



“But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance”—2 Pet. 3:8-9

<p>In the parable of Creation, the first day foreshadowed the first thousand years of man’s history. The epoch witnessed a separation of the Sons of God from the descendents of Cain. It saw the death of Adam, dramatizing the mortality of the human race that his action brought to it, and the translation of Enoch “that he should not see death” Gen, 5:3-4,23-24; Heb. 11:5... <i>Expositor, pg. 35</i></p>	<p>The second act in re-forming the earth was to cause a separation between earthly and heavenly waters...Whilst this was accomplished in the course of the second day, figuratively it points forward to the second great epoch in the development of the divine purpose and programme of 7,000 years, symbolized in the seven acts of creation (2Pet. 3:8). <i>Expositor, pg. 35</i></p>	<p>The antitype of this third day in the parable of the Creation Week foreshadows the developments of the third millennium after creation. That period saw the complete separation of Israel as a nation from Gentile powers (the earth appearing in the midst of the seas), and it witnessed the development of spiritual life from out of the “earth”... <i>Expositor, pg. 37-38</i></p>	<p>Whereas Day Three witnessed separation, Day Four saw dispersion in the light that streamed from the sun and moon to illuminate the earth. In the antitype, this was fulfilled in the proclamation of the Gospel to all the world (Acts 28:30-31; Col. 1:23). Christ appeared at the conclusion of the fourth millennium from Creation... and the light of the truth shone forth... <i>Expositor, pg. 43</i></p>	<p>On the fifth day, there was a further extension of the Divine work: the sea began to swarm with life, and the singing of birds was heard in the firmament above. Elsewhere in the Word, aquatic and aerial animals are used symbolically of Gentiles...the fifth millennium saw the Gospel extended to the Gentiles. It is significant that the number five is always associated with grace. <i>Expositor, pg. 43</i></p>	<p>The sixth day witnessed...the appearance of man “in the image and likeness of God”...The conclusion of the sixth day witnessed a marriage between the two thus created... this final act foreshadowed the intentions of Yahweh at the completion of the sixth millennium from Creation, when again there will be a marriage... <i>Expositor, pg. 45</i></p>	<p>Typically it pointed forward to the millennium (Heb. 4) when there will be a general rest from sinful works of flesh and the era will be set apart unto Yahweh... The number seven is...the Hebrew word <i>sheba</i> (and) does service for both “seven” and “oath,” so that in spiritual numerology, seven is the covenant number completing a matter, as does an oath. <i>Expositor, pg 57-58</i></p>
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