

# Day & Night same? Or Different?

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One of the most important things we must know to understand from scripture when a day begins is to know what a day is.

We must be asking what does scripture say a day is? And what did our creator do in the creation week when He created these periods of time as we know them.

**Is Day and Night one and the same?**

**Or are they different?**

Knowing the answers to these questions will be the key to knowing exactly when a day begins and ends and when a Shabbat and Moed begins and ends.

In Genesis the first chapter we have the beginning of time for mankind as we know time to be, and it is very clear what time is and how we are to observe this time.

*1 In the beginning Elohim created the heavens and the earth.*

**We know that from verse one Yahuwah created the Heavens which include the Sun, the Moon, the Earth, the planets and Stars.**

*2 And the earth **was** without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of Elohim moved upon the face of the waters.*

The word in **Genesis 1:2** for was is **Strong H#1961** which has the following meanings in the box below.

**H1961** היה hâyâh haw-yaw'

A primitive root (compare [H1933](#)); to *exist*, that is, **be or become**, come to pass (always emphatic, and not a mere copula or auxiliary): - beacon, X altogether, **be (-come)**, accomplished, committed, like), break, **cause, come (to pass)**, continue, do, faint, fall, + follow, **happen**, X have, last, pertain, quit (one-) self, require, X use.

So the word used as was in verse two can be used to mean that it came to be like that or something caused it to become like this.

So in other words between **Genesis 1:1 & 2** there was a period of time where the earth came to be in this state.

In the Restoration Scriptures True Name Edition Page 8 footnote 2 we read ***the result of the first global flood spoken of in Jeremiah chapter four.***

### **Yeshayahu/Isaiah 14:12-17**

*12 How are you fallen from the shamayim, O Heilel, son of the morning-ben shachar! How are you cut down to the ground, you who did weaken the nations!*

*13 For you have said in your lev, I will ascend into the shamayim, I will exalt my kesay above the cochavim of El: I will sit also upon the Mount of the Congregation, on the sides of the north.*

*14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like El-Elyon.*

*15 Yet you shall be brought down to Sheol, to the sides of the pit.*

*16 They that see you shall ponder and stare at you, saying, **is this the man that made the earth to tremble, that shook malchutim;***

**The scriptures tell us that s.a.tan made the earth tremble and the heavens shake.**

*17 **That made the olam as a wilderness, and destroyed its cities;** that did not open the bayit of his prisoners?*

**The scriptures say here that s.a.tan made the earth as a wilderness and destroyed the cities of the earth.**

In **Genesis 1:2** the Hebrew word used for without form is **Hebrew Strong's #8414 tofu** which is explained in the box below.

**H8414** תוהו to'hoo

From an unused root meaning to lie **waste; a desolation (of surface), that is, desert;** figuratively a *worthless* thing; adverbially in *vain*: - confusion, **empty place,** without form, nothing, (thing of) nought, vain, vanity, **waste, wilderness.**

Can you see the word used in **Genesis 1:2** for **'without form'** can mean, wilderness the same thing that s.a.tan had turned the earth into?

So this to me at least gives some clear evidence that what I am saying about what s.a.tan had done actually did happen as per scripture.

## **In 2 Peter 3:5-7**

*5 For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of Yahuwah the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water:*

*6 **Whereby the world that then was,** being overflowed with water, perished:*

*7 **But the heavens and the earth, which are now,** by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of wicked men.*

Above Rabbi Kepha (Apostle Peter), tells us in his letter that the heavens and the earth that we now have are different then the earth which was then, many know this time to be between **Genesis 1:1 & 2** commonly known as the "**Gap Theory**" and this could have been billions of years between these two verses.

The reason I want you to see that this happened is because many believe and teach that the day begins at Sundown based on the fact that in the beginning it was dark and that Yahuwah began His creation in Darkness and Darkness was before light.

This is in fact far from truth, as if we read in **Revelation 21:25, Revelation 22:5**, we will notice that in the renewed heavens and the renewed earth that there will be no night or darkness there at all.

I believe that the renewed heavens and the renewed earth will be how it was prior to s.a.tan being cast down to earth, no darkness/Night.

### **Now back to Genesis Chapter one.**

*3 And Elohim said, Let there be light: and there was light.*

*4 And Elohim saw the light, that it was good: and Elohim **divided the light from the darkness.***

*5 And Elohim **called the light Day,** and **the darkness he called Night.** And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.*

Before there was an evening or a morning Yahuwah said let there be light, Yahuwah saw that it was good and Yahuwah divided light from darkness.

The Hebrew word used for divided in verse four is the Hebrew **Strong's #H914** badal and it means:

**To divide, separate, distinguish, differ, difference, divide, (divide asunder), sever,** and there are other meanings however these are the basic meanings.

H914 בָּדַל badal baw-dal'

A primitive root; **to divide** (in various senses literally or figuratively, **separate, distinguish, differ, select**, etc.): - (make, put) **difference, divide (asunder), (make) separate** (self, -ation), **sever (out), X utterly.**

So according to this passage of scripture Yahuwah makes these two periods of time completely different, they are not the same and can never be the same.

Yahuwah gives these time periods a name.

**Light** He gives the name **'Day'** or in Hebrew **'Yom'**

**Darkness** He gives the name **'Night'** or in Hebrew **'Laylah'**

It then goes onto say and there was evening and there was morning the first day.

If Day and Night are different, as scripture says they are, then Morning and Evening both belong to the Day which it clearly says and not the night or dark period, more on this later.

### **Genesis 1:14-18**

**14** And Elohim said, let there be lights in the firmament of the **heaven to divide the day from the night;** and let them be for signs, and for seasons, **and for days,** and years:

Yahuwah appoints His witnesses in the Heavens to act as time keepers; the first thing Yahuwah appoints is the Sun and the Moon to divide the day from the night.

He also gave them to determine Moadim/Seasons and for **Days** and for years.

According to the passages we have just read when we see the word day here in verse fourteen, it does not speak of night as night and day are two totally different phases of time.

**15** And let them be for lights in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth: and it was so.

**16** And Elohim made two great lights; **the greater light to rule the day,** and **the lesser light to rule the night;** he made the stars also.

We see here that the **Sun is to rule the day** and **the Moon is to rule the night,** again Yahuwah appoints two witnesses to rule two totally different periods of time.

One must not use either the Sun or the Moon alone when observing Yahuwah's Calender or we are taking away from Yahuwah's Word, we need both and its known as the Solar-Lunar Calender.

*17 And Elohim set them in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth,*

*18 And to rule **over the day** and **over the night**, and to **divide the light from the darkness**; and Elohim saw that it was good.*

Again Yahuwah makes it abundantly clear that He has divided Day from Night or light from darkness.

He also says that it was good; if we say anything opposite we are in big trouble with the Master.

*Isaiah 5:20 Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!*

Yahuwah knew that His Calender and times would be changed, that's why I believe Yahuwah gives this strong caution and warning here.

I would like us now to beam in on the **Seventh Day** for a moment.

### ***Genesis 2:1-4 (RSTNE)***

*1 So the shamayim and the earth were finished and all their hosts.*

*2 And on the **sixth day** Elohim ended His work that He had made; and He rested **on the seventh day** from all His work that He had made.*

*3 And Elohim **blessed the seventh day**, and set it apart: because in it He had rested from all His work that Elohim created and made.*

*4 These are the generations of the shamayim and of the earth when they were created, **in the day** that Yahuwah Elohim made the earth and the shamayim,*

Yahuwah ended His work on the Sixth **Day** the day as we know it is the light part of the day, as Yahuwah has separated divided and made day and night two different periods' of time.

Yahushua said **John 9:4** I must work the works of him that sent me, **while it is day**: the **night cometh, when no man can work.**

Now we know that Yahushua is this same Elohim that created the heavens and the earth He is the same Elohim that divided day from night, and He is the same Elohim that blessed the Seventh day.

Do you really think He would some 4000 years down the track come along and say something different, or do something different?

Not at all Yahushua is the same yesterday, today and forever.

*Malachi 3:6 For I am Yahuwah, **I change not;** therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed*

*Hebrews 13:8 Yahushua the Messiah the same yesterday, and today, and for ever.*

Yahushua said that He works while it is day night comes when no man can work, He said it who are we to argue with Him?

He did all His creation during the Day or in the light and he ceased at night, he would have led by example, after all if he rested on the Sabbath day even though He didn't need to rest why did He?

Yes that's correct to set an example to lay out a pattern, so if He says in **John 9:4** that no man works at night you can rest assured knowing this is how He did things at the beginning also.

Now I want us to notice a couple of things in the blessing of the Seventh day.

- **No night or darkness is mentioned on the seventh day**
- **No Evening and Morning was mentioned on the Seventh Day**

### **Why is that?**

Because day and night are two totally different periods of time, the Sabbath Day is the Sabbath Day and not the Sabbath night.

Secondly as no Evening and Morning is mentioned, to me gives enough reason to believe that Yahuwah knows that Evening and Morning both belong to the Day period and not the Night period i.e. evening and morning was day 1,2,3 etc.

### **In verse 4 of Genesis chapter 2 we read:**

*4 These are the generations of the shamayim and of the earth when they were created; **in the day** that Yahuwah Elohim made the earth and the shamayim,*

Here we see that Yahuwah created the Heavens and the Earth **in the day** now how can this be possible to do all this in one day when scripture just told us in the previous chapter that it took six days to create all this?

The answer in my opinion is simple, **Yahuwah created during the day** and this is what I believe it means, now you may disagree and I don't expect you to agree with everything I say, however fact is fact and you have to read this verse in context.

**Genesis 8:22** While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and **day** and **night** shall not cease.

We can see here the following examples of how day and night are two totally opposite and different periods of time.

**Seedtime.....Harvest Time**

**Cold.....Heat**

**Summer.....Winter**

**Day.....Night**

We know that this verse gives you two totally different periods of time i.e. summer and winter, these can never be the same time, and Cold and heat these cannot be the same **Revelation 3:16** so then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth.

*2 Corinthians 6 14 Do not unite together in marriage with unbelievers: for what fellowship has tzedakah with Torah-less-ness? **And what mingling has Light with darkness?***

None that is correct absolutely none you cannot mix light with darkness or day with night.

Now if Yahuwah says this about Cold and Heat not mixing what about day and night they cannot mix they are not the same and they are two totally different periods of time.

*Genesis 7:4 For yet seven days, and I will cause it to rain upon the **earth forty days and forty nights;** and every living substance that I have made will I destroy from off the face of the earth.*

*Genesis 7:12 And the rain was upon the earth **forty days and forty nights.***

Here we see that it rained for forty days and forty nights, again we see that Day and Night are two totally different periods of time or else to me Moshe would have written that it rained for forty days only.

After all Moshe knew what he was writing after all he did write Genesis right?

*Exodus 20:8-11*

*8 Remember the **Sabbath day**, to keep it set apart.*

*9 **Six days** shalt thou labour, and do all thy work:*

**10** But the seventh day is the Sabbath of Yahuwah thy Elohim: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates:

**11** For in six days Yahuwah made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore Yahuwah blessed the Sabbath day, and hallowed it.

How many people do you know that work 24 hours a day for six days?

Surely Yahuwah doesn't want man working 6 days for 24 hours that would be ridiculous to think that way.

Again Yahushua told us in **John 9:4** I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work.

He also tells us how many hours there is in a day **John 11:9** Yahushua answered, Are there not twelve hours in the day? If any man walks in the day, he stumbleth not, because he seeth the light of this world.

So we are only required to work the light hours of each day, six days a week and we are to refrain, cease and rest from our work on the Seventh Day.

If the day is only twelve hours and the Day is light, then night does not apply.

Shabbat Day is only from Sunrise to Sunset or Yahuwah would have said to keep the Sabbath Day and Night Set Apart think about that, it's very clear.

**Job 17:12** They change the night into day: the light is short because of darkness.

Yahuwah is not happy about people who make day night and night day, He separated Night from Day, Light from darkness who are we to put them back together?

**Mark 10:9** What therefore Yahuwah hath joined together, let not man put asunder.

What Yahuwah joins together no man has the right to separate, on the other side of the coin so to speak what Yahuwah has separated no man has the right to put back together either.

Yahuwah has separated the Day from the Night, Light from the Darkness who are we to say they are one and the same and belong together?

**Deuteronomy 4:2** *Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish ought from it, that ye may keep the commandments of Yahuwah your Elohim which I command you.*

*Deuteronomy 12:32* What thing soever I command you, observe to do it: thou shalt not add thereto, nor diminish from it.

If Yahuwah has made it clear He divided light from darkness, He separated Day from Night if we change this we are in fact taking away and adding to Yahuwah's own Word.

Many times throughout scripture we see examples of the Day and Night being two separate and distinct periods of time.

## **Day is made up of hours:**

*Matthew 20:3* And he went out about **the third hour**, and saw others standing idle in the marketplace,

*Matthew 20:5* **Again he went out about the sixth and ninth hour**, and did likewise.

*Matthew 20:6* **And about the eleventh hour he went out**, and found others standing idle, and saith unto them, Why stand ye here all the day idle?

*Matthew 20:9* And when they came that were hired **about the eleventh hour**, they received every man a penny.

*Matthew 27:45* **Now from the sixth hour** there was darkness over all the land **unto the ninth hour**.

*Matthew 27:46* **And about the ninth hour** Yahushua cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is to say, My Elohim, my Elohim, why hast thou forsaken me?

*Mark 15:25* **And it was the third hour**, and they crucified him.

*Mark 15:33* **And when the sixth hour was come**, there was darkness over the whole land **until the ninth hour**.

*Mark 15:34* **And at the ninth hour** Yahushua cried with a loud voice, saying, Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani? which is, being interpreted, My Elohim, my Elohim, why hast thou forsaken me?

*Luke 23:44* **And it was about the sixth hour**, and there was a darkness over all the earth **until the ninth hour**.

*John 1:39* He saith unto them, Come and see. They came and saw where he dwelt, and abode with him that day: **for it was about the tenth hour.**

*John 4:6* Now Jacob's well was there. Yahushua therefore, being wearied with his journey, sat thus on the well: **and it was about the sixth hour.**

*John 4:52* Then inquired he of them the hour when he began to amend. And they said unto him, yesterday **at the seventh hour** the fever left him.

*John 19:14* And it was the preparation of the passover, **and about the sixth hour**: and he saith unto the Jews, Behold your King!

*Acts 2:15* For these are not drunken, as ye suppose, seeing it is but **the third hour of the day.**

*Acts 3:1* Now Kepha and John went up together into the temple at the hour of prayer, **being the ninth hour.**

*Acts 10:3* He saw in a vision evidently **about the ninth hour of the day** an angel of Yahuwah coming in to him, and saying unto him, Cornelius.

*Acts 10:9* On the morrow, as they went on their journey, and drew nigh unto the city, Kepha went up upon the housetop to pray **about the sixth hour:**

*Acts 10:30* And Cornelius said, Four days ago I was fasting until this hour; and **at the ninth hour** I prayed in my house, and, behold, a man stood before me in bright clothing,

Now I have done an exhaustive search of the scriptures and I can only find hours up to twelve in number in referring to a day, I cannot find the 13<sup>th</sup> hour, 16<sup>th</sup> Hour 18<sup>th</sup> Hour or the 24<sup>th</sup> hour.

## Night is made up of watches

The periods into which the time between sunset and sunrise was divided they are so called because watchmen relieved each other at each of these periods.

There are frequent references in Scripture to the duties of watchmen who were appointed to give notice of the approach of an enemy (**2 Samuel 18:24-27; 2 Kings 9:17-20; Isaiah 21:5-9**).

They were sometimes placed for this purpose on watch-towers (**2 Kings 17:9; 18:8**).

Ministers or teachers are also spoken of under this title (**Jeremiah 6:17; Ezekiel 33:2-9; Hebrews 13:17**).

The watches of the night were originally **3 in number**:

1. The beginning of the watches (**Lamentations 2:19**)
2. The Middle watch (**Judges 7:19**)
3. The Morning watch (**Exodus 14:24; 1 Samuel 11:11**) which extended from two 2AM to Sunrise.

But in the Renewed Covenant we read of four watches, a division probably introduced by the Romans (**Matthew 14:25; Mark 6:48; Luke 12:38**).

**Below is a diagram that shows how a biblical day and week is made up:**

