

In the Beginning

Studies in the Book of Genesis

WEEK ONE – INTRODUCTION

Introduction to the Book of Genesis

Origination

Comprised of 11/12 sections; Toldots

1:1, 2:4,5:1, 6:9, 10:1, 11:10, 11:27, 25:12, 25:19, 36:1, 36:9, 37:2

Ends 300 years before Moses was born, starts 2K+ earlier

Creation date 4,000 BC (4,000-10,000)

Written by Moses

Moses wrote The Law, The Law is the Pentateuch, including Genesis.

Exodus 17:14 – Command to write, **Leviticus 1:1**+ Command to instruct detailed law, **Numbers 33:2** Moses recorded, **Deuteronomy 1:1** These are words of Moses, **Joshua 1:7-8** Law which Moses commanded you... this book of the Law, **I Kings 2:1-3** Keep the law...according...written...Moses, **2 Kings 14:6** ...according to ... written... law of Moses, as Jehovah commanded, **Ezra 6:18** ...as written in the book of Moses, **Nehemiah 13:1** Book of Moses, **Daniel 9:11, 13** Law of Moses, **Matthew 8:4** ..that Moses commanded, **Mark 12:26** ...book of Moses (Exodus), **Luke 16:29**...they have Moses and the prophets..., **John 7:19** Moses gave Law, **Acts 26:22** The Prophests and Moses, **Romans 10:19** Moses = Deuteronomy, **I Corinthians 9:9** Moses = Deuteronomy, **II Corinthians 3:15** Moses = Law

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This attack on biblical dating is based in an attack on biblical authorship, which generally started with Julius Wellhausen in 1878. His work has come to be called the "documentary hypothesis", or "critical dating", and is most infamous for replacing Moses' authorship of the Pentateuch 4,000 years ago, with generic authors referred to as J, E, D, and P, who wrote from the 2,500 - 2,900 years ago. This would put the writing of the Law during the Kingdom age.

- Pentateuch written during the time of I and II Kings
- There was no Mt. Sinai
- There was no covenant between God and Israel
- These was no divine mandate for blood-sacrifice for sin
- Bible is wrong, including the words of Jesus Christ
- Jewish and Christian religion is based on a government deception

Genesis 1:1

In the beginning – Eternal Nature and omnipotence of God

Isaiah 41:4, Rev 1:8

God = Elohim – God of creation as a Trinity

God the Holy Spirit – Genesis 1:2

God the Son – John 1:1-2, 14

God = YHWH (pronounced “YeHoVaH”) = Jehovah, **meaning: “I Am”**

Exodus 3:13-15, John 8:54-59

Created from nothing – simple, profound, logically inexplicable

Genesis 1:2

And the earth was waste and emptiness

And links to verse 1 – no indication topical separation, i.e. vs 1 is not a summary verse followed by detail, nor is there any indication of a gap between vs 1 and 2.

On the other hand, not necessarily simply formless and empty, but waste and void – denoting judgment. (CF Isaiah 45:18)

Also, **“was”** (hayetah or hayah) could mean either a statement of status, i.e. “was”, or it could mean “became” – the second meaning usually, but not always, requiring (hayetah le or hayah le)

The “Gap” theory – why would the earth be formless and void?

Ezekiel 28:11-19 - Consideration of Earth as the abode of fallen angels

If wasted – what was it before, a Jurassic park or a primal water-world?

Then did God make all this before (with dinosaurs) and that’s why Made (asah) is used instead of created (bara)?

Create (bara) or make (asah) – See Genesis 1:27, 2:7, 2:4

So, while plausible that the “waste and void” versus simply “void” could refer to destruction on the planet due to the fall of angels, taking it as a second period of creation is NOT plausible.

Darkness on the face of the deeps – water, but no light, and no land

Spirit of Elohim hovering over the waters – for our consideration – remember the point of Bible study is to know God – this is a unique image of God on the verge of creation.