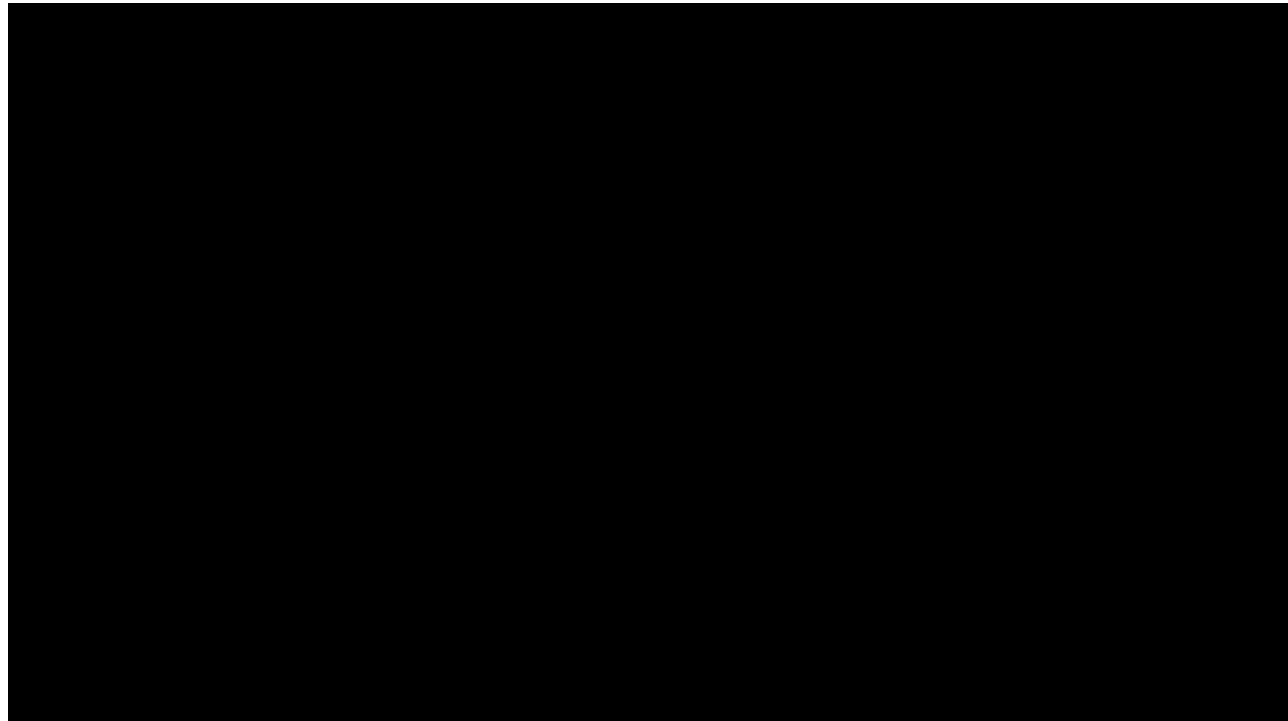
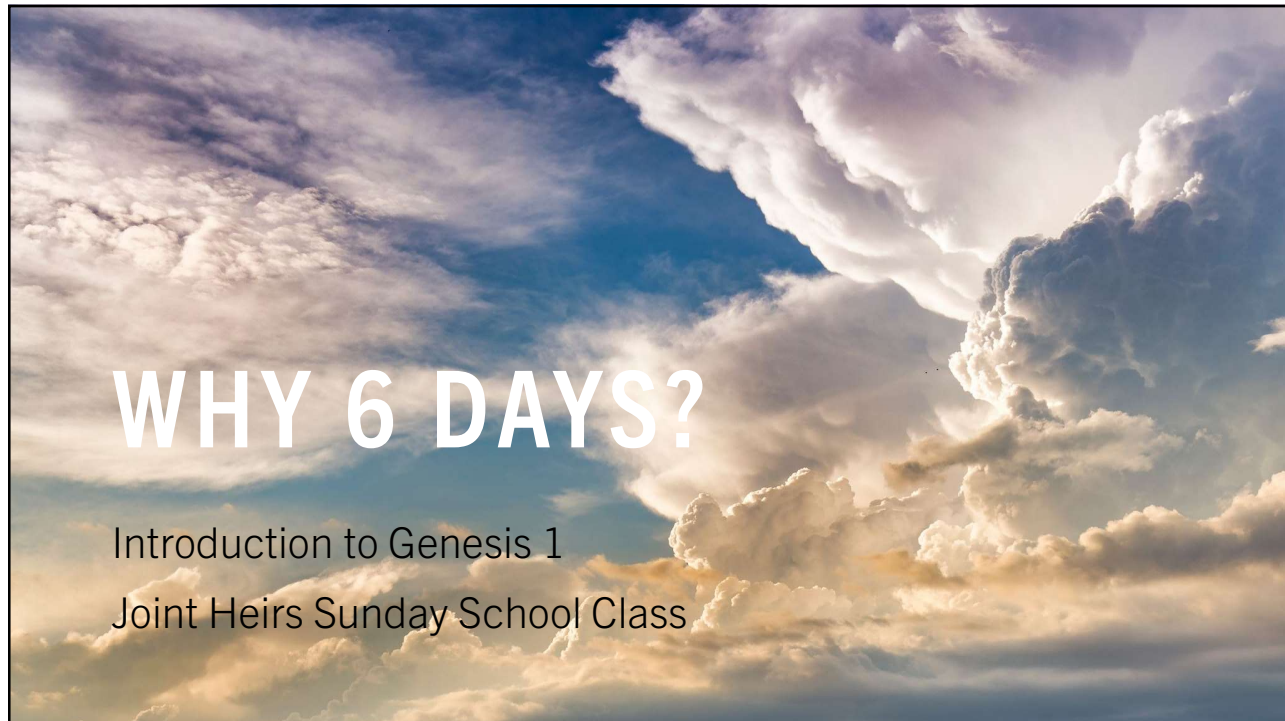


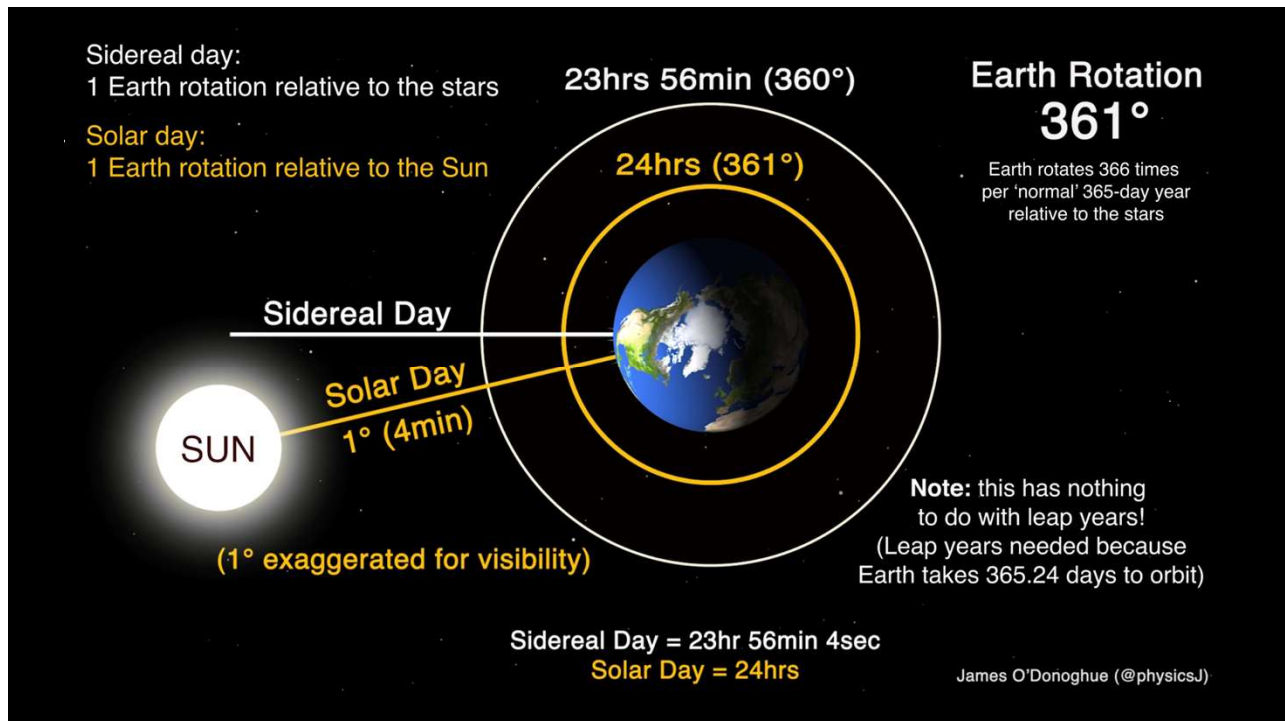


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What is Hebrew: Yom יום a day?

After he begot Seth, the days of Adam were eight hundred years; and he had sons and daughters. Genesis 5:4

And in the process of time (yom) it came to pass that Cain brought an offering of the fruit of the ground to the Lord. Genesis 4:3

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Couldn't "Yom" in
Genesis 1 be interpreted
as long periods of time
(e.g., an era)?

2 Peter 3:8, "that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day"

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vs. 2 The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

Time between vs. 2 and 3? The Bible doesn't say.

vs. 3 Then God said, "Let there be light" ...

But the Bible does say how much time passes between the next verses.

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vs. 17 "God set them [the sun and moon] in the firmament of the heavens to give light on the earth, and to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. So the evening and the morning were the fourth day."

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Except in one place ... Genesis 1



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In the **morning and evening** of the **sixth day** of the steam locomotive, transportation was more challenging.

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Scripture

4,500 years old?

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260 million years old?

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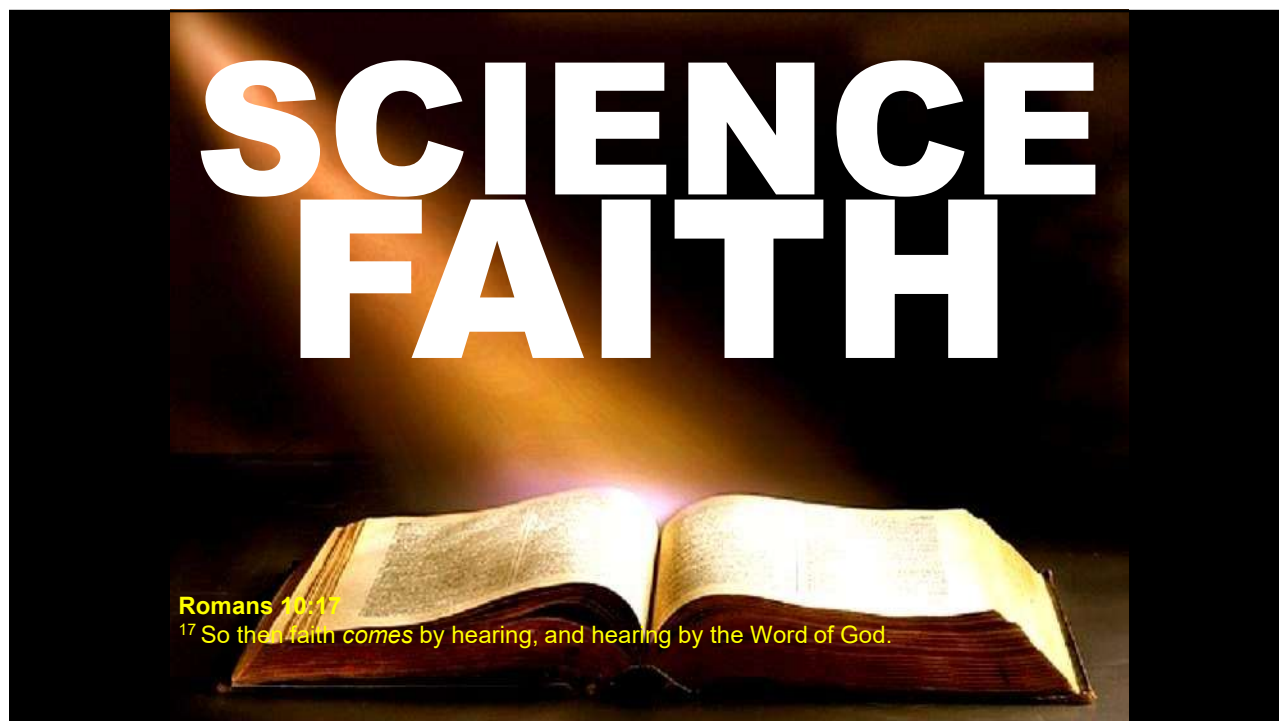
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**No, of course not!
He intentionally took 6 days.**

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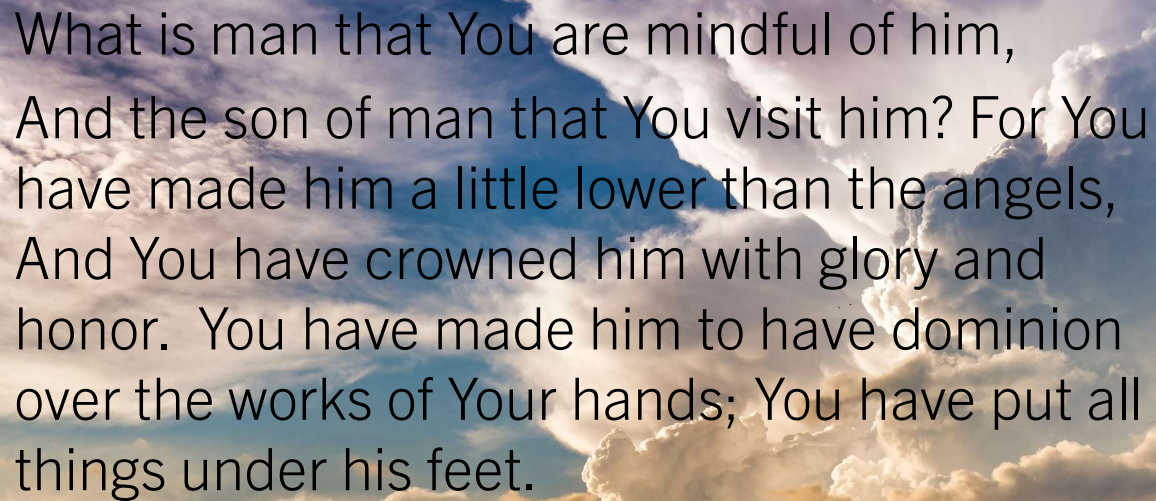
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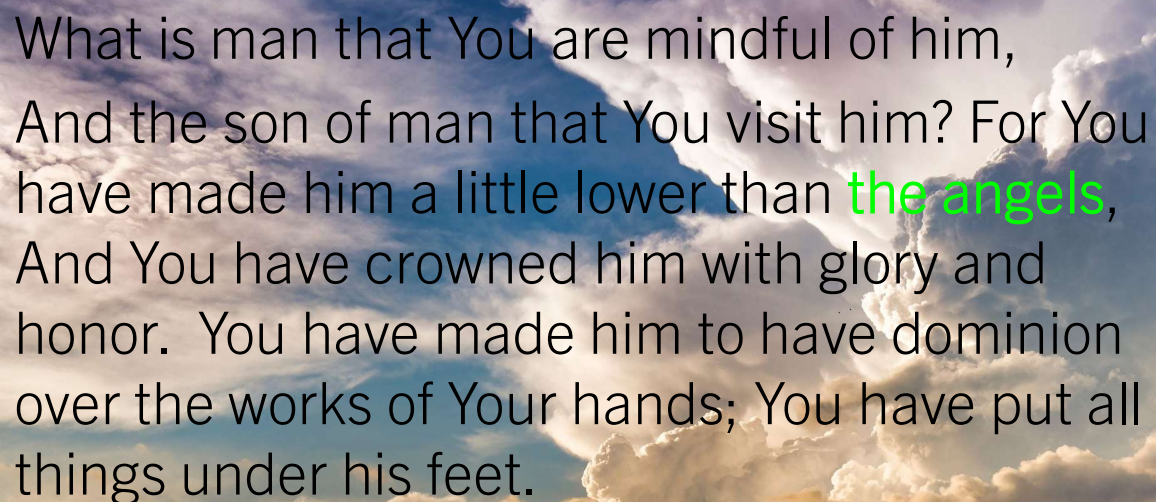
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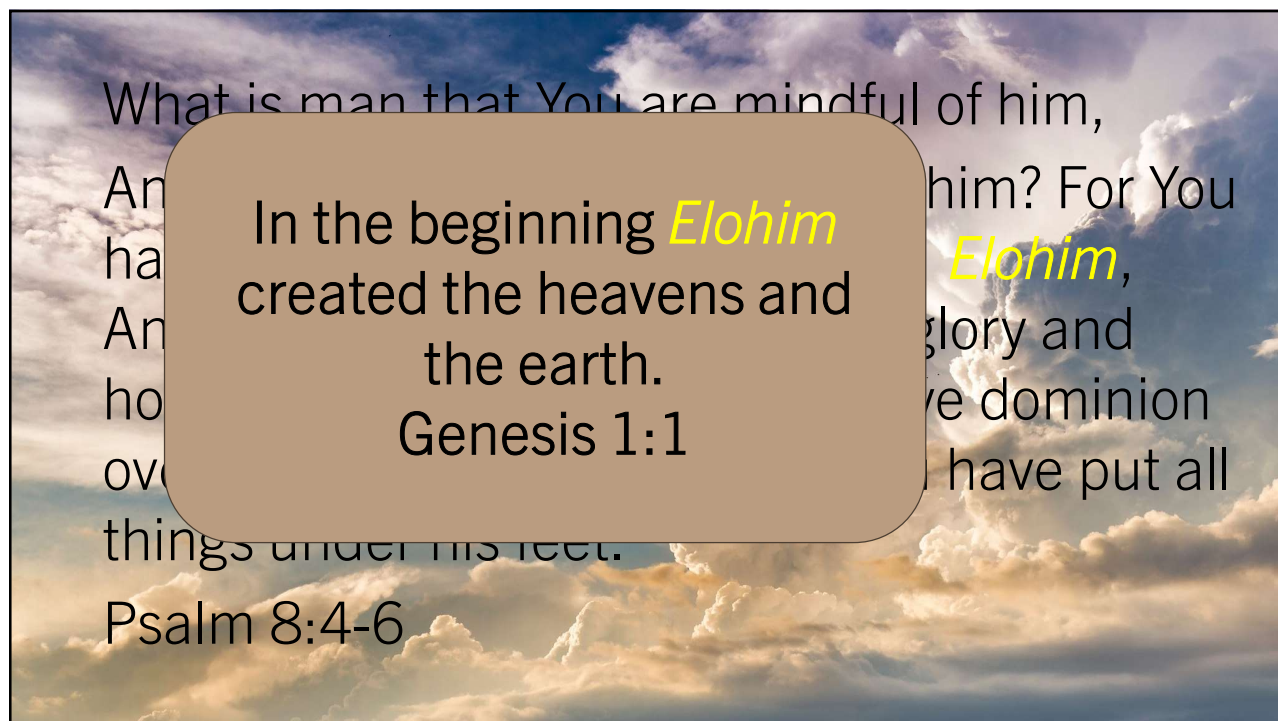
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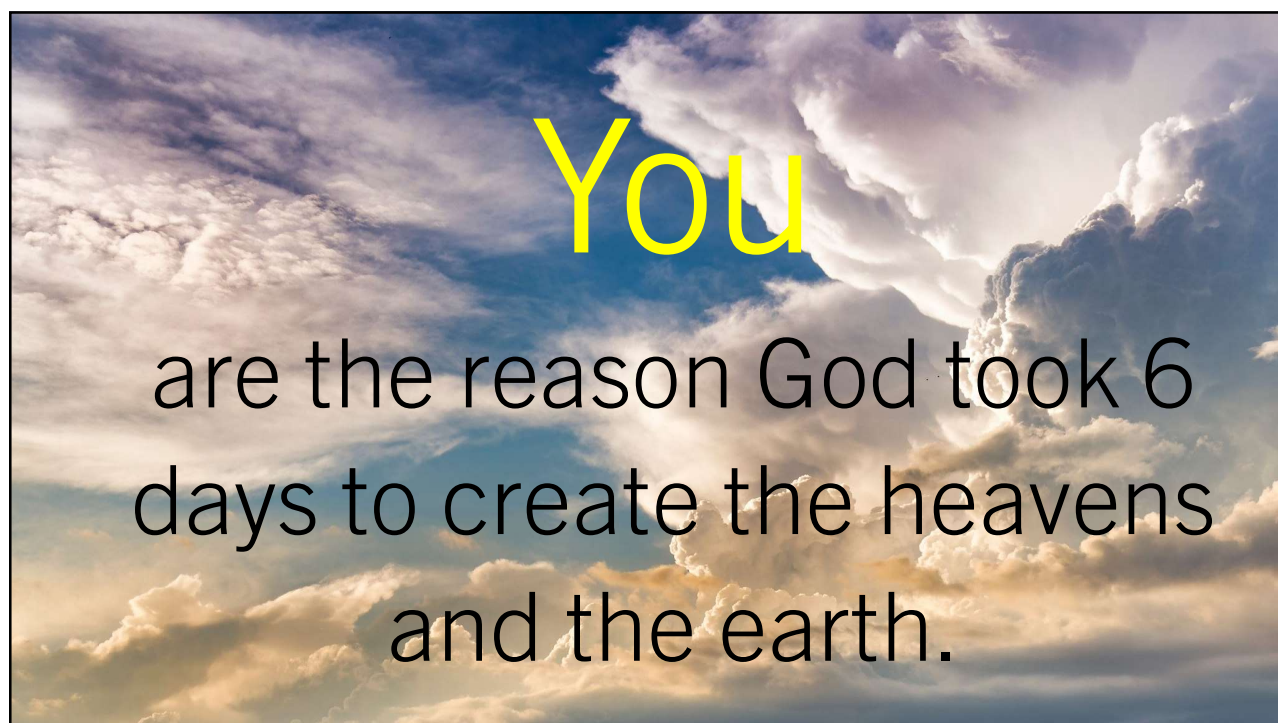


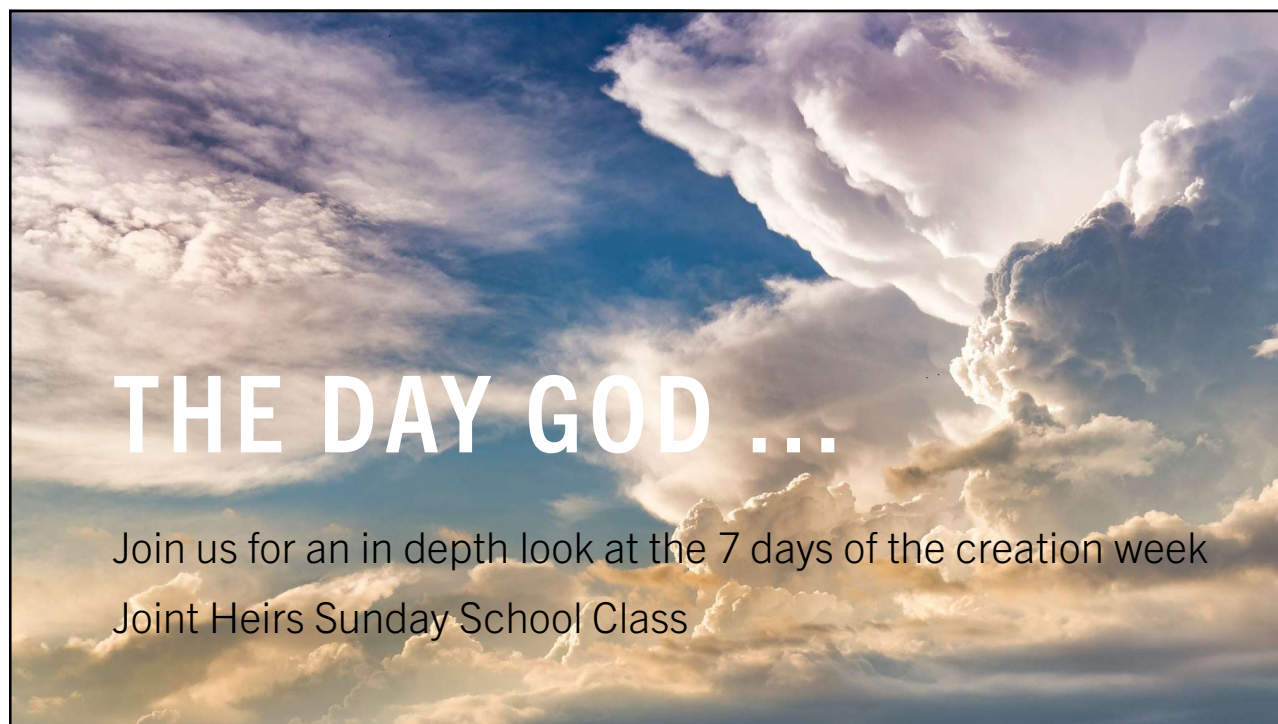
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