

## The Fourth Day - Solar System (#1)

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.
  - They are called **Days of God**.
- Days 4, 5 & 6 are scientific days that we understand (Ps.8:1, 3-4, 9).
  - They are called **Solar Days**.

It is worth noting that the last day of each division has a double work that is accomplished, and both say: “The earth brought forth” (yatsa / hiphil impf) (Gen.1:12, 24). The earth is being prepared for habitation after Gen.1:2 (tohu waw bohu).

<p><b>This lesson will study five points of <u>part one</u> of the Fourth Day, Creating of the Solar System.</b></p>
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### **1. The Fourth Day will develop the expanse of Second Day into our solar system (Gen.1:7, 14).**

The word **expanse** is used three times in 4<sup>th</sup> Day (Gen.1:14, 15, and 17).

Note the importance of the vocabulary of the first three days. God called the expanse heaven (Gen.1:8). “Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens.” (Gen.1:14a)

There are three heavens: 3rd heaven is throne of God (John 17:5, 24, Acts 1:11; Eph.1:20-23; 4:10; Col.3:1-4; Isa.66:1); the second heaven is outer space; and the first heaven is sky.

### **2. The Fourth Day gives a divine function explanation for the Solar system in the second heaven.**

This function is given by the following four divine activities of the Fourth Day.

- **God said** (amar / kal imp / jussivef) - “**Let**” plus “**and it was so**” were the writer’s ways of declaring Divine Decrees (Gen.1:14-15).
- Note the English word (**let**) is used three times in the section of **God said** (Gen.1:14-15) [decrees].
  - Let** - Lights in expanse of the heavens to separate day from night
  - Let** - Signs, seasons, days and years
  - Let** - To give light on the earth
- **God made** (asah / kal impf) “Two greater lights to govern the day and the night and stars (Gen.1:16)
- **God placed** (Nathan / kal impf) “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.” ( A statement used every day but the Second) (Ps.136:5-9).

**3. The lights in the expanse were the second phase of separation of the darkness of Gen.1:2.**

**Day One:**

“God separated (babal / hiphal infin) the light from the darkness.” (Gen.1:4)

“God called the light day; and the darkness He called night.” (Gen.1:5)

**Fourth Day:**

“To separate (badal / hiphal infin) the day from the night.” (Gen.1:14; 18)

The greater light (the sun) was to govern (le) (memeshalah) the day; and the lesser light (the moon) was to govern the night along with the stars (Gen.1:16). They were designed by God to give light to the earth for habitation (Gen.1:17-18; Isa.30:26).

The ‘heavens’ contain The Milky Way Galaxy, **our solar system**. Scientists believe it is at least 13 billion years old. The earth is one of 9 planets revolving around the sun every 365 days. The earth rotates on its axis every 23 hours and 56 minutes and 4.091 seconds.

**4. The lesser light is designed to govern the night (light) of the earth (Gen.1:16; 1 Cor.15:40-41).**

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

Scientist estimate some 200-400 billion stars in our milky way (Ps.147:4).

Scientists refer to the moon as a satellite to the earth. It orbits the earth every 29 days and 12 hours and 44 minutes and 2.8 seconds (lunar phase cycle). The Hebrew established their annual calendar by it.

Scientists believe that the moon would disappear if the sun were gone. **But according to Genesis, the solar system of the Fourth Day is based on the Light of Day One (Gen.1:3-5) and the expanse on Second Day (Gen.1:6-8) and word of God (Matt.24:35; Gen.1:14-19).**

(James 1:17) “Every good thing given and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of Lights, with whom there is no variation or shifting shadow.”

**5. One of the three divine purposes of the Fourth Day’s work of creating the solar system was for signs, seasons, and days and years (Gen.1:14) [earth’s calendar] (Eccl.3:1; Luke 21:25) [next year].**

(Ps.74:16-17) “Yours is the day, Yours also is the night; you have prepared the light and the sun. You have established all the boundaries of the earth; You have made summer and winter.”

Scientists believes the earth revolving around the sun and titling of the earth (23 ½ degrees) creates seasons.

“Seasons result from the yearly revolution of the Earth around the Sun and the tilt of the Earth’s axis relative to the plane of revolution.” (Seasons, Wikipedia)

(Ps.104:19) “He made the moon for the seasons; the sun knows the place of its setting.” (Acts 14:17)

**QUESTION: What came first, seasons or scientific observation?**