

Examining the Cosmos

Session 4 Creation Days 1 and 2 Reference Document 4.

Creation Day 1 Differentiation of Day and Nightⁱ

Genesis 1:3-5

And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. God called the light “day,” and the darkness he called “night.” And there was evening, and there was morning— the first day.

The light on the surface of Earth became visible enough to differentiate between “night” and “day” on Creation Day 1.

- The text does not say that “light” was *created* for the first time on Creation Day 1. The text literally reads, “Let the light be [*haya*] . . .” in other words, “Let the light be seen . . .”
- The verb *haya* is defined as the following: *to be, to become, to exist, to happen*; the common verb of being, referring to state of being, *change of state*, existence, and the occurring of events, or even possession.

God was involved in the creation of the atmosphere.

- Related Scriptures:

Psalm 104:1-2 “Praise the LORD, O my soul. O LORD my God, you are very great; you are clothed with splendor and majesty. He wraps himself in light as with a garment; he stretches out the heavens like a tent.”

Proverbs 8:27 “I was there when he *set the heavens in place*, when he marked out the horizon on the face of the deep.”

- **Scientific Predictions:**

1. Early in Earth’s history, the atmosphere changed so that day and night could be differentiated.

Creation Day 2

The Water Cycle Established

Genesis 1:6-8

And God said, “Let there be [haya] an expanse between the waters to separate water from water.” So God made [asa] the expanse and separated the water under the expanse from the water above it. And it was so. God called the expanse “sky.” And there was evening, and there was morning—the second day.

What is an asa creation?

asa: to do or to make in a general sense; a generic of description of action which is much broader in scope to *bara*; primarily concerned with the fashioning of an object with little concern for special nuances. [Robert Laird Harris, Gleason L. Archer, and Bruce Waltke, *Theological Wordbook of the Old Testament*, vol. 2 (Chicago: Moody Press, 1980),#1708.]

God established Earth’s atmosphere and water cycle on Creation Day 2.

- Related Scriptures:

Psalm 104:2-4 “[God] wraps himself in light as with a garment; he stretches out the heavens like a tent and lays the beams of *his upper chambers on their waters*. He makes the clouds his chariot and rides on the wings of the wind. He makes winds his messengers, flames of fire his servants.”

Psalm 104:13 “He waters the mountains from his upper chambers; the earth is satisfied by the fruit of his work.”

Psalm 148:4, 8 “Praise him, you highest heavens and you waters above the skies . . . lightning and hail, snow and clouds, stormy winds that do his bidding”

Proverbs 3:20 “by his knowledge the deeps were divided, and the clouds let drop the dew.”

Proverbs 8:27-28 “I was there when he set the heavens in place, when he marked out the horizon on the face of the deep, when *he established the clouds* above and fixed securely the foundations of the deep.”

God maintains the stability of the water cycle on Earth.

- Related Scriptures:

Job 36:27-33 “He draws up the drops of water, which distill as rain to the streams; the clouds pour down their moisture and abundant showers fall

on mankind. Who can understand how *he spreads out the clouds, how he thunders from his pavilion? See how he scatters his lightning* about him, bathing the depths of the sea. This is the way he governs the nations and provides food in abundance. He fills his hands with lightning and commands it to strike its mark. His thunder announces the coming storm; even the cattle make known its approach.”

Job 37:3-13 *He unleashes his lightning* beneath the whole heaven and sends it to the ends of the earth. After that comes the sound of his roar; he thunders with his majestic voice. When his voice resounds, he holds nothing back. God’s voice thunders in marvelous ways; he does great things beyond our understanding. *He says to the snow, ‘Fall on the earth,’ and to the rain shower, ‘Be a mighty downpour.’* So that all men he has made may know his work, he stops every man from his labor. The animals take cover; they remain in their dens. The tempest comes out from its chamber, the cold from the driving winds. *The breath of God produces ice, and the broad waters become frozen. He loads the clouds with moisture; he scatters his lightning through them.* At his direction they swirl around over the face of the whole earth to do whatever he commands them. *He brings the clouds to punish men, or to water his earth and show his love.*

Job 38:8-9 “Who shut up the sea behind doors when it burst forth from the womb, *when I made the clouds its garment* and wrapped it in thick darkness...”

Job 38:22-30 “Have you entered the storehouses of the snow or seen the storehouses of the hail, which I reserve for times of trouble, for days of war and battle? What is the way to the place where the lightning is dispersed, or the place where the east winds are scattered over the earth? Who cuts a channel for the torrents of rain, and a path for the thunderstorm, to water a land where no man lives, a desert with no one in it, to satisfy a desolate wasteland and make it sprout with grass? Does the rain have a father? Who fathers the drops of dew? From whose womb comes the ice? Who gives birth to the frost from the heavens when the waters become hard as stone, when the surface of the deep is frozen?”

o **Scientific Predictions:**

1. Earth’s atmosphere shows design.
2. Earth’s water cycle is stable.

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