

**THE CORRELATION OF THE CREATION SEQUENCE
IN THE PHYSICAL AND BIBLICAL RECORD**

Genesis One is a scientific hypothesis; it *predicts the sequence* of natural history, some of which is confirmed only in the last decade.

| YEARS AGO | PHYSICAL RECORD | BIBLICAL RECORD | |
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| About 13.73 billion | Universe formed instantly from an <i>invisibly small</i> point (“Big Bang” theory). Nothing is known about what preceded this event, if anything | Heb. 11:3 | “The worlds (plural!) were formed at God’s command, so that what is seen was not made of what was visible.” |
| About 4.6 billion | Solar system formed from complex process? Materials gradually coalesce into spinning, increasingly hot mass, which spins off globules forming into planets, which grow by absorbing trash. | | Nothing in Scripture describes this process |
| 4.5 billion | Earth is violent, hot, with thick, gaseous clouds > deep darkness. Violent storms gradually subside. Earth is ‘void’ of all life: ‘formless’ and dark from human point of view. Oceans stabilize, but covered in darkness. Earliest isotopic evidence for life @ 3.8 billion yrs ago. Huge impact>moon; thins atmosphere>light penetrates? | Genesis 1:3-5 | “Day one” Earth is formless, empty without life, dark. Spirit of God “hovers/broods” over waters; “hatching” life “Let there be light” |
| | Cloud, smoke cover lessens enough for light to allow visible distinction between earth and sky. | 6-8 | “Day two” Separation of “firmaments” = “expanse—stretching out” Distinction between earth and sky |
| 1.5 billion | One continent (Pangea) appears: conditions amenable for life on land. Earth greatly cooled, ‘dry land’ emerges. Emergence of plant life. | 9-13 | “Day three” “let water be collected to <i>one place</i> ; let dry land appear.” First plants and trees. |
| | Cloud cover breaks completely, revealing pre-existing sun, moon, stars? | 14-19 | “Day four” Lights in heaven previously created, but now revealed as “signs.” Sun & moon “rule over” day & night. Stars already existed <i>while</i> earth was “planned” (Job 38:4-7). <i>After</i> stars, the earth was “wrapped in thick darkness” (38:9)—day one. |
| 850 million | Life begins in water: multi-celled animals > fish > larger sea animals, (life moves to land) amphibians, dinosaurs/birds, etc. (Period overlaps next stage) | 20-23 | “Day five” Waters bring forth life. Fish and sea animals. Birds (= class of dinosaurs?) “let birds multiply <i>on the earth</i> .” |
| 375 million 226 million 3 million 100-37,000? | Land becomes focus as home for animals: first water-related, dinosaurs, then progressing to mammals, “cattle” (larger mammals), etc. Super-continent, Pangea , starts separating: waters no longer in “one place”. 65 mya: end of dinosaur era. Mammals rule. Hominoids (proto-humans) Modern man. | 24-31 | “Day six” “Let the <i>earth</i> bring forth living creatures”: large animals, creeping things, etc. Mankind created last |

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How does term, “day,” mean: in Genesis 1?

- “Day” = “**evening & morning**.” Creation only at night?
- Gen 1:5 “day” = **12 hours** (= not night).
- Gen 2:4 “day” = **1 week** “In *the day* that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens.”
- Day = “**right now**” Josh 24:15 “Choose *this day* whom you will serve.”
- Day = **24 hours** (many passages).
- **God’s “day”** Ps 90:4 defines God’s time: “For 1,000 years in your sight are **like yesterday when it is past**, or like a watch in the night” during sleep= a **memory** of a day, or time experienced differently! A different view of time.