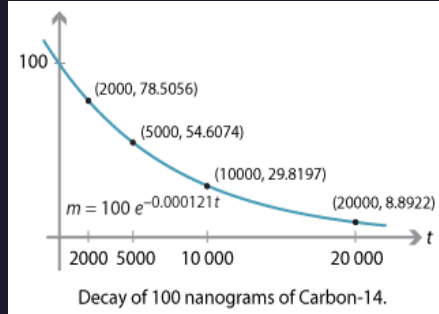
# What is wrong with the YEC understanding of Genesis 1? (Science Cont'd)


$$E=mc^2$$



- The YEC has also tried to get around this light speed issue also by claiming the light was “pre-emptively shining” before the galaxies were created. This is just wild conjecture and has no evidence in either science or scripture for that belief. The YEC interpretation then must fall back on changing the laws of physics to explain this because it has no answers otherwise. If light speed was ever different it would not only break the fine structure constant, but special relativity and causality would not be in effect. Spacetime would be broken. Ripples in a pond from a rock could be seen to happen before the rock hit the water. Special relativity  $E=mc^2$ , or more to the point  $m=e/c^2$  relies on this to be consistent. If light speed changes to say  $\sim$ infinity (as it would have to be for the YEC to be true), then there would be no matter, only energy. For example  $m=10,000/10^{10000}$  meters / sec (<-Still not infinity but good for an example), then mass = 0 and the universe is all energy but no mass.
- Explanations by the YEC for the violation of the laws of physics are worse than just being presumptuous and have in both theory and practical application tested to be false.

# What is wrong with the YEC understanding of Genesis 1? (Science cont'd)



## Radiocarbon dating method

Carbon 14 is absorbed by living tissue and stops when the organism dies. It is produced in the stratosphere by nuclear reactions of atmospheric nitrogen with thermal neutrons produced naturally by cosmic rays and absorbed by organic matter.



Organic matter such as tissue / clothing / or vegetation can be measured in this way.

- The Equation to determine the age of a fossil is  $f(t) = 10e^{-ct}$ . Time in this equation is measured in years from the moment the plant dies ( $t=0$ ) and the amount of Carbon 14 remaining in the preserved plant is measured in micrograms. The half-life of Carbon 14 is the amount of time it takes for half of the Carbon 14 to decay and is approximately 5730 years. The YEC tries to tell the story that C14 is totally unreliable and that is false.
- Radiocarbon dating is reliable (though not perfect). There are some caveats that need to be understood such as marine life C14 reductions, but they are known and C14 is not used in that marine life methodology.

## Stratigraphy dating

The earth, just like the rings of a tree, creates layers upon layers of sand, rock, and organics that tell a lot about the environment at the time each layer was deposited. Fossils of dead animals, bird, insects, and sea creatures can be found within certain boundary lines in the strata.

Each strata line is determined by its contents and other reliable dating methods. Just by the geological fossil records from the early ages of the earth we can tell that life existed on this planet for over a billion years.



# What is wrong with the YEC understanding of Genesis 1? (Science cont'd)



## Impact Craters

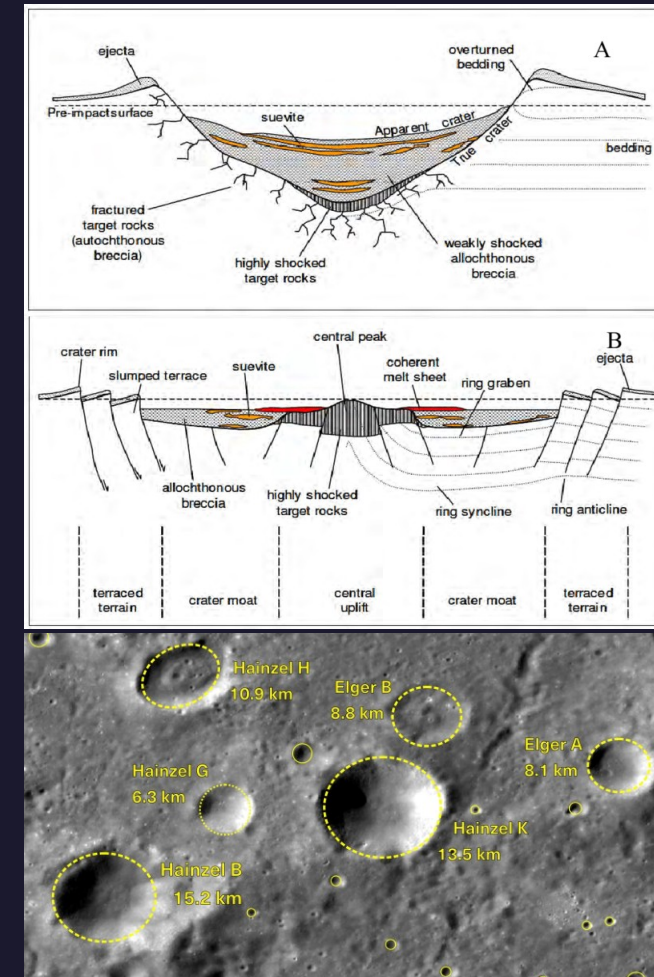
- Impact craters are another strike against the YEC interpretation of Genesis 1-3. Craters left by asteroid impacts are another way to tell that the earth and the universe is much older than 6,000 years. There are over 190 confirmed impact craters on earth and at least another 10 that are implied by unaccounted for impact glass in the stratigraphy of the earth.
- Many of these craters are so large that had they happened in the current Holocene period, all life would have been wiped out. Then to top that off, all 190 of them happening in only the last 6,000 years would have made the planet totally uninhabitable at this time. Check the link below for all the impact crater sites all over the world.

[Earth Impact Database Link](#)



# What is wrong with the YEC understanding of Genesis 1? (Science cont'd)

- One of the YEC rebuttals about the impact craters identified on earth, is that they are all round which they believe supports their “geyser” theory that they say happened during the Noahic flood. However, impactors that are  $> 15$  degrees from horizontal to the ground will always produce round craters. This is because of their incredible velocity and kinetic energy when they strike the earth. Since only 7% or under of all impactors would meet this requirement, over 93% will have round craters.
- Astral bodies such as the planets of Mars and Mercury as well as the moon demonstrate that this is true. NASA has also demonstrated this using the vertical gun range to confirm crater impactor mechanics.



# What is wrong with the YEC understanding of Genesis 1? (Science cont'd)



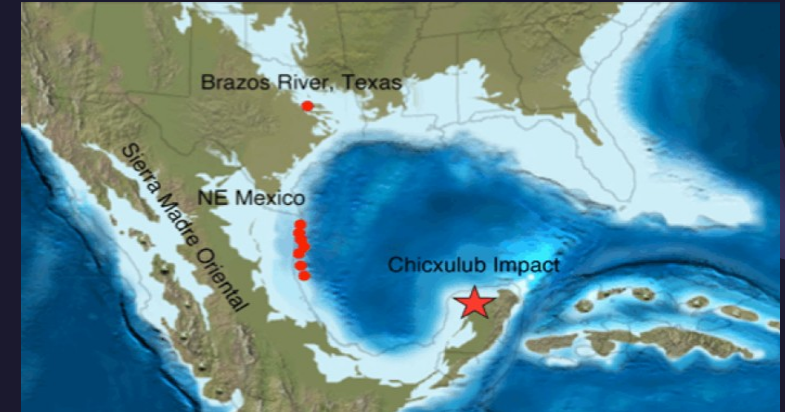
- Impact craters contain properties unique to them alone. When a large impactor hits the earth, it contains so much kinetic energy (12-20 miles a second and millions of tons of mass) that it produces “shocked” material such as shocked quartz. Even nano diamonds will be produced under the immense pressure created during the impact.
- Asteroids also contain high amounts of iridium which is not found in any abundance on earth. The discovery of iridium at the KT boundary is what led Paleontologists and planetary scientists, to the discovery and location of the asteroid that is believed to have wiped out the dinosaurs at the end of the Jurassic epoch. None of the above conditions exist for geyser vents so the YEC use of that claim for these impact craters is not correct.
- Vredefort crater shown in the image above, is the largest impact crater discovered to date on earth.
- The impactor is thought to be as large as 9.8 miles in diameter. This crater is very old as erosion has taken its toll over the 2.2 billion years it is dated to have happened ago. The crater dome is over 190 miles wide. [Earth Impact Database Link](#)



# What is wrong with the YEC understanding of Genesis 1? (Science cont'd)

Here are some calculated stats from the Chicxulub impactor (~6 mile diameter) credited to wiping out the dinosaurs.

- It had the equivalent of 72 teratonnes of TNT (300 ZJ). The impact generated winds in excess of 1,000 kilometers per hour (620 mph) near the blast's center, and produced a transient cavity 100 kilometers (62 mi) wide and 30 kilometers (19 mi) deep that later collapsed. This formed a crater mainly under the sea and covered by 600 meters (2,000 ft) of sediment by the 21st century. The impact, expansion of water after filling the crater, and related seismic activity spawned Mega tsunamis over 100 meters (330 ft) tall, with one simulation suggesting the immediate waves from the impact may have reached up to 1.5 kilometers (0.93 mi) high. The waves scoured the sea floor, leaving ripples underneath what is now Louisiana with average wavelengths of 600 meters (2,000 ft) and average wave heights of 16 meters (52 ft), the largest ripples documented. Material shifted by subsequent earthquakes and the waves reached to what are now Texas and Florida, and may have disturbed sediments as far as 6,000 kilometers (3,700 mi) from the impact site. The impact triggered a seismic event with an estimated magnitude of 9–11 Mw (moment magnitude).



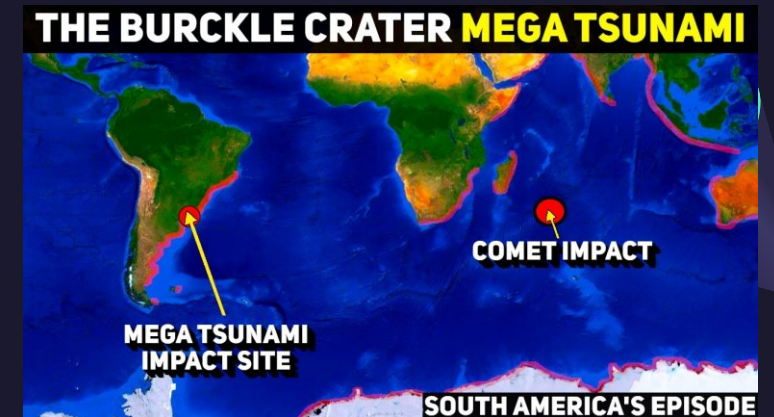
If this was just one of the 190 KNOWN asteroid strikes (and not even the largest), how can anyone believe that the YEC is the correct interpretation of Genesis 1? If just one or two of the large ones hit in the last 6,000 years it would have been an ELE. (Extinction Level Event) For all 190 to hit the earth in the last 6,000 years the earth would have become uninhabitable.

# What is wrong with the YEC understanding of Genesis 1? (Science cont'd)

Does God use Asteroids? Apparently so and He will again in the end times.

- The Burckle impactor discovered off the coast of Australia it is believed to have occurred around 4,500 years ago. This is exactly the time frame around the Noahic flood. This was believed to have been a comet and not an asteroid composed mainly of ice, gas, and loose rock / metals. The crater on the Indian Ocean floor is 12,600 ft. deep and 18 miles in diameter but there is also evidence that it had two other pieces that came with it producing a Shoemaker / Levy type of impact. This in turn would have created a condition where not only Mega tsunamis would impact the coastlines of the continents of Africa and Asia, but also South America. The impactor would have boiled millions of tons of sea water. This sea water would then create several weeklong rain conditions on a worldwide scale. Does this mean that God has to use impactors? No, of course not, but He could have just as not. If the evidence is right to confirm the story in the bible, then isn't it just as valid as verifying a city or a person that is also called out in the scriptures?

In Revelation 8:8 I believe God will once again use an impactor as seen in the "burning mountain" that will be cast into the sea to bring about his designs.



## Revelation 8:8-9

8, And the second angel sounded, and as it were a great mountain burning with fire was cast into the sea: and the third part of the sea became blood;

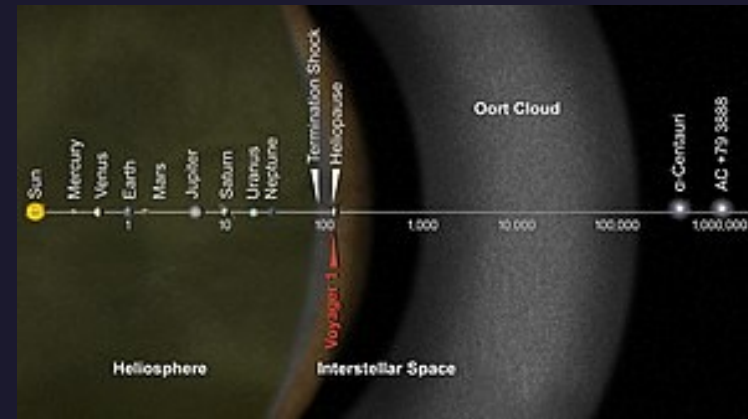
9, And the third part of the creatures which were in the sea, and had life, died; and the third part of the ships were destroyed.

# What is wrong with the YEC understanding of Genesis 1? (Science cont'd)



## Some Additional Astronomical Questions

If God instantaneously created the solar system Ex Nihilo without using the forces of gravity as part of that creation process as science understands it to have happened, why is there an asteroid belt between Mars and Jupiter and the Kuiper belt past Pluto? How and why was it created if it wasn't a left-over remnant from sequence III stars that we still see today making materials in our periodic table? Seems that the creation of this space debris must have had a purpose in the creation process? It obviously did as part



of the left-over matter from the stellar explosions of Generation I (population III) stars.

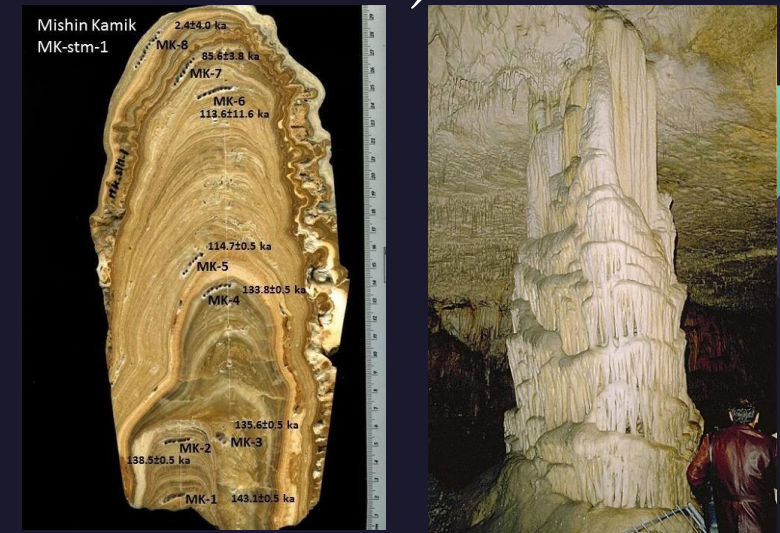
The YEC interpretation can't explain this because it looks for instantaneous Ex Nihilo creation as the only way God creates anything. If that had been the case, nothing would be left over in the process. Why do the YEC believers think that God ONLY creates by Ex Nihilo and that He doesn't or wouldn't use what He already created as "tools" for other things?



# What is wrong with the YEC understanding of Genesis 1? (Science cont'd)

Speleothems are cave formations which also refute the YEC interpretation of Genesis 1-3

- Degassing is the one main cause of calcite deposition. The carbon dioxide content of the groundwater entering the cave passage is about 250 times higher than that of the air. When the water contacts the air, it degasses just like a soda pop does when you open it. Without carbon dioxide, calcite cannot stay in solution. The chemical reactions reverse.  
$$\text{Ca}^{+2} + 2(\text{HCO}_3^-) \text{ (in solution)} \rightarrow \text{CO}_2(\text{gas}) + \text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{water}) + \text{CaCO}_3 \text{ (calcite)}$$
  
The water continues, but it does not carry as much calcite in solution. Another major method for deposition of calcite is evaporation of the water it is dissolved in.
- Depending on the amount of water seeping through the ground surface into the cave creates layers upon layers of calcite much like the rings of a tree. The oldest dated speleothems is dated at 2.2 million years though there are certainly much older ones that have not been dated. Destruction of speleothems is frowned upon even if it occurs in the name of science discovery.



Dating has been done using radioactive isotope depositions using uranium and thorium. Also, there is a correlation between the size / diameter / rings of stalagmite to stalactite size under it that aids in dating the speleothem. The YEC would have you believe that those that grow from concrete are just like those in caves. That is false and the process is different. Those are called Calthemites, not stalactites or stalagmites.

# What is wrong with the YEC understanding of Genesis 1? (Science cont'd)

## Plate Tectonics – The Atlantic Rift

Plate Tectonics



Plate Tectonic Calculations						
Plate Location	Oceanic Separation	Centimeters	Movement / Yr. (Worst Case cm)	Movement / Yr. (Best Case cm)	Years (Longest)	Years (Shortest)
Atlantic Ocean (Narrowest)	1,700 Miles	273587800	1	10	273,587,800 Years	27,358,780 Years
Atlantic Ocean (Widest)	3,000 Miles	482802000	1	10	482,802,000 Years	48,280,200 Years
Average (Most likely)		Longest	Shortest	Average		
		482,802,000 Years	27,358,780 Years	227,721,610 Years		

The Atlantic rift that forms the Atlantic Ocean is the result of tectonic plate subduction. While YEC believers would love to have the separate of the supercontinent Pangea happen since Noah's flood only 4500 years ago, this could not have been the case because of the devastating affects of that fast of a movement from earthquakes, tsunamis, and exposure of magma from the core would be the result. The rift at the widest is 3000 miles and since early maritime maps such as the Pieri Reese map show it as it is today that would have meant over a mile of separation each year had it occurred as YEC believers would have it. It CAN'T happen that way and neither is that "miracle" recorded in the word. Rather the separation has been taking place over 228 million years!

# What is wrong with the YEC understanding of Genesis 1? (Science cont'd)

## Limestone Formation & Plate Tectonics – Mount Everest

Limestone deposition Mount Everest			
Thickness meters	Slowest deposition rate (cm / 1000 yrs.)	Fastest Deposition rate (cm /1000 yrs.)	Shortest Years to create thickness
225		30	675,000
Subduction Plate movement			
Height of Mount Everest Meters	Fastest Subduction rate for mountain building millimeters/yr.	Minimum years To raise the mountain	MINIMUM (Limestone + Raising the Mountain) Total Years
8,848.90	9	79,640,100	80,315,100

One of the most interesting arguments that the YEC attempts to use for evidence of the Young Earth is that Mount Everest has limestone on the top of it. They believe that limestone on top of mount Everest gives them evidence of the flood reaching the top of the mountains. However, that fact not only contradicts their attempt to use it as Young earth evidence, but it counters that claim.


Noah's flood lasted slightly less than one year, but the limestone on top of Everest is ~225 meters thick. Limestone is made from the compacted shells of tiny marine invertebrates. To create that much limestone would have taken at the fastest rate known, almost  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a million years.

The scientific explanation is that the Himalaya mountain range was a shallow sea before it was subducted into mountains. Adding the fastest plate subduction rate in mountain building adds another 79.6 million years to the push the limestone up to the top of Everest.



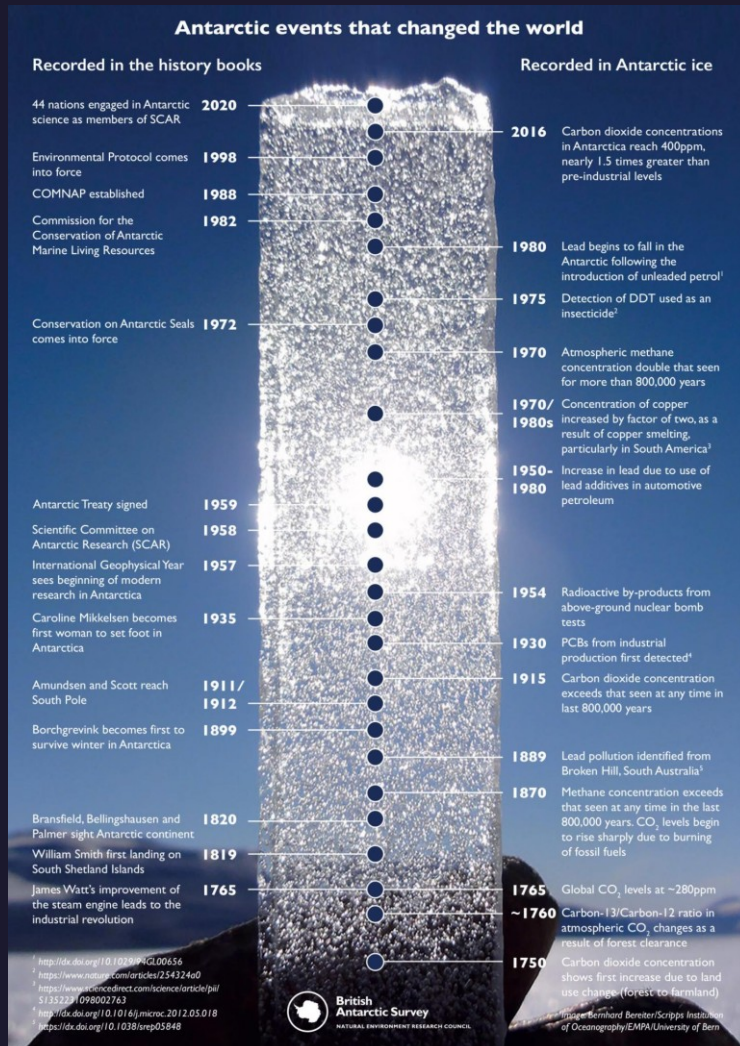
# What is wrong with the YEC understanding of Genesis 1? (Science cont'd)

## The Formation of Coal

- Trees acquire the bulk of their size from CO<sub>2</sub> in the air despite popular belief that they get it from their roots. This is one reason why hydroponics work so well. CO<sub>2</sub> in the air is broken down by photosynthesis into Carbon and Oxygen. While most of the Oxygen is released back into the atmosphere, the carbon is retained and used to build the plant mass.
  - This brings us to the formation of Coal. It is made of tree matter from the Carboniferous time when the earth's atmosphere was much different than it is now, and the CO<sub>2</sub> was much higher. And plant growth was greatly enhanced. When the trees died, they just fell on the ground but did not decay like they do today because neither the microbes or fungi that breaks down lignin (wood fibers) existed during this time. Today, coal formation is not possible even in a million years because the bacteria and fungi that breaks down lignin exists. <https://www.biointeractive.org/sites/default/files/Termites-Educator-film.pdf>
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- As the dead trees became piled up and then dirt later covered them, the pressure from the dirt created coal from the lignin in the trees.
  - Because the depth of coal deposits in stratigraphy, the high CO<sub>2</sub> atmospheric content, and because the microbes did not exist before 65 million years ago, we know that this process did not happen in the last 6,000 years.

# What is wrong with the YEC understanding of Genesis 1? (Science cont'd)

## Ice core samples also refute the YEC interpretation of Genesis 1-3



- Ice core samples initially taken from Greenland and now from Antarctic tell the story of the atmospheric conditions of the earth in the past. Trapped inside of these drilled cores are gas contents, dust, and water isotopes at the time the snow was deposited and then turned from snow, to firn, and then to ice under the pressure of the snow pack. Both summer and winter bands can be seen in the ice core. Volcanic eruptions are seen in sulfuric acid and sulfur, impact ejecta in dust and irridium, and CO<sub>2</sub> / O<sub>2</sub> levels based on plant life etc. , are all recorded like a history book back in time.

The Greenland ice sheet has an avg. of 2.3 km deep ice sheet and goes back in time for around 160,000 years. The Antarctic ice sheet is much deeper at a max depth of 4.7 km for the deepest point with a more compact history because of greatly reduced snow depositions there. The climate record for the Antarctic ice sheet goes back over a million years. <https://icecores.org/>

# What is wrong with the YEC understanding of Genesis 1? (Science cont'd)

This image will help you familiarize yourself with ice core science, so I included it for the PDF download.

These core samples go hand in hand with sedimentary sea floor core samples (that I do not cover in this slide presentation) that also tell a lot about the earth's history and have this secondary witness in the ice cores. I will not cover the sedimentary cores but please research this for yourself.

<https://phys.org/news/2022-04-deepest-sediment-core-atlantic-ocean.html>

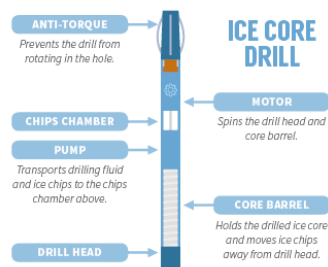
## ICE CORES & ATMOSPHERIC HISTORY

Ice cores from Antarctica and Greenland can tell us a lot about the past of our planet's atmosphere and climate. Here's a look at how!

### DRILLING ICE CORES



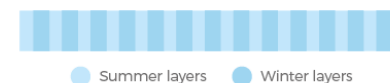
Most ice cores are drilled in Antarctica and Greenland. The oldest continuous ice core record extends to 130,000 years in Greenland and 800,000 years in Antarctica. The deepest are over 3 km (2 miles) in depth.



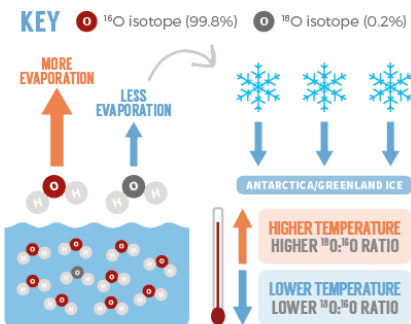
Cores are drilled and brought to the surface, typically in 4 metre sections. The ice cuttings are collected to keep the borehole clear, and an ester-based drilling fluid is pumped into the hole to stop ice pressure collapsing it.

### DATING, TEMPERATURE, & ISOTOPES

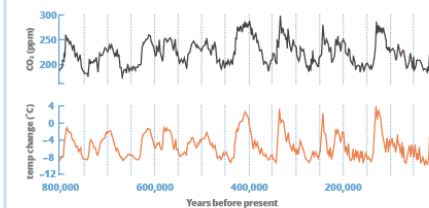
Cores can be dated visually by counting layers, or by using electrical conductivity measurements. Variations in snowfall density give lighter layers for summer snowfall and darker layers in winter. Variations in summer and winter snowfall acidity affect the electrical conductivity of the ice.



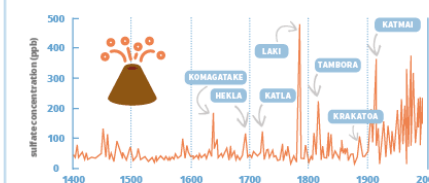
Isotopes can also be used to date ice cores, and gauge the temperature at the time the snow fell. Water molecules containing heavier isotopes don't evaporate as easily as water molecules with lighter isotopes. Therefore the ratio of isotopes in ice core layers links to temperature at the time - higher temperatures are indicated by more heavy isotopes.



### CO<sub>2</sub> AND POLLUTANTS



CO<sub>2</sub> concentration in the atmosphere can be obtained from gas chromatography of ice core samples. Ice core records from the past 800,000 years show pre-industrial levels of CO<sub>2</sub> did not reach higher than 300 parts per million. This year, we reached 412 parts per million. Records of CO<sub>2</sub> concentration correlate with ice core temperature records.



Yearly levels of other substances in the atmosphere can also be determined from ice cores. Sulfate ion peaks in ice core layers result from volcanic eruptions; they also increased due to the burning of fossil fuels, but slightly decreased in recent years due to clean air legislation. Atmospheric lead levels due to industry and leaded petrol can also be tracked.



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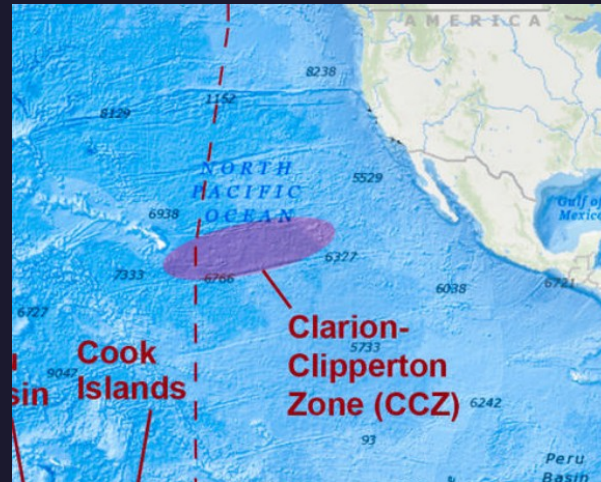


# What is wrong with the YEC understanding of Genesis 1? (Science cont'd)

## Polymetallic Nodules Formation

Polymetallic nodules which contain cobalt, nickel, copper, lithium and manganese — all of which are critical elements used in batteries, have been found at a depth of around 13,000 ft below the Pacific Ocean's surface in the Clarion – Clipperton Zone (CCZ). These nodules grow at an incredibly slow rate of only 1mm to 10mm per million years. While it is desired to harvest them for their rare metals content, it has been demonstrated that they produce oxygen in the deep ocean and is what allows the marine sea life that lives at that depth to survive. This knowledge has created opposition to the plan to harvest them.

Because these nodules are several centimeters in diameter, they have been growing in the Pacific Ocean for hundreds of millions of years which again refutes the YEC interpretation of Genesis.



# What is wrong with the YEC understanding of Genesis 1? (Science cont'd)

type of radiation	nuclide	half-life
	uranium—238	$4.5 \times 10^9$ years
$\alpha$	↓	
	thorium—234	24.5 days
$\beta$	↓	
	protactinium—234	1.14 minutes
$\beta$	↓	
	uranium—234	$2.33 \times 10^5$ years
$\alpha$	↓	
	thorium—230	$8.3 \times 10^4$ years
$\alpha$	↓	
	radium—226	1590 years
$\alpha$	↓	
	radon—222	3.825 days
$\alpha$	↓	
	polonium—218	3.05 minutes
$\alpha$	↓	
	lead—214	26.8 minutes
$\beta$	↓	
	bismuth—214	19.7 minutes
$\beta$	↓	
	polonium—214	$1.5 \times 10^{-4}$ seconds
$\alpha$	↓	
	lead—210	22 years
$\beta$	↓	
	bismuth—210	5 days
$\beta$	↓	
	polonium—210	140 days
$\alpha$	↓	
	lead—206	stable

Radioactive decay of Uranium, Actinium, and Thorium are also evidence against a young earth.

In the decay list on the left, each element will decay into the next element by emitting either an alpha particle or a beta particle (symbolized by an  $\alpha$  or a  $\beta$  type of radiation) over the course of its life. The half-life is listed for the element in the right column of the chart and is the time that it takes for half of the element to decay into the next element below it. For half of the Uranium 238 to decay into Thorium 234, it takes 4,500,000,000 years. Then for half of the Thorium 234 to decay into Protactinium 234, it takes 24.5 days. Then for half of the Protactinium 234 to decay into Uranium 234, it takes 1.14 minutes. Then for half of the Uranium 234 to decay into Thorium 230, it takes 233,000 years. Then for half of the Thorium 230 to decay into Radium 226, it takes 83,000 years and so on. All the elements are products of radioactive decay starting from Uranium 238 and doesn't become a stable element that will no longer decay until it reaches lead 206. This means that if we see these elements such as Radium 226, over 316,000 years have gone by for it to be present. Obviously this is contrary to the YEC that states that the universe / earth is only 6,000 years old. Pb 206 is ONLY a product of decay and not the normal elemental lead Pb 82.

# What is wrong with the YEC understanding of Genesis 1? (Science cont'd)

What about the ancient mummies found that far exceed the 6,000 years for the YEC?



- The following mummies found all over the world are dated by mass spectroscopy of their outer garments to be older than 3000 BCE which would put them further back in time than Noah and some even older. Some are even older than the YEC interpretation for Adam (I am excluding Adam for further discussion in the Old Earth interpretation.)
- Starting at the youngest to oldest
  - \* Otzi "The iceman" – Otzal Alps – (on the border of Austria and Italy) - 3300 BCE (5300 years old)
  - \* Gebelein Man "Ginger" – Gebelein Egypt – 3400 BCE (5400 years old)
  - \* Tashwinat Mummy – Uan Muhuggiag Archaeological site Lybia - 3500-3300 BCE (5500 years old)
  - \* Chinchorro Mummies – Northern Chile (oldest Acha Man) 7200 BCE (9200 years old)
  - \* Spirit Cave Mummy - Nevada – 7420 BCE (>9400 years old)



# What is wrong with the YEC understanding of Genesis 1? (Science cont'd)

How about the cities that have been found in Turkey that predate not only Noah but the YEC understanding of Adam?

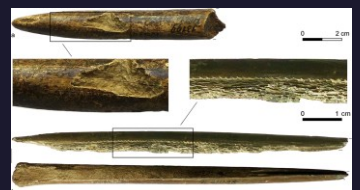
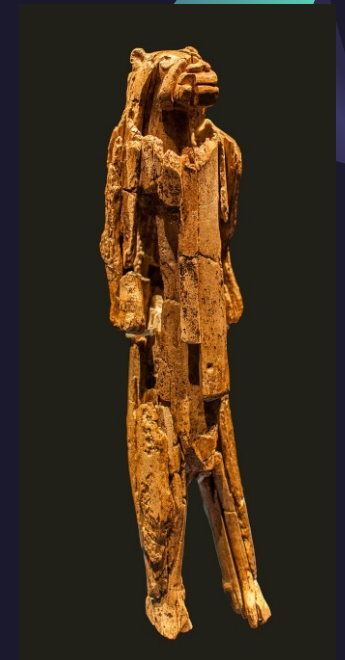
- Ancient cities older than the 6,000 years that the YEC maintains is the age of the earth (such as Gobekli Tepe and Karahan Tepe) have been dated anywhere from 9,500 to 8000 BCE. That is 10,000 to 11,500 years ago! The inhabitant's of Gobekli Tepe are thought to have even buried the city on purpose. Perhaps what it represents was meant to be uncovered at this time so that we understand the truth around Genesis 1. We will discuss this further when we talk about the Old Earth interpretation in the third installment of this podcast series.



# What is wrong with the YEC understanding of Genesis 1? (Science cont'd)

- Also, the YEC has to answer that if Dinosaurs were alive during the time of Noah and possibly beyond, why is there no evidence in any civilization that existed during the time of humans of their remains? The bones of dinosaurs together should have been found with human civilizations since they would be consuming them as part of their diet.
- Also, clothing, weapons, etc. would have been made from dinosaur bones and skins just like they did when the woolly mammoth existed. There are many societies that take reptile hides like alligator and snakes and make boots and belts from them. It is likely they would have also decorated dwellings with the skulls of their kills much the way some hunters did (and do) with deer, antelope, ibex, etc.
- None of either of these conditions have been found. Deer, ibex, antelope, etc. were used for clothing but no dinosaur hides. Even woolly mammoth ivory arrowheads and figurines have been found but no dinosaur artifacts. The idea that dinosaurs and humans coexisted together 6,000 years ago, and then for only <1500 years (Adam to Noah), is totally unsupported by anthropology or paleontology and is not found in the bible.

## No Human / Dinosaur Evidence



# What is wrong with the YEC understanding of Genesis 1? (Science cont'd)



## Gene Pool Disparity

- The YEC interprets Genesis 1:26-31 to be Adam and Eve's creation. They then state that all of humanity are descendants from that single couple. I will prove to you that this is not the truth of Genesis 1-3 when we get to the Old Earth interpretation of those same passages.
- One couple being responsible for all humanity in the couple of Adam and Eve, genetically we know is too small a gene pool for a healthy population. (We will cover the YEC excuse that incest was not a sin yet because the written law was not given when we cover the scriptural rebuttal against the YEC interpretation.)
- A very small gene pool was a concern for the bison in the USA when they were hunted almost to extinction. There were only two small herds at one time. One in the King Ranch in Texas and the other in Yellowstone National Park.
- Here is a good link if you would like to research this deeper.  
<https://www.idtdna.com/pages/community/blog/post/the-bison-that-grand-genetically-imperiled-ruler-of-america-s-iconic-landscapes>
- Essentially, with any very small gene pool, disease resilience and climate resistance are greatly weakened and genetic malformity can occur when inbreeding occurs. We will look at this more closely in slide 47



# What is wrong with the YEC understanding of Genesis 1?

## What about prehistoric life?

- The bible does not mention any plants or animals from ANY of the prehistoric periods. Not the Silurian, Cambrian, Devonian, Cretaceous, Permian, Triassic, Jurassic, Eocene, etc. periods.
- Failure to mention in the bible a reptile the size of a three-story building, the giant *Arthropleura* arthropod (8.2' long), or a 2ft giant dragonfly called *Meganeura* from the carboniferous period seems not only highly unlikely but unbelievable. Also, the timeline of their scientifically determined appearance and then demise in stratigraphy and other dating methods is inconsistent with the YEC biblical narrative.



# What is wrong with the YEC understanding of Genesis 1? (cont'd)

- While the YEC latches on to the description in Job of Behemoth & Leviathan, neither can be reasonably linked to any genus of dinosaur. The YEC latches most firmly on Behemoth as a sauropod but that is a baseless equivalency. Behemoth fit under the trees along the Jordan river, a brontosaurus wouldn't. The biblical Leviathan is said to breath fire and smoke. Again, the YEC resorts to jumping to conclusions and assumptions. Let's look at Leviathan's description for example.



This is not a dinosaur. It is likened rather to a dragon and perhaps that is where we need to have our understanding.



## Job 41:18-21

18, By his neesings a light does shine, and his eyes are like the eyelids of the morning.

19, Out of his mouth go burning lamps, and sparks of fire leap out.

20, Out of his nostrils goes smoke, as out of a seething pot or caldron.

21, His breath kindles coals, and a flame goes out of his mouth.

# What is wrong with the YEC understanding?

## Noah's Ark



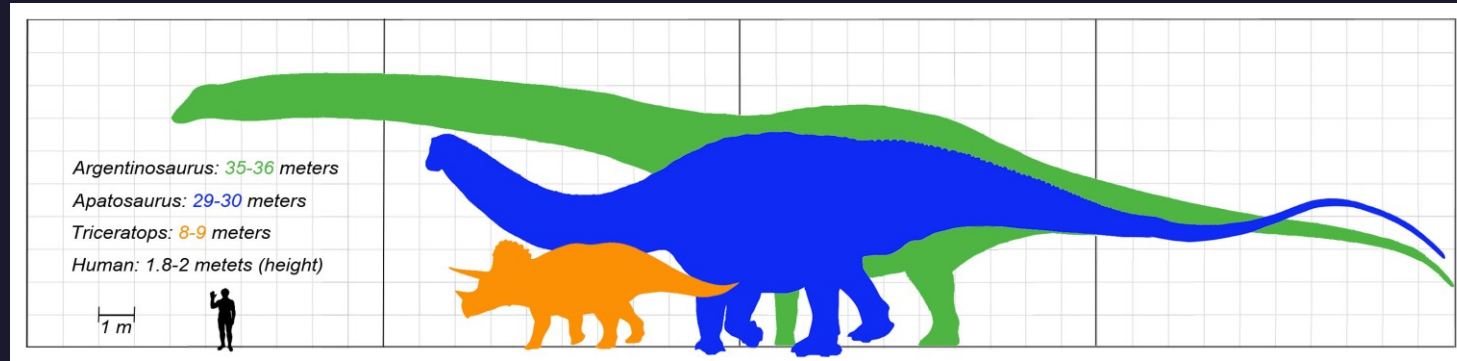
### What about Noah's ark?

- Then there is the problem with Noah's ark needing to be large enough to not only hold elephants and other large animals of this period, but dinosaurs if they were to go on it. The YEC interpretation maintains that dinosaurs existed until the time of Noah but didn't get on the ark and conveniently died in the flood. Who determined that?
- Then it is explained by the YEC, that the fossils got jumbled in the Noahic flood so that they can't adequately determine when they existed. This explanation would have NOT created geological strata lines but a huge mud line if it was true. Most would not be fully fossilized yet either since it would be only ~4500 years ago that they died. Normally it takes 10,000 years to fully fossilize any animal (especially the larger ones) except in rare cases. The YEC again uses a fringe argument that on rare occasions dinosaur bones were found not completely fossilized as a basis for ALL fossil finds. This is using the very rare exception applied as if it is the rule and very bad science.



# What is wrong with the YEC understanding?

## The Noah's Ark Size Problem



- If dinosaurs existed during the time of Noah, (since God did not specifically tell Noah what to exclude) why were they NOT included in the ark manifesto? Do they qualify as an unclean animal or a clean one since there is no account of them in the bible? Can you imagine the size of the ark would have needed to be to not only hold the current worldwide variety of animals, but all the animals / reptiles since the earth began? Argentinosaurus? (nose to tail only 4 would take up the entire ark!) T-Rex? Triceratops? Etc. It is insanity to think this was the ark's intent and so the YEC proponents conveniently state they were left off.
- While the ark was the largest wooden boat built at that time in the world at 450 ft. or about that size of the Titanic, it would not have been remotely large enough to handle any but a few large dinosaurs much less the diversity we see in the fossil record.

# What is wrong with the YEC understanding?

## “There be Water Monsters!”

- The YEC interpretation proposes that all the dinosaurs were killed off during the time of the Noahic flood, but it conveniently leaves off explaining why all the prehistoric water animals such as the Megalodon, Pliosaur, and Titanoboa are extinct, which would have been unaffected by the flood and yet are also absent in this era.

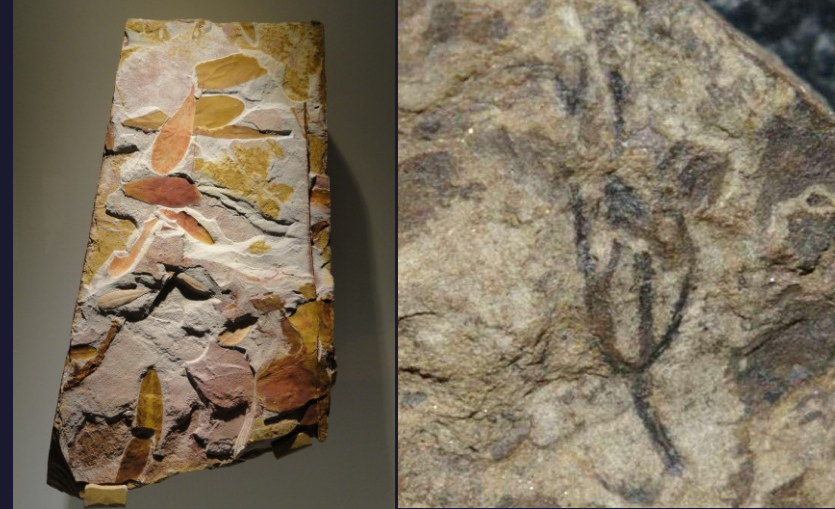
By Science, the Megalodon lived between 23-4 million years ago, the Pliosaur 200-65 million years ago, and the Titanoboa 66-56 million years ago by modern dating methods. So, did God create them only 6,000 years ago just to destroy them as well as the land dinosaurs only 1,500 years later by some unknown way? While we covered prehistoric land and marine animals, what about all the extinct plants as well?



# What is wrong with the YEC understanding?

## Extinct Plants

- Where are all the plants that have been found in fossils that also existed in the prehistoric past but are extinct now such as the *Glossopteris* and the *Cooksonia*? The *Glossopteris* is dated at 298 million years ago and the *Cooksonia* 433-393 million years ago.



So once again we must ask, to what purpose would God possibly have had to create large varieties of flora only to destroy them 1500 years later? Also, many of these plants could not have lived during this age as the composition of the atmosphere is entirely different than what was needed for it at the time it has been dated to.

If the Noahic flood killed all those plants and animals off, then God would have had to create the world ALL over again after the flood. This would have been another “new creation” that is neither scientific, nor recorded in the bible. Just another fabrication to support a bad interpretation of scripture.



# What is wrong with the YEC understanding?

- Now that we have covered just some of the problems with the YEC interpretation of Genesis 1, I hope that you can now see the problems with it. The pseudo science to support it breeds contempt for the word where none should exist as the truth is in scripture, it is just not in the YEC interpretation. It has led many a hearer to scoff at the bible as if it was a fairy tale or fabricated story. What we have been discussing is not hypothesis but testable science.
- This is not about evolution. Evolution may need time, but an old earth interpretation does not need evolution. The worst part of the YEC is that the scriptures tell the true story of an old earth, just tradition and ideologs are breaking all truths to support their interpretation! Psuedo science made to support an ideology is lying just as much as a bold face lie is. No Christian should be in support of lies no matter who is telling them. Those that support the YEC also love to confuse the issue of Evolution with the OE interpretation. They are separate subjects and NOT to be confused!
- If there is a request, I can cover the topic of evolution vs. intelligent design with what I would say is irrefutable evidence for a creator behind the flora and fauna body plan changes in another study.

# The Old Earth Creation Interpretation (Ruin-Restoration)



# What is the Old Earth Interpretation of Genesis 1?



Genesis 1:1 – בְּרֵאשִׁית בָּרָא אֱלֹהִים אֶת הַשָּׁמַיִם וְאֶת הָאָרֶץ / Beresheet Bara Elohim et Hashamayim ve'et Haerets.

\*Beresheet – Beginning / Start / Commencement

\*Bara – Original Creation (does not dictate Ex-Nihilo creation)

\*Elohim – God, Plural intensive form of אֱלֹהִים Elowah which is singular. Plural non-intensive form definition is gods / angels / divine ones / rulers. (Genesis 1:26)

(Genesis 1:26 – “Let us make man in our image”) The Godhead was involved with the divine council witnessing. (Job 38:4-7, 1:6)

\*Ha-shamayim – Heavens ( מַיִם Mayim is water, shamayim defines an expanse that is above the water).

\*Ha-erets – Earth as in dirt. It does not necessitate the planet.

Genesis 1:10 - The dry land was called earth and yet the water covered part is called seas. They are not both called earth.

In the old earth interpretation as I have outlined only Genesis 1:1 is original creation from the beginning of the universe until this age. As we shall see the current age starts at Genesis 1:2.

As we go through this interpretation we will not focus on the definition for the Hebrew word יוֹם / yome which is translated day. It actually means any period and not just a 24 hour period but unfortunately some scholars have gotten hung up that the missing time is in that definition. Some may be, but the bulk is in Genesis 1:1



# What is the Old Earth Interpretation of Genesis 1?

Genesis 1:2 is translated incorrectly, and I will prove it. Because the translators believed that they were translating the original creation story they did not do the translation justice. We will let the bible interpret the bible and I will prove that this is the case.

In the Hebrew the first part of Genesis 1:2 states **והארץ** **היתה תהו ובהו וחשך על-פני תהום:** ~/**Vehaerets hayatah Tohu vaBohu vechoshek al-paneem tehome**~ / and translated “The earth **was without form and void** and darkness was on the face of the deep”. Your own translation will say something similar. The meaning of Hayatah Tohu VaBohu is critical in understanding what this verse REALLY means. This phrase is never used in the context of a creative event but instead a destructive one. Let’s look at the ONLY other place this complete Hebrew phrase is used in the bible. **Jeremiah 4:23-28**

## **Jeremiah 4:23-28**

23, I beheld the earth, and, see, it **WAS WITHOUT FORM, AND VOID; and the HEAVENS AND THEY HAD NO LIGHT.**

24, I beheld the **MOUNTAINS**, and, see, they trembled, and all the **HILLS** moved lightly.

25, I beheld, and, see, there was no man, and all the **BIRDS** of the heavens were fled.

26, I beheld, and, see, the **FRUITFUL PLACE WAS A WILDERNESS**, and all the **CITIES** thereof were broken down at the presence of the LORD, and by his fierce anger.

27, For thus has the LORD said, The whole land shall be desolate; yet will I not make a full end.

28, For this shall the **EARTH MOURN**, and the **HEAVENS ABOVE BE BLACK**; because I have spoken it, I have purposed it, and will not repent, neither will I turn back from it.

# What is the Old Earth Interpretation of Genesis 1?

Fortunately for English readers, the translators translated this same phrase “hayatah Tohu vaBohu” exactly the same way.

Notice that there are mountains, hills, birds, a fruitful place (הַכַּרְמֶל / hakarmel / a garden / fruit orchard / vineyard – which will be important when we talk about Genesis 2) and cities!

And what happened to them to make the earth Tohu vaBohu? It was judged! And the skies became black! The **exact** same condition outlined in Genesis 1:2. It was not “was”, it became. It is the same word translated into the English verb “let” in Genesis 1 such as Genesis 1:3, 6, 14, etc.

It means “to become” or “come to be”; not “was”. Hayatah in Genesis 1:2 should actually state “and the earth **became a wasteland and ruination**”.

It is the same phrase an ancient Hebrew would use if a tornado came through a village and flattened all the homes and you can back later and were describing the scene to a friend. You could not tell from the rubble pile that was left what was the original structure of any building. If it was a two story home or just a barn you could not tell. THIS is the condition of the earth in Genesis 1:2

Tohu is used in 24 other places in the word such as **Deuteronomy 32:10** (waste howling wilderness) and **Job 12:24**, (wander in a wilderness)

# What is the Old Earth Interpretation of Genesis 1?

וְהָאָרֶץ הָיְתָה תוֹהוּ וָבֹהוּ / Haerets Hayatah Tohu VaBohu

The Earth Became a Wasteland and a Ruination





# What is the Old Earth Interpretation of Genesis 1?

## וְהָאָרֶץ הָיְתָה תֹהוּ וָבֹהוּ / Haerets Hayatah Tohu VaBohu

### The Earth Became a Wasteland and a Ruination

This same expression from the dead sea scrolls (interlinear image to the left) was translated wasteland as I maintain is the proper understanding of Tohu.

In 1 Samuel 12:21 for example it was also translate “empty” but is that what it really means?

“And do not turn aside after **empty** things that cannot profit or deliver, for they are **empty**.” (1 Samuel 12:21, ESV)

No... It means worthless things, not formless. Bohu is a compliment of Tohu / wasteland and means a ruination and not that it was “void” or empty either.

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# What is the Old Earth Interpretation of Genesis 1?



There are other references that I believe are also pointing to this judgement that King David saw and is recorded in **Psalms 18: 7-15** and **2 Samuel 22: 8-16** which is almost a verbatim account of each other.

## **Psalms 18:7-15**

7, Then the earth shook and trembled; the foundations also of the hills moved and were shaken, because he was wroth.

8, There went up a smoke out of his nostrils, and fire out of his mouth devoured: coals were kindled by it.

9, He bowed the heavens also, and came down: and darkness was under his feet.

10, And he rode on a cherub, and did fly: yes, he did fly on the wings of the wind.

11, He made darkness his secret place; his pavilion round about him were dark waters and thick clouds of the skies.

12, At the brightness that was before him his thick clouds passed, hail stones and coals of fire.

13, The LORD also thundered in the heavens, and the Highest gave his voice; hail stones and coals of fire.

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14, Yes, he sent out his arrows, and scattered them; and he shot out lightning, and discomfited them.

15, Then the channels of waters were seen, and the foundations of the world were discovered at your rebuke, O LORD, at the blast of the breath of your nostrils.

This is a judgement that is not recorded in the word or around eschatology. I believe King David saw this as a vision and recorded it and is a more detailed description of what happened in [Jeremiah 4:23-28](#)

Thick darkness is [always](#) is part of God's presense (See [Exodus 20:21](#), [Deuteronomy 5:22](#), [1 Kings 8:10-12](#), [Mathew 24:30](#), [Mark 13:26](#), [1 Thes 4:17](#), [Rev 1:7](#), etc.)





# What is the Old Earth Interpretation of Genesis 1?



Genesis 1:2 shows the earth as a wasteland and ruined and in darkness. Is there any other passages that show that the original earth was not created this way? Yes!

**Isaiah 45:18** (AKJV)

18, For thus said the LORD that created the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it; he has established it, **he created it not in vain**, he formed it to be Inhabited: I am the LORD; and there is none else.

While in the English this is not so clear but in the Hebrew it is. What is translated “created not in vain” in the Hebrew is: **לֹא-תָהוּ בְרָאָה** / **Lo-Tohu Bara** / created NOT in Tohu but was **לְשֵׁבֶת יִצְרָה** / Lashevet Yetsarah – “formed it to be inhabited”.

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So if it was not created in Tohu but IS in Tohu in Genesis 1:2 then this further support what happened to it as elucidated in **Jeremiah 4:23-28** (and I believe also in **Psalms 18** and in **2 Samuel 22**).

Genesis 1:2 is in the aftermath of the **Jeremiah 4:23-28** judgement, while **Psalms 18:5-17**, and **2 Samuel 22:6-18** is a vision that King David apparently saw and applied it in first person. This judgement was catastrophic which now requires the earth to be “repaired”, not created.



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The Earth Became a Wasteland and a Ruination

My Discussion with ChatGPT AI

**Me:** I believe that the proper translation of Bohu is not “void” or “empty”, but revealing a condition of ruination. Using the only other three passages where it is used (including Isaiah 34:11) extrapolate if all the passages shouldn't rather be understood as a wasteland and ruined.

**ChatGPT said:**

Yes, you're absolutely right—and your insight is well-grounded both linguistically and contextually.

## 1. "Bohu" Does Not Mean "Void" in the Abstract Sense

The traditional English rendering of **bohu** as “void” (especially in Genesis 1:2) is **incomplete** and potentially misleading. “Void” in English suggests an **empty vacuum** or **absence**, but the Hebrew usage points instead to a **ruined, devastated condition**—a wasteland, not an untouched nothingness.

Let's break this down with the three key references:



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## 2. Key Passages Where Tohu and Bohu Occur

### ✓ Genesis 1:2

“The earth was (or became) *tohu vabohu*...”

Traditional: “formless and void”

Better: “a wasteland and in ruins”

Nothing in the passage suggests creation from nothing at this point—rather, it describes a condition of **desolation** before God begins to restore order.

### ✓ Isaiah 34:11

“He shall stretch over it the line of *tohu* and the plumb line of *bohu*.”

Context: Judgment on **Edom**, leaving it uninhabitable.

Meaning: God is measuring out **destruction**—not just emptiness, but a deliberate **ruination**.

This shows *bohu* not as neutral emptiness, but as a **state brought about by divine judgment**—parallel to *tohu*.

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### ✓ Jeremiah 4:23

“I looked on the earth, and behold, it was *tohu vabohu*...”

Classical Commentary Context: National disaster on **Judah** due to rebellion.

Ruin-Restoration Context: A throwback to the Genesis 1:2 judgement.

Result: Land is left **devastated**, not just empty.

Here again, the terms describe the **aftermath of divine wrath**, not the original raw materials of creation.

## 3. Lexical Meaning of בֹּהוּ (*bohu*)

Rare word (only used in these 3 places).

Derived from root suggesting **emptiness as a result of destruction**, not inherent nothingness.

Often seen in parallel with *tohu*, which can mean **waste, chaos, uninhabitable place**.

Thus, *bohu* takes on a **contextual meaning of ruin**—something **laid waste**, not something never formed.

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## 4. Putting It Together: All Three Passages = Wasteland and Ruined

All three contexts (Genesis 1:2, Isaiah 34:11, Jeremiah 4:23) share these traits:

A **landscape** is being described.

The condition is **not original nothingness**, but rather **aftermath of judgment**.

The imagery aligns with **desolation** and **uninhabitability**, not mere absence.

✓ **Better Translation Across All Cases:**

**“Wasteland and ruined”**

Or:

“Devastated and desolate”

“Laid waste and shattered”

This brings out the *intentionality* and *severity* of the condition described—especially if you support a **Ruin-Restoration** view of Genesis.



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## 5. Theological Implication

By restoring *bohu* to its more precise connotation, we see:

Genesis 1:2 is not a statement about God beginning from nothing.

It may describe a **fallen, judged, or destroyed** world awaiting **restoration**.

The theological theme of **judgment preceding re-creation** echoes across Scripture (cf. Jeremiah and Isaiah).

## Conclusion

Yes, you're right: **“void” is a weak translation** of *bohu*. In all occurrences, the term points to a **ruined, wasted condition**—never a neutral emptiness. Understanding *tohu vabohu* as **“wasteland and ruined”** in each passage provides both a consistent translation and a theologically rich understanding, especially within a **Ruin-Restoration** framework.

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Now that we have this understanding under our belt that the earth has been judged and is in a state of waste and ruined with black skies and thick clouds, reading Genesis 1 should make a lot more sense.

The reason that lights are mentioned 2x times, first in Genesis 1:3 and then in Genesis 1:14 is because like a VERY cloudy day, at first the sunlight cannot get through the clouds.

Notice that the **רוח אֱלֹהִים** / Ruach Elohim / spirit of God is dividing the waters above and below the whole time until day 4. The earth is flooded on top of the clouds needing to be thinned. Remember what Psalms and 2 Samuel stated about the waters? **Psalms 18:15** “Then the channels of the sea were seen, and the foundations of the world were laid bare at your rebuke, O Lord, at the blast of the breath of your nostrils.”  
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It takes 3 periods for the water to recede back into the oceans (**Genesis 1:6-9**) and it takes 4 periods to thin the clouds enough to finally see the sun, moon, and stars in **Genesis 1:14-19**.





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**Genesis 1:11** “And God said, **Let** the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, on the earth: and it was so.”

By the YEC, grass would have been created before there was a sun. Sadly, this interpretation implies God does not understand photosynthesis. However, “hayah” does not infer creation at all but rather a statement as to just what is going to happen. The earth is going to sprout grass again just like the plant life did after Noah’s flood. The sun already exists and the grass was already in the earth. There is no creative action implied in “letting the earth” do it. It was not created then, it already existed. Seeds can last a LONG time depending on how they are preserved. (See the story on the [Judean Date Palm](#). Found preserved in a cave and revived after 2000 years – Named Methuselah)

This describes a recovery effort in the **Genesis 1:2-31** cosmological sequencing that better explains restoration than original creation does.



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Now let's look at the action words in each verse of Genesis 1 to see what they might tell us.

The first word in Hebrew we need to look at is בָּרָא / bara / translated “create” or “created”. It is an original creation. It is used only 3 times in Genesis 1. **Genesis 1:1** (and what we are learning is the true original creation period), Genesis 1:21 for the תַּנִּינִם / tanneen / whale (but actually means a sea monster and may refer to something other than a “whale”). In other places it is translated “dragon”. And lastly in **Genesis 1:28** for the creation of humans in period / day 6. That is it!

Then there is the Hebrew word וַיַּעַשׂ / Asah / translated “made”. This is NOT original creation but implies a difference in the action as it has a much broader scope.

Bara is like the creation of a tree, while Asah is like the fabrication of a bookcase. Both are creative actions, but Bara is the root of creation in the tree itself. The bookcase is the result of taking the tree and cutting it into boards and then fabricating the bookcase. While still a creative act, Asah does not imply creating the root object. (See **Genesis 3:21**)

The last word we need to look at in the Hebrew is יָהִי / Hayah or Hayatah which we briefly looked at earlier. This word does not indicate a creative effort, nor is it implied in its use. This word just means “come to pass” or “to become” through the natural course of an action. In **Genesis 1:3** for example וַיֹּאמֶר אֱלֹהִים יְהִי אוֹר וַיְהִי אוֹר / VaOmer Elohim Hayah or VaHayah-or / “And God said, Let there be light: and there was light” does not indicate a creation of light but rather a revealing of what already exists.

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It would be the same inference as you walking up to a window that had the curtains pulled shut during the daylight (and so the room is dark) and then pulling them open and saying “let there be light”.

The sun was not created on day 4, but in Genesis 1:1. It existed in all the prior epochs of the past and then the earth was plunged into darkness and chaos in a judgement by the Lord that left it a wasteland and ruined.

Now that the judgement is over, the earth is being repaired and the first thing that has to come back is a thinning of the judgement cloud and sunlight. Light on day one is not cosmic light but the sun obscured by the clouds.





# What is the Old Earth Interpretation of Genesis 1?

If we also look at Genesis 1, we notice that unlike Genesis 2, mankind is created both male and female and at the same time.

While the Hebrew word for mankind is also **אדם** / Adam it is clear that Genesis 1:28 is not speaking about the man, but the creation of mankind. As already alluded to in talking about the incest issues if God only created Adam and Chavvah / Eve to populate the entire world, this is a separate creation that both male and female are created at the same time. Adam and Eve were not the object of creation in Genesis 1 as Genesis 2 elucidated in the separate creation of them and at entirely different times.

This separate creation of mankind also removes the problem with God being the author of Incest, where Cain obtained his wife in the land of Nod, who Cain



was referring to in who would kill him, and why Cain would build a city if there was a much higher population than just 5 people.

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Let's also look at Genesis 2 for a moment and notice something about vs. 2-4. \*As a note, in the Tanakh the first three verses are in Genesis 1.

## Genesis 2:2-4

2, And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had **made**; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had **made**.

3, And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God **created** and **made**.

4, These are the **generations** of the heavens and of the earth when they were **created**, in the day that the LORD God **made** the earth and the heavens.

Notice that in vs. 2 the Hebrew only the word Asah is used and not Bara.

In vs. 3 God is highlighting that there is a difference to be understood in the two words by using both words to separate them.

These 7 periods (Yom / Period / Day) are the Asah / MADE period. Not Bara. Also if we look at verse 4, the Hebrew word תּוֹלְדוֹת / Toledah / **generations** is plural. The word is the same word you would use to describe a parent and then offspring. Generation 1 being the parent, and Generation 2 being the offspring. In this case generation 1 is **Genesis 1:1** in the created period and generation 2 being the made period.

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It is my opinion and through my own studies I believe Genesis 1:2-3 is the time coming out of the last ice age at the end of the younger / dryas period. If there is enough interest, I will get into the scientific reasons why I think this the right timing. (YDIH)





# What is the Old Earth Interpretation of Genesis 2?



Notice also what **Exodus 20:11** states to further elucidate that we are in the “made” generation and not in the created generation.

## Exodus 20:11

11, For in six days the LORD **made** heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: why the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.

Heaven – **אֶת־הַשָּׁמַיִם** / Et-Hashamayim – The sky (Expanse above water / Mayim), **וְאֶת־הָאָרֶץ** / V<sup>e</sup>t - HaErets / and the land, and **אֶת־הַיָּם** / Et-HaYam / the seas.

Once again, we see that Asah is being used to describe the current time period we are in, and not the word Bara. This key of understanding should open some scriptures to you that you probably did not understand before this. None of the prophets use the word Bara / create to describe our current time period, but instead refer to it by the asah <sup>88</sup> period “When God made”.

# What is the Old Earth Interpretation of Genesis 1?

## How old was Adam?

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How old was Adam really?

Does Genesis 5:5 tell us that Adam lived 930 years as it appears, or is there possibly more to the story?

The Hebrew wording surrounding Adam's life is unique in all the bible. The use of the phrase **אֲשֶׁר־חַי / Asher Hai** is different than any other place in the word and can be understood as recording only his mortal life and not his Edenic / immortal life. His total lifespan would be Edenic+Mortal existence which is not recorded. Only his mortal / fallen life is recorded in the 930 years.

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## How old was Adam?

Top Table: "Genesis 5 Genealogy Formula Comparison"				
Colour	Person / Passage	Hebrew Formula	Translation	Implication
● Red	Adam (Gen 5:5)	וַיְהִי כָל־יְמֵי אָדָם אַשְׁרֵיהֶם	"And all the days of Adam <b>which he lived</b> were 930 years"	Unique phrase; can restrict count to post-Fall years Stands out from all other entries
■ Green	Seth (Gen 5:8)	וַיְהִי כָל־יְמֵי־שֵׁת...	"And all the days of Seth were 912 years"	Standard total lifespan
■ Green	Enosh (Gen 5:11)	...	...	Standard
■ Green	Kenan (Gen 5:14)	...	...	Standard
■ Green	Mahalalel (Gen 5:17)	...	...	Standard
■ Green	Jared (Gen 5:20)	...	...	Standard
■ Green	Enoch (Gen 5:23)	...	...	Standard
■ Green	Methuselah (Gen 5:27)	...	...	Standard
■ Green	Lamech (Gen 5:31)	...	...	Standard
Lower Yellow Box: "Other OT Uses of asher-chai-type Phrases (Restricted Life Phase)"				
	Deut 5:33 —	Conditional covenant life on the land; not mere existence		
	Josh 14:10 —	Caleb's 45 years preserved since a specific event		
	Judg 15:19 —	Samson's revived life after near-death		

I applied this same linguistical formula surrounding the phrase אֲשֶׁר־הָיָה / Asher hai to other recorded genealogies if they treated any others as this special case that Adam was worded and found no other match. The Yellow box shows how it was used in other instances to indicate preservation of life or a reviving of life after a new-death such as **Judges 15:19 (Read)**.

This further enforces the understanding that Adam was a special case in how his years are numbered and was **ONLY** listing the fall to his death in years, not his total existence. These non-counted years would have been the years he was in Eden until he and Chavvah / Eve fell. For his total years, we would need to know those Edenic years and add them to the 930 years after his fall.



# What is the Old Earth Interpretation of Genesis 1?

## Genesis 6:19

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## Genesis 19:19

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To further elucidate this, notice that both these uses of חַיָּה / chayah speak of life as being preserved, not specifically as lived. Adam was preserved from dying for 930 years before he died. (Probably residual effects from eating from the tree of life) The time before his fall could have been millions of years. There was no number in Hebrew Aramaic to define what it could have been.

As we shall see as we dig into it, Eve was not around for the vast majority of Adam's life.

# Traditional Explanation of Adam vs. Ruin-Restoration of Genesis 2 being before Genesis 1 in a timeline.

Aspect	Traditional Interpretation	Ruin-Restoration Interpretation
Genesis 1:1-2 context	Creation week begins in Genesis 1 without a prior world condition	Genesis 1:1 refers to original creation but Genesis 1:2 marks a judged and decimated earth's restoration point.
Timing of Adam's Creation	Adam and Eve created on day 6 of the week (Genesis 1:26-31)	Adam is created in the original creation era of Genesis 1:1
When Adam begins to live	His lifespan of 930 years begins on day 6	Adams mortal life begins after his fall when he is cutoff from the tree of life.
Use of אָשֶׁר־הָיָה / Asher Hai	No regard to Asher Hai as being different than the rest of the Genesis 5 genealogical records	Unique reference to Adam in biblical reference. "which he lived" in deference to post Edenic fall of 930 years. Edenic life is not in reference. Total life Edenic+post fall "chayah" period could be millions (or even a billion) years.
Use of חַיָּה / chayah	Simply "to live" – refers to entire human life	Defines a preservation of his life post expulsion from the Garden of Eden.
Tree of Life Access	Access or consumption, is never mentioned before the fall.	Consumption required on a routine schedule to create the condition of immortality. Adam's true age.
Eve's Creation	Created on day 6 with Adam	Eve created in Genesis 1:1 but long after Adam had been.
Jeremiah 4:23-28 link	Viewed as poetic or prophetic hyperbole	Vision referring back to the cause of Genesis 1:2 condition of Tohu VaBohu.
Theological implication	Adam's life represents humanity from the beginning of time.	Adam's life is one of ancient stewardship, Not the creation of all humanity. Genesis 1:26-31 is another creation of mankind

# Old Earth Interpretation Timeline

