

Before Creation (Eternity Past)

Various

The Existence of the Trinity—Father, Son and Spirit

- In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. This one was in the beginning with God (John 1:1–2).
- Father, *those* whom you have given to me—I want that those also may be with me where I am, in order that they may see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world (John 17:24).
- How much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, cleanse our consciences from dead works to serve *the* living God? (Hebrews 9:14).

The Father’s Plan of Salvation was the Son’s Sacrificial Death

- This man, delivered up by the determined plan and foreknowledge of God, you executed *by* nailing to *a cross* through the hand of lawless men (Acts 2:23).
- But with the precious blood of Christ, like *that of* an unblemished and spotless lamb who was foreknown before the foundation of the world, but has been revealed in these last times for you (1 Peter 1:19–20).

The Father Chose the Saints in the Son

- Just as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, *that* we should be holy and blameless before him in love (Ephesians 1:4).
- Who saved us and called *us* with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace that was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began (2 Timothy 1:9).
- And all those who live on the earth will worship him, everyone whose name is not written from the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb who was slaughtered (Revelation 13:8).

Creation—Days 1–5 (4174 BC)

Genesis 1:1–23

Day 1

1 In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth— [[John 1:3](#); [Col 1:16](#); [Prov 8:22–31](#)]

2 Now the earth was formless and empty, and darkness *was* over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God *was* hovering over the surface of the waters.

3 And God said, “Let there be light!” And there was light.

4 And God saw the light, that *it was* good, and God caused *there to be* a separation between the light and between the darkness.

5 And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, *the* first day.

Day 2

6 And God said, “Let there be a vaulted dome in the midst of the waters, and let it cause a separation between the waters.”

7 So God made the vaulted dome, and he caused a separation between the waters which *were* under the vaulted dome and between the waters which were over the vaulted dome. And it was so.

8 And God called the vaulted dome “heaven.” And there was evening, and there was morning, a second day.

Day 3

9 And God said, “Let the waters under heaven be gathered to one place, and let the dry ground appear.” And it was so.

10 And God called the dry ground “earth,” and he called the collection of the waters “seas.” And God saw that *it was* good.

11 And God said, “Let the earth produce green plants *that will* bear seed—fruit trees bearing fruit in which there is seed—according to its kind, on the earth.” And it was so.

12 And the earth brought forth green plants bearing seed according to its kind, and trees bearing fruit in which there was seed according to its kind. And God saw that *it was* good.

13 And there was evening and there was morning, a third day.

Day 4

14 And God said, “Let there be lights in the vaulted dome of heaven to separate day from night, and let them be as signs and for appointed times, and for days and years,

15 and they shall be as lights in the vaulted dome of heaven to give light on the earth.” And it *was* so.

16 And God made two lights, the greater light to rule the day and the smaller light to rule the night, and the stars.

17 And God placed them in the vaulted dome of heaven to give light on the earth

18 and to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate light from darkness. And God saw that *it was* good.

19 And there was evening and there was morning, a fourth day.

Day 5

20 And God said, “Let the waters swarm *with* swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly over the earth across the face of the vaulted dome of heaven.

21 So God created the great sea creatures and every living creature *that* moves, *with* which the waters swarm, according to their kind, and every bird *with* wings according to its kind. And God saw that *it was* good.

22 And God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let the birds multiply on the earth.”

23 And there was evening, and there was morning, a fifth day.

Creation—Day 6: Toledot of the Heavens and the Earth (4174 BC)

Genesis 1:24–31; 2:4–25

Morning of the Sixth Day

2:4 These are the generations of heaven and earth when they were created, in the day *that* Yahweh God made earth and heaven—5 before any plant of the field was on earth, and *before* any plant of the field had sprung up, because Yahweh God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no human being to cultivate the ground,

6 but a stream *would* rise from the earth and water the whole face of the ground—

Creation of Land Animals

1:24 And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kind: cattle and moving things, and wild animals according to their kind.” And it was so.

25 So God made wild animals according to their kind and the cattle according to their kind, and every creeping thing of the earth according to its kind. And God saw that *it was* good.

Creation of Mankind

26 And God said, “Let us make humankind in our image and according to our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of heaven, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every moving thing that moves upon the earth.”

27 So God created humankind in his image, in the likeness of God he created him, male and female he created them. [[Matt 19:4](#); [Mark 10:6](#)]

Creation of Mankind—Expanded Account

2:7 when Yahweh God formed the man *of* dust from the ground, and he blew into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature. [[1 Cor 15:45](#)]

8 And Yahweh God planted a garden in Eden in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed.

9 And Yahweh God caused to grow every tree *that* was pleasing to the sight and good for food. And the tree of life *was* in the midst of the garden, along with the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

10 Now a river flowed out from Eden that watered the garden, and from there it diverged and became four branches.

11 The name of the first *is* the Pishon. It went around all the land of Havilah, where *there is* gold.

12 (The gold of that land *is* good; bdellium and onyx stones *are* there.)

13 And the name of the second *is* Gihon. It went around all the land of Cush.

14 And the name of the third *is* Tigris. It flows east of Assyria. And the fourth river *is* the Euphrates.

15 And Yahweh God took the man and set him in the garden of Eden to cultivate it and to keep it.

16 And Yahweh God commanded the man, saying, “From every tree of the garden you may freely eat,

17 but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat from it you shall surely die.”

18 Then Yahweh God said, “*It is* not good *that* the man is alone. I will make for him a helper as his counterpart.”

19 And out of the ground Yahweh God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the sky, and he brought *each* to the man to see what he would call it. And whatever the man called that living creature *was* its name.

20 And the man gave names to every domesticated animal and to the birds of heaven and to all the wild animals. But for *the* man there was not found a helper as his counterpart.

21 And Yahweh God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man. While he slept, he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh where it had been.

22 And Yahweh God fashioned the rib which he had taken from the man into a woman and brought her to the man.

23 And the man said,

“She is now bone from my bones
and flesh from my flesh;
she shall be called ‘Woman,’
for she was taken from man.”

24 Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and shall cling to his wife, and they shall be as one flesh. [[Matt 19:5](#); [Mark 10:7–8](#); [1 Cor 6:16](#); [Eph 5:31](#)]

25 And the man and his wife, both of them, were naked, and they were not ashamed.

“Be fruitful and multiply”

1:28 And God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it, and rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of heaven, and over every animal that moves upon the earth.”

29 And God said, “Look—I am giving to you every plant *that* bears seed which *is* on the face of the whole earth, and every kind of tree that bears fruit. They shall be yours as food.”

30 And to every kind of animal of the earth and to every bird of heaven, and to everything that moves upon the earth in which *there is* life *I am giving* every green plant as food.” And it was so.

31 And God saw everything that he had made and, behold, *it was* very good. And there was evening, and there was morning, a sixth day.

Creation—Day 7 (4174 BC)

Genesis 2:1–3

1 And heaven and earth and all their array were finished.

2 And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done. [[Exod 20:11](#); [Heb 4:4](#)]

3 And God blessed the seventh day, and he sanctified it, because on it he rested from all his work of creating that *there was* to do.

The Fall of Satan (After Creation)

Isaiah 14:12–15; Ezekiel 28:12–17; Revelation 12:3–4a

As Typified in the Destruction of the King of Babylon—Isaiah 14

12 How you have fallen from heaven, morning star, son of dawn!
You are cut down to the ground, conqueror of nations!

13 And you yourself said in your heart,

‘I will ascend to heaven;
I will raise up my throne above the stars of God;
and I will sit on the mountain of assembly
on the summit of Zaphon;

14 I will ascend to the high places of the clouds,
I will make myself like the Most High.’

15 But you are brought down to Sheol,
to the depths of the pit.

As Typified in the Destruction of the King of Tyre—Ezekiel 28

12 “Son of man, raise a lament over the king of Tyre, and you must say to him, ‘thus says the Lord Yahweh:

“You were a perfect model of an example,
full of wisdom and perfect of beauty.

13 You were in Eden, the garden of God,
and every precious stone was your adornment:
carnelian, topaz and moonstone,
turquoise, onyx and jasper,
sapphire, malachite and emerald.
And gold was the craftsmanship of your settings
and your mountings in you;
on the day when you were created they were prepared.

14 You were an anointed guardian cherub,
and I placed you on God’s holy mountain;
you walked in the midst of stones of fire.

15 You were blameless in your ways
from the day when you were created,

until wickedness was found in you.

16 In the abundance of your trading,
they filled the midst of you with violence, and you sinned;
and I cast you as a profane thing from the mountain of God,
and I expelled you, the guardian cherub,
from the midst of the stones of fire.

17 Your heart was proud because of your beauty;
you ruined your wisdom because of your splendor.
I threw you on the ground before kings;
I have exposed you for viewing.

As Seen in the Revelation of Jesus Christ—Revelation 12

3 And another sign appeared in heaven, and behold, a great fiery red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and on his heads were seven royal headbands.

4a And his tail swept away a third of the stars from heaven and threw them to the earth.

The Fall of Mankind (After Satan's Fall)

Genesis 3

By One Man Sin Entered the World

1 Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal which Yahweh God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God indeed say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?'"

2 The woman said to the serpent, "From the fruit of the trees of the garden we may eat,

3 but from the tree that is in the midst of the garden, God said, 'You shall not eat from it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die'."

4 But the serpent said to the woman, "You shall not surely die.

5 For God knows that on the day you *both* eat from it, then your eyes will be opened and you *both* shall be like gods, knowing good and evil."

6 When the woman saw that the tree *was* good for food and that it *was* a delight to the eyes, and the tree was desirable to make *one* wise, then she took from its fruit and she ate. And she gave *it* also to her husband with her, and he ate. [cf. [1 Tim 2:13-14](#); [Rom 5:12](#)]

The Immediate Effects of Sin

7 Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they *were* naked. And they sewed together fig leaves and they made for themselves coverings. [cf. [1 Tim 2:9](#)]

8 Then they heard the sound of Yahweh God walking in the garden at the windy time of day. And the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of Yahweh God among the trees of the garden.

9 And Yahweh God called to the man and said to him, "Where *are* you?"

10 And he replied, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid because I *am* naked, so I hid myself."

11 Then he asked, "Who told you that you *were* naked? Have you eaten from the tree from which I forbade you to eat?"

12 And the man replied, "The woman whom you gave *to be* with me—she gave to me from the tree and I ate."

13 Then Yahweh God said to the woman, "What *is* this you have done?" And the woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

The Curse

14 Then Yahweh God said to the serpent,

"Because you have done this,
you *will be* cursed
more than any domesticated animal
and more than any wild animal.
On your belly you shall go
and dust you shall eat
all the days of your life.

15 And I will put hostility
between you and between the woman,
and between your offspring and between her offspring;
he will strike you *on the* head,
and you will strike him *on the* heel."

16 To the woman he said,

“I will greatly increase
your pain in childbearing;
in pain you shall bear children.
And to your husband *shall be* your desire.
And he shall rule over you.”

17 And to Adam he said,

“Because you listened to the voice of your wife
and you ate from the tree from which I forbade you to eat,
the ground *shall be* cursed on your account.
In pain you shall eat *from* it
all the days of your life.

18 And thorns and thistles shall sprout for you,
and you shall eat the plants of the field.

19 By the sweat of your brow
you shall eat bread,
until your return to the ground.
For from it you were taken;
for you are dust,
and to dust you shall return.”

Adam and Eve are Driven from Eden

20 And the man named his wife Eve, because she was the mother of all life.

21 And Yahweh God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skin, and he clothed them.

22 And Yahweh God said, “Look—the man has become as one of us, to know good and evil. What if he stretches out his hand and takes also from the tree of life and eats, and lives forever?”

23 And Yahweh God sent him out from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from which he was taken.

24 So he drove the man out, and placed cherubim east of the garden of Eden, and a flaming, turning sword to guard the way to the tree of life.

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Chronological Notes

- 1) Genesis 1:24–31 describes God’s creative activity on the sixth day of creation. Genesis 2:4–25 is an expanded account of the same events. The texts can be arranged as follows: Gen 2:4–6; 1:24–27; 2:7–25 (1:27 corresponds to 2:7, 22); 1:28–31. In this way the expansion of chapter two is included in the overall narrative of the sixth day.
- 2) There are several texts (Isa 14:12–15; Ezek 28:12–17; Rev 12:3–4a) that are commonly thought to describe the fall of Satan.¹ The fall of Satan must be placed *after* the declaration of God at the end of the sixth day of creation that “everything that he had made...was very good” (Gen 1:31). Satan’s fall must also be placed *before* the temptation of Eve in the Garden of Eden (Satan’s intentions are clear at this point). This leaves a position just before Genesis 3 as the best option.
- 3) This chronological arrangement of the Scriptures is built on several key assumptions: a) the division of the kingdom in 931n BC, b) the exodus of Israel from Egypt in 1446 BC, and c) the birth of Abraham in 2166 BC.²

¹ Merrill F. Unger, “The Old Testament Revelation concerning Eternity Past,” *Bibliotheca Sacra* 114:454 (Apr 1957): 134–140. Galeotti, while cautious about applying the OT texts to Satan primarily, admits “the King of Tyre, like the King of Babylon, also serves as a type for Satan”—Gary A. Galeotti, “Satan’s Identity Reconsidered,” *Faith and Mission* 15:2 (Spring 1998): 73–89.

² These assumptions are standard for conservative scholarship and follow the work of Eugene H. Merrill (*Kingdom of Priests*), Andrew Steinmann, (*From Abraham to Paul*), and Rodger Young ([Papers on Chronology](#)). See also Eugene H. Merrill, “Fixed Dates in Patriarchal Chronology,” *Bibliotheca Sacra* 137:547 (Jul 1980): 242–48.

- 4) In order to date events prior to the flood, I made the following assumptions: a) Abraham was 75 when he left Haran (Gen 12:4), b) Terah was 205 at his death (Gen 11:32), c) Terah was 130 when he fathered Abraham³ (205 – 75 = 130), and d) Noah was 502 when he fathered Shem⁴ (Gen 5:32). Using the data in Genesis 5 and 11, the following table is then constructed.⁵ For an overview of the issues related to using Genesis 5 and 11 as chronological genealogies, see David McGee, “Creation Date of Adam from the Perspective of Young-Earth Creationism,” *Answers Research Journal* 5 (2012): 217–230.⁶

Father	Age at birth of child	Years lived after birth of child	Total years lived	Born	Died
Adam	130	800	930	4174	3244
Seth	105	807	912	4044	3132
Enosh	90	815	905	3939	3034
Kenan	70	840	910	3849	2939
Mahalalel	65	830	895	3779	2884
Jared	162	800	962	3714	2752
Enoch	65	300	365	3552	3187
Methuselah	187	782	969	3487	2518
Lamech	182	595	777	3300	2523
Noah	502	450	950	3118	2168
Shem	100	500	600	2616	2016
<i>The Flood</i>				2518	
Arphaxad	35	403	438	2516	2078
Shelah	30	403	433	2481	2048
Eber	34	430	464	2451	1987
Peleg	30	209	239	2417	2178
Reu	32	207	239	2387	2148
Serug	30	200	230	2355	2125
Nahor	29	119	148	2325	2177
Terah	130	135	205	2296	2091
Abraham	86	89	175	2166	1991

³ Eric Lyons, “Could Terah Have Been 130 When Abraham was Born?” (2002) [Online] URL: <http://www.apologeticspress.org/AllegedDiscrepancies.aspx?article=665>.

⁴ Eric Lyons, “How Old was Terah when Abraham was Born?” (2001) [Online] URL: <http://www.apologeticspress.org/apcontent.aspx?category=6&article=758>.

⁵ The first named child in the genealogy is often assumed to be the firstborn son, but this is only speculation. Notable exceptions to this assumption include Seth (he was Adam’s third son, cf. Gen 5:3), Shem (Japheth was firstborn, cf. Gen 5:32), and Abraham (Terah was 130 when Abraham was born, cf. Gen 11:26; Acts 7:4).

⁶ See also Terry **Mortenson**, “Systematic Theology Texts and the Age of the Earth: A Response to the Views of Erickson, Grudem, and Lewis and Demarest,” *Answers Research Journal* 2 (2009): 175–200; Travis R. **Freeman**, “A New Look at the Genesis 5 and 11 Fluidity Problem,” *Andrews University Seminary Studies*, Vol. 42, No. 2 (2004): 259–286; Jonathan **Sarfati**, “Biblical chronogenealogies,” *Journal of Creation (TJ)* 17 (2003): 14–18; Pete J. **Williams**, “Some Remarks Preliminary to a Biblical Chronology,” *Creation Ex Nihilo Technical Journal*, Vol. 12 No. 1 (1996): 98–105; Gerhard **Larsson**, “The Chronology of the Pentateuch: A Comparison of the MT and LXX,” *Journal of Biblical Literature* 102/3 (1983): 401–409; Gerhard F. **Hasel**, “The Meaning of the Chronogenealogies of Genesis 5 and 11,” *Origins* 7 (1980): 53–70.