        (3) A relatively deteminate period (i.e., a period with fairly well-
            determined boundaries) during which some event or
            series of events takes place. Thus period could be short
            or long.

In Genesis 41:1 we read: "And it came to pass at the end of two full *yamim* (plural of *yom*), that Pharaoh dreamed." This is translated "years" in the Authorized Version, and I believe that the translation is correct. If so, then we take note of the fact that this Scripture is speaking of two full years during which Joseph was in prison, and yet it uses the plural of the word *yom*.

In Exodus 13:10 Moses commanded the children of Israel, "Thou shalt therefore keep this ordinance in its seasons from *yamim* to *yamim*."

And in Proverbs 25:13 we read the words, "As the cold of snow in the *yom* of harvest, so is a faithful messenger to them that send him." Here *yom* means the time of harvest, the season of harvest.

        (4) A fourth possibility of meaning is that of a relatively
            indeterminate period (i.e., a period without well-defined
            boundaries) during which some event or series of events
            takes place. This could be a brief indeterminate period or
            a lengthy indeterminate period.

In Genesis 35:3 Jacob said to his household, "Let us arise, and go up to Bethel; and I will make there an altar unto God, who answered me in the *yom* of my distress, and was with me in the way which I went." In this usage *yom* simply means time.

In Genesis 40:3 we read of what Pharaoh did to his chief butler and his chief baker: "And he put them in prison." In verse 4 we are told, "and they continued *yom* in prison." Here *yom* simply means a period of time, a season of time of indefinite length.

In Proverbs 31:25 we read of the virtuous woman that "Strength and honor are her clothing, and she shall rejoice in the *yom* to come." Here all is indefinite, without boundaries in time. *Yom* simply means time.

But we are now faced with the question: Which of these four possibilities of meaning was intended in Genesis 1-2? In which sense shall we