

Creation (Genesis 1-2)

Volume 2 - Unit 5

Units 5-12: Survey of the Old Testament Timeline

Period	Approximate Dates
Beginnings - Creation	2,000 B.C.
Patriarchal	2,000-1,500 B.C.
Exodus	1,500-1,400 B.C.
Conquest of Canaan	1,400-1,390 B.C.
Judges	1,390-1,050 B.C.
United Kingdom	1,050-931 B.C.
Divided Kingdom	931-722 B.C.
Single Kingdom	722-586 B.C.
Babylonian Captivity	586-516 B.C. (606-536)
Restoration	516-400 B.C. (536-400)

I. Genesis 1:1-2

A. In the beginning

B. God

C. Created (bara)

1. Divine activity

2. Production of that which did not previously exist

D. The heaven(s) and the earth

II. When? How?

A. Gap Theory

1. Definition

a. Creation

b. Catastrophe

c. Renovation

2. Advantage

Old earth, recent man

3. Disadvantages

a. Hebrew text

b. No confirmation in geology

c. No clear scriptural support

B. Day-Age Theory (Concordance Theory)

1. Definition - Each "day" = Geologic Age

2. Advantages

a. Old earth acceptable

b. Concordance

3. Disadvantages

- a. Concordance superficial
- b. "Day" usually = 24 hours
- c. Extinction of animals
- d. Cause of death

C. Revelatory Day Theory

1. Definition - "Days" = Revelation, not Creation

2. Advantages

- a. Old earth acceptable
- b. Removes chronological problems

3. Disadvantages

- a. Highly speculative
- b. No scriptural support

D. Phenomenal Language Theory

1. Definition

- a. Description = How Things Appear to the Eye

b. 6 days = Literary Framework

2. Advantage - Removes "scientific problems" from Genesis

3. Disadvantage - Does it do justice to Genesis 1?

E. Recent Creationism Theory

1. Definition

a. Rejects uniformitarianism

b. Recent creation of "mature" earth

c. Catastrophism

2. Advantage - Takes Genesis 1 as straight historical account

3. Disadvantage - Conflicts with majority view of modern science

SCRIPTURE MEMORY VERSES - Genesis 1:1 – “In the beginning God created the heaven(s) and the earth.”