

Evidences “day” of
Gen 1:1-2:3
= 24 hour day

I. “Day” – *yom*

Refers to 24 hour day when

- Preceded by number such as “1,” “2,” “3,”
- Used in the plural

“Outside of the Genesis 1 case in question, the **two-hundred plus occurrences of yom preceded by ordinals all refer to a normal twenty-four hour day.**

Furthermore, the **seven-hundred plus appearances of yamim [plural of yom] always refer to a regular day.”**

2. “Evening and Morning”

use in Moses’ writings = one solar day

- Gen 29:23...25; 49:7; Ex 16:6,7,8,13; 18:13,14; 27:21; Lev 6:20; 24:3; Num 9:15,21; Dt 16:4; 28:67
- *Any other meaning contrary to evidence and an assumption*

Illus: “Weekend”...? (“Sat & Sun, one weekend”)

3. Ex 20:8-11 - “day” / “days”

“...sabbath **day**...six **days** you shall labor...seventh **day** is a sabbath...**For** in six **days** the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea and all that is in them...rested on the seventh **day**...blessed the sabbath **day**”

How would THOSE readers understand it?

4. *Natural Import of the Language*

“God said, ‘Let there be light’; and there was light” v3. Compare also vv 6-7, 9, 14-15, 20-21, 24, 26-27

Concurs with later Hebrew writings...
Psa 33:6-9; 148:5,6; Heb 11:3

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5. Difficulties with “day” = “ages”

Each “day” had “evening”/“morning,”
“light” /“darkness” (“day/night”) vv 4-5

Plants - 3rd day ... Insects - 5th day
vv 11,13 ...20,23 (Lev 11:20,21,23)

Q: “Light” & “darkness” without sun (days 1-3)?

- Jer 32:17 “Nothing too difficult!” ~~“sunlight”~~
- Gen 1:14 “for signs and seasons”
- Electricity...? Airplane...?

6. *Genesis a Historical Record*

Gen 2:4 compared with 5:1; 6:9, etc.

Paul's writings ...

- 1Co 11:8-9 “from man” and “for man”
- 1Tim 2:13-24 “Adam 1st created, then Eve”
- Rom 5:12-14 through “one man” sin
- 1Co 15:21-22 “by a man came death”
- 2Co 11:3 “serpent deceived Eve”
- 2Co 4:6 “God said... ‘Light shall shine out...’”

Historicity of Genesis ... reliability of the Bible?!

7. *Jesus' Testimony*

Mt 19:4 *“Have you not read that He who created them from the beginning made them male and female”*

Is Jesus the Son of God or not?!

Evolutionary time

Geologists differ...

No reliable dating methods ...

The Bible versus Evolution

No way to harmonize

Which will you believe?

Psalm 19:7-11