

STUDY GUIDE

Biblical Age of the Earth

The age-of-the-earth conflict casts doubt and unbelief in the minds of the lost and unbelievers. Evolutionists claim that the earth is billions of years old. According to chronological dates and information found within the Bible, the earth is about 6,000 years old. Young earth or old earth? If the Book of Genesis cannot be trusted, how can unbelievers trust other sections of God's Word?

Not only does the Bible indicate a young earth, the limiting factors within nature itself proclaim a young earth. These natural phenomenon date back fairly recently, indicating that the earth's age cannot be much older than 6,000 years. Otherwise, these phenomena would be much older, too. Other indicators, such as current population sizes, clearly confirm a young earth.

After reading the article, *Real Days or Thousands of Years?* (<http://www.creationtoday.org/real-days-or-thousands-of-years>), answer the following questions:

1. Based upon a synthesis of Scripture passages, the earth is approximately _____ years old.
2. The genealogies of Genesis _____ and Genesis _____ do not contain gaps and serve to help us determine the age of the earth.
3. Abraham left Haran in what year? _____ A.D.
4. What is the meaning of the abbreviation AM?

5. Genesis 12:10 tells us that Abraham's descendants would be in Egypt for _____ years.
6. Who built the temple 479 years after the exodus of the Israelites from Egypt?

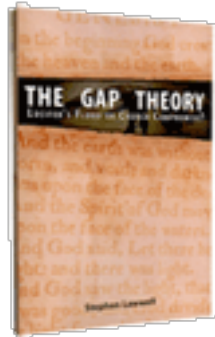
7. How many years later was Jerusalem destroyed? _____ years

8. The destruction of Jerusalem was in _____ AM.
9. The extra-biblical date for the destruction of Jerusalem is _____ B.C.
10. The margin of error using a synthesis of Scriptural passages for determining the age of the earth is _____.

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Answer Key:

1. 6,000
2. chapter 5 and chapter 11
3. 2083 AM
4. Anno Mundi – Year of the World (that is, the years after creation)
5. 430
6. Solomon
7. 390 years
8. 3419 AM
9. 584 B.C.
10. very small