



WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

Genesis

April 14, 2021

Gap Theory - The Ruin & Reconstruction Period

Gap Theory

- Isn't stated anywhere in the Bible
- Based upon our understanding of God

Gap Theory Supporters believe...

- The Earth was created perfect by a perfect God. But in Genesis 1:2 it states that the Earth "was formless and empty" (NIV) or "without form and void" (KJV). So what happened?

notes

- The Fall of Satan caused the Earth to be formless and empty. (Revelation 12:7-9, Luke 10:18, and Ezekiel 28:12-17)

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- The Hebrew word hayah in Gen 1:1, that is translated was should be translated became or had become. This is based upon how hayah was used in Genesis 2:7 and Genesis 3:22.

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- There were people on the Earth before Adam and Eve

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- When Satan was casted to the Earth it caused a great flood. That's why they say there was water on the Earth before God said "Let there be light..."

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Pastor Smith's View

- I do not support the Gap Theory.
- I do believe in the fall of Satan because the Bible says so.
- The bottom line is that our salvation isn't based on whether we believe the Gap Theory. Or, whether the fall of Satan was in between Genesis 1:1 and 1:2.
- We know that Satan was casted to the Earth before Adam sinned in Genesis 3.

The Divine Fiat – the spoken word of God

Genesis 1:3, 6, 9, 11, 14, 20, 24, 26, 29

John 1:1, 2, 14

Hebrews 11:3

1 John 1:1

God is Light

Genesis 1:3, God brought light to the Earth on the 1st day before He created the sun on the 4th day.

Psalm 27:1

John 9:5, 2 Corinthians 4:5-6

1 Peter 2:9

1 John 1:5

Revelation 22:3-5

Questions to reflect on...

1. Why is studying God's Word an essential spiritual discipline in the life of the believer?
2. How does knowing God as the Sovereign Creator impact your daily life?