

FOURTH DAY – SOLAR SYSTEM

The restoration of creation consists of two divisions of three days.

- Days 1-2-3 are scientifically unique because they operate without a solar system.
- Days 4-5-6 operate with a solar system.

1	2	3
4	5	6

The last days of each division have a double work and say, “The earth brought forth (yatsa/ hiphil impf) (Gen.1:12, 24).”

This teaches that between the Third and Sixth Days the earth was being prepared rapidly for habitation (Isa.45:18; Ps.8:1-9).

This lesson will study five aspects of Fourth Day Solar System.

1. Fourth Day will use the Light of Day One and the Expanse of Second Day to develop the solar system.

The word Expanse is mentioned three times on Fourth Day (Gen.1:14, 15, 17-18).

Fourth Day shows that God is the source of the solar system (Isa.66:1). The Milky Way Galaxy contains our solar system. The earth is one of nine planets revolving around the sun every 365 days.

2. There were four Divine Activities on Fourth Day (Ps.8:1; 19:1-3).

God said (amar/ kal impf) [Jussive / “let”] (Gen.1:14-15) [Three things were created by divine decree] **and it was so** (Gen.1:15; Prov.30:5).

- **Let** lights in expanse of heavens **to** separate day from night.
- **Let** **for** signs, seasons (climate change or weather/ “You have made summer and winter.” (Ps.74:17b), days, and years.
- **Let** lights in expanse **to** give light on earth (Gen.1:15).

God made (asah/ kal impf)

Two greater lights; greater to govern the day; lesser to govern the night and stars also (Gen.1:16; Ps.104:19).

God placed (Nathan/ kal impf)

them in expanse to give light on the earth; to govern the day and the night; to separate the light from darkness. (Gen.1:17-18)

God saw (raah/ kal impf) – **“it was good.”**

This phrase was used on every day but the Second and Seventh Days (Gen.1:18; Ps.136:4-9, 25-26) (“His love endures forever.”).

3. Fourth Day lights in the Expanse were the second phase of the separation of darkness of Gen.1:2.

- **The first phase** occurred on **Day One** when God separated the Light from darkness and called the light day and the darkness night (Gen.1:4).
- **The second phase** occurred on **Fourth Day** when God made two great lights. The greater light (sun) was to govern the day. The lesser light (moon) to govern the night along with stars (Gen.1:16).

Solomon used a phrase from the Fourth Day in Ecclesiastes,

(Eccl.1:14) “I have seen all the works which have been done **under the sun**, and behold, all is vanity and striving after wind.”

4. The lesser light of the moon and stars were created to govern the night light of the earth.

(Jer.31:35a) “Thus says the Lord, who gives the sun for the light of day and **fixed order** of the moon and the stars for the light by night.”

The moon orbits the earth every 29 days, 12 hours, 44 minutes, and 2.8 seconds (lunar cycle). The Hebrews fixed their annual calendar on it (lunar calendar).

Scientists estimate that there are 200-400 billion stars in our milky way.

(Ps.147:4) “He counts the number of the stars; He gives names to all of them.” [Only accurate count]
(Isa.40:26; Matt.2:2; Num.24:17)

God used the stars to assure His promise to Abraham of descendants in Abrahamic Covenant.

(Gen.15:5) “Now look towards the heavens, and count the stars, if you are able to count them. And He said to him, ‘So shall your descendants be.’” (Heb.11:12; 1 Cor.1:9; 1 Thess.5:24; 1 Cor.10:13)

5. While the light of the sun and moon governs day and night light, it is God who in fact governs them (Gen.1:16-18).

We will mention five occurrences in the Bible when God interferes with the fixed order of the Fourth Day (Matt.16:1-4) (signs of the times).

- **1st Time** – The ninth plague was 3 days of darkness prior to the Exodus (Ex.10:21-23).
- **2nd Time** - During the war between the Amorites and Israelites, **Joshua** commanded the sun and moon to stand still (Joshua 10:12-15). It is called the longest day in human history (23 hours, 20 minutes).
- **3rd Time - King Hezekiah** asked for a sign of healing from fatal illness that involved sun and shadow (2 Kings 20:6-11). The other 40 minutes was found in the 10 steps or 10 degrees of the sun.
- **4th Time** – At the **crucifixion of Jesus Christ**, God caused darkness over the land from noon to 3 pm (Matt.27:45-46; Luke 23:44-46).
- **5th Time** – A sign of the **Second Coming of Jesus Christ** will be when the sun is darkened, the moon does not give light and the stars will fall (Matt.24:29-31; Acts 2:20; Luke 21:25-28).

POINT: One of the features of the Fourth Day Solar System was signs, seasons, days, and years. It established earth's annual calendar and daily time zones of the earth (Gen.1:14). "There is an **appointed time** for everything. And there is a **time for everything even under heaven.**" (Eccl.3:1; Matt.5:18; 24:35)