

7. *Toledot* of Terah (Summary statement: 11:27; Details: 11:28–25:11) B/c
Now these are the generations (toledot) of Terah. Terah became the father of Abram, Nahor and Haran; and Haran became the father of Lot (11:27)
8. *Toledot* of Ishmael (Summary statement: 25:12; Details: 25:13–18) C/b
Now these are the generations (toledot) of Ishmael, Abraham's son, whom Hagar the Egyptian, Sarah's maid, bore to Abraham (25:12)
9. *Toledot* of Isaac (Summary statement: 25:19; Details: 25:20–35:29) B/c
Now these are the generations (toledot) of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham became the father of Isaac (25:19)
10. *Toledot* of Esau (Summary statement: 36:1; Details: 36:2–8) C/b
Now these are the generations (toledot) of Esau (that is, Edom) (36:1)
11. *Toledot* of (Esau, the Father of Edom (Summary statement: 36:9; Details: 36:10–37:1) C/b
These then are the generations (toledot) of Esau the father of the Edomites in the hill country of Seir (36:9)
12. *Toledot* of Jacob (Summary statement: 37:2; Details: 37:2b–50:26) B/c
These are the generations (toledot) of Jacob (37:2a)

WALK-THROUGH OUTLINE

Creation (1–2)

Fall (3)

Gentiles (4–11)

Cain and Abel (4)

Genealogies (5 and 10)

Flood (6–8)

Rainbow and Noahic Covenant (9)

Babel (11)

Abraham (12–25)

Isaac (26)

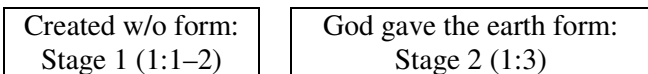
Jacob (27–36)

Joseph (37–50)

DEMONSTRATING THE SUMMARY-STATEMENT VIEW

Is there a gap? If so, when is the gap?

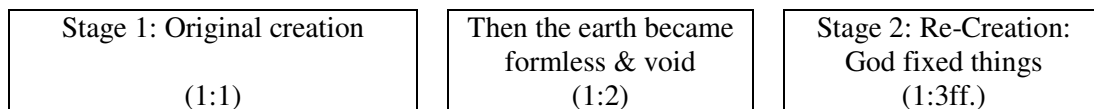
1. Some think that Gen. 1:1–3 are sequential (First... Second... Third). If so, God would have created a formless & void universe as step 1 (Genesis 1:1–2). Then He would have fixed this in 1:3ff.



First major problem: The grammar of verse 2 does not allow verses 1–2 to be a unit. The Hebrew word that begins verse 2 should be translated *Now*, rather than *And*.

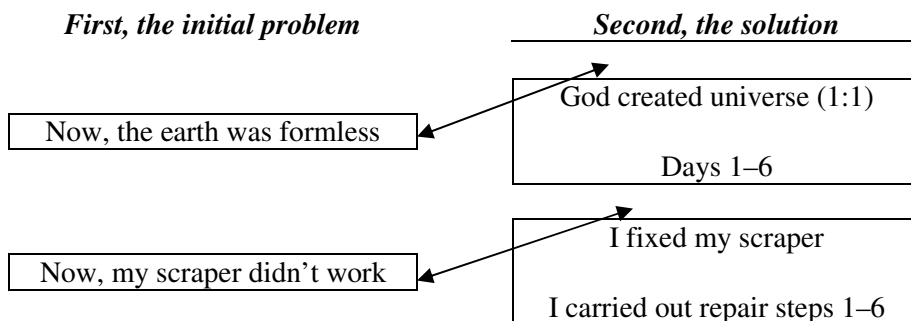
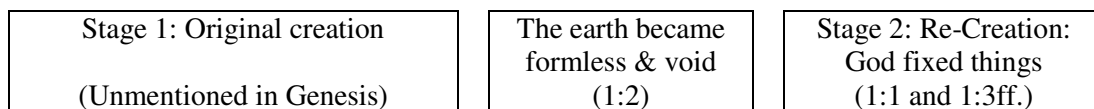
Second major problem: Isaiah 45¹⁸ For thus says the LORD, Who created the heavens, Who is God, Who formed the earth and made it, Who has established it, Who did not create it **void (*bohu*)** Who formed it to be inhabited: “I *am* the LORD, and *there is* no other.”

2. Others argue for a gap between verses 1 and 2.



Major problem: The grammar of verse 2 requires for that verse 2 happen before verse 1. The word that starts verse 2 is the problem: It should be translated *Now*, rather than *And*.

3. The best view (grammatically) is that verse 1 is a summary statement, with 1:3ff. giving details.



Notice that I did not say that I manufactured my scraper. LeTourneau did that 60+ years ago.

A CAREFUL CONSIDERATION OF GENESIS 2:4

The starting point for the *toledot* is “at the time of creation of the heavens and the earth”

The starting point is further defined as “in the day the LORD God made them (the heavens and the earth”

Verse 4 regards *creating the earth and heavens* as the same event *making them*

According to 2:4, which day (of the seven) is it that God created the heavens and earth?

With which day does 2:5ff. concern itself?

Verse 4b says *earth and heavens*, not *heavens and earth*. Why?

Observe that Genesis 2:1 also focuses on the completion of creation

We understand in 2:1 what *the heavens and earth* are, but we may not understand the referent of *all the host of the heavens and earth*

Note how 2:1 and 2:4 define the meaning of *create* in 1:1

CONCLUSION