

Bible Chronology Part 1

Definitions of 'Day'

What is a “Day?”

You say: “Silly question. A day is twenty-four hours. There are 365 of them in a year.”

What say the scriptures?

“In the beginning of God's preparing the heavens and the earth—the earth hath existed waste and void, and darkness *is* on the face of the deep, and the Spirit of God fluttering on the face of the waters, and God saith, 'Let light be;' and light is. And God seeth the light that *it is* good, and God separateth between the light and the darkness, and God calleth to the light 'Day,' and to the darkness He hath called 'Night;' and there is an evening, and there is a morning—day one.”

Gen 1:1-5

A “Day” can be a ‘state of being,’ rather than a ‘period of time’.

That 'state of being' is one defined by LIGHT.

Nowhere in this passage is a measurement of TIME even mentioned.

Day = Light

Night = Absence of Light

When periods of light becomes separated by periods of darkness, that period from the start of one period of light to the end of the following period of darkness (which is also the start of the next period light) is also called a 'day'...it contains ONE period of LIGHT followed by one period of darkness.

Our current 'Day' of twenty-four hours is related to our position relative to our source of light: the Sun.

But consider carefully: the Sun and the Moon were not created until the Fourth day.

Day 4: Sun, Moon, Stars

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7
Light/Dark	Waters Separated	Land, Plants	Sun, Moon, Stars			

And God saith, 'Let luminaries be in the expanse of the heavens, to make a separation between the day and the night, then they have been for signs, and for seasons, and for days and years, and they have been for luminaries in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth:' and it is so. And God maketh the two great luminaries, the great luminary for the rule of the day, and the small luminary—and the stars—for the rule of the night; and God giveth them in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth, and to rule over day and over night, and to make a separation between the light and the darkness; and God seeth that *it is* good; and there is an evening, and there is a morning—day fourth.

(Genesis 1:14-19)

On Earth, we have NIGHT on one side of the globe, while we have DAY on the other side.



Now note: whether you experience DAY or NIGHT depends on whether you are in the LIGHT or in the DARK...and that depends on WHERE you are, not WHEN you are.

Not only that, but the length of daylight changes on location and season.

In the summer, daylight is longer.

For example, at Jerusalem in mid-summer, the daylight hours to night hours is a ratio of 7:5; there is more 'day' than 'night'.

You have 14 hours of daylight to 10 hours of night.

In the winter, this is reversed.

At Jerusalem in mid-winter, the daylight hours to night hours is a ratio of 5:7; there is more 'night' than day.

You have ten hours of daylight and fourteen hours of night.

In summer, you have more time to work in daylight.

In winter, you have less time to work in daylight.

Jesus said there are 12 hours in a Day:

“Jesus answered, 'Are there not **twelve hours in the day**? if any one may walk in the day, he doth not stumble, because the light of this world he doth see; and if any one may walk in the night, he stumbleth, because the light is not in him.’”

Joh 11:9-10

He didn't distinguish between summer and winter.

Day is the 'light' period, regardless of its length.

Night is the 'dark' period, regardless of its length.

This means that in Jesus' reckoning, an 'hour' does not have a fixed duration of time.

This is contrary to how we moderns count time.

If you are on the side facing the Sun, you are in the light...and in the day.

If you are in the shadow cast by the Sun, you are in the dark...and in the night.



On Earth, when the Sun is our source of light, we experience a 'day' as twenty-four hours.

If the earth's rotation slowed, the day would be longer.

If the earth's rotation sped up, the day would be shorter.

What about on the moon...how long is a day?

Have you thought about it?

Well, think about it.

What you see as phases of the moon defines its day.

We call a lunar day, a 'month'.

Keeping it simple, the moon experiences about 30 'earth days' for every rotation about its own axis WITH RESPECT TO THE SUN.

(The moon experiences about 28 'earth days' for every rotation about its own axis WITH RESPECT TO THE STARS.)

My point is: the LENGTH of a day, measured by time, CHANGES based on 'when' and 'where' you are.

But biblically, time does NOT necessarily define 'day': LIGHT defines 'day'.

You say “Who cares? What does that matter?”

What I'm trying to do is break this mindset that a 'day' is twenty-four hours long.

Physically, it doesn't.

Spiritually, it doesn't.

Prophetically, it doesn't.

Just as on Earth different people can experience day and night **at the same time** depending on where they are, spiritually it is NO DIFFERENT.

"But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief. Ye are all the **children of light**, and the **children of the day**: we are **not of the night, nor of darkness**. Therefore let us not sleep, as *do* others; but let us watch and be sober. For they that sleep, sleep in the night; and they that be drunken are drunken in the night. But let us, **who are of the day**, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation. For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ,"

1Th 5:4-9

“There shall be there the weeping and the gnashing of the teeth, when **ye may see** Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, and all the prophets, in the reign of God, and yourselves being cast out without;”

Luk 13:28

“...but the sons of the reign shall be cast forth **to the outer darkness**—there shall be the weeping and the gnashing of the teeth.”

Mat 8:12

There is a Day coming called by several names in the scriptures. For now, I'll call it the Day of YHWH 'the Lord'.

This 'day' is not a twenty-four-hour day, but a one-thousand-year 'day'.

And whether it is experienced in light or dark depends entirely on
LOCATION!

And your LOCATION depends on whether you are a child of the Light and of the Day or a child of darkness and of the night.

Which are you?

“And **this one thing** let not be unobserved by you, beloved, that **one day** with the Lord *is* **as a thousand years**, and **a thousand years** as **one day**; the Lord is not slow in regard to the promise, as certain count slowness, but is long-suffering to us, not counselling any to be lost but all to pass on to reformation,”

(2Pe 3:8-9)

“and it will come—the day of the Lord—as a thief in the night, in which the heavens with a rushing noise will pass away, and the elements with burning heat be dissolved, and earth and the works in it shall be burnt up.”

(2Pe 3:10)

“All these, then, being dissolved, what kind of persons doth it behove you to be in holy behaviours and pious acts? waiting for and hasting to the presence of **the day of God**, by which the heavens, being on fire, shall be dissolved, and the elements with burning heat shall melt;”

(2Pe 3:11-12)

And *after that* 'day' is another day which will never end, in which there will never be night or darkness.

“and for new heavens and a new earth according to His promise we do wait, in which righteousness doth dwell; wherefore, beloved, these things waiting for, be diligent, spotless and unblameable, by Him to be found in peace,”

(2Pe 3:13-14)

Will you be there?

Are you in the light, **NOW**?

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“Then speaketh Joshua to Jehovah in the day of Jehovah's giving up the Amorites before the sons of Israel, and he saith, before the eyes of Israel, 'Sun—in Gibeon stand still; and moon—in the valley of Ajalon;' and the sun standeth still, and the moon hath stood—till the nation taketh vengeance on its enemies; is it not written on the Book of the Upright, 'and the sun standeth in the midst of the heavens, and hath not hasted to go in—as a perfect day?' And there hath not been like that day before it or after it, for Jehovah's hearkening to the voice of a man; for Jehovah is fighting for Israel.”

Jos 10:12-14