

GENESIS

THE HISTORY OF CREATION

1 In the ^abeginning ^bGod created the heavens and the earth.

2 The earth was ^cwithout form, and void; and darkness ¹was on the face of the deep. ^dAnd the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

3 ^eThen God said, ^f“Let there be ^glight”; and there was light.

4 And God saw the light, that *it was good*; and God divided the light from the darkness.

5 God called the light Day, and the ^hdarkness He called Night. ¹So the evening and the morning were the first day.

6 Then God said, ⁱ“Let there be a ¹firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters.”

7 Thus God made the firmament, ^jand divided the waters which *were* under the firmament from the waters which *were* ^kabove the firmament; and it was so.

8 And God called the firmament Heaven. So the evening and the morning were the second day.

9 Then God said, ^l“Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and ^mlet the dry *land* appear”; and it was so.

10 And God called the dry *land* Earth, and the gathering together of the waters He called Seas. And God saw that *it was good*.

11 Then God said, “Let the earth ⁿbring forth grass, the herb *that* yields seed, *and* the ^ofruit tree *that* yields fruit according to its kind, whose seed *is* in itself, on the earth”; and it was so.

12 And the earth brought forth grass, the herb *that* yields seed

according to its kind, and the tree *that* yields fruit, whose seed *is* in itself according to its kind. And God saw that *it was good*.

13 So the evening and the morning were the third day.

14 Then God said, “Let there be ^plights in the firmament of the heavens to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs and ^qseasons, and for days and years;

15 “and let them be for lights in the firmament of the heavens to give light on the earth”; and it was so.

16 Then God made two great ^rlights: the ^rgreater light to rule the day, and the ^slesser light to rule the night. *He made* ^tthe stars also.

17 God set them in the firmament of the ^uheavens to give light on the earth,

18 and to ^vrule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness. And God saw that *it was good*.

19 So the evening and the morning were the fourth day.

20 Then God said, “Let the waters abound with an abundance of living ¹creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the face of the ²firmament of the heavens.”

21 So ^wGod created great sea creatures and every living thing that moves, with which the waters abounded, according to their kind, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that *it was good*.

22 And God blessed them, saying, ^x“Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.”

23 So the evening and the morning were the fifth day.

Chapter 1

1 ^a [John 1:1–3]

^b Acts 17:24

2 ^c Jer. 4:23

^d Is. 40:13, 14

3 ^e Ps. 33:6, 9

^f 2 Cor. 4:6

^g [Heb. 11:3]

5 ^h Ps. 19:2; 33:6;

74:16; 104:20; 136:5

6 ⁱ Jer. 10:12

^j Prov. 8:27–29

^k Ps. 148:4

9 ^l Job 26:10

^m Ps. 24:1, 2; 33:7;

95:5

11 ⁿ Heb. 6:7

^o 2 Sam. 16:1

14 ^p Ps. 74:16;

136:5–9

^q Ps. 104:19

16 ^r Ps. 136:8

^s Ps. 8:3 ^t Job 38:7

17 ^u Gen. 15:5

18 ^v Jer. 31:35

21 ^w Ps. 104:25–28

22 ^x Gen. 8:17

1:2 ¹ Words in italic type have been added for clarity. They are not found in the original Hebrew or Aramaic. 1:5 ¹ Lit. *And evening was, and morning was, a day, one.* 1:6 ¹ *expanse*
1:16 ¹ *luminaries* 1:20 ¹ *souls* ² *expanse*