

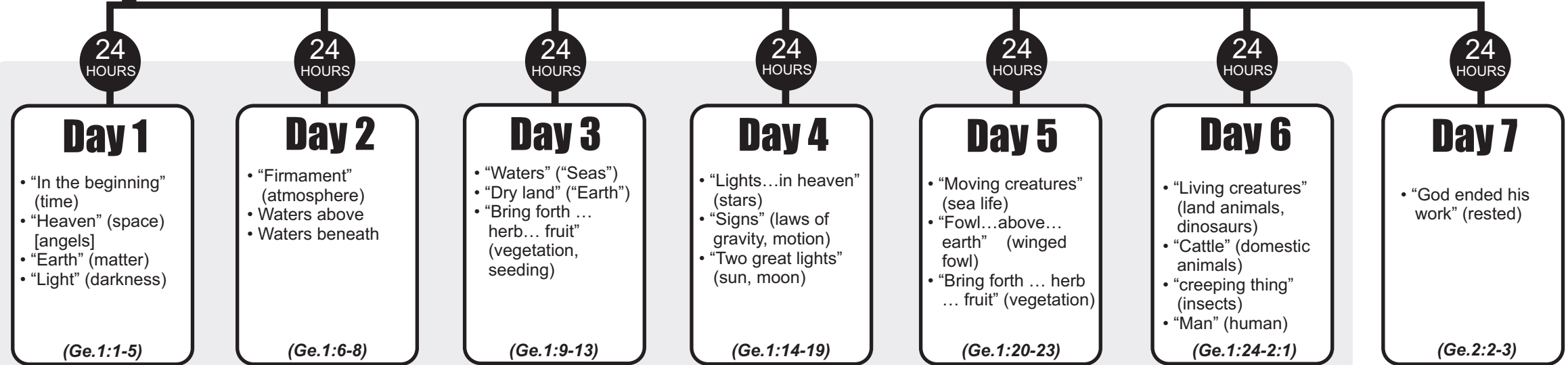
# Days of Creation in Genesis



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Ex Nihilo (Latin phrase meaning "out of nothing")

*Bereishit* (Hebrew meaning "beginning") from which we get Genesis



**(24 hour-days x 6 days) = 144 Hours**

• The universe was formed as a habitat for men and angels, and then filled with living creatures. It was beautiful, self-renewing, and free from defects. After its completion God was pleased with all aspects of His creative handiwork (Ge.1:31-2:3). Those who take the Bible serious understand creation week to be 7 days in length.

- Some time before the original creation week Lucifer and his followers rebelled against God and fell (Is.14; Ek.28). We do not know how long this period lasted. It does not take much time for pride to well up and incite others to join the rebellion.
- God expelled the angels that sinned from His presence. This could have happened in a short period of time, especially since the spiritual dimension is not necessarily the same as time in the dimensions we know.
- Genesis 1:1 starts a whole section up to 2:3. Every verse begins with the same popular Hebrew conjunction (*waw*, can mean "and," "but," "then," "so," etc.). Genesis 2:4 starts a new section; it does not start with this conjunction. The English versions don't necessarily show this unity because they use different English words for the same Hebrew word.

- God created the heaven and the earth in 6 literal days. This included angels which were all originally good (Cl.1:16; Jd.6). The first word in the original Hebrew translated "beginning", and transliterated *Bereishit* carries the idea of out of nothing. God created something from nothing.
- Job 38:4,7 suggests that the "sons of God" (angels) were present when God laid the foundations of the earth.
- By the end of day 6 God pronounced everything "very good" (Ge.1:31).