



SATANOLOGY



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Preview of Angelology

1. Good angels
2. **Satanology**
3. Demonology
4. Gen. 6:1-4 controversy



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Preview

1. Existence
2. Personhood
3. Names and titles
4. **Original state and first sin**
5. Works



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Satan's Original State and First Sin


1. Ezekiel 28:12-17
2. Isaiah 14:12-15



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Original State and First Sin (cont'd)

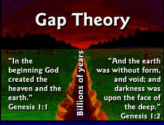
- Time of Satan's fall
 - ◆ In eternity past
 - ◆ In between Gen. 1:1-2 (gap theory?)
 - ◆ After Gen 1:31 but before Gen 3



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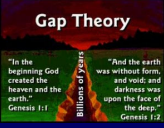
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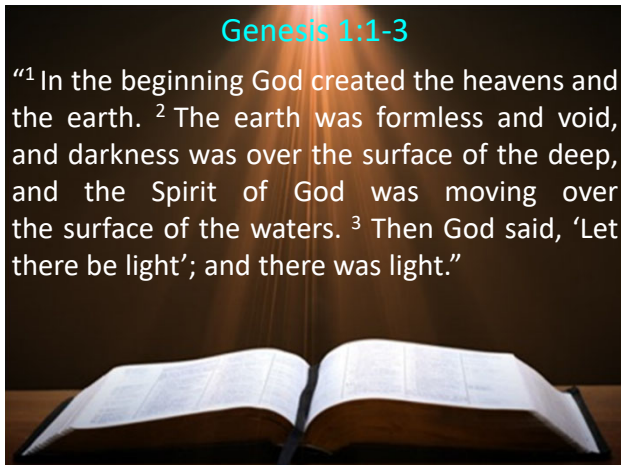


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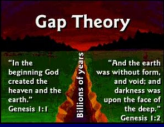
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Gap Theory?

- Original creation brought into existence (1:1)
- Billions of years & Satan's fall in between verses 1 & 2
- Chaotic conditions and fossil record (1:2)
- Re-creation or Renovation (1:3-31)

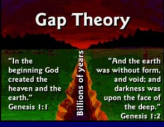


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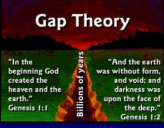
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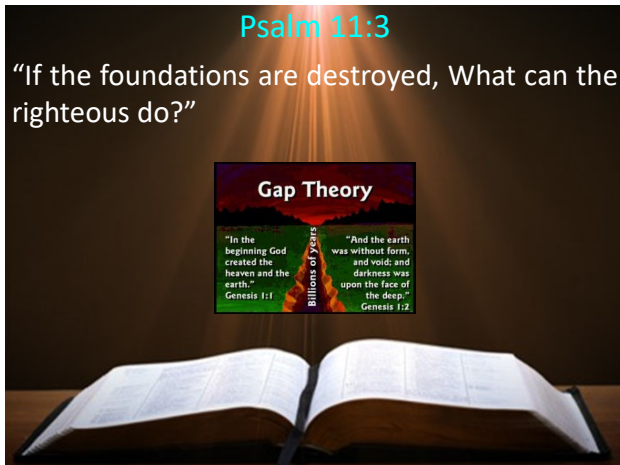


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Psalm 11:3

"If the foundations are destroyed, What can the righteous do?"

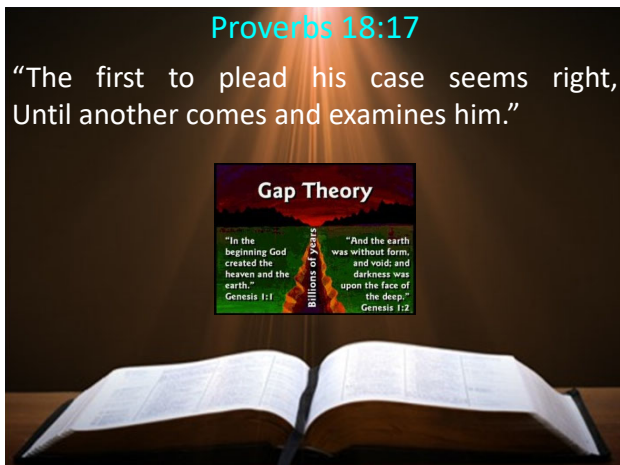


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Proverbs 18:17

"The first to plead his case seems right, Until another comes and examines him."



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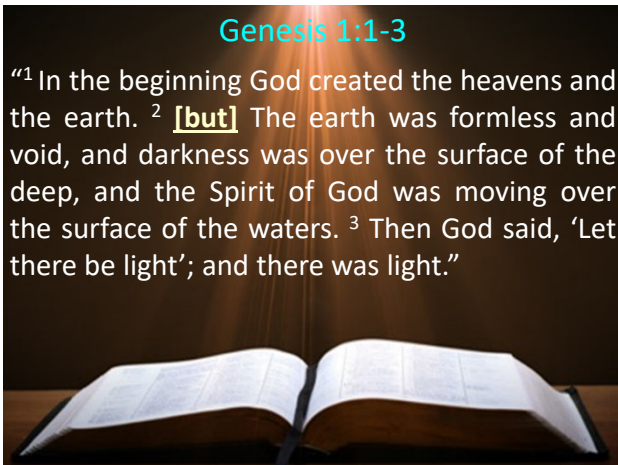
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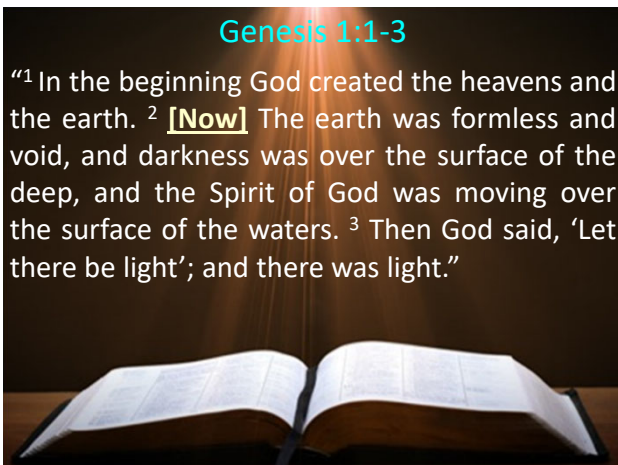
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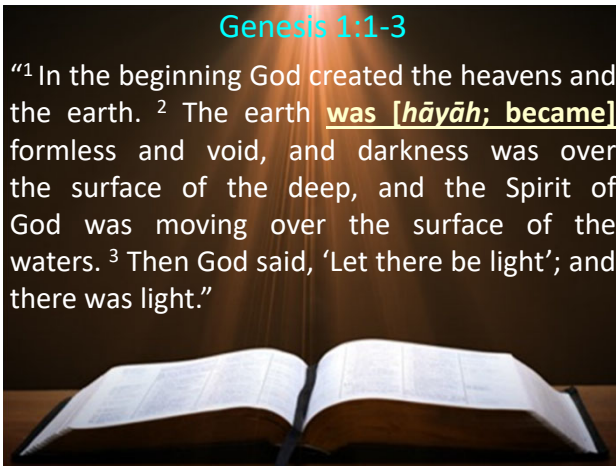
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Note: This is not the actual book cover.

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Jonah 3:3

“So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh according to the word of the Lord. **Now Nineveh was [hāyāh]** an exceedingly great city, a three days’ walk.”

Waw + noun + *hayah* (qal perfect 3rd person) = “was” and not “became” in rest of OT (Judges 8:11; Jonah 3:3)



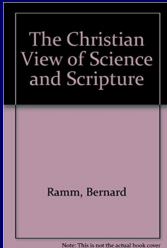
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Shaping and Populating (Gen 1:1)

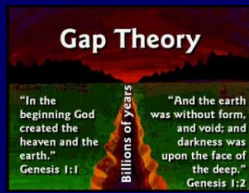
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Ken Ham

Ken Ham et al, *Answers in Genesis*, rev ed. (Green Forest, AR: Master Books, 1990), 37-emphasis mine.

“Back in my father’s day, it took ten days to drive across the Australian outback during the day.”



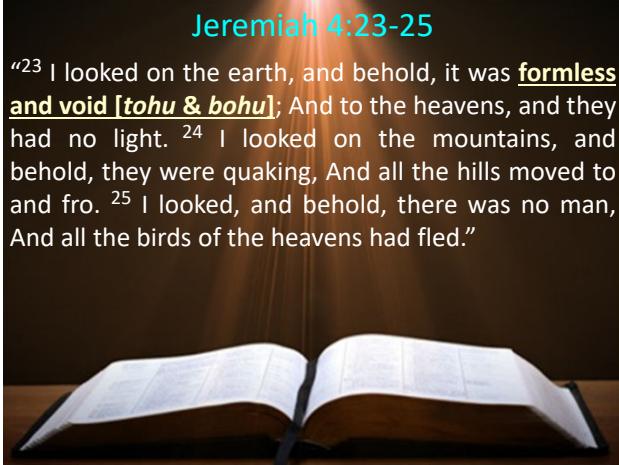
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George Gunn

John 14:1-3 – The Father’s House: Are We There Yet?, 30. www.pre-trib.org

“I ran out of ingredients for the salad, so I decided to make a quick run down to the store. While at the store, I left the car engine running while I made my purchase, thinking that I would be right out again. However, while I was in the store, I ran into my good friend Edward who was running for county supervisor. This resulted in my having to endure a somewhat long-winded rundown on how his campaign was running. Finally, fearing that my car would run out of gas, I ran with great haste out to the parking lot and returned home with the car surely running only on fumes.”

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Tohu & Bohu	
Genesis 1:2	Jeremiah 4:23
Original creation	Future judgment
Creation "very good"	Creation not "very good"
Entire earth	The Land of Israel
Looking backward	Looking forward
No humans	Surviving humans

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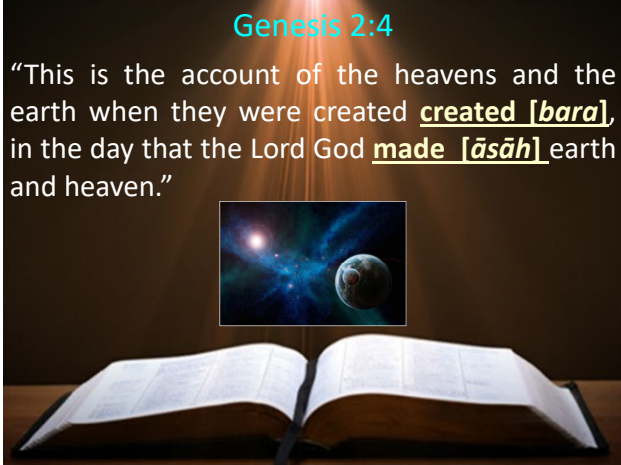
"²⁶ Then God said, 'Let Us **make** [*āsāh*] man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.' ²⁷ God **created** [*bara*] man in His own image, in the image of God He created [*bara*] him; male and female He created them."



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Genesis 2:4

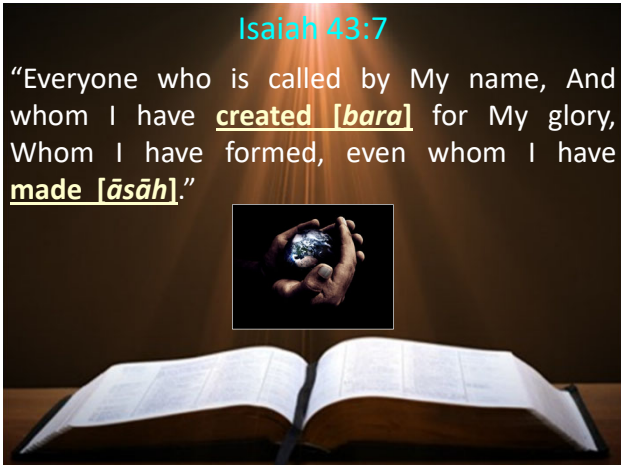
“This is the account of the heavens and the earth when they were created **created [bara]**, in the day that the Lord God **made [āsāh]** earth and heaven.”



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Isaiah 43:7

“Everyone who is called by My name, And whom I have **created [bara]** for My glory, Whom I have formed, even whom I have **made [āsāh]**.”



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John Whitcomb

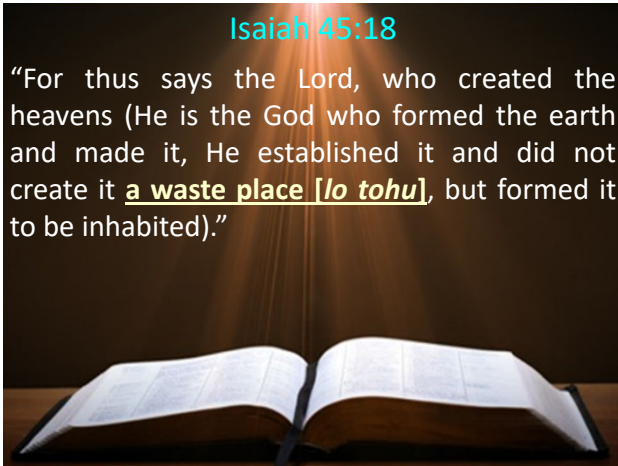
The Early Earth (Grand Rapids: Baker, 1952), 128.

“Genesis 1:21 states that 'God created [bara] the great sea-monsters . . .' while verse 25 states that God made [asah] the beasts of the earth . . . Surely we are not to think that the sea creatures were directly created on the fifth day, but land animals were merely 'appointed' or 'made to appear' on the sixth day! All those who hold that bara and 'asah cannot be used on the same kind of divine activity are faced with a serious difficulty here. In fact, the difficulty is so severe that the New Scofield Reference Bible, in support of this distinction, suggests that the beasts which were made on the sixth day (vs. 25) were actually created on the fifth day (p. 2, note #2)!”

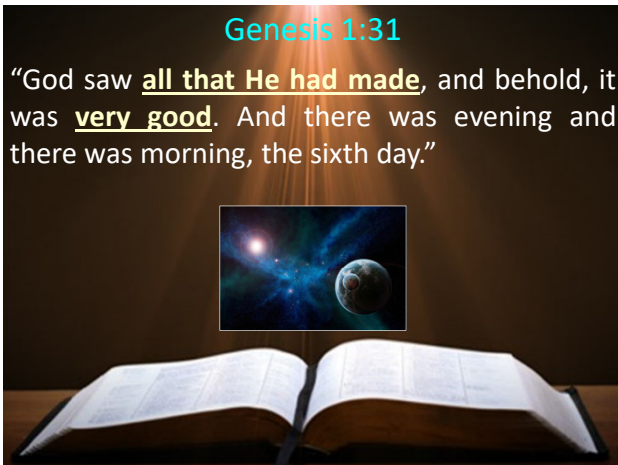
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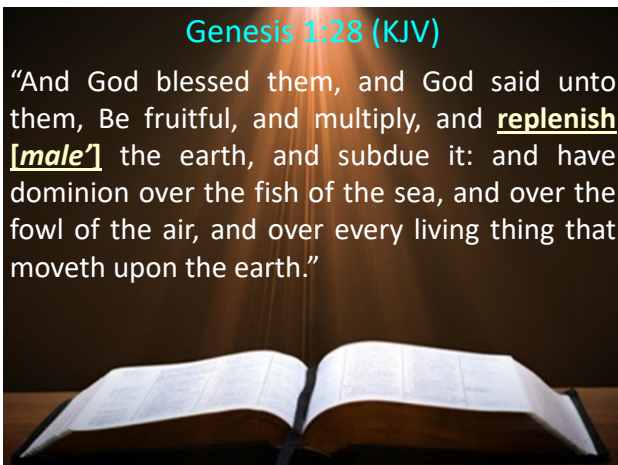
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Replenish?

- Gen 1:28 “replenish” (KJV)?
- *Male'* = “be full” or “fill” (BDB pp.569-71) and not “refill.”
- “Re” prefix did not always signify “again” but intensification as in “research.”

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Genesis 1:22 (KJV)

“And God blessed them, saying, Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill [male'] the waters in the seas, and let fowl multiply in the earth.”



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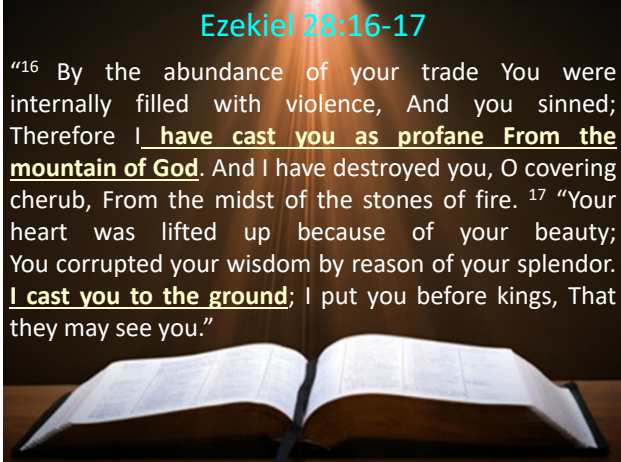
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Ezekiel 28:16-17

¹⁶ By the abundance of your trade You were internally filled with violence, And you sinned; Therefore I have cast you as profane From the mountain of God. And I have destroyed you, O covering cherub, From the midst of the stones of fire. ¹⁷ “Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty; You corrupted your wisdom by reason of your splendor. I cast you to the ground; I put you before kings, That they may see you.”



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Isaiah 14:12

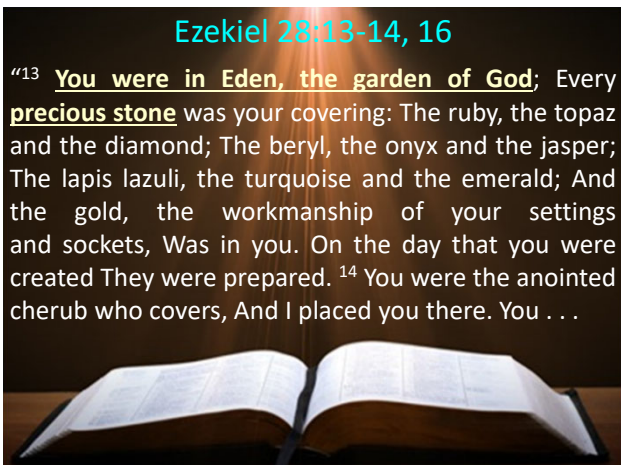
“How you have fallen from heaven, O star of the morning, son of the dawn! You have been cut down to the earth, You who have weakened the nations!”



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Revelation 21:10-12

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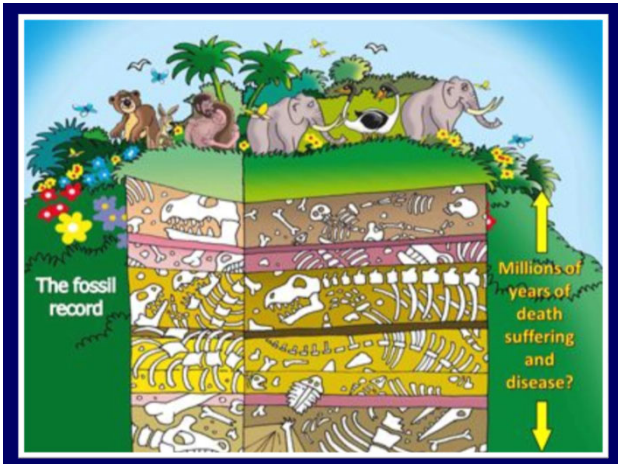
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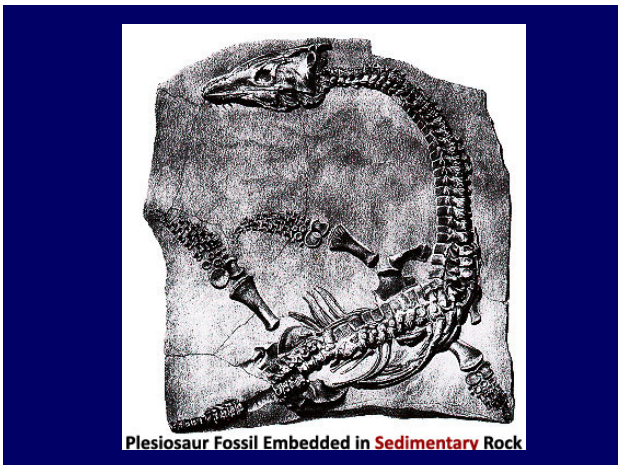
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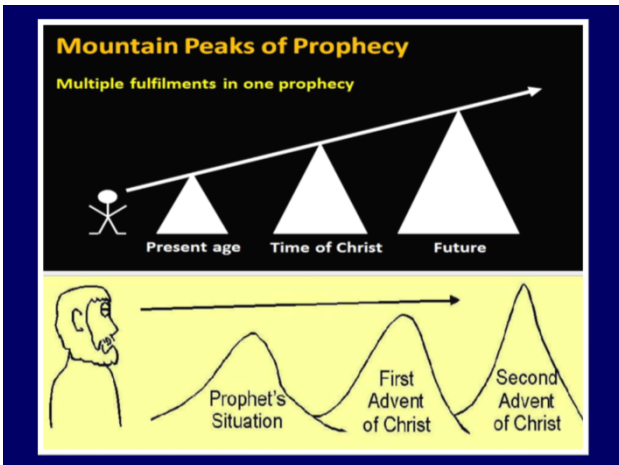
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5.	vs. 1, 3	<i>Bara & āsāh</i> distinction	<i>Bara & āsāh</i> overlap
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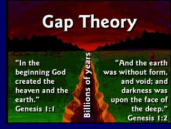
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