

# BIBLICAL VIEW OF CREATION

## DAYS OF CREATION

### FIVE VIEWS

#### 1. Literal Days

*Explanation:* God created the universe in six, 24 hour, sequential days

*Support:*

- Normal use of the word *yom*;
- Use of *yom* with a numerical adjective
- Use of “evening and morning” with day
- The basis of the sabbath command in Exodus 20:8-11

#### 2. Day-Age Theory

*Explanation:* Understands the days as vast geological ages of unspecified length

*Support:*

- *yom* does not always mean 24 hours
- Use of *yom* in Genesis 2:4
- God’s “days” are not necessarily equal to man’s days (2 Peter 3:8)
- Too many events on day six for 24 hours

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### 3. Intermittent Days

*Explanation:* Six, 24 hour days separated by vast periods of geological time, during which other acts of creation were going on; God “initiated” new phases of His creative work on each of the days

### 4. Days of Divine Fiat

*Explanation:* God issued the commands of creation on six, 24 hour, sequential days but the actual work of creation was a process that took vast periods of time.

*Support:*

- God commands are so certain that they are spoken of as accomplished immediately
- Process is parenthetical in the text
- Genesis 2 is a paradigm of the more detailed process of creation

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### 5. Pictorial-Revelatory Days

*Explanation:*

- God's revelation came to Moses in a series of six pictures
- Moses arranged his material in a logical grouping which took the form of six periods

*Support:*

- The deliberate symmetry of the account
- Deliberate placing of the creation of light before the creation of the sun and stars