

# Genesis 1-2

## Who wrote Genesis?

- Moses Ex. 34:27-28; 24:3-4; 31:9,24; Mk 12:26; Lk 16:29; 24:27,44;
- Jn 7:22; Acts 15:1
- Documentary Hypothesis (Wellhausen Theory)
  - J,E,D,P = Jehova, Elohim, Deuteronimist, Priestly
  - Presuppositions:
    - God is dead
    - Man is evolving
  - No consensus! Critics disagree about sources, but agree that it couldn't be Moses

## Creation

- Genesis 1-2; Ps 33:6, 9; 148:5, 2 Pet. 3:7
- Evolution
  - No first cause (replaces God with “chance”)
  - Hebrews 11:3 (Did anyone observe Creation? Remember that observation is the key component of science)
- Theistic Evolution
  - First cause is God, the rest is evolution
  - Problems:
    - Things exist because God spoke, not by evolution
    - God created “according to it’s kind” (1:21,24,25)
- Gap Theory
  - Original creation ruined by Satan’s fall (Gen 1:1)
  - God had to re-create out of the resulting chaos
  - Problems:
    - A re-creation is never mentioned in Scripture
    - God declared His creation “very good”
    - Fossils are found in “old” rock layers, which means death was a reality on the earth before the curse (Gen 3)
  - Variation: creation was not ruined, but still a gap
    - Gen 1:1 *bara* (creation from nothing)
    - Rest of Gen 1 *asah* (to make or fashion)
- Day-Age View
  - “Day” means “era” or long period of time
    - Psalm 20:1, Prov. 11:4, 21:31, 24:10, 25:13, Ecc. 7:14
  - Problems:
    - Exodus 20:11 (where does our 7 day week come from?)
- Literary Framework
  - Genesis 1-2 is poetic & figurative
  - Genesis 2:5 describes earth without vegetation

<i>Kingdoms (Domains)</i>	<i>Kings (Rulers)</i>
Day 1 – Light (1:3-5)	Day 4 – Light-bearers (1:14-19)
Day 2 – Sea, sky (1:6-8)	Day 5 – Fish, birds (1:20-23)
Day 3 – land (1:9-13)	Day 6 – Land animals (1:24-31)
Day 7 – Sabbath (2:1-3)	

- Problems
  - Exodus 20:11 describes literal days
  - Language is not poetic, it's historical
  - Very new interpretation, never seen throughout history
- 6-Day Creationism
  - God created everything in 6 literal 24 hour days
  - Days are numbered, meaning literal
  - Morning and evening each day
  - Exodus 20:8-11
  - Problems:
    - Genesis 2:19
    - Problems are mostly scientific, not Scriptural
      - Light before the sun (Day 1, Day 4)
      - The earth appears old
        - God created the earth mature (like Adam)
        - Scientists assume constant state of nature – a massive worldwide flood would disrupt their interpretations of the data
      - Dinosaurs
        - Plenty of evidence that humans lived with dinosaurs (ever heard of a dragon?)
        - Changes in the environment post-flood
        - Job 40:15-24
        - Job 41, Psalm 104:25, 26; Isaiah 27:1
- Science
  - Karl Popper
    - *“All scientific statements are hypotheses, or guesses, or conjectures, and the vast majority of these conjectures ... have turned out to be false. Our attempts to see and to find the truth are not final, but open to improvement; ...*
      - How many times have scientific truths been overturned by newer scientific truths?
    - *“The empirical basis of objective science has thus nothing ‘absolute’ about it. Science does not rest upon solid bedrock. The bold structure of its theories rises, as it were, above a swamp.”*
  - Do you judge the resurrection by science? Then why creation?
  - “Thy Word is truth” John 17:17

Resources:

- [AnswersinGenesis.org](http://AnswersinGenesis.org)
- “Creation and Change” by Douglas Kelly
- Ken Ham [“Six Days & The Eisegesis Problem”](http://sermonaudio.com) sermonaudio.com