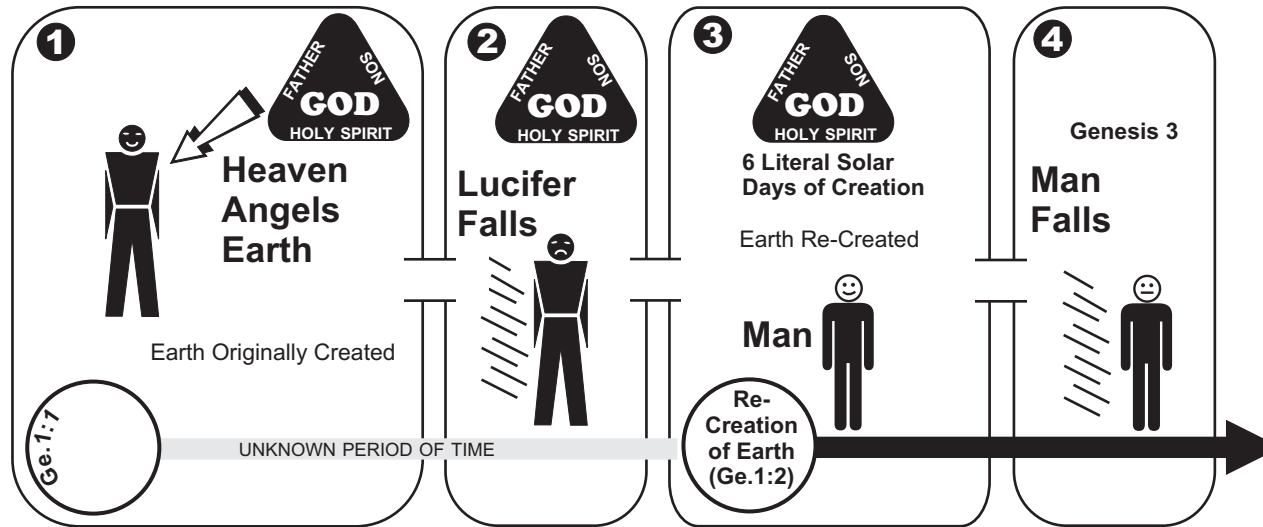


When was the Fall of Lucifer and Man

Below we show a chronological understanding of two conservative and literal views of creation, the fall of Lucifer, and the fall of man.

GAP Between Ge.1:1 and 1:2 View

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Also known as the Ruin-Reconstruction View

- 1 God created the heavens, including angels, and the earth (Ge.1:1). The angels have access to heaven and the earth. The angels rejoiced over the creation of the earth (Jb.38:4-11; Ps.104:4-5).
- 2 Lucifer, leads a revolt against God (Is.14:12-15; Ek.28:12-16). God gives the angels a choice, but 1/3 of the angels chose to follow Lucifer. As a result, the angels ravaged and ruined the earth, or simply God's judgment resulted in the chaotic condition. (Some say there was a universal flood at this time). God restricts the angels to the earth only. They no longer have access to heaven. (Apparently, Satan is permitted access to heaven (Jb.1).
- 3 God re-creates the earth in 6 days making everything "good" (Ge.1:2ff).
- 4 Adam and Eve fall into sin (Ge.3; Ro.5:12-14).

NOTE: Scientists such as astronomers, geophysicists, paleontologists and anthropologists measure the ruined creation (Ge.1:2). The Bible addresses the recent, repaired creation (Ge.1:2f) with only a few references to the original.

- 1 God created all things in 6 days. He created it out of nothing (Ex Nihilo) which included heaven and earth. This included angels which were all originally good (Cl.1:16; Jd.6). Job 38:4,7 suggests that the "sons of God" (angels) were present when God laid the foundations of the earth. This was day 1 of creation week (Ge.1:1). This was before light. Since angels are spirit beings we presume they can see in the dark as God can. By the end of day 6 God pronounced everything "very good" (Ge.1:31). This seems to rule out an earlier fall of the angels. Remember that God created the earth and heaven at this time. Thus, both are "good" at this time.
- 2 Some time after creation week, but before the temptation of Eve (Ge.3), Lucifer and his followers rebelled against God and fell (2Pe.2:4; Jd.6). We do not know how long this period lasted. It does not take much time for pride to well up and incite others to join the rebellion. God expelled the angels that sinned from His presence. This could have happened in a short period of time, especially since the spiritual dimension is not necessarily the same as time in the dimensions we know.
- 3 Death came into the world through man, not angels. In particular it came through one man, namely, Adam (Ro.5:12-14). The curse on creation came when Adam and Eve fell (Ge.3:17-19; Ro.8:20). Death entered the world because of Adam's sin. The death of Genesis 3 was spiritual and physical. Adam began to die physically, and spiritually he died as his communion with God was broken.

Standard Literal Creation View

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