

Before beginning that aspect of our study, it is important to develop a chronological list of events beginning in eternity past, each documented by pertinent biblical passages. Those cited below are expanded translations from exegesis along with relevant, bracketed commentary.

- (1) In eternity past from the Third Heaven, God created the angelic beings and their census, followed later by the creation of the universe.

Job 38:4 “Where were you, Job, at the creation of planet earth? Elaborate if you have understanding.

v. 5 “Do you know who fixed its dimensions? Or who surveyed its expanse?

v. 6 “Where are the foundations of the earth fastened? Who laid its cornerstone,

v. 7 when the morning stars sang together [the **angelic chorus**] and the sons of God shouted for joy [**angelic exultations**]?”

Revelation 5:11 I [**John**] both saw and heard the voice of many angels around the throne and of the angelic heralds and the angelic general staff, and the number was beyond counting [**myriads: “consisting of enormous but indefinite numbers; multitudinous.”**].

Genesis 1:1 In the beginning, [**which was not a beginning, but the introduction of time**], **God created out of nothing** [*creatio ex nihilo*] the heavens [**interstellar space**] and planet earth.

Creatio ex nihilo. The reader is meant to understand that the worlds were not fashioned from any pre-existing material, but out of nothing, and that this proceeded from the activity of the divine Word. Prior to the creative fiat there was thus no other kind of phenomenological existence. *Creatio ex nihilo*, therefore, rules out the idea that matter is eternal, and also rejects any kind of dualism in the universe in which another entity, power or existence stands over against God and outside His control. The Creator of the world is thus not bound by chaos, as in the Babylonian creation myth, which portrayed the gods emerging from the waters of chaos.



Indeed, the concept of a created chaos was foreign to the Genesis narrative, which maintained that creation was an ordered process and as such the opposite of chaos. Furthermore, the concept of creation from nothing affirms that God is separate from His creation, and denies that the latter is a phenomenal manifestation of the Absolute, as Pantheism [i.e., pick your theological poison] maintains.⁷

- (2) Among the angelic community, God established a system of authority. Within their myriad population, the Father decreed a hierarchy among them with the rank of cherub being the highest. These recipients' insignia of rank is four wings.

The commanding officer over the angelic hoards was appointed by God the Father. We learn his name in Isaiah 14:12, *Helel ben-Shachar*: "Star of the Morning, Son of the Dawn." His name is summarized by the Latin proper noun, "Lucifer."

Scripture reports this cherub's arrogance in Ezekiel 28:11–19 where Lucifer is presented initially in glowing terms, but in verse 15 he commits the sin of arrogance precipitating his fall.

Isaiah 14:12–14 presents Lucifer's Five Assertions which reveal his campaign to overthrow divine authority:

Isaiah 14:12 "How you have fallen from heaven, *Halel ben-Shachar* [**Lucifer**]! You have been cut down to the earth! You who have weakened the nations.

v. 13 "But you said from your *kardia*, **Assertion #1**: 'I will ascend to heaven; **Assertion #2**: I will raise my throne above the stars of God [**C-in-C of the angelic hoards**], **Assertion #3**: and I will sit enthroned upon the mount of the assembly of angels in the uttermost extremity of the north [the lust to be worshiped by the angels].

v. 14 **Assertion #4**: 'I will ascend above the heights of the clouds [to function like God]; **Assertion #5**: I will make myself like the Most High ['*Elohim*].'"

(End JAS3-28. See JAS3-29 for continuation of study at p. 281.)

⁷ R. K. Harrison, "Creation: Creation ex nihilo," in *The Zondervan Pictorial Encyclopedia of the Bible*, gen. ed. Merrill C. Tenney (Grand Rapids: Zondervan Publishing House, 1976), 1:1023.



- (3) Lucifer's rebellion motivated one-third of the angelic population to join him:

Revelation 12:4 And his tail [**symbolic of the power of a dragon's tail**] recruited one-third of the angelic population, and God threw them and Lucifer to the earth. Then the dragon [**Lucifer**] stood before the woman [**Mary**] who was about to deliver the Child for the purpose that when she might give birth, he might devour her Son [**Messiah**].

- (4) Notice in Revelation 12:4, that Lucifer was convicted for sedition and was thrown to the earth, an event also mentioned in Ezekiel 28:16b, "Therefore I have cast you as profane from the mountain of God."
- (5) Lucifer's conviction and sentencing are recorded in:

Matthew 25:41 Then God will say to those on His left, "Depart from Me, you accursed, into the everlasting torment of the lake of fire that has been prepared for the devil and his fallen angels."

- (6) At this point Lucifer appealed his conviction. The wording of the devil's appeal is not specifically recorded in Scripture, but there is evidence that gives insight into what he proposed:
- a. The original trial took place in the Third Heaven which occurred before the human race was created and placed in the garden of Eden.
 - b. At the conclusion of the original trial, Lucifer was convicted along with one-third of the angels who joined him in his rebellion.
 - c. The verdict of guilty was rendered by Jesus Christ, as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Heaven.
 - d. Lucifer and the fallen angels were sentenced for eternity to the lake of fire.
 - e. This sentence was rendered before the introduction of Homo sapiens on earth.
 - f. However, this sentence will not be carried out until the end of human history following the millennial kingdom of Jesus Christ.



- g. The question that arises is: “If the sentencing occurred in eternity past before the human race is created, but is not carried out until after human history is over, what caused the stay for sentencing?”
- (7) The only logical explanation for this prehistoric sequence of events is that Lucifer petitioned the Court asking for an appeal. His basic defense was: Since God created him—and he had indeed committed a sin—then he was not really responsible for it, but rather God Who created him.
 - (8) Since there was a stay granted for sentencing, then it must be concluded that the human race was introduced to resolve this seemingly inscrutable question.
 - (9) Consequently, the Supreme Court of Heaven issued a stay, granted the request, and convened the Divine Court of Appeals.
 - (10) The venue would be planet earth. The first witnesses for the Prosecution were created by the Lord in the persons of Adam and Ishshah.
 - (11) The lead attorney for the defence is Lucifer, assisted by his fallen angels. The lead Attorney for the Prosecution is Jesus Christ, assisted by believers.
 - (12) What ensued is best described as The Resolution of the Angelic Conflict.

Principle: As witnesses for the Prosecution, we are advised by Paul to put on the full armor of God. This provides powerful guidance on how these protective devices are to be deployed from the believer’s soul.

Paul opens his comments with this exordium:

Ephesians 6:10 Put on the full armor of God so that you might continue to be able to hold your ground against the tactics and strategy of the devil.

This chronological overview of events took place in eternity past prior to the events that occur in Genesis 1:3 and following. We are now ready to begin the refutation of Mr. Ken Ham’s doctrine of a “six-day creation.”

This will require us to study in detail Genesis: Chapter One, verses 1–3, including related biblical evidence necessary to disprove his misconception.

In doing so, I will contend that the 12-point introduction noted above did not consume millions of years. I will also argue that it did take longer than six days. Here we go.



The Catastrophic Events between Genesis 1:1 & 1:3

1. In this study we will prove that the universe was created up and running. It did not occur over the course of a week and certainly not the result of an evolutionary processes.
2. We will begin with the principle that the perfect God of this universe, Who is our Lord Jesus Christ, could not by definition create anything that is imperfect.
3. We will establish this by examining creation verbs in Genesis 1:1 and Isaiah 45:18.
4. Further, we will establish that, as the result of the Luciferian Rebellion, light was removed from the universe causing everything to become “frozen in place” at -459.67°F , or absolute zero. Genesis 1:2 records the original trial before the Supreme Court of Heaven and the subsequent stay of sentencing by granting Lucifer’s appeal.
5. First of all, we need to establish the premise that God is perfect.

Deuteronomy 32:4a “The Rock! His work is perfect.”

Matthew 5:48 “Therefore, you are to be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.”

Hebrews 5:9 Having been made perfect, He became to all those who obey Him the source of eternal salvation.

Job 37:16 “Do you know about the layers of the thick clouds, the wonders of One perfect in knowledge?”

6. A perfect God can only create that which is perfect. It is incongruous to imagine that the perfect Christ would create anything imperfect. This is borne out by two passages dealing with the creation of the universe.

Genesis 1:1 In the beginning [of the universe] God [specifically, Jesus Christ] created [בָּרָא (*bara'*)] the heavens and the earth.

7. Documentation that Jesus Christ is the Member of the Trinity that created the universe is found in:

Colossians 1:16 For by Him [Jesus] all things were created [κτίζω (*ktízō*)], both in the heavens and on the earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created through Him and for Him.

