



## UNFORMED AND UNFILLED

### Introduction:

Genesis is the Book of Beginnings:

- the beginning of Chronos
- the beginning of the Cosmos
- the beginning of Communication

Author:

Date:

Themes:

Structure:

Interpretation:

## I. THE ACCOUNT OF CREATION

### A. The Creator (vs. 1)

*Elohim*

synonyms for “create” used in Scripture:

- *asah* = “do” or “make” (2633x)
- *bara* = “create” (54x)
- *yatzar* = “fashion” (62x)
- *banah* = “build” (376x)
- *kun* = “establish” (219x)

God created [*bara*] the heavens and the earth (Gen. 1:1), made [*asah*] the firmament (Gen. 1:7), fashioned [*yatzar*] man from the dust of the ground (Gen. 2:7), and built [*banah*] woman from the man’s rib (Gen. 2:22).

Isaiah 45:18

### B. The Creation (vs. 2)

“unformed and unfilled” (*tohu v’vohu*) - leading to being formed (days 1,2,3) and filled (days 4,5,6)

“surface of the deep...waters”

“the Spirit of God was moving”

### C. The Concentration (vs. 3 and following)

“The earth-centeredness of the presentation reflects not scientific naivete about the solar system and outer space, but theological interest in man’s uniqueness and responsibility under God on this planet.”  
– J.I. Packer

## II. THE STORY OF REDEMPTION

### A. The Genius of Genesis

Adam → Abraham, Isaac, Jacob → the Twelve Tribes

→ spiritual descendants of Abraham (Gal. 3; Rom. 4)

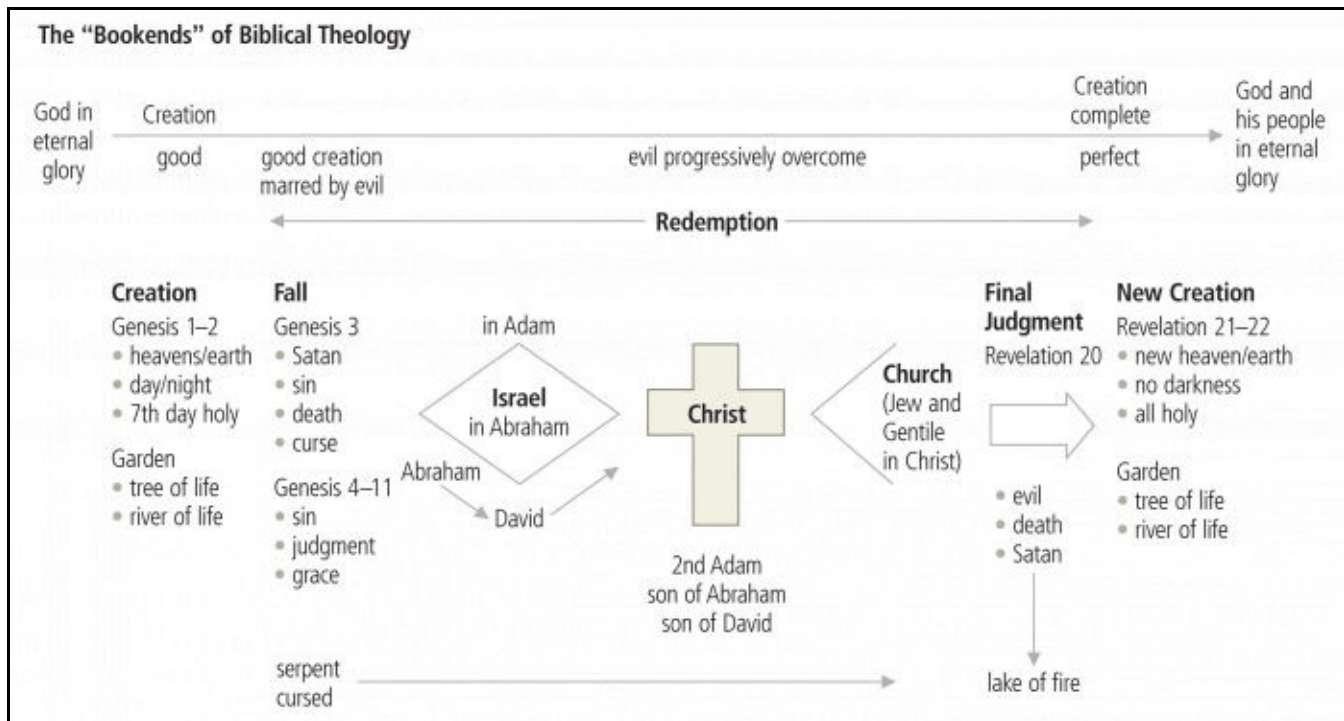
### B. The Christ of the Covenants

Genesis 3:15 (*proto-euangelium*)

sin → sacrifice → Savior

Abrahamic Covenant (Gen. 12)

### C. The “Bookends” of Biblical Theology



## III. THE DAYS OF CREATION

### A. What some say...

Gap Theory (Scofield, Pember, Unger, Waltke)

Day/Age Theory (many modern “Evangelicals”)

Pictorial-Day (many Catholics, some “Evangelicals”)

Theistic Evolution (most modern Judaism and main-line Christian denominations)

“Progressive Creationism” (Carnell, Ramm, Billy Graham, Hugh Ross)

### B. What the Bible says: = six literal, consecutive, 24-hour days

- 1) meaning of “day”
- 2) “evening and morning”
- 3) other astronomic divisions in same context
- 4) Adam lived through day seven
- 5) other Scriptures (Ex. 20:11)
- 6) total disharmony between the order of creation in Genesis and any evolutionism

**Conclusion:**