

SERIES: GENESIS

A GENESIS 1 “DAY”

John 5:46 - For if you believed Moses, you would believe Me; for he wrote about Me. **47** But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe My words?”

The simplicity of Scripture means: If the **plain** sense makes sense, we should seek no other sense, lest we create **nonsense**.

2 Timothy 3:14 - But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them, **15** and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

“It is of course admitted that, taking this account [Genesis] by itself, it would be most natural to understand the word **day** in its ordinary sense; but if that sense brings the Mosaic account into conflict with facts **millions of years** and another sense avoids such conflict, then it is obligatory on us to adopt the other.” *Charles Hodge*

Charles Lyell published his “Principles of Geology” from 1830-1833 which promoted his **theory** of “**Uniformitarianism**” - meaning whatever processes observed in the present must have always operated uniformly throughout history and, therefore, could be extrapolated backwards to accurate conclusions to what supposedly happened in the **unobserved** past.

1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.
2 And **[waw disjunctive]** the earth was waste and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep: and the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

A (**waw disjunctive**) is a descriptive phrase about the previous noun.

3 And [waw consecutive] God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light.

The Hebrew conjunction “Vav/Waw consecutive” translated **[And]** establishes a continuous chain of events. It shows this is a historical narrative.

4 And [waw consecutive] God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness.

5 And [waw consecutive] God called the light Day **[yom]**, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, **one day [yom]**.

The use of “one” emphasizes this new definition:
evening + morning = one 24 hour day.

In all the cases outside Genesis 1, **yom is always considered to be a literal 24-hour day when the words **evening** and/or **morning** are present or wherever it is combined with a **number**.**

Day plus number – **410** times - always means day
 Evening and Morning without day – **38** times – always means day
 Evening or Morning with day – **23** times - always means day
 Night with Day – **52** times - always means a day

Exodus 20:11 - For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it.

Psalm 119:160 - The entirety of Your word is truth, and every one of Your righteous judgments endures forever.