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Genesis 1:1

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and in a different cultural context.



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1:2 And the earth(*land*) was a formless and desolate emptiness, (tohu va-vohu תהו ווהו) (*wild and waste*)
and darkness was over the surface of the deep, (תְּהוֹם tehom)
and the Spirit(*breath/wind*) of God was hovering over the surface of the waters. [2x7 words in Hebrew]
(רוּחַ ruahk) (מַיִם mayim)



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DAY 1

3 Then God said,

“**Let there be light**”;

and there was **light**.

4 God saw that the light was good;

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5 God called the **light** “**day**,”

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

And there was evening
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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.

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DAY 3

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DAY 4

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

and they shall serve as signs

and for seasons, and for days and years;

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

and it was so.

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

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

He made the stars also.

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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,
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which has life,

I have given every green plant for food”;
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31 And God saw all that He had made,
and behold, it was very good.

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DAY 7

2:1 And so the heavens(*skies*) and the earth(*land*)
were completed, and all their heavenly lights. (*host*)

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His work which He had **done**(*made/ 'āśâ*),
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1:1 Summary Prologue

*In the beginning, God **created** the skies and the land* [7 words]

1:2 Exposition of Prologue in 3 lines

*Now, the land was wild and waste (תהו ובהו tohu va-vohu)
and darkness was over the face of the deep abyss (תהום tehom) [7 x 2 words]
but the breath of Elohim was hovering over the face of the waters (המים hamayim)*

Day 1

Day 4

Day 2

Day 5

Day 3

Day 6

2:1 Summary Epilogue

"Thus were finished the skies and the land and all their host

2:2-3 Exposition of Epilogue in 3 lines

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- 2. And he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had **made*** [7 words]
- 3. And God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it* [7 words]
*because on it he rested from all his work which God **created to make*** [key word of 1:1]



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THE LAND			
wild/unordered (tohu)		and	waste/uninhabited (bohu)
The Skies	Day 1 "and God said..." light and dark / day and night evening & morning: day 1	↔	Day 4 "and God said..." lights separate and rule day and night evening and morning: day 4
	Day 2 "and God said..." The dome separates... ... the waters above ... the waters below evening & morning: day 2	↔	Day 5 "and God said..." Creatures in the waters ... birds by the waters above ... fish in the waters below evening & morning: day 5
The Land	Day 3 "and God said..." the waters below gather the dry land emerges	↔	Day 6 "and God said..." land creatures emerge from the dry land humans appointed to rule
	+1 Bonus! plants and seed emerges from the ground evening & morning: day 3		+1 Bonus! and provided with trees, plants and seed evening & morning: day 6
AND SO THEY WERE COMPLETED			
the skies and the land		and	all of their hosts

Host of the Skies

Host of the Land



Genesis 1 reveals
God's divine essence
and character:
LOVE that generates **LIFE**.



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INVITATION > COMMAND