

Gen 1:1-2 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. ² The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep.

The Gap Theory envisions a world Gen 1:2 that experienced a great cataclysm (Satan's Flood) and that had to be in Gen 1:2 with a great "gap" of of years.
The primary purpose of the Gap Theory is to attempt to Scripture with modern theories.
Gen gives the time from the creation of the universe to the creation of man
$\ensuremath{Gen}\xspace \ensuremath{}\xspace_{def}\xspace$ contains chronological data from the time of the first man to the great Flood
Gen summaries the chronology from the Flood to Abraham, the founder of the Hebrew nation.
James Ussher (1581-1656) computed the date of creation as

In addition to Ussher's date:

- Jewish tradition 3760 B.C.
- Septuagint (Greek translation of O.T.) 5270 B.C.
- Josephus (Jewish historian) 5555 B.C.
- Johannes Kepler (astronomer/mathematician) 3993 B.C.
- Martin Luther (the great reformer) 3961 B.C.
- John Lightfoot (Hebrew scholar) 3960 B.C.

Interestingly, each verse of Gen 1 begins with the word Hebrew word which is the equivalent of our conjunction
Gen 1:2 The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep.
Gap theorists believe that should be translated
• They also believe that without form and void should be translated
Gap theorists point to the phrase "and darkness was on the face of the deep" as another support to their theory; claiming that God made a world of darkness.
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The initial creation was – yet. This is a explanation by Moses of how God created all that now exists. The form does not fully reflect the form.