



SAVED TO SERVE
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CREATION IN SIX LITERAL DAYS

1. In this Sabbath School Lesson, we will prove from the Bible that God created the world in six literal, 24-hour days. This will debunk the idea of 6,000 year creation, which is taught by groups such as the Jehovah's Witnesses.
2. Read Genesis 1:3-5. Notice that the word "day" is mentioned twice in verse 5. Based on the context of the scripture, what is the meaning of "Day", the first time it is mentioned in Genesis 1:5?

3. In the second half of Genesis 1:5, what two parts comprised "the first day"?

4. **Note:** As you read Genesis 1:5, 8, 13, 19, 23, 31, you will notice that each day of the week is comprised of the evening (night time) and the morning (light hours). Since God said this at the end of each day, it means that He created the world in six literal days, with each day comprising 24 hours. We will confirm this in the following points.
5. How many hours are in the light portion of the day? John 11:9 _____
a) Which words/phrases show us that when Jesus said "day", He was referring to the light hours of the day? John 11:9-10

6. The Bible divides the night portion of a day into periods called "watches". Under the Romans there were night watches, agreeing with the changes of the Roman guards. How many watches does the Bible mention? Mark 13:35; Mark 6:48; Luke 12:38

7. **Note:** There were four watches of the night in Bible times. The "even," or the evening watch, is from (6 p.m. to 9 p.m.); the midnight watch, from (9 p.m. to midnight); the cockcrowing, from (midnight to 3 a.m.), and the morning watch, from (3 a.m. to 6 a.m.). **In other words, the Bible confirms that the night portion of the day is also twelve hours; it simply divides these hours into four, three-hour periods.**
8. What did God create on the third day? Genesis 1:11, 13

9. What did He create on the fourth day? Genesis 1:14-15, 19

10. **Note:** God created the vegetation on the third day and then He made the sun, moon, and stars on the fourth day. This proves that each day was a 24-hour period because plants can survive for 24 hours without the sun, but they cannot survive for one thousand years or more without the sun!
11. How does Psalm 33:8-9 describe God's creation of the world?

12. What does Hebrews 11:3 tell us regarding the theories of evolution?

13. **Note:** Faith is needed to believe in God's creation of the world in six literal days. Likewise, faith is needed for someone to believe in the creation of the world through a big-bang because none of us were around when the world was created. However, just like when we see a building or a car with all of its intricacies of design and we know it had a designer, we can have evidence as we look at the world around us of The Divine Creator - Jesus Christ.

14. The teaching of a 6,000 year or more period of creation is an attempt by Satan to destroy the keeping of God's seventh-day Sabbath. What command is given in Exodus 20:8-9?

15. What reason is given for us to keep the seventh-day Sabbath holy and to rest from labor? Exodus 20:11

16. The keeping of the seventh-day reminds us of Creation, when God made all things in six days and then rested. Since God tells us to keep the seventh-day holy and each day has 24-hours, it proves that God created the world in six literal, 24-hour days and then rested on the seventh day. The New Testament confirms this fact as well. What was finished from "the foundation of the world" according to Hebrews 4:3-4? Compare Hebrews 4:3-4 and Genesis 2:2-3

17. Let us now prove that the seventh-day Sabbath has been kept by individuals and groups since Creation. Concerning the manna, what commandment was given to the Israelites on the sixth day? On which day were they to rest from labor & from the gathering of the manna? Exodus 16:22, 26-30

18. Was the Sabbath only for the Israelites? Exodus 20:10; Mark 2:27 w/ Genesis 2:2-3

19. Which day did Jesus keep holy? Luke 4:16; Mark 2:27-28

20. On which day did the apostles worship and teach Gentiles to keep? Acts 13:42, 44; Acts 15:21; Acts 16:13; Acts 17:2, 3

a) What will the remnant people of God keep? Revelation 12:17; Exodus 20:3-17

b) What does God say we will do in heaven? Isaiah 66:22, 23

21. Read 2 Peter 3:8. Jehovah's Witnesses and other groups use this scripture to teach that God created the world in 6,000 years because it says, "one day is with the Lord as a thousand years". Let us understand this scripture by analyzing the context of the verses. What event is mentioned in 2 Peter 3:4?

a) Which historical event is mentioned in 2 Peter 3:5-6? See also Genesis 7:11-12

b) Which future event is mentioned in 2 Peter 3:7? See also Revelation 20:9-10, 14

c) Notice that 2 Peter 3 begins with Creation. Then it mentions the Flood. Afterwards, it foretells of the destruction of the world by fire, and finally, it mentions that "one day is with the Lord as a thousand years". Based on the context, 2 Peter 3:8 does not teach that God created the world in 6,000 years. **Rather, it points to the time period from Creation to the Third Coming of Jesus Christ; each day of the week (7 days) represents 1,000 years in The Plan of Redemption.** The last 1,000 years will take place when Satan is bound on the Earth while the saints are in heaven, and at the end of it, He will be destroyed in the lake of fire (Revelation 20:1-15). See the following statements below for confirmation that The Plan of Redemption will last for 7,000 years.

At The Time of Jesus' Crucifixion, The Plan of Redemption Had Been In Effect For 4,000 Years

"Christ was standing at the point of transition between two economies and their two great festivals. He, the spotless Lamb of God, was about to present Himself as a sin offering, that **He would thus bring to an end the system of types and ceremonies that for four thousand years had pointed to His death**"... {DA 652.2}

As We See The Last Day Events Fulfilling, We Have Nearly Reached 6,000 Years In The Plan Of Redemption

“The great controversy between Christ and Satan, that has been carried forward for nearly six thousand years, is soon to close; and the wicked one redoubles his efforts to defeat the work of Christ in man's behalf and to fasten souls in his snares. To hold the people in darkness and impenitence till the Saviour's mediation is ended, and there is no longer a sacrifice for sin, is the object which he seeks to accomplish.” {GC 518.1}

22. What will God do after the 1,000 years are expired and Satan and the wicked are destroyed? Revelation 21:1-2, 5

23. As we have learned, God created the world in six literal, 24-hour days and rested on the seventh-day. He will also recreate/renew the Earth after the destruction of sin and Satan. What did David pray in Psalm 51:10 as he earnestly sought after repentance?

24. What promise has God already given to each one of us who are truly repentant? Ezekiel 36:26

25. Since Jesus has already promised to give to us a new heart, a heart that hates sin and loves righteousness, it means that when we pray for it, He will answer that prayer immediately. Unlike Creation, we do not have to wait six full days for God to renew a right spirit within us; when we ask it is done! What things will He empower us to mortify once we pray the prayer of David? Colossians 3:5-10
