

A Word About Words – Gn.1:14 (1/6)

Day

1. day, opp. night, Gn.3:8; 8:22; 18:1.
2. day as division of time, Gn.7:4, 10, 24; Ex.20:9f.
3. day of Lord, His coming in judgment. Is.13:9.
4. days (pl.) of any one: his life, age, Gn.5:4,8, etc.
5. days, of long time: Nu.9:22
6. time: Gn.30:14, in the days (time) of wheat harvest
7. phrases: Gn.31:48; 1 Sm.27:1.

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Night

1. Night as opposed to day, Gn.8:22, day and night...
2. Fig.: Mic.3:6, “Therefore you shall have night without vision, And you shall have darkness without divination; The sun shall go down on the prophets, And the day shall be dark for them.”

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Signs

1. Signs, tokens of changes of weather and times, Gn.1:14
2. “and they shall be (the lights of heaven) for signs and times,” i.e. by [one through two] signs of times... (4) the sign of anything which cannot itself be seen, Gen. 1:14, ex. gr. “the sign of the covenant,” circumcision, Gen. 17:11, of the sabbath, Ex. 31:13, hence, token, proof, argument – Gesenius.

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Signs, continued

1. Signs, can indicate symbolic actions (Isa 8:18).
2. Pagan contemporaries of Genesis regarded these bodies as gods.
3. These are signs for the fixed seasons; this matches vv. 11-13. Cf. Hezekiah, 2 K.20:8.
4. Signs in broadest sense... declare glory of Creator; give bearings; convey future events, Mt.2:2; forecast weather, Mt.16:2-3; fig. of judgment, Mt.24:29

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Seasons

1. Appointed time, place, meeting, Gn.18:14; Ex.9:5.
2. In Gn 1:14, the reference is to the sacred seasons as fixed by the moon's appearance, Ps.104:19, although many Lexx. & Comm. refer these to the seasons of the year.
3. Jer.8:7, 'the stork knows her times'; Gen. 1:14; specially in prophetic style of a year [i.e. equal to that from one festival to its recurrence – Gesenius

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Years

1. A year (pr. an iteration, sc. of the course of the sun, or of the changes of seasons, as spring, summer, autumn, winter...
2. Dt.14:22, tithe all the increase of your grain that the field produces year by year – Gesenius.
3. Gn.5:3, Adam lived 130 years...
4. Gn.5:4, After he begot Seth, 800 years...
5. Gn.4:5, all the days that Adam lived were 930 years