

## BACKGROUND

**Name:** Genesis means “\_\_\_\_\_” or “\_\_\_\_\_”

**Author:** \_\_\_\_\_ who authored the entire Pentateuch (Genesis through Deuteronomy) also called the Torah or the books of the Law of Moses

Some liberal theologians teach that four different men (not Moses) authored the Pentateuch, i.e. the \_\_\_\_ theory. There is no evidence to that though.

**Jesus** in **Mark 12:26** (quoting Moses from **Exodus 3:1-3**)  
**Luke** in **Acts 3:22** quoting Moses from **Deuteronomy 18:15**  
**Paul** in **Romans 10:5** (quoting Moses from **Leviticus 18:5**)

**Date:** between \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ BC

**Outline:** Genesis can be divided into two basic sections: the Primitive historical record (chapters \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ ) and the Patriarchal historical record (chapters \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ )

Primitive historical record: creation (chapters **1-2**), the fall of man (chapters **3-5**), the flood (chapters **6-9**), and the dispersion (chapters **10-11**).

Patriarchal historical record: the stories of four great men (patriarchs/ famous fathers) Abraham (chapters **12-25:8**), Isaac (chapters **21:1-35:29**), Jacob (chapters **25:21-50:14**) and Joseph (chapters **30:22-50:26**)

**verse one**, “*In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.*”  
Biblical creation is also called creation ex nihilo and ex nihilo (Latin) means “from \_\_\_\_\_ and out of \_\_\_\_\_.”

Reference: **Hebrews 11:3**, “*By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so **the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible.***”

**Genesis chapter one verse one** states the \_\_\_\_\_ fact that God created the entire universe and then **verses two** through the **end of chapter one** describe that creation in more \_\_\_\_\_.

**verse two**, “*The earth, was without form, and void, and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.*”

**PROBLEM:** Secularists, humanists, agnostics, atheists, evolutionists, etc. and more and more evangelical Christians do not accept Genesis chapters one through eleven as the authentic, literal record of the origin of all that exists. Some evangelicals want to accommodate modern geological science and evolutionary theories and so interpret the first part of Genesis as either poetic, exalted prose narrative, symbolic, allegorical, mythical, and/or parable-like stories.

That perspective has resulted in three principle counter-theoretical positions to the literal biblical Genesis creation account

- \_\_\_\_\_ creationism (day-age theory)
- \_\_\_\_\_ evolution (evolutionary creation)
- The **gap-theory** (also called the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ theory)

Gap theory proponents: Thomas Chalmers (1780-1847), C.I. Scofield (1843-1921) and the Scofield Reference Bible, Clarence Larkin, Chuck Missler, etc.

#### **Gap theory explanation:**

One huge problem in the gap theory is that it puts \_\_\_\_\_ on a massive scale before the first man Adam and that’s a serious problem.

Reference: **Romans 5:12**, “*Therefore, just as **through one man sin entered the world and death through sin** and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned-*”

#### **REASONS FOR THE LITERAL INTERPRETATION OF GENESIS 1-11:**

ONE: \_\_\_\_\_ understand this to be the case

TWO: the principle characters mentioned in **Genesis chapters 1-11** are referred to as \_\_\_\_\_ (not mythical) personalities throughout the rest of Scripture

Example: Adam, Eve, Cain, Abel, and Noah are referenced in \_\_\_\_\_ other biblical books  
Genesis first eleven chapters contain \_\_\_\_\_ geographical terms, \_\_\_\_\_ personal names, \_\_\_\_\_ generic names, and at least \_\_\_\_\_ identifiable cultural items (such as gold, onyx, brass, iron, gopher wood, mortar, brick, stone, harp, pipe, cities, towers, etc.).

THREE: Jesus referenced different \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ from the first eleven chapters of Genesis

Jesus referenced the creation of **Adam** and **Eve** as an actual historical occurrence (He quoted from **Genesis 1:27, 2:24** and **5:2**) in His teaching on divorce (Reference: **Matthew 19:3-6; Mark 10:2-9**)

Jesus also referenced **Noah** as an actual historical character and the flood as an actual historical catastrophe (**Genesis 6-9**) in His teaching on the second coming (Reference: **Matthew 24:37-39** and **Luke 17:26-27**)

There are \_\_\_\_\_ passages from Genesis that are quoted or referenced in the New Testament and then alluded to some \_\_\_\_\_ more times.

FOUR: the non-literal interpretation of Genesis undermines essential \_\_\_\_\_

Every essential Christian doctrine is, in a direct sense or indirect sense, found in Genesis chapters one through eleven.

Example: Paul’s presentation of \_\_\_\_\_ is contingent on a historical man named Adam and the literal reading of the Genesis account as to how mankind sinned. Reference: **Romans 5:12-19** (see screen)

Example: Paul’s explanation of the \_\_\_\_\_ has no meaning if there was no historical Adam. Reference: **I Corinthians 15:20-22** and **45-49** (see screen)