

HOW OLD IS THE EARTH AND WHERE DO THE DINOSAURS FIT IN?

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(References from the KJV as it ties in with Young’s & Strong’s Concordances)

The following material has been taken from books by Watchman Nee, Kenneth Hagin, C.A.Coates, “Dakes Bible” pp51-54, and an 18 tape series by Derek Prince.

1. *Gen 1:1* “In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.”
This refers to **God’s original perfect creation.**
2. *Gen 1:2* “and the earth was without form and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep.....
The words “**without form and void**” are in the Hebrew original “tohu” and “bohu”, “tohu” means waste, desolation, empty, “bohu” means empty, ruin, void.
I guess we would say it was “all messed up” or “topsy-turvy.”
3. Now we know God **did not make the earth** this way **originally**, because it says in *Is 45:18*, “For thus says the Lord that created the heavens; God Himself that formed the earth and made it, He has established it, **He created it not in vain**, (Hebrew “**tohu**”), He formed it to be inhabited: I am the Lord; and there is none else.”

So God did not create the earth **originally** in the state of “tohu”, waste, desolate and empty. Therefore it must have **become this way** by some means.

4. In *Gen 1: 2* the word “**was**”, in the phrase “**was without form**”, is the Hebrew word “hayah.” (The Strong’s Concordance number for this word-1961).
Now in the O.T., KJV, this word “hayah” is translated

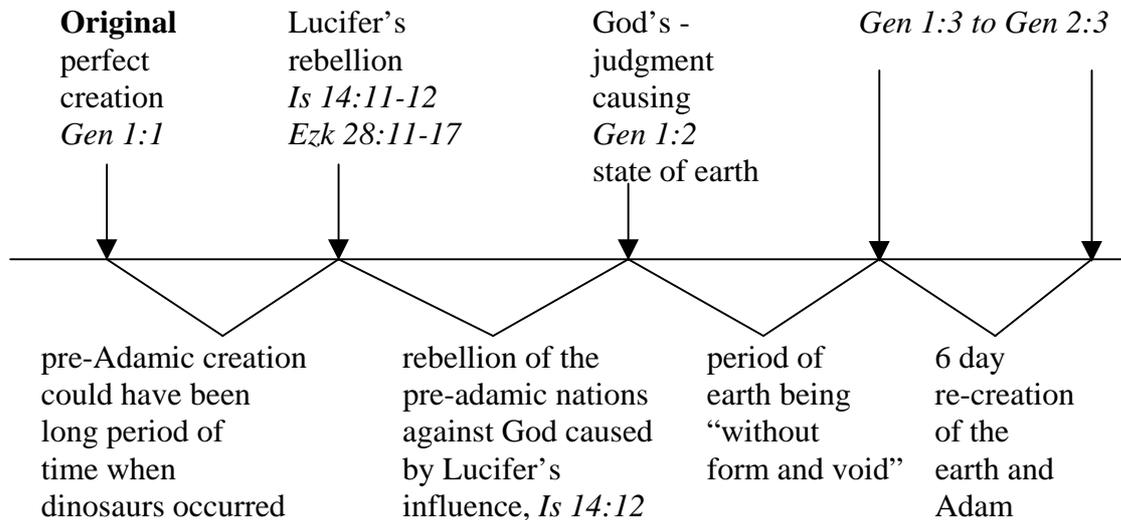
“became” - 67 times	eg Gen 2:7, 2:10, 19:26
“becamest”	eg Gen 14:1, 6:1
“came/came to pass”	Gen 4:3, 4:8
“become” - 66times	eg Gen 3:22, 9:15

So we can read *Gen 1:2*, “and the earth **became** without form and void ...” (became “tohu” and “bohu”).

5. Well if the earth was not created a desolate, empty, waste (“tohu”) then **how did it become that way?**
6. When we read *Jer 4:23-26*, we read a description of the earth when it was “without form and void,” (in the Hebrew “tohu” and “bohu”), and we read that it was made that way by the judgment of God. In fact when the words “tohu” and “bohu” occur, or just the word “tohu”, it is as a result of God’s judgment, *Is 34:11*, where “confusion” and “emptiness” (Hebrew “tohu” and “bohu”), are as a result of God’s judgment. (Using a Young’s Concordance you can trace through many more). Our conclusion is that the perfect **original** creation of the earth, and its inhabitants, came under severe judgment from God, leaving it a desolate, empty waste.
7. Well then **why did God bring His severe judgment** on the original creation? In

Is 14:12-14, and Ezk 28:11-17 we have the description of the rebellion of Lucifer against God and this must have happened before the events of *Gen 3:1*. When the evil one appears in the garden of Eden he is already a fallen being determined to defile God's restored creation of *Gen 1:3-2:3*. It is **probable** (only) then, that Lucifer not only led many angels into rebellion against God, but also the pre-Adamite nations, and this rebellion brought about the judgment of God.

8. The **original** creation that existed before God's judgment may have existed for a very long time and it is probable (only) that the fossils and dinosaurs of the past belong to this pre-adamic creation. In Dr Wilder-Smith's book "Origin of Man, Destiny of Man", he has many photographs showing man's footprints beside dinosaur footprints in the same layer of fossil strata.
9. Bible historical chronology from Adam to today is only about 6000years. (Some think it could be longer if some of the genealogies were missed out, but it is not extremely long periods of time, whereas the time period between *Gen 1:1* and *Gen 1:2* may be a vast amount of time).



10. Note that the Bible is not written to give us details of the pre Adamic creation but to reveal to us God's great work of redemption and salvation for lost humanity through the work of Jesus Christ for us, *Deut 29:29*.