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רַאשׁית בָּרָא אֱלֹהֵים אֵת הַשְּׁמֵים וְאֵת הָאֶֶרָץ:

Genesis 1:1

The Bible is an ancient text, written in a different language and in a different cultural context.





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And there was evening	
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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";(<i>land</i>)
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DAY 2

- "Let there be an <u>expanse</u> (dome/firmament/rāqîa)



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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.

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 3

11 Then God said, "Let the earth (land) sprout

DAY 1

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And there was evening and there was morning, one day.



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DAY 4

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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, 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.



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		and the livestock according to their
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	and every tree which has fruit yielding seed;
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13 And there was evening and there was morning, a third day.



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2 God completed on the seventh day [7 words] His work which He had done(made/ʿāśâ), and He rested on the seventh day [7 words] from all His work which He had done(made/ \bar{a} s \hat{a}). 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(*ʿāśâ*).



DAY 7 **2:1** And so the heavens(*skies*) and the earth(*land*) were completed, and all their heavenly lights. (host)

and fill the earth, and subdue it; and rule over the and over the birds and over every living th 29 Then God said, "Behold, I have given y every plant yielding that is on the surface and every tree whi it shall be food for yo 30 and to every animal and to every bird of and to everything th which has life, I have given every g and it was so. 31 And God saw all the and behold, it was v And there was evening and there was morning the sixth day.



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Summary Prologue 1:1

In the beginning, God **created** the skies and the land

1:2 Exposition of Prologue in 3 lines

Now, the land was wild and waste (תהו ווהו 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

Summary Epilogue 2:1

"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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- 3. And God blessed the seventh da
 - because on it he rested from a



[7 words]

enth day his work which he had made	[7 words]
ay from all his work which he had made	[7 words]
lay and sanctified it	[7 words]
all his work which God created to make	[key word of 1:1]







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10 And there were evening



DAY 2

6 Then God said,

"Let there be an <u>expanse</u> (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

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wild/unordered (tohu)

Day 1 "and God said..." light and dark / day and night evening & morning: day 1

Day 2 "and God said..." The dome separates... ... the waters above ... the waters below evening & morning: day 2

Day 3 "and God said..." the waters below gather the dry land emerges

+1 Bonus! plants and seed emerges from the ground evening & morning: day 3

the skies and the land all of their hosts and

The Land

The Skies



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THE LAND

waste/uninhabited (bohu) and

Day 4

"and God said..." lights separate and rule day and night evening and morning: day 4

Day 5

"and God said..." Creatures in the waters ... birds by the waters above ... fish in the waters below evening & morning: day 5

Day 6

"and God said..." land creatures emerge from the dry land humans appointed to rule

+1 Bonus!

and provided with trees, plants and seed evening & morning: day 6

AND SO THEY WERE COMPLETED

Host of the Land

Host of the Skies



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



God is depicted as a royal artist summoning creation to be what it's capable of being.



INVITATION > COMMAND

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