

Read Gen 1:1-2:3

Question: Were the days of creation 24 hour days or thousands of years?

If the “days” are 1,000s of years, it undermines vital concepts stated in these scriptures. What are those vital concepts?

1. Gen 1:26-27; 2:7 _____
2. Mt 19:4,5; 1Co 11:8,9; 1Tim 2:13 _____
3. Rom 5:12,15 _____
4. 1Co 15:22 _____
5. Gen 3:15 _____
6. Psa 19:1-4 (v1); 33:6-9 (v8); 148:1-6 (v5) _____

Evidences “day” = 24 hour day

1. **“Day” (Hebrew, “yom”)** — Refers to 24 hr day when:
 - a. Preceded by number such as “1,” “2,” “3,” etc.
 - b. Used in the plural
2. **“Evening And Morning”**
 Comparing these other occurrences of these terms in Moses’ writings, how would those to whom he wrote understood them—regular solar day or 1000s of years? Gen 29:23...25; Ex 16:6,7,8,13; Lev 6:20; 24:3; Num 9:15; Dt 16:4 _____
3. **Exodus 20:8-11** - “day”/”days” occur six times in this text.
 - a. What kind of “days” do occurrences 1,2,3,6 refer to—solar or 1000s of years? _____
 - b. What event do the “days” of occurrences four and five refer to? _____

4. Natural Import Of The Language

- a. Would an unbiased reader, without other considerations, interpret phrases in Gen. 1 like, “Let there be light’; and there was light” (v3) as something that happened immediately, or, something that happened over centuries? _____

- b. What do other Jewish writings point to? Psa 33:6-9; 148:5,6; Heb 11:3 _____

5. Difficulties With "Day" = "ages"

- a. If each "day" was 1000s of years, each "evening" of darkness must have been 100s of years. What problem does this present for the plants? vv11,12 _____

- b. If each "day" was 1000s of years, how much time between the existence of plants (vv11-13) and the existence of insects to pollinate them (vv20-23)? _____

6. Genesis A Historical Record - Genesis one through three is written as a historical record of real events and real people and is so treated in the rest of Scripture.

- a. Compare the superscription in Gen 2:4 with 5:1; 6:9, etc.
- b. Compare how this account in Genesis is treated throughout Scripture:
- woman was created "from man" and "for man" 1Co 11:8-9
 - that Adam was "first created, then Eve" and that the woman was "quite deceived" 1Tim 2:13-14
 - that through "one man" sin and death entered the world Rom 5:12-14
 - and that "by a man came death in Adam all die" 1Co 15:21-22
 - that "the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness" 2Co 11:3
 - that God had said, "Light shall shine out of darkness" 2Co 4:6

7. Jesus' Testimony - Mt 19:4,5

- a. When did Jesus say man and woman came into being? _____
- b. Did he indicate they were fully grown or in some pre-human state? _____