

1:1 In the beginning God **created**(*bārā'*) **the heavens**(*skies*) and the **earth**(*land*).

[7 words in Hebrew]



life is a garden

בְּרֵאשִׁית בָּרָא אֱלֹהִים אֶת הַשָּׁמַיִם וְאֶת הָאָרֶץ:

1:2 And the earth(*land*) was a formless and desolate emptiness, (וְהוּא תוהו וָבוּהוּ *tohu va-vohu*) (*wild and waste*) and darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit(*breath/wind*) of God was hovering over the surface of the waters. [2x7 words in Hebrew]

DAY 1

3 Then **God said**,

“**Let there be light**”;

and there was **light**.

4 **God saw that the light was good**;

and God separated the **light** from the **darkness**.

5 **God called** the **light** “**day**,”

and the **darkness** He called “**night**.”

And there was evening

and there was morning,

one day.

DAY 4

14 Then **God said**,

“**Let there be lights**

in the expanse of the heavens(*skies*)

to separate the **day** from the **night**,

and they shall serve as signs

and for seasons, and for days and years;

15 and they shall serve as **lights**

in the expanse of the heavens(*skies*)

to give **light** on the earth”;(land)

and it was so.

16 God made the two great **lights**,

the greater **light** to govern the **day**,

and the lesser **light** to govern the **night**;

He made the stars also.

17 God placed them

in the expanse of the heavens(*skies*)

to give **light** on the **earth**,

18 and to govern the **day** and the **night**,

and to separate the **light** from the **darkness**;

and God saw that it was good.

19 And there was evening

and there was morning,

a fourth day.

DAY 2

6 Then **God said**,

“Let there be an **expanse** (*dome/firmament/rāqîa*)

in the midst of the waters,

and let it separate the waters

from the waters.”

7 God made the **expanse**,

and separated **the waters**

that were below the **expanse**

from **the waters**

that were above the **expanse**;

and it was so.

8 **God called** the **expanse** “heaven.”(*skies*)

And there was evening

and there was morning,

a second day.

DAY 5

20 Then **God said**,

“Let **the waters** teem(*swarm*)

with swarms of living creatures,

and let birds fly above the **earth**(land)

(*against the face of*)in the open **expanse** of the heavens.(*skies*)

21 And God created the great sea creatures

and every living creature that moves,

with which the waters swarmed,

according to their kind,

and every winged bird according to its kind;

and God saw that it was good.

22 God blessed them, saying,

“Be fruitful and multiply,

and fill **the waters in the seas**,

and let birds multiply on the earth.”

23 And there was evening

and there was morning,

a fifth day.

DAY 3

- 9 Then **God said**,
“Let the waters below the heavens (*skies*)
be gathered into one place,
and let the dry land appear”;
and it was so.
- 10 And **God called** the dry land “**earth**,”(*land*)
and the gathering of the waters
He called “seas”;
and God saw that it was good.
- 11 Then **God said**, “Let **the earth**(*land*) sprout
vegetation,
plants yielding seed,
and fruit trees
on **the earth**(*land*)
bearing fruit according to their kind
with seed in them”;
and it was so.
- 12 **The earth**(*land*) produced vegetation,
plants yielding seed
according to their kind,
and trees bearing fruit with seed in them,
according to their kind;
and God saw that it was good.
- 13 And there was evening
and there was morning,
a third day.

DAY 7

- 2:1** And so the heavens(*skies*) and the earth(*land*)
were completed, and all their heavenly lights. (*host*)
- 2 God completed on **the seventh day** [7 words]
His work which He had **done**(*made/’āsâ*),
and He rested on **the seventh day** [7 words]
from all His work which He had **done**(*made/’āsâ*).
- 3 Then God blessed **the seventh day** [7 words]
and sanctified it,
because on it He rested from all His work
which God had created(*bārā*) and **made**(*’āsâ*).

DAY 6

- 24 Then **God said**,
“Let **the earth**(*land*) produce living creatures
according to their kind:
livestock
and crawling things
and animals of the earth
according to their kind”;
and it was so.
- 25 God made
the animals of the earth according to their kind,
and the livestock according to their kind,
and everything that crawls on the ground according to
its kind;
and God saw that it was good.
- 26 Then **God said**,
“Let Us make mankind(*human/adam*)
in Our image,
according to Our likeness;
and let them rule
over the fish of the sea
and over the birds of the sky
and over the livestock
and over all **the earth**, (*land*)
and over every crawling thing that crawls on **the earth**.”
- 27 So God created man(*human/adam*) in His own image,
in the image of God He created him;
male and female He created them.
- 28 God blessed them;
and **God said** to them,
“Be fruitful and multiply,
and fill the earth,
and subdue it;
and rule over the fish of the sea
and over the birds of the sky
and over every living thing that moves on **the earth**.”
- 29 Then **God said**,
“Behold, I have given you
every plant yielding seed
that is on the surface of all **the earth**,
and every tree which has fruit yielding seed;
it shall be food for you;
- 30 and to every animal of **the earth**
and to every bird of the sky
and to everything that moves on **the earth**
which has life,
I have given every green plant for food”;
and it was so.
- 31 **And God saw all that He had made,
and behold, it was very good.**
And there was evening
and there was morning,
the sixth day.