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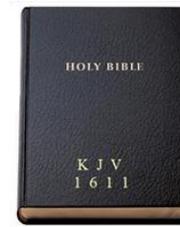
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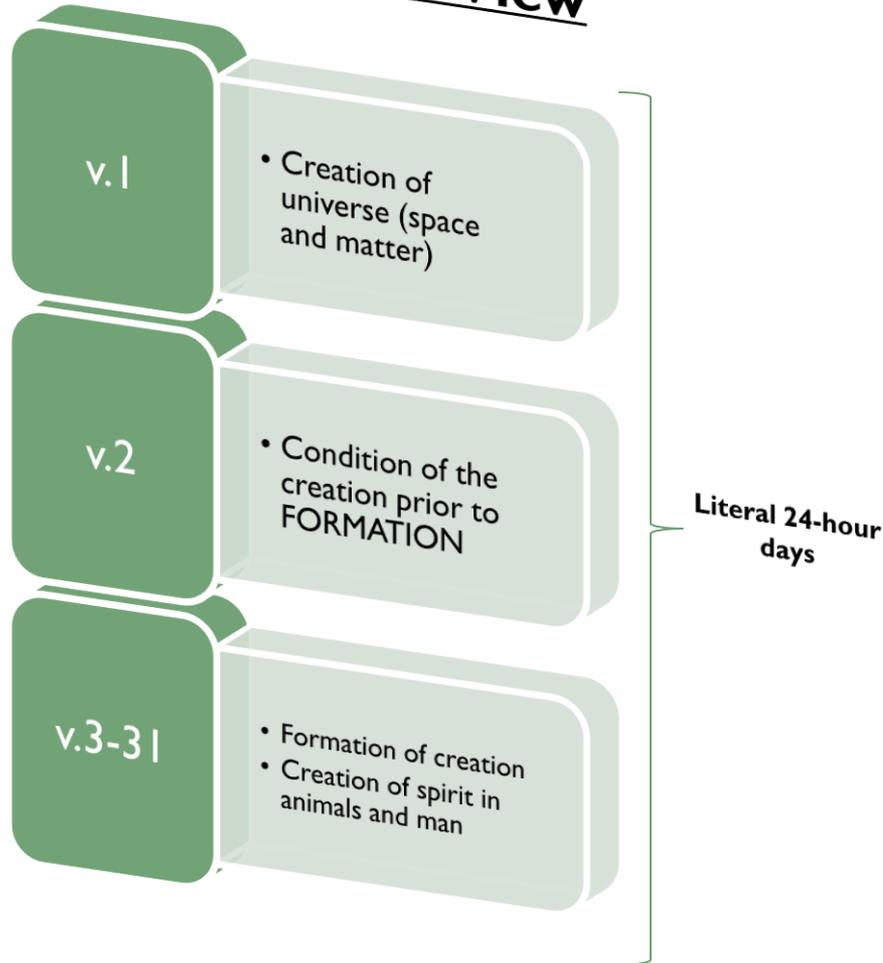
Survey Of The Bible I

Genesis-Deuteronomy

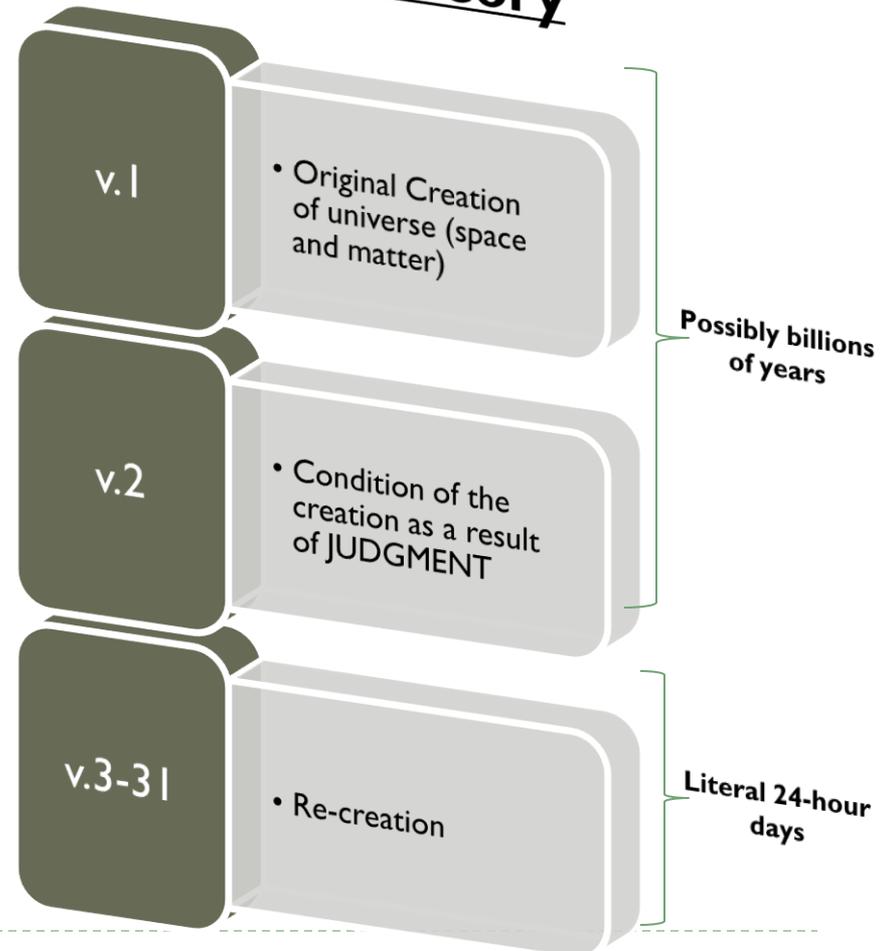
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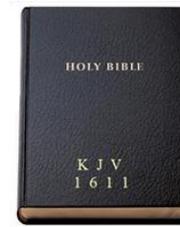
Traditional View



Gap Theory



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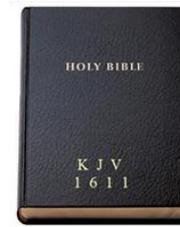


Arguments used to support the “Gap Theory”

1. The expression “*without form and void*” appears only one other time (Jer 4:23) and it is a result of JUDGMENT
2. The Hebrew word translated “*without form*” (Heb. ^{Wh}t Tohuw) is translated as “*in vain*” in Isaiah 45:18 in the context of the creation of the earth
3. *Darkness* is often indicative of JUDGMENT (Exo 10:22; Rev 16:10)
4. The word “*replenish*” (1:28) implies a “refilling” cf. (9:1)
5. The water covered earth in Genesis 1:2 corresponds to “*the world that then was*” in 2 Peter 3:6 that perished as a result of the fall of Lucifer (Isa 14:12-17; Jer 4:23-26; Eze 28:15-19)
6. The expression “was *without form and void*” should be interpreted/translated as “became *without form and void*”



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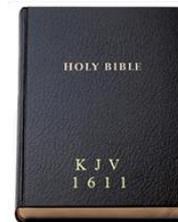


Responses to the “Gap Theory” arguments

1. Jeremiah 4:23-26 refers to the condition of the earth at the end of the Tribulation
2. Isaiah 45:18 teaches that God created the earth for a purpose so he formed it to be inhabited- the condition of Genesis 1:2 was not permanent, God’s formative work is described in Genesis 1:3-31
3. *Darkness* is not always indicative of judgment- here it is the mere absence of light
4. The word “*replenish*” (1:28) is defined as “to satiate; to satisfy; to fill” (v.22; Jer 31:14,25)
5. The “*world that then was*” that perished according to 2 Peter 3:6 is the world before the Flood
6. If one has to “correct” the preserved text to support their view, their view is wrong
7. Reading through Gen 1 there is no reason to believe there is a “gap” anywhere- if the plain sense makes sense, seek no other sense, or you will have **NONSENSE**



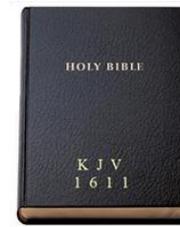
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The PANORAMIC View Of Creation

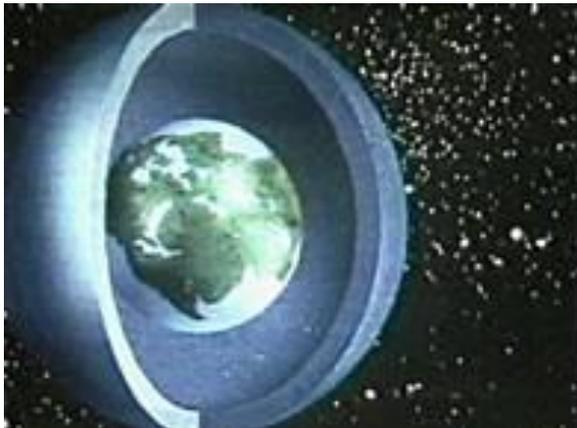
- **Day 1:** Light
- **Day 2:** The firmament (atmosphere)
- **Day 3:** Division of waters and land; Plant life
- **Day 4:** Sun, moon, and stars
- **Day 5:** Animal life- fish, fowl
- **Day 6:** Animal life- beasts, cattle, creeping things; Human life



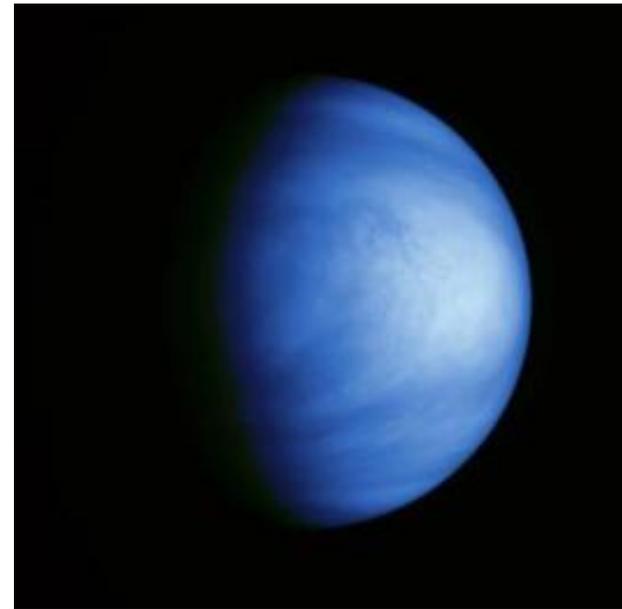


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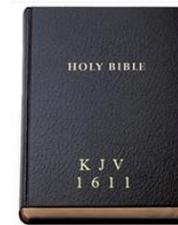
The waters “above the firmament” were likely in the form of a vapor (or ice) canopy that enveloped the entire earth, creating a global green house effect similar to the planet Venus. This canopy protected the earth from harmful radiation and made for a vastly different antediluvian meteorology.



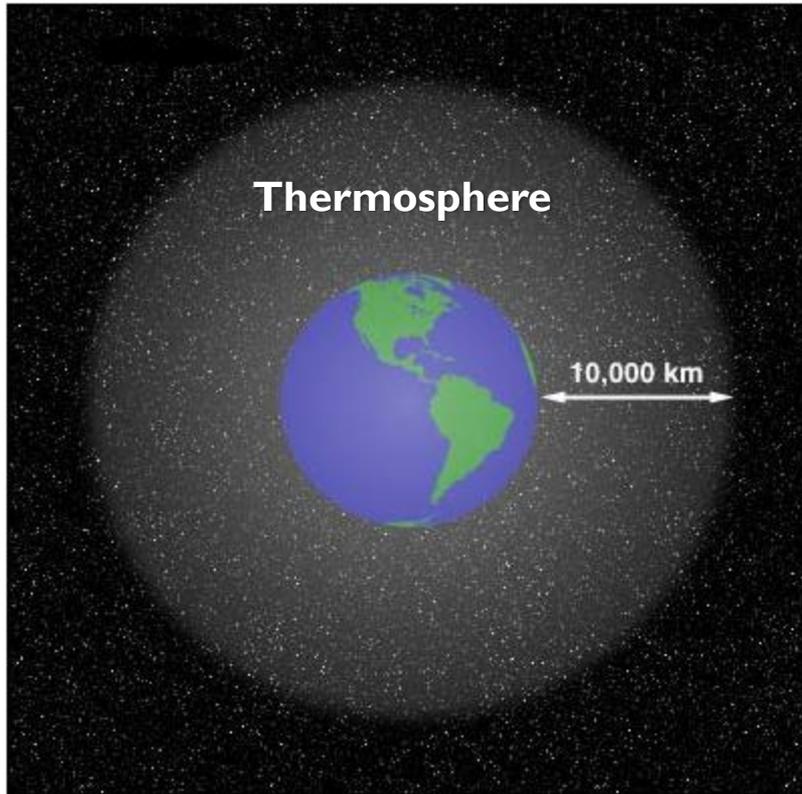
What the antediluvian earth may have looked like from space due to the global vapor canopy . Stars would not have been visible in the sky at night in the antediluvian world.



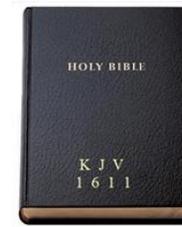
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- The Thermosphere is located 50 miles up into the atmosphere and extends to the beginning of space
- So called for the high temperatures there (2700 degrees Fahrenheit). It is where the Aurora Borealis occurs
- The vapor canopy may have been located in the lower thermosphere.



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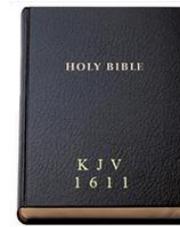


- The antediluvian earth was composed of a single continent and ocean. Land-sea distribution was 50/50 (today it is 25/75), with 100% of the land habitable for life.

“And God said, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto ONE PLACE, and let the dry land appear: and it was so” (Gen 1:9)

“...by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water” (2 Pet 3:5)





Gen 1

- **The First Dispensation: INNOCENCE** (extends from Creation to the Fall)
- **The First Covenant: EDENIC**
 - ✓ Replenish (fill) the earth
 - ✓ Subdue the earth
 - ✓ Have dominion over every living thing
 - ✓ Eat herbs and fruits
 - ✓ Dress and keep the garden of Eden
 - ✓ Eat freely of every tree except the tree of the knowledge of good and evil
 - ✓ Death for disobedience to the command of God

