

In the Beginning....
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The first 2 verses of the bible (Gen1:1-2) lays the foundation of how one reads and understands the rest of the bible. The first three words "In the beginning" shapes the context of the 2 verses.

KJV Genesis 1:1-2

- 1 **In the beginning** God created the **heaven** and the earth.
- 2 And the earth **was** without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

Gaining a better insight to the first 2 verses helps answer:

- 1) The young earth vs the old earth
- 2) When did Lucifer fall from heaven
- 3) Were there Pre-Adam-ites on the earth prior to Adam

This brief study may not fully convince someone with a counterview but at least it'll show that the bible speaks about these 2 verses in other places of the bible with more detail. The bible is clear that we'll never know the complete picture from beginning to end (Ecc3:11,14) but we can gather some clues to some of the events which happened during that stretch of time.

Thompson Sept Ecc3:11,14

11. All the things which He made, considered as a whole, are good in His time. But with regards to all things considered as one whole, to them He has assigned the whole age; so that **no man can find out the work which God hath done from the beginning to end.**

14. I have found that all the things which God has made shall continue their age; there is no adding to it nor taking from it; and that God hath acted that they may be awed at His presence.

Questions:

- 1) Was 'In the beginning' the beginning of all seen and unseen?
- 2) How many heavens were created in 'heaven and the earth'?

Gen 1:1 Beginning ALL Seen & unseen

Looking up online (<http://biblehub.com/genesis/1-1.htm>) 12 bibles translate that "heavens (multiple) and earth" were created:

NIV, NLT, ESV, NASB, Holomon CSB, NET, Jubilee 2000, Darby, World English, YLT and ASV.

There are 10 bibles that translate that "heaven (singular) and earth" was created:

KJV, ISV, GOD'S Word, KJV 2000, American KJV, Doury-Rheims, ERV, Webster's and Geneva.

This is an important point because Paul mentions in 2Cor12:2 that there are 3 heavens.

KJV 2 Corinthians 12:2 I knew a man in Christ above fourteen years ago, (whether in the body, I cannot tell; or whether out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) such an one **caught up to the third heaven.**



The question in Gen1:1 is: Was the third heaven created at this 'In the beginning...'?

NO. The third heaven had already been in existence at this time for a long time and the bible indicates that this is so. Angels were created before the earth as it is seen in Job38:4 where the sons of God shouted for joy when they witnessed the foundations of the earth being laid - Job38:4,7

KJV Job 38:4 Where wast thou when **I laid the foundations of the earth**? declare, if thou hast understanding.

KJV Job 38:7 When the morning stars sang together, and all the **sons of God shouted for joy**?

The sons of God of Job38:7 are “the angels of God in heaven” (Mt22:30) who are represented all over the book of Revelation. Since the angels are in the third heaven then creation of the third heaven must have come prior to the angels being created.

3 rd Heaven	Angels	Earth
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The Angels through out the bible demonstrated that they had a lot more knowledge and Wisdom than man. The Angels received wisdom from God since Wisdom is a spirit according to Ex31:3

Geneva Ex31:3 Whom I have filled with the **Spirit of God, in wisdom**, and in **understanding**, and the **knowledge**, and in all workmanship

Wisdom had to have been created before the Angels since in Jer10:12 & 51:15 it states that the earth was created by wisdom and the heavens by understanding and the Angels had wisdom/understanding.

RSV Jeremiah 51:15 "It is he who made the earth by his power, who **established the world by his wisdom**, and by his **understanding stretched out the heavens**.

Wisdom	3 rd Heaven	Angels	Earth
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Wisdom is a spirit and it is made up of 7 other spirits -Prov9:1. Those 7 other spirits are described in Prov8:12-15 - Prudence, Knowledge, Discretion, Counsel, Insight, Strength, Justice.

RSV Proverbs 9:1 **WISDOM HAS built her house**, she has set up her **seven pillars**.

RSV Proverbs 8:12-15

12 **I, wisdom**, dwell in **prudence**, and I find **knowledge** and **discretion**.

13 The **fear of the Lord** is hatred of evil. Pride and arrogance and the way of evil and perverted speech I hate.

14 I have **counsel** and sound wisdom, I have **insight**, I have **strength**.

15 By me kings reign, and rulers decree what is **just**;



Wisdom was created prior to Gen1:1, prior to the angels in heaven, prior to the creation of the third heaven. When was Wisdom created? In the beginning as stated in Prov8:22-23 which describes Wisdom was the first of his acts of old before the beginning of the earth. How old were the acts of old in verse 22, and how long were the ages ago? Ancient and far beyond our comprehension.

RSV Proverbs 8:22-23

22 **The Lord created me at the beginning of his work**, the first of his acts of old.

23 **Ages ago** I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth.

King Solomon wrote the book of Proverbs roughly around 1000 BC. That is about 3,000 years from us today and about 3,000 years from Adam (counting the genealogies). Is 3,000 years old to God? That is 3

days to God (1000 years = 1 day 2Pt3:8). 4.5 billion years is only 12,500 years to God - is that old to an eternal God? I think not.

$$\frac{4,500,000,000 \text{ Man years}}{1000 \text{ (Man years)/(1 God day)}} \times \frac{1 \text{ God year}}{360 \text{ God days}} = 12,500 \text{ God years}$$

So Wisdom was the beginning of everything? - No. Wisdom was created by the Lord –Prov8:22.

In Jn1:1-3 it states that 'In the beginning was the Word' and all things were made through him and nothing was made except by him. This Word being called Jesus in the New Testament or YHWH in the old covenant and I AM by the Patriarchs before the old covenant.

Word	Wisdom	3 rd Heaven	Angels	Earth
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RSV John 1:1-3

- 1 **IN THE beginning was the Word**, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
- 2 He was in the beginning with God;
- 3 **all things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made.**

So this is the beginning? Almost.

Jesus is the Word that went out, and created everything (Is55:11) and is perfecting His creation. Jesus will hand the kingdom to the Father in a perfected state (1Cor15:24,27-28)

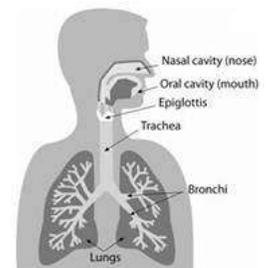
RSV Isaiah 55:11 so shall **my word be that goes forth from my mouth**; it shall not return to me empty, but **it shall accomplish that which I purpose**, and prosper in the thing for which I sent it.

RSV 1 Corinthians 15:24 Then comes the end, when **he delivers the kingdom to God the Father** after destroying every rule and every authority and power.

RSV 1 Corinthians 15:27-28

- 27 "For God has put all things in subjection under his feet." But when it says, "All things are put in subjection under him," it is plain that he is excepted who put all things under him.
- 28 **When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him** who put all things under him, that God may be everything to every one.

From a simplistic human standpoint. A word is generated from the breath of someone. The breath comes from within a person's lungs. The brain tells the lungs to constrict which pushes out air. The Brain manipulates the voice box, tongue and mouth to be in certain positions to create a sound which the brain had envisioned.



I believe Jn5:19-20 describes this very simplified analogy between the Father and Jesus. Jesus as the Word saw the plan/layout/design from the Father (brain/mind) and Jesus is carrying that plan out now. This is the ultimate beginning in my view since Jesus as the Word couldn't do anything until He had received instruction from the Father Jn5:19-20

RSV John 5:19-20

- 19 Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, **the Son can do nothing of his own accord, but only what he sees the Father doing; for whatever he does, that the Son does likewise.**
- 20 For the Father loves the Son, and shows him all that he himself is doing; and greater works than these will he show him, that you may marvel.

A brief layout of the pre-creations so far...

Father's Showing of the plan	Jn 1:1-3 Beginning Was the Word	Prov 8:22 Creation of Wisdom	Prov 8:22 Works of Old	Job 38:4,7 Angels shout Earth laid	Gen 1:1 Solar System And Earth
Jn 5:19-20		Prov 8:12-15 Is 11:2 Prov 8:22-23	- Creation of fundamental laws of time, space, energy motion... - Creation of Third heaven		Is 45:18 1 Cor 45:18

The best bible translation that fits the above layout (I believe) would be the Ferrar Fenton where it says:

FF Gen1:1 **By Periods** GOD created that which produced the solar systems; then that which produced the Earth.



What you believed the "In the beginning" to mean will effect what you believe Gen 1:2 to mean as well - specifically what the word "was" means.

KJV Genesis 1:2

2 And the earth **was** without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.



Reading Gen1:1 as God creating a blank canvas of the universe. In Gen 1:2 God is stepping up to the canvas on the easel with His brushes and paint to begin creating the masterpiece. That is how most have taken the first 2 verses. There is a "Gap" theory that proposes an alternative reading.

One could translate the following words in Gen1:2 as:

Was:	Strong's #1961 became
Without form:	Strong's #8414 to lie in waste, a desolation
Void:	Strong's #922 an undistinguishable ruin
Darkness:	Strong's #2822 darkness, misery, destruction, death, ignorance, sorrow, wickedness

Plugging the above alternative translations into Gen1:2 one gets:

Gen1:2 And the earth **(became) (a desolation) and (indistinguishable ruin) and (darkness, misery, destruction, death, ignorance, sorrow, wickedness)** was upon the deep and the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

This alternative reading would indicate a judgment that occurred on the earth.

This is not a brand new novelty personal translation. The interlinear bible translates was to "became" and without form as "chaos".

Genesis

1:1	פְּרָאִשִׁית	בְּרָא	אֱלֹהִים	אֵת	הַשָּׁמַיִם	וְאֵת	הָאָרֶץ	:
	b·rashith	bra	aleim	ath	e·shmim	u·ath	e·artz	:
	in·beginning	he·created	Elohim	»	the·heavens	and·»	the·earth	
1:2	וְהָאָרֶץ	הָיְתָה	תְּהוֹ	וְנִבְהוּ	וְחֹשֶׁךְ	עַל	פְּנֵי	תְהוֹם
	u·e·artz	eithe	theu	u·beu	u·chshk	ol	- phni	theum
	and·the·earth	she·became	chaos	and·vacancy	and·darkness	over	surfaces-of	abyss
	וְרוּחַ	אֱלֹהִים	מְרַחֶפֶת	עַל	פְּנֵי	הַמַּיִם	:	
	u·ruch	aleim	mrchphth	ol	- phni	e·mim	:	
	and·spirit-of	Elohim	»vibrating	over	surfaces-of	the·waters		

<http://www.scripture4all.org/OnlineInterlinear/OTpdf/gen1.pdf>

If the interlinear bible is accurate that the earth "became chaos" then the next question is : why?

Is45:18 states that God didn't create the earth to be a chaos but formed it to be inhabited. ICor14:33 states that God is not a God of confusion but this is what the earth is described as being. If the world wasn't in chaos when it was first created then it must have changed into confusion at some later unknown space of time (thousands, millions, billions.... Years).

RSV Isaiah 45:18 For thus says the Lord, who created the heavens (he is God!), who **formed the earth and made it** (he established it; **he did not create it a chaos, he formed it to be inhabited!**): "I am the Lord, and there is no other.

RSV 1 Corinthians 14:33 For **God is not a God of confusion** but of peace. As in all the churches of the saints,

Comparing 2 verses Genesis1:2 to Jeremiah4:23 and one sees a similar language of destruction.

KJV Gen1:2	KJV Jeremiah 4:23
And the earth was without form, and void ; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.	I beheld the earth , and, lo, it was without form, and void ; and the heavens , and they had no light .

Looking into the rest of Jer4:23-29 we see a destruction event cause by the Lord. Why? Ver 22 sets up the destruction - they forgot the Lord and were bent on evil and performed no good works.



KJV Jeremiah 4:23-29

23 I beheld the earth, and, lo, it was without form, and void; and the heavens, and they had no light.

24 I beheld the mountains, and, lo, they trembled, and all the hills moved lightly.

25 I beheld, and, lo, **there was no man**, and all the **birds of the heavens were fled**.

26 I beheld, and, lo, the fruitful place was a wilderness, and **all the cities thereof were broken down at the presence of the Lord, and by his fierce anger**.

27 For thus hath the Lord said, The whole land shall be desolate; yet will I not make a full end.

28 For this shall the earth mourn, and the heavens above be black; because I have spoken it, I have purposed it, and will not repent, neither will I turn back from it.

29 The whole city shall flee for the noise of the horsemen and bowmen; they shall go into thickets, and climb up upon the rocks: every city shall be forsaken, and not a man dwell therein.

KJV Jeremiah 4:22 For my people is foolish, they have not known me; they are sottish children, and they have none understanding: they are wise to do evil, but to do good they have no knowledge.

Is14:12 said that Lucifer weakened the nations. I suspect that Lucifer lost his guardian cherub position (Ez28:14-16) between Gen1:1 and Gen1:2 time gap and his name was changed to Satan as we see when Satan accuses Job to the Lord in Job1:6. Satan's fall occurred prior to the Garden of Eden since the snake was there to tempt Eve Gen3:1. The snake is described as Satan in Rev12:9. Satan's final casting down from the third heaven as the accuser of the brethren (Rev12:10) happened at Calvary when Jesus rose from the dead conquering death.

KJV Isaiah 14:12 How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!

KJV Revelation 12:9 And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

KJV Genesis 3:1 Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?

RSV Job 1:6 Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan also came among them.

KJV Revelation 12:10 And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.

Satan's hand has been the downfall of nations. Adam and Eve were kicked out of the Garden. The book of Enoch and the book of Jubilees writes of the corruption of the earth by the fallen angels as well. Is it any stretch to also believe that the perfect creation in Gen1:1 didn't fall into corruption by his hand at some distant point which led to his removal of his cherub position?

How you read Gen1:1-2 directly impacts the rest of the bible.

- The above shows that an old earth is possible and when the Lord refreshed the earth the scientific data will also point to a young earth.
- The chaos mentioned in Gen1:2 was a worldwide destruction/judgment "Day of the Lord" event tied to Lucifer being demoted as a cherub and taking on the name of Satan
- Jer4:23-29 didn't indicate all the people were killed at that destruction hence the remnant pre-Adamites created in Gen1:1 would have still been around for Cain and Seth to marry.

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Jn 5:19-20

Prov 8:12-15
Is 11:2
Prov 8:22-23

- Creation of fundamental laws of time, space, energy motion...
- Creation of Third heaven

Is 45:18
1 Cor 45:18

If one allows the bible to interpret itself (2Pt1:20) then true science will confirm the bible.

Using the wrong starting point will result in errors in thinking & logic later. It could happen during a international webcast debate. This occurred on 2/4/14 in a Evolution v Creation debate between evolutionist Bill “the science guy” Nye and creationist Ken Ham.

The debate result had people circling the wagons on their personal belief, arguing science of either side. I didn't see the the gap of time biblical viewpoint be presented in any of the after event comments.



Mr Nye came out with some questions to Mr Ham that Mr Ham's 6 literal days of creation could not address. The top 3 points that Mr Nye brought out that there was not a effective reply from Mr Ham was:



Evolutionist

- 1) How to account for the apparent older universe/earth
- 2) No Noah's flood evidence seen in the US
- 3) Where are the predictions of scientific, verifiable evidence (My Nye was asking for just one)

Creationist

It seems that Creationist jump into the science defense, laying out all the science proofs of a young earth, prior to framing the issue in what the bible states on a subject as this study was attempting to do. The bible states that there were acts of old, indicating a vast period of time and a destruction level - a “Day of the Lord” event which happened on earth prior to Adam.

The evolutionist would have their arguments pulled out from beneath them in a debate if the gap time and a [local Noah's flood](#) was presented. Example:

Bill Nye: A 6,000 year earth is impossible; science shows that the earth is older.

Me: I agree, the bible is very clear that the solar system and the earth have been around for a vast unknown period of time – billions of years is probably an understatement.

Bill Nye: There is no evidence of a worldwide Noah's flood here in the United States.

Me: I agree whole heartily that Noah's flood was not a worldwide event. Noah's flood was a local event and science and [historical records](#) show that this is the case. There is evidence that the flood took place in the Tarim Basin of Eastern Turkestan.

Bill Nye: Science predicts thing and then scientist discover them. What has the bible predicted science wise?

Me: The bible is full of scientific predictions:

Archeology: This science was developed by people going out and trying to find the people, places and nations of the bible. They confirmed the people, places and nations of the bible and advanced the historical knowledge that had been lost over time.

Weather: The bible speaks of how the weather works in Job by rivers running to the sea then returning via vapor in clouds, raining in the mountains then running down to the ocean in rivers again.

Astronomy The bible predicted that the earth was round

Oceanography: The paths in the sea of the bible spoke of ocean currents. The ocean currents were discovered and sea lanes developed to quickly go from continent to continent because a man decided to verify the bible and search out for the paths in the sea.

Ship design: Ship builders have noted that the dimensions of the ark show that it's dimensions are the exact ratio for a stable ship design.

And on and on and on and on.....

That wasn't in the debate. Had it been then Bill Nye would've had his strongest points countered and neutralized. Framing the debate on whose science is the best cost Ken Ham a potential knock down victory over Bill Nye.

I do commend Ken Ham for taking the courage to defend his beliefs and that the name of Jesus was proclaimed over the airways and a discussion of the bible was initiated. Romans 8:28 say that all things work out for those who love the Lord so some good will come out of the debate.

Rom 8:28 And we know that to them that love God **all things work together for good**, even to them that are called according to *his* purpose.

Regards,
David O'Malley

Called/Chosen + Hear + Believe + Repent + Confess + Baptize + Abide = Salvation -> Proclaim
Mt22:14 + Lk11:28 + Jn3:16 + Mk6:12 + Rm10:9 + Acts2:38 + Heb10:26 = 1 Pt 3:21 -> Mt28:19-20

2014 Completed Bible studies

- 1/1/14 – The 3 themes of Christmas
- 1/18/14 -The bible vs. the Churches (G)
- 1/26/14 - Where are all the miracles? (G)
- 2/6/14 - Second round Prophet
- 2/14/14 – In the Beginning....

KJV John 14:10 Believest thou not that **I am in the Father, and the Father in me**? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works.

RSV Ezekiel 28:14-16

14 With an **anointed guardian cherub I placed you**; you were on the holy mountain of God; in the midst of the stones of fire you walked.

15 You were **blameless** in your ways from the day you were created, **till iniquity was found in you**.

16 In the abundance of your trade you were filled with violence, and you sinned; so **I cast you as a profane thing from the mountain of God**, and the guardian cherub drove you out from the midst of the stones of fire

KJV Matthew 22:30 For in the resurrection they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are as the **angels of God in heaven**.

KJV 2 Peter 1:20 Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any **private interpretation**.