



**Ultimate Basis
of Creation
Science -
GEN 1**

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INTRODUCTION - GENESIS 1:1-3



“No other piece of ancient Near Eastern literature that has survived the ravages of time compares favorable with the book of Genesis.”

“The book of Genesis therefore is of utmost value to the scientist, historian, and theologian.”

John J Davis

“The Book of Genesis is probably the most important book ever written.”

Henry Morris

ATTACKS

1. Historicity



“It may be regarded as axiomatic of modern study that the descriptions of creation contained in the biblical records, and especially in Gen 1:1-2:4a, are permanently valuable only in so far as they express certain religious truths which are still recognized as such. To seek for even a kernel of historical fact in such cosmogonies is inconsistent with a scientific point of view.

Encyc. Biblica

“By 1900, many people had been educated to believe the Bible’s statements about creation were neither accurate, inspired, nor consistent.”

DF Payne

“Israel has the distinction of being the first of the civilized peoples to create historiography in the full and precise meaning of the word.”

U Cassuto

ATTACKS

1. Historicity
2. Science



Creation vs Evolution



Flood vs Historical Geology



Young Vs Old Earth

CENOZOIC	PLEISTOCENE	1	1
	PLIOCENE	11	10
	MIOCENE	25	14
	OLIGOCENE	40	15
	EOCENE	60	20
	PALEOCENE	70	10
MESOZOIC	CRETACEOUS	135	65
	JURASSIC	180	45
	TRIASSIC	225	45
PALEOZOIC	PERMIAN	270	55
	PENNSYLVANIAN	310	40
	MISSISSIPPIAN	350	40
	DEVONIAN	400	50
	SILURIAN	440	40
	ORDOVICIAN	500	60
	CAMBRIAN	600	100



ATTACKS

1. Historicity

2. Science

3. Within Church



FUNCTION

- Occasion of Writing
- Similarity to ANE literature

NEIGHBORHOOD

- **Egypt - Isis (throne), animal, cosmic**
- **Canaan - El (bull), Baal (lord), Dagon**
- **Sumerian - Utu (sun), Nanna (moon)**
- **Assyrio/Babylonian -
Anu (heavens), Enlil (order),
Enuma Elish
Gilgamesh Epic**

ANE gods

Creation -

- Gods personify nature
- Interrelated & in conflict
- Myths reenacted to sustain
- Life & order dependent on rituals

FUNCTION

- **Occasion of Writing**
- **Similarity to ANE literature**
- **Explanation**
- **Dissimilarities**
- **Polemical**

POLEMIC

- 1. God Transcendent & Eternal**
- 2. God Creator of all**
- 3. No primordial battle**
- 4. Sun, Moon, stars only lamps**
- 5. Dragons created good**
- 6. Natural forces controlled**
- 7. God sovereign over all**

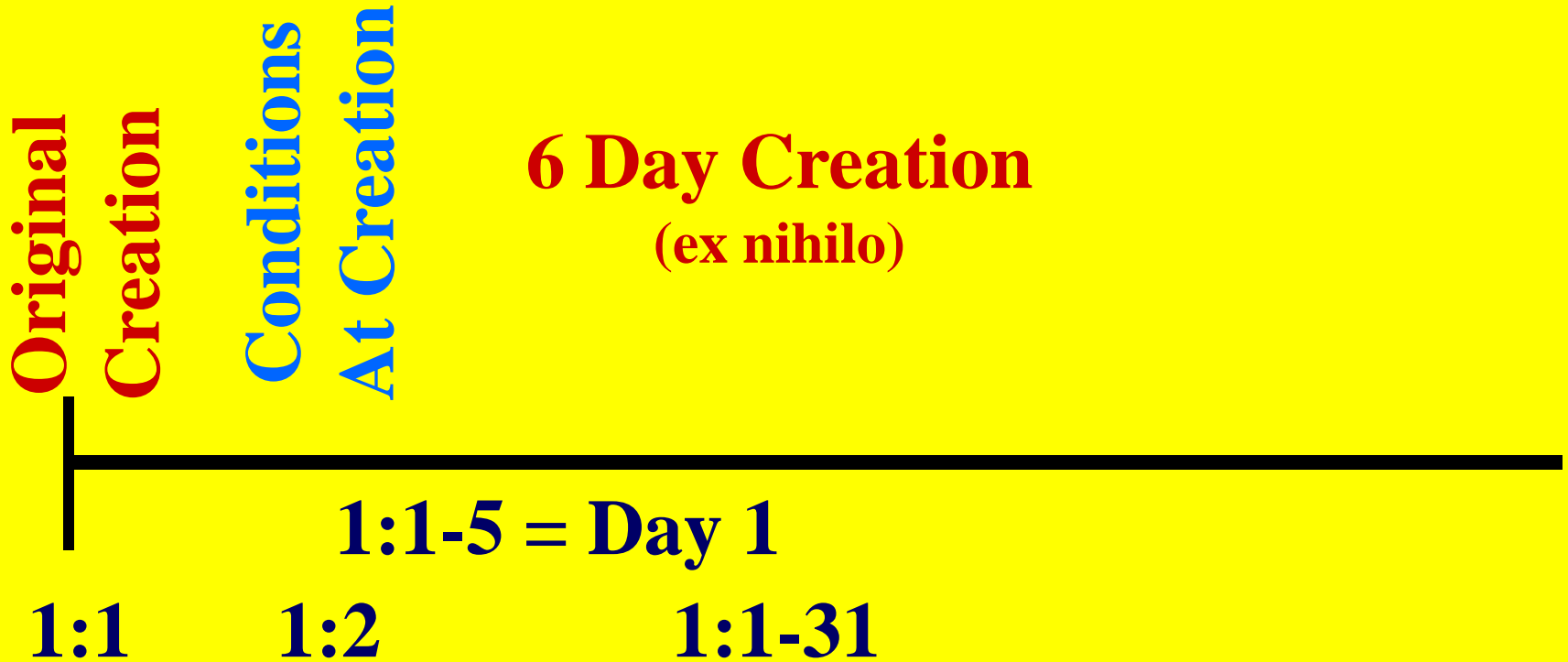
1:1-3 THEORIES

1. Original Creation -
absolute beginning

ORIGINAL CREATION

- 1:1 - Original Creation (ex nihilo)**
- 1:2 - 3 circumstantial clauses**
 - Conditions at Creation**
- 1:3-31 - Creation details**

ORIGINAL CREATION



**Grammatical - 1:1 - independent,
1:2 - conjunctive (and),
3 circumstantial clauses
connected with 1:1**

**1:1 “In the beginning God
created the heavens and the earth,**

**1:2 and the earth was formless
and void, ... and ..., and ...**

1:3 Then God said ...”

OBJECTIONS

- 1. Redefines “heaven and earth”**
- 2. Isa 45:18**
- 3. God not Creator of chaos**
- 4. God created all by His Word**

1:1-3 THEORIES

1. Original Creation -
absolute beginning
2. Restitution Theory -
gap between 1:1 & 2

RESTITUTION THEORY

(Gap Theory)

1:1 - Original Creation (ex nihilo)

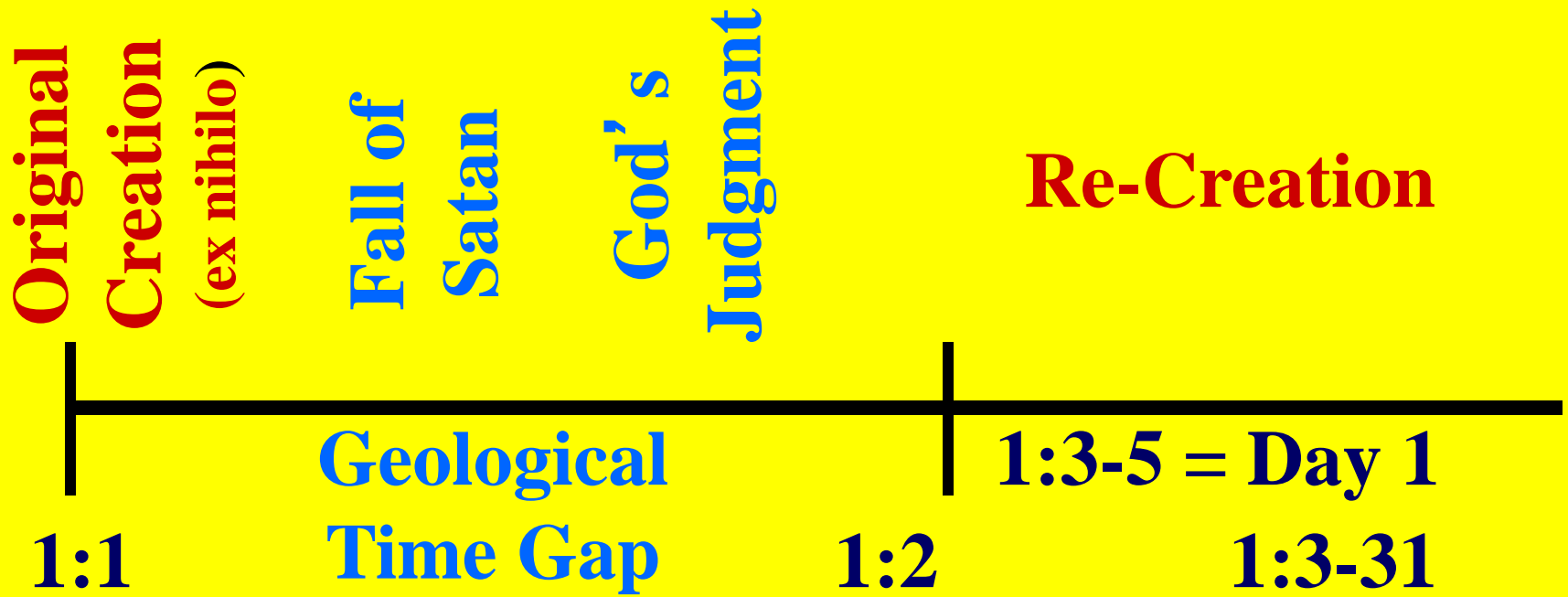
Satan's Sin

Long Gap of Time

1:2 - After God Judged World

1:3-31 - God Re-creates

RESTITUTION THEORY



Grammatical - after 1:1
long gap, 2 sequential
clauses (1:2 & 3)

1:1 “In the beginning God
created the heavens and the earth,
1:2 and then the earth became
waste and void, ... and ..., and ...
1:3 Then God said ...”

SUPPORT

1. **הַיָּה** in 1:2 - pluperfect
= and the earth became ...
2. **Jer 4:23, Isa 34:11**
3. **Explains Satan's career**
4. **Allows geological ages**

OBJECTIONS

1. Grammatically not likely
2. Jer 4:23 probably future undoing
3. LXX of 4:23 - $\epsilon\tau\epsilon\lambda\epsilon\upsilon\sigma\epsilon\iota\varsigma$ = nothing
4. Isa 34:11 destruction of Edom
5. Assume ages of death/suffering

1:1-3 THEORIES

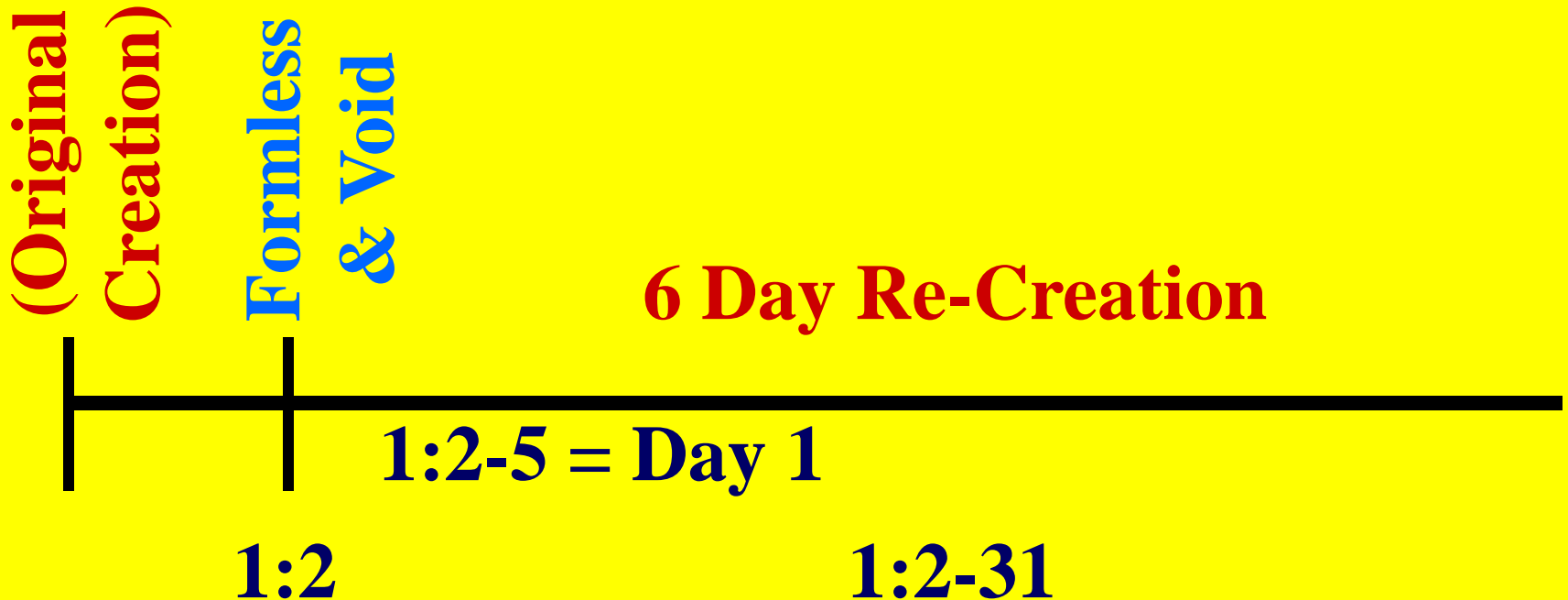
1. Original Creation -
absolute beginning
2. Restitution Theory -
gap between 1:1 & 2
3. Pre-Creation Chaos -
relative beginning

PRE-CREATION CHAOS

- 1:1 - Independent clause**
Summary statement
- 1:2 - 3 circumstantial clauses**
with 1:3 main clause
- 1:2-31 - Creation narrative**

PRE-CREATION CHAOS

Introductory Summary 1:1



**Grammatical - 1:1 - independent,
1:2 - disjunctive (now),
3 circumstantial clauses
connected with 1:3**

**1:1 “In the beginning God
created the heavens and the earth.**

**1:2 While the earth was formless
and void, and ..., and ... ,**

1:3 then God said ...”

SUPPORT

1. Only view satisfies all grammar
2. Parallel structure
3. הַיָּמִינִים in 1:2 - static sense
= the earth was ...
4. Typical Semitic thought

STRUCTURE

- I. Intro Summary Stmt. 1:1**
- II. Pre-creation Situation 1:2**
- III. Creation Narrative 1:3-31**
- IV. Concl. Summary Stmt. 2:1**
- V. Sabbath Epilogue 2:2-3**

myIhOla, (Elohim) - God

- **Subject of Gen 1 and all Bible**
- **Plural - majestic**
- **Verb - masculine singular**
- **Creator - omnipotent, sovereign**

ar;b; (bara) - Create

- Only of God as subject
- General term for create
- Distinguished from other lit.
- Other terms



TERMS - 1:2

- WhbOw; WhtO - formless
& void
- Jv,jowÒ - darkness
- mwOht] - the deep
- jWr - Holy Spirit
- tp h rim] - hovering

IMPLICATIONS

1. For God

Neptune
& Triton



myIhOla, (Elohim) - God

- **Transcendent**
- **Pre-existent**
- **Personal**
- **Immanent**
- **Preeminent**
- **Trinitarian**
- **Sovereign**
- **Gracious**
- **Omnipotent**
- **Good**
- **Wise**
- **Covenanter**

IMPLICATIONS

- 1. For God**
- 2. For Israel**
- 3. For the Church**



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