

Eclipsed: Evidence from God

S.R. Genesis 1:14 - 18

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Introduction

- A. On Monday, April 8, 2024, the moon will cast its shadow across North America
- B. How often is there a total solar eclipse?
- C. Where: Path of the eclipse

I. Who Created the Sun and Moon?

- A. Genesis 1:14 – 18
- B. Created in order for us to worship their Creator
 - 1. Psalm 19:1 –2, 6 “The heavens declare the **glory of God**, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork. **Day to day** pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge. v. 6 Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them, and there is nothing hidden from its heat.”
 - 2. One writer for *The Institute of Creation Research* made this salient observation about Ps 19. “What may often be overlooked by the “**day unto day**” routine (Psalm 19:1-2) of our existence is that the very dependability of each day’s processes are a wonderful testimony to the design, purposes, and faithfulness of the Creator.
 - 3. Psa 148:3 “Praise Him, **sun** and **moon**; Praise Him, all stars of light!”
- C. **Two massive objects that everyone observes with awe (1 Cor. 15:41)**
- D. The size of our galaxy and our Sun
- E. **The observed size of the sun and moon**
 - 1. To the naked eye, how big does the moon look compared to the sun?
- F. **The absolute relative size of the sun and moon**

II. Historical Events related to the Sun

- A. The Sun was created and its energy is burning. Psalm 72:5; 104:19
- B. Should we **worship** the sun and the moon?
 - 1. Deu 4:19; 17:3
 - 2. 2Ki 23:5 Jer 8:2
- C. God controls the orbits and can supernaturally pause their course.
 - 1. Joshua’s Long Day (Joshua 10:12 – 13)
 - 2. Isaiah 38:7 – 8 “This shall be the sign to you from the LORD, that the LORD will do this thing that He has spoken. "Behold, I will cause the shadow on the stairway, which has gone down with the sun on the stairway of Ahaz, to go

back ten steps." So the sun's *shadow* went back ten steps on the stairway on which it had gone down." Sign from God that Hezekiah would be healed.

3. We know the accounts in Joshua and Isaiah 38 are real events in history. In no way do we dispute the historical accuracy of the Bible. However, the tale of the scientific discovery of Joshua's lost day and Hezekiah's extra minutes is a fable—another argument a Christian should not use.

III. Learning to Distinguish between Historical Reality and Poetic Drama

- A. The Sun does not actually set – but it appears so from our vantage point. God allows writers to describe how things “look” from earth
 1. Four corners of the earth (Isa. 11:12)
 2. Setting of the sun.
 - a. Psa. 19:1 - 6
 - b. Psa 104:19 He made the **moon** for the seasons; The **sun** knows the place of its setting.
- B. God also is a great and dramatic poet.
 1. He uses Poetic hyperbole to describe judgments in time. Examples:
 2. Isa 13:10; Eze 32:7; Joel 2:10
 3. Mat 24:29 : Acts 2:20

IV. God wants us to focus upon the greater glory of the Son, not the Sun.

- A. John 1:1 – 5
- B. Hebrews 1:3
- C. Rev. 21:23; 22:5
- D. Colossians 1:13 – 20

V. Conclusion: Life in the Son Means a Brighter Tomorrow.

- A. (Col. 2:8 – 12) “ See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to **Christ**. For **in him** the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have been **filled in him**, who is the head of all rule and authority. **In him** also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision **of Christ**, having been **buried with him** in baptism, in which you were also raised **with him** through faith in the powerful working of God, who **raised him** from the dead.”
- B. Are you experiencing an eclipse of the Son?