

## Creation in Six Literal Days?

Did God create the world in 6 literal days? Were the days different than the 24-hour days that we know now? Let's read the creation account concerning **Day 4**:

"Then God said, 'Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night, and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days and years; and let them be for lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth' and it was so. (Gen. 1:14-15)

And God made the two great lights, the greater light to govern the day, and the lesser light to govern the night; He made the stars also. And God placed them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth, and to govern the day and night...a fourth day." (Gen. 1: 16-19).

God didn't create the sun and the moon until the fourth day, which would be used to determine days and years (v.14). God created the sun and moon for the purpose of governing day and night (v.18), so that means days 4-6 were 24-hour days.

But what about Days 1-3? We don't know if they were literal 24-hour days because God did not reveal in Scripture how long they were. Some scholars believe they were 24-hour days, while others believe they were periods of undetermined length. We know the "days" were ungoverned before Day 4. Days 1-3 might have been the same length of time as Days 4-6, but the Bible doesn't tell us how long they were.