

Delitzsch was unable, toward the end of his life, to answer some of the arguments that had begun to be advanced by the higher critics, and therefore adopted a portion of their views. These concessions began to appear in the later editions of his commentary. Many of the commentaries in this set went through several editions. In writing an introduction for the set it would be very helpful if I could know exactly which edition of each commentary was used in your reprint, when it was originally published, and which were stated to be by Keil and which by Delitzsch.

In 1888 Delitzsch published a New Commentary on Genesis, which I possess. Its preface refers to it as really a fifth edition of his commentary. I do not know whether it was a later edition of the book that originally appeared in the Keil and Delitzsch series, or whether the original commentary in that set was by Keil.

Delitzsch adopted only a portion of the views of the critics, and always retained his doubts even about that portion. He was a true servant of the Lord.

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**THE CREATION -- SIX 24-HOUR DAYS  
OR SIX "AGE-DAYS"?**

The question that you raise is one to which I have given much thought and study. In my opinion it is extremely important that we stand very firmly on whatever is definitely taught in the Scripture and that we do not add to it in any way. It grieves me that Christians should be divided over matters that the Lord has not made clear. If someone feels that his mind is best satisfied by interpreting Genesis 1 as referring to six periods, each of which was 24 hours in length, I would be sorry indeed to have any cause