



“Then God Said . . .”

Gen. 1:3-5

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- 3 Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light.
- 4 God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness.
- 5 God called the light day, and the darkness He called night. And there was evening and there was morning, one day.

1. The means.

Gen 1:3

3 Then God said, "Let there be light", . . .

Gen 1:6

6 Then God said, "Let there be an expanse . . ."

Gen 1:9

9 Then God said, "Let the waters below . . ."

Gen 1:11

11 Then God said, "Let the earth sprout vegetation, . . ."

Gen 1:14

14 Then God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse . . ."

Gen 1:20

20 Then God said, "Let the waters teem with swarms of living creatures,

Gen 1:24

24 Then God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures after their kind:

Gen 1:26

26 Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image,

Gen 1:20

29 Then God said, "Behold, I have given you every plant

Ps 33:6

- 6 By the word of the Lord the heavens were made,
And by the breath of His mouth all their host.
9 For **He spoke, and it was done**; He commanded, and it stood fast.

2. The word “day”.

Mo’ – yom – day – part of a day, 24-hour solar day, a period of time greater than a day.

How do we determine the meaning?

We interpret the Bible –

1. Literally.
2. Grammatically.
3. Historically.
4. Culturally,
5. Geographically.
6. Contextually.

So we combine 2 and 6 to determine the meaning of the word “day”.

We look at the meanings and then let the context determine the right meaning of the word.

Example -

Because the car would not **run**, we had to **run** to Target field, which caused my nose to **run**, and also put a **run** in my wife's stockings, but we did make it in time to see the Twins score a **run**, as they make a **run** for the American League title, which will **run** until the end of September.

What does the word "run" mean in the above sentence?

It all depends on the context.

Example –

John will **run** in the race. Sally will **run** in the race. Jane will also **run** in the race. It is important that they all **run** in the race.

What does the word "run" mean in the above sentences?

Same meaning in all sentences.

If the meaning of "run" changes in one of the sentences, the writer would have to indicate that.

Mo' "day"

- "day" is used 2,301 times in the O.T.
- Outside of Gen. 1, "day" is used as an ordinary 24-hour day when :
 - 410 times - "day" + number (plural or singular). Always 24-hour.
 - 38 times - "evening and morning" without "day" but means 24-hour day. Always 24-hour.
 - 23 times - "evening and morning" with "day". Always 24-hour.
 - 52 times – "night" with "day". Always 24-hour.
- What do we find in Gen. 1?

Day of Christ

The Day of Christ is that period of time which begins with the rapture of the Church (1 Thess. 4:14-18) and includes the events which follow in heaven as the Judgment Seat of Christ and the Marriage of the Lamb (1 Cor. 1:8; 5:5; 2 Cor. 1:14; Phil. 1:6, 10; 2:16). The Day of Christ is a time of reward and blessing for the Church following the Rapture.

Day of God

The events of the Day of God include the dissolving of the old heavens and the old earth (2 Pet. 3:10-14).

Day of the Lord

This is the period of time which begins with the Tribulation judgments and extends through the millennial reign of Christ on earth through the destruction of the heavens and the earth and into the ushering in of the new heavens and earth and the eternal state. This day comes as a thief (1 Thess. 5:2; 2 Pet. 3:10) during the time mankind is believing a new time of peace and safety has been ushered in.

Gen 1:5,8,13,19,23,31

- 5 God called the light day, and the darkness He called night. And there was **evening and there was morning, one day.**
 - 8 God called the expanse heaven. And there was **evening and there was morning, a second day.**
 - 13 There was **evening and there was morning, a third day.**
 - 19 There was **evening and there was morning, a fourth day.**
 - 23 There was **evening and there was morning, a fifth day.**
 - 31 And there was **evening and there was morning, the sixth day.**
- How much clearer does God have to make it??

Ex 20:8-11

- 8 "Remember the sabbath **day**, to keep it holy.
- 9 "Six **days** you shall labor and do all your work, 10 but the seventh **day** is a sabbath of the Lord your God; in it you shall not do any work, you or your son or your daughter, your male or your female servant or your cattle or your sojourner who stays with you.
- 11 "For in six **days** the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh **day**; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath **day** and made it holy.

Ex 31:17

- 17 for in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, but on the seventh day He ceased from labor, and was refreshed."
- Yom (day) used 6 times in 8-11.
- Same meaning each time – 24-hour period.
- Writer does not indicate a change of meaning, therefore meaning must be consistent in all 4 verses.
- Therefore creation (verse 11) is 6 - 24-hour days.
- Any other meaning (millions/billions of years) would be absurd.

Ps 90:4

4 For a thousand years in Your sight Are like yesterday when it passes by,

2 Peter 3:3-8

- 3 Know this first of all, that in the last days mockers will come with their mocking, following after their own lusts, 4 and saying, "Where is the promise of His coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all continues just as it was from the beginning of creation." 5 For when they maintain this, it escapes their notice that by the word of God the heavens existed long ago and the earth was formed out of water and by water, 6 through which the world at that time was destroyed, being flooded with water. 7 But by His word the present heavens and earth are being reserved for fire, kept for the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men. 8 But do not let this one fact escape your notice, beloved, **that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years like one day.**
- "with the Lord" – this is how God sees time.
- The point is: God lives outside of time.
- To God a millennium passes like a day, and a day like a millennium.
- A second is like a year, and a year like a second.
- God has a timeless perspective.

Isa 65:17

7 "For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth;
And the former things will not be remembered or come to
mind.

Rev 21:1

21 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first
heaven and the first earth passed away,

- When God re-creates the heavens and the earth will it take billions of years?

Application

1. Pay attention to the text.
2. Pay attention to word meanings in their context.
3. Don't assume anything unless the Bible explicitly states it and you have proof to support your assumption.