

Series "In The Beginning...God"
Day 4: The Creation of The Sun, Moon, & Stars
Genesis 1:14-19
Study-4

Now the earth was ready for its clocks.

Timekeeping system. "Signs and seasons, and for days and years"

Genesis 1:1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

Genesis – the book of origins, the book of beginnings.

"God's Word Versus Man's Word". "What God Says Or What Man Says"

The Thought Of Our Passage: "God Created The Great Lights To Govern By Day And Night Along With Stars Giving Seasons, Days And Years."

1. Verses 14-15 God's Permanent Light

2. Verses 16-19 God's Placement Of Light

1. Verses 14-15 God's Permanent Light:

Genesis 1:14 Then God said,

10 times this is said. **Context** – God in **Day-2** separated the watery earth from the watery atmosphere. Then God in **Day-3** God separated the seas from the land and placed vegetation on the earth.

Permanent Lights Of Heaven: "Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night, On the 1st Day, God had created light – Temporary Light **Genesis 1:3-5**

Now - "Let there be lights

Notice **lights plural**, not light! "*Light givers*" This is light holder, light-bearers. God created light and now the holders of light are the sun, moon, stars, and planets.

Exodus 13:21 a pillar of fire by night **to give them light,**

Leviticus 24:2 clear oil from beaten olives **for the light,**

Numbers 4:9 the lampstand **for the light,**

Psalms 74:16 You have prepared the **light and the sun.**

Ezekiel 32:8 "All the shining **lights in the heavens**

All these passages speak of a "light holder", (Sun, Moon, Stars) so that the light could shine and allow us to see.

Separation Of Day And Night:

in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night,

The main purpose was to (Separate) divide day from night.

(Earth's Permanent Light Source For Day & Night)

God Is Light: 1 John 1:5

Believers Are Light Holders: Matthew 5:14-16

Evolution teaches that in the origin of the universe, the sun evolved first. The Scriptures declare this view is false.

Isaiah 66:1; Psalm 115:16

**What are the purposes of the "lights":
and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years;
They are "Marks" of the passage of time.**

For Signs: and let them be for signs

Hebrew word **owth** – *"a mark, a token, that identifies rather than foretells"*

Genesis 4:15 the LORD appointed a sign for Cain,
Genesis 9:13 I set My bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a sign of
a covenant

Genesis 17:11 the sign of the covenant between Me and you.

Exodus 12:13 'The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses

Signs Of The Times Leading To Faith In God – God wanted people to recognize the times, especially the coming of the Messiah, Magi

Matthew 2:1-2, 9

Galatians 4:4-5

Used In Travel.

Astronomy - When the sun sets at night, sailors use the stars to navigate.

and let them be for signs

There are various star groupings that would serve for sky-advancing days and years.

**for signs is not speaking of Astrological signs and charts
"Astrology"**

Genesis 10-11 Nimrod in Babylon **Deuteronomy 17:3**

Astrology - teaches that the relative positioning in the sky of the Sun, Moon and planets has an influence upon individuals and upon the course of human affairs.

Astrology Forbidden In Scripture. Deuteronomy 4:19

For Seasons: and for seasons, (Growth of plants, Earth Replenishing, plants animals spring births) God placed this so later

Israel would know the times and the seasons for worship. **Hebrew** "*an appointed time*"

Genesis 17:21; Exodus 23:15; Jeremiah 8:7; Psalm 104:19

The moon regulates the tides of the oceans.

The moon rules. (We seldom give credit) Genesis 8:22

For Days And Years: and for days and years;

Without the sun and moon, which gives to us day and night, there would be no schedule or orderly progress.

Day - The Earth rotates on its axis relative to the Sun every 24.0 hours.

Week – 7–24-hour days based upon the 7 days of creation.

Month – 1 rotation of the moon around the earth.

Year – the time it takes the earth to go around the sun is roughly 365 days.

Verse 15 Illumination:

Genesis 1:15 to give light on the earth"; and it was so.

2. Verses 16-19 God's Placement Of Light:

Genesis 1:16 God's Power: God made the two great lights;

We note that Moses does not even say the Sun or Moon.

the greater light

The Sun, by appearance, seems to be smaller than the moon.

to govern the day,

the word **govern** or **rule** – "*a realm or ruler*" *The sun and the moon are to have a realm of authority.* The sun rules the day, the moon the night.

The Sun Is A Depiction of All Light. Jesus is the light of the world.

The sun is in the center of our solar system. **The Son Of Righteousness!**

and the lesser light to govern the night; The moon is not like the sun in producing light, but the moon reflects the light of the sun.

Paganism – worship of the Moon. Oldest literature of Egypt, Babylon, India, and China— Lunar deities, gods, and goddesses who personify the moon and its cycles.

The believer, the Church exists to reflect the light of Jesus Christ.

He made the stars also. That is all that God says regarding the stars.

Stars - are comprised of "*hydrogen and helium*"

Evolution regarding stars – No one has ever witnessed a star or galaxy evolve or change at all.

Jeremiah 33:22; Psalm 8:3-4; Psalm 33:6; Psalm 147:4; Isaiah 40:26

A star called "Entrees" is so large that you could place 64 million suns in it. God made it with His fingers. **Psalm 8 "work of His fingers"**

Why Did God Create The Stars? Psalm 19:1-4

The stars are telling us of the glory of God, they are declaring the works of His hands!

Romans 1:18-25

Genesis 1:17-18 and to govern the day

The sun is so large that **1,200,000 earths** could be placed in it.

Psalm 150:1-2, 6

and the night, and to separate the light from the darkness;

The Bible teaches separation. **and God saw that it was good.**

Genesis 1:19 first 4 days of creation has now been completed.

Application:

1. God Gave To Mankind The Great Time Keeping System, Of The Signs, Seasons, Days And Years Through The Creation Of Lights, (Sun, Moon, And Stars)
2. The Creation Of The Sun, Moon, And Stars Are Declaring To Us The Glory Of God, And They Are Declaring The Works Of His Hands
3. Isaiah 40:26 God Has Created The Stars, He Calls Them All By Name; Not One Star Is Missing. Certainly, God Will Care For Me!