

FOURTH DAY - SOLAR SYSTEM

Days 1, 2, and 3 of restoration-creation are called the Days of God. The first three days of restoration-creation are unique from the next three days. They also gave us the divine vocabulary for the last three days of God's work. For example, the light produced on Day One is superior to the light of the solar system of Day Four. If the earth of Days 1, 2, and 3 is rotating from evening (darker) to morning (lighter), it is doing so without a solar system.

Fourth day begins the next set of three days of restoration-creation (Days 4, 5, and 6). The light of Day One, the expanse of Second Day and the dry land and seas of Third Day are important for God's work on the last three days of restoration-creation.

Thus we see that the six days of restoration-creation were divided into two sections of 3 days. It is interesting that the last day of each section has a double work and also says, "the earth brought forth (yatsa / hiphil impf. / 1:12, 24)."

This lesson will study EIGHT aspects of the FOURTH DAY - SOLAR SYSTEM of restoration-creation.

1. There were four divine activities on Day Four.

- § God said (amar / kal impf.)
- § God made (asah / kal impf.)
- § God placed (nathan / kal impf.)
- § God saw (raah / kal impf.)

What are some ways the divine activities of Fourth Day help you? _____.

What day of our week is the fourth day? _____.

Why do you think attending a mid-week bible studies is a good idea? _____.

How many mid-week bible studies do we offer? _____, _____.

2. Fourth Day restoration-creation will develop the expanse of the heavens of Second Day.

"Then God said, 'let there be (hayah / kal impf / jussive) lights in the expanse (raqia) of the heavens (ha shamayim) to separate (badal / hiphil impf) the day from the night.'" (1:14)

- § The solar light of Fourth Day was to separate the light of Day One from the night.
- § It was also the second separation of the darkness of Gen.1:2 (choshek).

After reading David's comments on Fourth Day in Psalms 8:1-9, answer the two questions of Psa.8:3-4 with the answers given in context by David.

What do we call this expanse of the heavens where the solar system was placed? _____.

3. Fourth Day gave light-bearers or light containers or illuminators in the expanse of the heavens (light/or) (light-bearers / maor) (Jer.31:35).

Maor (light-bearers) has the preposition (ma) on the front of the word for light (or). It signifies the quality of Day One light realized by man (Psa.136:1-9; 2 Sam.23:2-4).

"For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse." (Rom.1:20; James 1:17)

4. The light-bearers of Fourth Day are divided into two parts to govern the light on the earth (Jer.31:35)

“And God made the two great lights, and the greater light to govern the day, and the lesser light to govern (memeshalah) the night; He made stars (kokab) also.” (1:16)

What does the greater light do? _____

What does the lesser light do? _____

What can the sun, moon, and stars remind you about your life? (Job 22:12-13)

What comparison to the work of Fourth Day does Solomon make in Eccl.1:1-9?

What comparison to the work of Fourth Day does Paul make in 1 Cor.15:40-42?

What doctrinal promise did God associate with the stars of heaven to Abraham in Heb.11:12 (Gen.15:5; Jer.33:22)?

5. The light-bearers were designed by God for signs, seasons, days, and years of the earth.

“And let them be (hayah / kal pf / jussive) for signs (oth), for seasons (moed) and for days (yom), and years (shanah).” (1:14)

§ Signs - (Luke 21:25; Matt.24:24; Matt.5:45)

§ Seasons – (Psa.74:16-17; 104:19; Acts 14:17)

§ Days and years – (Job 3:6; Psa.90:9-12; Prov.3:1-2; Rom.14:5-9; Gal.4:10; Eph.5:6)

What does Eph.4:26 instruct us about the sun going down regarding relationships?

How does Psa.148 connect the Fourth Day with praising God?

6. Cosmic signs of celestial disturbances were associated with the first and Second Coming of Jesus Christ (Rev.6-19; Joel 2:30-31; Acts 2:19-21; Matt.24:27-31; Luke 21:25-28; Heb.1:10-12; 2 Pet.3:3-9).

(Jesus on the cross – Luke 23:44-45/ noon to 3pm) (Also Joshua fighting against the Amorite kings - Josh.10:5-115)

7. The solar system has been used by Satan to produce a pagan system of worship (divination/ Deut.4:16-19; 17:3; Isa.42:12-15; Amos 5:26; Rom.1:22-25).

8. Two statements on the Fourth Day declare that the sovereign work of restoration-creation was according to the eternal plan of God. “It was so” – it was divinely decreed (1:15).

“And God saw that it was good” – Fourth Day was a good work of God in the eternal plan.

This should be a reminder to you during any mid-week crisis (Rom.8:28).