

BIBLICAL VIEW OF CREATION

Understanding Genesis One

1. Simple Historical Narrative

- Statement of the events as they actually occurred in history
 - Six, 24 hour days
 - Chronological sequence of events
- Structure and symmetry exist because this is the way it occurred—no other purpose
- Demands a correspondence to scientific explanation

2. Purposeful Elevated Prose

- The literary structure signals the reader that this account is to be understood as something other than simple historical narrative (i.e. a theological purpose rather than an historical retelling)