

GENESIS

The Creation of the World

In the ^abeginning, God created the heavens and the earth. ²The earth was ^bwithout form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

³And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

⁶And God said, “Let there be an expanse¹ in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” ⁷And God made² the expanse and ^cseparated the waters that were ^Jabove the expanse. And it was so. ⁸And God called the expanse Heaven.³ And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

⁹And God said, ^g“Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. ¹⁰God called the dry land Earth,⁴ and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good.

¹¹And God said, ^h“Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants⁵ yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, on the earth.” And it was so. ¹²The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed according to their own kinds, and trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. ¹³And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

¹⁴And God said, “Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for ^ssigns and for ^jseasons,⁶ and for days and years,¹⁵ and let them be lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. ¹⁶And God ^kmade the two great lights—the

greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. ¹⁷And God set them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth, ¹⁸to ^lrule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

²⁰And God said, “Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures, and let birds⁷ fly above the earth across the expanse of the heavens.” ²¹So ^mGod created the great sea creatures and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. ²²And God blessed them, saying, ⁿ“Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” ²³And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

²⁴And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds—livestock and creeping things and beasts of the earth according to their kinds.” And it was so. ²⁵And God made the beasts of the earth according to their kinds and the livestock according to their kinds, and everything that creeps on the ground according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

²⁶Then God said, ^o“Let us make man⁸ in our image, ^pafter our likeness. And ^qlet them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”

27 So God created man in his own image,
in the image of God he created him;
^rmale and female he created them.

Chapter 1 ¹Job 38:4-7; Ps. 33:6; 136:5; Isa. 42:5; 45:18; John 1:1-3; Acts 14:15; 17:24; Col. 1:16, 17; Heb. 1:10; 11:3; Rev. 4:11 ²Jer. 4:23 ³2 Cor. 4:6 ⁶Job 37:18; Ps. 136:5; Jer. 10:12; 51:15 ⁷Prov. 8:27-29 ⁹Ps. 148:4 ⁹Job 38:8-11; Ps. 33:7; 136:6; Jer. 5:22; 2 Pet. 3:5 ¹¹Ps. 104:14 ¹⁴Jer. 10:2; Ezek. 32:7, 8; Joel 2:30, 31; 3:15; Matt. 24:29; Luke 21:25 ¹⁷Ps. 104:19 ¹⁶Deut. 4:19; Ps. 136:7-9 ¹⁸Jer. 31:35 ²¹Ps. 104:25, 26 ²²ch. 8:17; 9:1 ²⁶ch. 3:22; 11:7; Isa. 6:8 ²⁷ch. 5:1; 9:6; 1 Cor. 11:7; Eph. 4:24; Col. 3:10; James 3:9 ⁹ch. 9:2; Ps. 8:6-8; James 3:7 ²⁷ch. 2:18, 21-23; 5:2; Mal. 2:15; Matt. 19:4; Mark 10:6

¹Or a canopy; also verses 7, 8, 14, 15, 17, 20 ²Or fashioned; also verse 16 ³Or Sky; also verses 9, 14, 15, 17, 20, 26, 28, 30; 2:1 ⁴Or Land; also verses 11, 12, 22, 24, 25, 26, 28, 30; 2:1 ⁵Or small plants; also verses 12, 29 ⁶Or appointed times ⁷Or flying things; see Leviticus 11:19-20 ⁸The Hebrew word for man (adam) is the generic term for mankind and becomes the proper name Adam

²⁸ And God blessed them. And God said to them, ⁵“Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.” ²⁹ And God said, “Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. ¹You shall have them for food. ³⁰ And ^uto every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. ³¹ ^vAnd God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

The Seventh Day, God Rests

2 Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and ^wall the host of them. ² And ^xon the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done. ³ So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation.

The Creation of Man and Woman

⁴ ^yThese are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens.

⁵ When no ^zbush of the field¹ was yet in the land² and no small plant of the field had yet sprung up—for the LORD God had not caused it to rain on the land, and there was no man ^ato work the ground, ⁶and a mist³ was going up from the land and was watering the whole face of the ground—⁷then the LORD God formed the man of ^bdust from the ground and ^cbreathed into his ^dnostrils the breath of life, and ^ethe man became a living creature. ⁸And the LORD God planted a ^fgarden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed. ⁹And out of the ground the LORD God made to spring up every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. ⁸The tree of life was

in the midst of the garden, ^hand the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

¹⁰ A river flowed out of Eden to water the garden, and there it divided and became four rivers. ¹¹ The name of the first is the Pishon. It is the one that flowed around the whole land of ⁱHavilah, where there is gold. ¹² And the gold of that land is good; bdellium and onyx stone are there. ¹³ The name of the second river is the Gihon. It is the one that flowed around the whole land of Cush. ¹⁴ And the name of the third river is the ^jTigris, which flows east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates.

¹⁵ The LORD God took the man ^kand put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it. ¹⁶ And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, “You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, ¹⁷but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil ^lyou shall not eat, for in the day that you eat⁴ of it you ^mshall surely die.”

¹⁸ Then the LORD God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; ⁿI will make him a helper fit for⁵ him.” ¹⁹ Now out of the ground the LORD God had formed⁶ every beast of the field and every bird of the heavens and ^pbrought them to the man to see what he would call them. And whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. ²⁰ The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam⁷ there was not found a helper fit for him. ²¹ So the LORD God caused a ^qdeep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. ²² And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made⁸ into a woman and brought her to the man. ²³ Then the man said,

“This at last is ^rbone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was ^staken out of Man.”⁹

²⁴ ^tTherefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they

²⁸⁵ ch. 9:1, 7 ²⁹⁹ ch. 9:3; Ps. 104:14, 15; 145:15, 16 ³⁰¹⁰ Ps. 147:9 ³¹¹¹ Eccles. 7:29; 1 Tim. 4:4 **Chapter 2** ¹¹² Deut. 4:19; Ps. 33:6 ²¹³ Ex. 20:8-11; 31:17; Deut. 5:12-14; Heb. 4:4 ⁴¹⁴ ch. 1:1 ⁵¹⁵ [ch. 1:11, 12] ⁶¹⁶ ch. 3:23 ⁷¹⁷ ch. 3:19, 23; 18:27; Ps. 103:14; Eccles. 12:7; 1 Cor. 15:47 ⁸¹⁸ ch. 7:22; Job 33:4; Isa. 2:22 ⁹¹⁹ Job 27:3 ¹⁰²⁰ Cited 1 Cor. 15:45 ⁸²¹ ver. 15; ch. 13:10; Isa. 51:3; Ezek. 28:13; 31:8; Joel 2:3 ⁹²² ch. 3:22; Rev. 2:7; 22:2, 14 ¹¹²³ ver. 17 ¹¹²⁴ ch. 10:7, 29; 25:18; 1 Sam. 15:7 ¹⁴²⁵ Dan. 10:4 ¹⁵²⁶ ver. 8 ¹⁷²⁷ ch. 3:1-3, 11, 17 ¹⁸²⁸ Rom. 6:23; James 1:15 ¹⁸²⁹ 1 Cor. 11:9; 1 Tim. 2:13 ¹⁹³⁰ ch. 1:20, 24 ²⁰³¹ Ps. 8:6 ²¹³² ch. 15:12; 1 Sam. 26:12 ²³³³ ch. 29:14; Judg. 9:2; 2 Sam. 5:1; 19:13; [Eph. 5:28-30] ⁵³⁴ 1 Cor. 11:8 ²⁴³⁵ Cited Matt. 19:5; Mark 10:7; 1 Cor. 6:16; Eph. 5:31; [Ps. 45:10; 1 Cor. 7:10, 11]

¹ Or open country ² Or earth; also verse 6 ³ Or spring ⁴ Or when you eat ⁵ Or corresponding to; also verse 20 ⁶ Or And out of the ground the LORD God formed ⁷ Or the man ⁸ Hebrew built ⁹ The Hebrew words for woman (ishshah) and man (ish) sound alike

shall become one flesh.²⁵ And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

The Fall

3 Now ^uthe serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made.

He said to the woman, “Did God actually say, ‘You¹ shall not eat of any tree in the garden?’” ²And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, ³but God said, ^v‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.’” ^{4w}But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. ⁵For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” ⁶So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise,² she took of its fruit^x and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her,^y and he ate. ^{7z}Then the eyes of both were opened, ^aand they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

⁸And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool³ of the day, and the man and his wife ^bhid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. ⁹But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?” ⁴¹⁰And he said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, ^cbecause I was naked, and I hid myself.” ¹¹He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” ¹²The man said, ^d“The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate.” ¹³Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, ^e“The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

¹⁴The LORD God said to the serpent,

“Because you have done this,
cursed are you above all livestock
and above all beasts of the field;
on your belly you shall go,
and ^fdust you shall eat
all the days of your life.

¹⁵ I will put enmity between you and the woman,
and between your offspring⁵ and ^gher offspring;
^hhe shall bruise your head,
and you shall bruise his heel.”

¹⁶To the woman he said,

“I will surely multiply your pain in child-bearing;
ⁱin pain you shall bring forth children.
^jYour desire shall be for⁶ your husband,
and he shall ^krule over you.”

¹⁷And to Adam he said,

“Because you have listened to the voice of your wife
and have eaten of the tree
^lof which I commanded you,
‘You shall not eat of it,’
^mcursed is the ground because of you;
ⁿin pain you shall eat of it all the days
of your life;
¹⁸ thorns and thistles it shall bring forth
for you;
and you shall eat the plants of the field.
¹⁹ By the sweat of your face
you shall eat bread,
till you return to the ground,
for out of it you were taken;
^ofor you are dust,
and ^pto dust you shall return.”

²⁰The man called his wife’s name Eve, because she was the mother of all living.⁷

²¹And the LORD God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.

²²Then the LORD God said, ^q“Behold, the man has become like one of us in knowing good and evil. Now, lest he reach out his hand ^rand take also of the tree of life and eat, and live forever—” ²³therefore the LORD God sent him out from the garden of Eden ^sto work the ground from which he was taken. ²⁴He drove

Chapter 3 ¹Matt. 10:16; 2 Cor. 11:3; Rev. 12:9; 20:2 ³ch. 2:17 ^{4w}ver. 13; John 8:44; [2 Cor. 11:3] ⁶1 Tim. 2:14 ⁷ver. 12, 17; Hos. 6:7 ^{7c}ver. 5 ⁸ch. 2:25 ⁸[Ps. 139:1-12; Jer. 23:23, 24] ¹⁰ver. 7; ch. 2:25 ¹²ch. 2:18; Job 31:33 ¹³ver. 4; 2 Cor. 11:3; 1 Tim. 2:14 ¹⁴Isa. 65:25; Mic. 7:17 ¹⁵Isa. 7:14; Mic. 5:3; Matt. 1:23, 25; Luke 1:34, 35; Gal. 4:4; 1 Tim. 2:15 ¹⁶Rom. 16:20; Heb. 2:14; Rev. 20:1-3, 10 ¹⁶[John 16:21] ^{ch. 4:7}; Song 7:10 ⁶¹1 Cor. 11:3; 14:34; Eph. 5:22-24; Col. 3:18; 1 Tim. 2:11, 12; Titus 2:5; 1 Pet. 3:1, 5, 6 ¹⁷ch. 2:17 ⁷⁷ch. 5:29; [Rom. 8:20-22] ⁹Eccles. 2:22, 23 ¹⁹ch. 2:7; Ps. 103:14 ²⁰Job 34:15; Ps. 104:29; Eccles. 3:20; 12:7; Rom. 5:12 ²²ver. 5 ^{ch. 2:9} ²³ch. 2:5

¹In Hebrew you is plural in verses 1-5 ²Or to give insight ³Hebrew wind ⁴In Hebrew you is singular in verses 9 and 11 ⁵Hebrew seed; so throughout Genesis ⁶Or against ⁷Eve sounds like the Hebrew for life-giver and resembles the word for living

out the man, and at the east of the garden of Eden he placed the ¹cherubim and a flaming sword that turned every way to guard the way to the tree of life.

Cain and Abel

4 Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, “I have gotten ¹a man with the help of the LORD.” ²And again, she bore his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, and Cain a worker of the ground. ³In the course of time Cain brought to the LORD an offering of ⁴“the fruit of the ground, ⁴and Abel also brought of ^vthe first-born of his flock and of their fat portions. And the LORD ^whad regard for Abel and his offering, ⁵but ^xfor Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his face fell. ⁶The LORD said to Cain, “Why are you angry, and why has your face fallen? ⁷” If you do well, will you not be accepted? ² And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. ^zIts desire is for ³you, but you must rule over it.”

⁸Cain spoke to Abel his brother. ⁴ And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and ^a“killed him. ⁹Then the LORD said to Cain, “Where is Abel your brother?” He said, ^b“I do not know; am I my brother’s keeper?” ¹⁰And the LORD said, “What have you done? The voice of your brother’s blood ^cis crying to me from the ground. ¹¹And now ^dyou are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother’s blood from your hand. ¹²When you work the ground, it shall no longer yield to you its strength. You shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth.” ¹³Cain said to the LORD, “My ^epunishment is greater than I can bear. ⁵ ¹⁴Behold, ^fyou have driven me today away from the ground, and ⁸from your face I shall be hidden. I shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth, ^hand whoever finds me will kill me.” ¹⁵Then the LORD said to him, “Not so! If anyone kills Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him ⁱsevenfold.” And the LORD ^jput a mark on Cain, lest any who found him should attack him. ¹⁶Then Cain went away from the presence of the LORD and settled in the land of Nod, ⁶ east of Eden.

¹⁷Cain knew his wife, and she conceived and bore Enoch. When he built a city, he called

the name of the city after the name of his son, Enoch. ¹⁸To Enoch was born Irad, and Irad fathered Mehujael, and Mehujael fathered Methushael, and Methushael fathered Lamech. ¹⁹And Lamech took two wives. The name of the one was Adah, and the name of the other Zillah. ²⁰Adah bore Jabal; he was the father of those who dwell in tents and have livestock. ²¹His brother’s name was Jubal; he was the father of all those who play the lyre and pipe. ²²Zillah also bore Tubal-cain; he was the forger of all instruments of bronze and iron. The sister of Tubal-cain was Naamah.

²³Lamech said to his wives:

“Adah and Zillah, hear my voice;
you wives of Lamech, listen to what

I say:

I have killed a man for wounding me,
a young man for striking me.

²⁴ ^kIf Cain’s revenge is sevenfold,
then Lamech’s is seventy-sevenfold.”

²⁵And Adam knew his wife again, and she bore a son and called his name Seth, for she said, “God has appointed ⁷for me another offspring instead of Abel, for Cain killed him.” ²⁶To ^lSeth also a son was born, and he called his name ^mEnosh. At that time people began ⁿto call upon the name of the LORD.

Adam’s Descendants to Noah

5 This is the book of the generations of Adam. When God created man, ^ohe made him in the likeness of God. ²Male and female he created them, and he blessed them and named them Man ⁸ when they were created. ³When Adam had lived 130 years, he fathered a son in his own likeness, after his image, and ^pnamed him Seth. ⁴The days of Adam after he fathered Seth were 800 years; and he had other sons and daughters. ⁵Thus all the days that Adam lived were 930 years, ^rand he died.

⁶When Seth had lived 105 years, ^she fathered Enosh. ⁷Seth lived after he fathered

²⁴Ps. 18:10; 104:4; Heb. 1:7; [Ex. 25:18-22; Ezek. 28:11-16] **Chapter 4** ³Lev. 2:12; Num. 18:12 ⁴Ex. 13:12; Num. 18:17; Prov. 3:9 ⁵Heb. 11:4 ⁵[Prov. 21:27] ⁷Eccles. 8:12, 13; Isa. 3:10, 11; Rom. 2:6-11 ²ch. 3:16 ⁸Matt. 23:35; Heb. 12:24; 1 John 3:12; Jude 11 ⁹John 8:44 ¹⁰Heb. 12:24; [Rev. 6:10] ¹¹Deut. 27:24; [Num. 35:33] ¹³ch. 19:15 ¹⁴Job 15:20-24 ²Kgs. 24:20; Ps. 51:11; 143:7; Jer. 52:3 ⁹ch. 9:6; Num. 35:19 ¹⁵Ps. 79:12 [Ezek. 9:4, 6; Rev. 14:9, 11] ²⁴ver. 15 ²⁶1 Chr. 1:1; Luke 3:38 ⁷ch. 5:6 ⁶Ps. 116:17; Zeph. 3:9; Zech. 13:9 **Chapter 5** ¹See ch. 1:26, 27 ³ch. 4:25 ⁴For ver. 4-32, see 1 Chr. 1:1-4; Luke 3:36-38 ⁵ch. 3:19 ⁶ch. 4:26

¹Cain sounds like the Hebrew for gotten ²Hebrew will there not be a lifting up [of your face]? ³Or against ⁴Hebrew; Samaritan, Septuagint, Syriac, Vulgate add Let us go out to the field ⁵Or My guilt is too great to bear ⁶Nod means wandering ⁷Seth sounds like the Hebrew for he appointed ⁸Hebrew adam