

Gen. 1 & 2: days 24 hour days?

Importance (“So what...?”)

- Man – Gen 1:26-27; 2:7
- Marriage – Gen 2:18,24; Mt 19:4,5; 1Co 11:8,9; 1Tim 2:13
- Sin – Rom 5:12,15
- Death – Gen 3:19,24; 1Co 15:22
- The plan of redemption – Gen 3:15
- Glory to God – Psa 19:1-4; 33:6-9; 148:1-6
- Theory of evolution

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.”

Walter L. Bradley and Roger Olsen, “The Trustworthiness of Scripture in Areas Relating to Natural Science,” ed. Earl D. Radmacher and Robert D. Pruess (Grand Rapids: Zondervan Pub., 1984), p. 299 via *Acts & Facts*, May 1998.

2. “Evening and Morning”

use in Moses’ writings = one solar day

- Gen 29:23...25; 49:27; 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**” Ex 31:15-17

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)

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 2:13-14 “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 on the age of the earth by millions of years. No reliable dating methods exist to prove the earth older than what the Genesis record indicates.

The Bible versus Evolution

*Which will you believe? **Psalm 19:7-11***