

The Old Testament

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Primeval History

- ▶ Narrative
- ▶ Not Unique
- ▶ Creation
 - “Tohu Wabohu”
- ▶ Order of Creation
 - “Imago Dei”



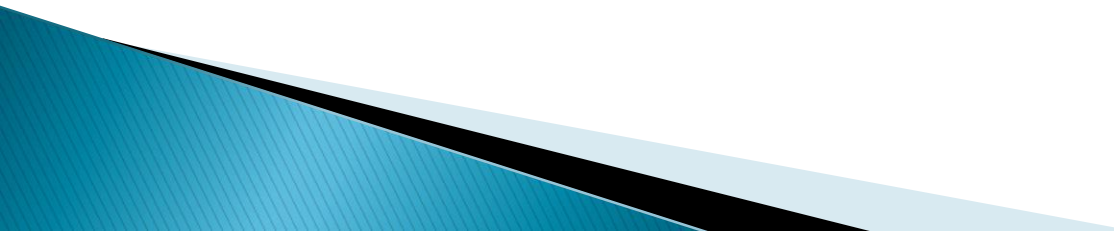
Creation & Evolution Theories

- ▶ Literal (young earth)
- ▶ Gap theory (old earth)
- ▶ Day -Age theory (old earth)
- ▶ Theistic evolution
- ▶ Progressive creationism



Normative Truth

The truth about values that is presumably not determinable simply by the existence or nonexistence of things or by logic alone without reference to something further.



Fall of Man

- ▶ Garden of Eden
 - Tree of Life
 - Tree of the knowledge of good & evil (Why Not?)
- ▶ Three Original Sins
 - Lust of the flesh
 - Pleasing to the eyes
 - Pride of Life
- ▶ Immediate Consequences of Fall
 - Loss of innocence
 - First blame game
 - Death (3:19; 3:22)
- Typology to Jesus (3:15)

Mankind

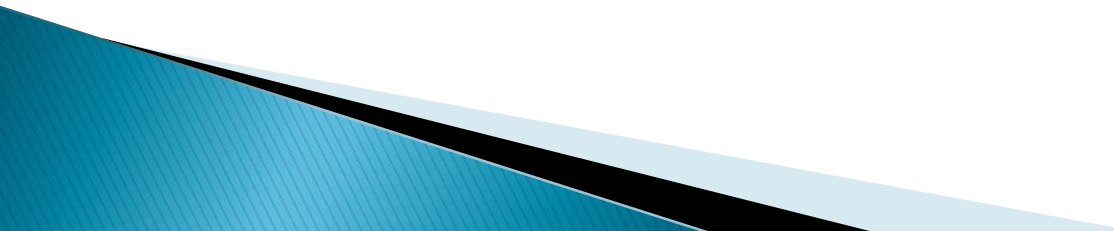
- ▶ First three sons of Adam & Eve
 - Cain; Abel; Seth
- ▶ Enoch
- ▶ Sons of God
 - Kings & Princes
 - Descendants of Seth
 - Fallen angels
- ▶ Total Depravity of Man

Noah and the Great Flood

- ▶ Sons of Noah
 - Shem; Ham; Japheth
- ▶ Noah pleased God and walked with God
- ▶ Ark came to rest on Mt. Ararat
- ▶ Noah built an altar to the Lord
 - Seedtime & harvest (v. 22)
- Rainbow as eternal covenant

Theological Point

The primeval history provides a significant theological backdrop for understanding the blessings and promises that dominate the ancestral history.

- It asserts a divine concern for the whole of creation in general and humanity in particular
 - The universalism of the primeval history is the subtext of the ancestral history, which focuses on one family as the agent for blessing all families
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