

# THE KINGSHIP OF CHRIST

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# JESUS, KING OF THE JEWS

## **Matthew 2:1-18**

*“But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for Me One who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times.” – Micah 5:2*

# CONFUSION ABOUT GOD'S KINGSHIP

## ***1 Samuel 8***

*And the Lord told him: "Listen to all that the people are saying to you; it is not you they have rejected, but they have rejected me as their king. As they have done from the day I brought them up out of Egypt until this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so they are doing to you." – 1 Samuel 8:7-8*

# JESUS CONFIRMED HIS KINGSHIP

*The high priest said to Him, “I charge you under oath by the living God: Tell us if you are the Christ, the son of God.”*

*“Yes, it is as you say,” Jesus replied. – **Matthew 26:63-64***

*Meanwhile Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked Him, “Are you the king of the Jews?”*

*“Yes, it is as you say,” Jesus replied. – **Matthew 27:11***

# JESUS' TRUE KINGDOM

*Jesus said, "My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jews. But now my kingdom is from another place."*

*"You are a king, then!" said Pilate.*

*Jesus answered, "You are right in saying I am a king. In fact, for this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me." – **John 18:36-37***

# MAKING A MOCKERY OF THE KING

*Then the governor's soldiers took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole company of soldiers around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on his head. They put a staff in his right hand and knelt in front of him and mocked him. "Hail, king of the Jews!" they said. They spit on him, and took the staff and struck him on the head again and again. After they had mocked him, they took off the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him. —*  
**Matthew 27:27-31**

# WHY DID THORNS COME INTO BEING?

*Cursed is the ground because of you; through painful toil you will eat of it all the days of your life. It will produce thorns and thistles for you, and you will eat the plants of the field.*

– **Genesis 3:17-18**



# WHEN DID THORNS COME INTO BEING?

## Theories used to incorporate evolution and long ages into the Book of Genesis:

### Gap Theory

The gap theory was invented to insert millions of years after the first verse of the Bible, proposing that God created a world full of creatures and then destroyed it with a flood prior to verse two (all before Adam's sin). Following those verses, God recreated the world we now know in six days.

### Historical Creation

A modified version of the gap theory, confusingly called historical creation, teaches that God created the heavens and earth over an indefinite period, but he then prepared the land for mankind in six days.

### Day-Age Theory

Another idea, known as the day-age theory, suggests that each of the six days was a long period. To span the supposed 4.6 billion years of earth history, each "day" would need to be approximately 750 million years—and roughly three times that long to account for the supposed 13.8-billion-year age of the universe. If this view is taken seriously, we must wonder how plants (created on Day Three) survived without the sun (created on Day Four) for hundreds of millions of years.

### Multiple Gap View

Some have offered an alternative view that essentially blends the gap and day-age theories. The multiple gap view states that the six days were normal-length days separated by gaps of long ages.

### Framework Hypothesis

In the past century, several other new positions have reduced Genesis 1 to little more than poetry. They imply that it is okay to ignore most of the details as long as one acknowledges that God created this world and made man in his image. For example, an idea known as the framework hypothesis argues that Genesis 1 is semi-poetic, overstressing an artificial parallelism of the creation days and groping for other elements that would make room for a nonliteral interpretation of the text.

### Theistic Evolution

Proponents of other positions, such as theistic evolution, ignore the text altogether. Essentially, they allegorize or spiritualize chapters 1–11 of Genesis and reject many details.

**Source:** Chaffey, T., *The Longest Week Ever?*, *Answers in Genesis* 12(4):15-16, 2017.



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## John Templeton Foundation

**The Center for Theology and Natural Sciences**  
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**Biologos**  
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**Science for Youth Ministry**  
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**Arizona State University's Institute of Human Origins**  
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**University of Arizona**  
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**AAAS's Dialogue on Science, Ethics, and Religion (DoSER)**  
\$5,351,707 (January 1996)

**Faraday Institute for Science & Religion**  
\$2,000,000 (January 2006)

**Christianity Today, Project Leader: Mark Galli**  
**Building an Audience for Science & Faith**  
\$269,088 (December 2015)

**Scientists in Congregations**  
\$2,000,000 (2011)

**Biola University**  
**The Spiritual Character and Virtue Formation of Seminarians**  
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**Biola University's Center for Christian Thought**  
\$3,029,221 (July 2012)

**Evangelical Theology and the Doctrine of Creation**  
**Trinity Evangelical Divinity School**  
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Time Scale of the Earth

EON	ERA	PERIOD	EPOCH	BEGINNING	MAJOR EVENTS	GLOBAL EXTINCTION EVENT	
P H A N E R O Z O I C	Cenozoic (age of mammals)	Quaternary	Holocene	11,700	present climate; only modern humans		
			Pleistocene	2,600,000	recent ice ages; various human species		
		Tertiary	Pliocene	5,300,000	near-human species and other near-modern mammals		
			Miocene	23,000,000	apes flourish; savanna grazing animals evolve		
			Oligocene	33,900,000	monkeys, apes, and other mammal families evolve		
			Eocene	55,800,000	prosimians flourish; possible early monkeys		
			Paleocene	65,500,000	earliest primates (proto-prosimians)		
	Mesozoic (age of reptiles)	Cretaceous		145,500,000	archaic mammals and birds begin to replace dinosaurs; first flowering plants	65,500,000 (76% of species lost)	
		Jurassic		199,600,000	dinosaurs dominant; primitive mammals spread; toothed birds		
		Triassic		251,000,000	first dinosaurs and first egg-laying mammals; vast forests of ferns, conifers, and cycads	200,000,000 (80% of species lost)	
	Paleozoic (ancient life forms)	Permian		299,000,000	spread of reptiles and insects; first mammal-like reptiles	251,000,000 (95-96% of species lost; earth's largest mass extinction)	
		Carboniferous		359,200,000	amphibians dominant; forests flourish; reptiles and modern insects appear		
		Devonian		416,000,000	fish dominant; amphibians appear; first forests	360,000,000 (83% of species lost)	
		Silurian		443,700,000	fish with jaws; first air breathing animals		
		Ordovician		488,300,000	invertebrates dominant; first vertebrates (jawless fish); first land plants	444,000,000 (85% of species lost)	
		Cambrian		542,000,000	explosion of life forms; invertebrates dominant (worms, jellyfish, trilobites, etc.)	488,000,000?	
	P R E C A M B R I U M	Proterozoic (earliest life forms)			3,000,000,000	protozoa, sponges, and algae; oxygen begins to accumulate in the atmosphere	
					3,500,000,000	first clear evidence of life (one celled bacteria)	
Azoic (no life forms)				4,540,000,000	origin of the earth		

**Source:** John Relethford (2013), *The Human Species: An Introduction to Biological Anthropology, 9th ed.*; Robert Jurmain et al. (2010), *Introduction to Physical Anthropology, 2009-2010 ed.*; Philip Stein and Bruce Rowe (2011), *Physical Anthropology, 10th ed.*; and Richard Harter (1998), *Changing Views of the History of the Earth*

# GENESIS – THE SEEDBED OF ALL CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE

1. **Bibliology:** Doctrine of the Scriptures
2. **Theology Proper:** Doctrine of God
3. **Christology:** Doctrine of the Son
4. **Pneumatology:** Doctrine of the Holy Spirit
5. **Angelology Proper:** Doctrine of Elect Angels
6. **Satanology:** Doctrine of Satan
7. **Demonology:** Doctrine of Fallen Angels
8. **Anthropology:** Doctrine of Man
9. **Hamartiology:** Doctrine of Sin
10. **Soteriology:** Doctrine of Salvation
11. **Israelology:** Doctrine of Israel
12. **Ecclesiology:** Doctrine of the Church
13. **Eschatology:** Doctrine of Last Things

Source: Fruchtenbaum, A.G., *The Book of Genesis*, pp. 17-24, 2009; and Grigg, R., *Genesis – The Seedbed of All Christian Doctrine*, [creation.com/seedbed](http://creation.com/seedbed), 26 April 2007.

# A WAKE UP CALL TO THE CHURCH

- 21% said they don't believe the Bible is true and historically accurate.
- 50% did not believe in a young Earth.
- 35% declared the Bible has errors or they weren't sure if it is infallible.
- 20% said there are books, other than the Bible, that are inspired by God.
- 65% believed that if you are a good person you will go to heaven.
- Over 40% said they are not born again.

# AN UNLIKELY CROWN FOR A KING

*He was in the world, and though the world was made through Him, the world did not recognize Him. –*  
**John 1:10**

*He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to Him, nothing in His appearance that we should desire Him. He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering. Like one from whom men hide their faces He was despised, and we esteemed Him not. –*  
**Isaiah 53:2b-3**

*Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: “cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree.” –*  
**Galatians 3:13**

# A CROWN OF GLORY, NOT SHAME

*But He was pierced for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon Him, and by His wounds we are healed. –*

***Isaiah 53:5***

*For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. –*

***1 Corinthians 15:21-22***

*Therefore I will give Him a portion among the great, and He will divide the spoils with the strong, because He poured out His life unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors. For He bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors. –*

***Isaiah 53:12***

# A KINGDOM OF GRACE

*For God was pleased to have all His fullness dwell in Him, and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through His blood, shed on the cross. – **Colossians 1:19-20***

*Such a high priest meets our need – One who is holy, blameless, pure, set apart from sinners, exalted above the heavens. – **Hebrews 7:26***

*Since we have now been justified by His blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through Him! – **Romans 5:9***



# A KINGDOM LIKE NO OTHER

*“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all He had and bought that field.” – **Matthew 13:44***

*For He has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son He loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. – **Colossians 1:13-14***

# CREDITS

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