

GENESIS

The Beginning

1 In the beginning^a God created the heavens and the earth.^b ²Now the earth was formless and empty,^c darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God^d was hovering over the waters.

³And God said,^e "Let there be light," and there was light.^f ⁴God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light "day," and the darkness he called "night."^g And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day.

⁶And God said, "Let there be a vault^h between the waters to separate water from water."⁷ So God made the vault and separated the water under the vault from the water above it.ⁱ And it was so. ⁸God called the vault "sky." And there was evening, and there was morning—the second day.

⁹And God said, "Let the water under the sky be gathered to one place,^j and let dry ground appear." And it was so. ¹⁰God called the dry ground "land," and the gathered waters he called "seas." And God saw that it was good.

¹¹Then God said, "Let the land produce vegetation:^k seed-bearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit with seed in it, according to their various kinds." And it was so. ¹²The land produced vegetation: plants bearing seed according to their kinds and trees bearing fruit with seed in it according to their kinds. 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^l in the vault of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them serve as signs^m to mark sacred times,ⁿ and days and years, ¹⁵and let them be lights in the vault of the sky to give light on the earth." And it was so. ¹⁶God made two great lights—the greater light to govern^o the day and the lesser light to govern^p the night. He also made the stars.^q ¹⁷God set them in the vault of the sky to give light on the earth, ¹⁸to govern the day and the night,^r and to separate light from darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹And there was evening, and there was morning—the fourth day.

^{1:1} ^aJn 1:1-2
^bJob 38:4;
Ps 90:2;
Isa 42:5;
44:24; 45:12;
18; Ac 17:24;
Heb 11:3;
Rev 4:11
^{1:2} ^cJer 4:23
^dPs 104:30
^{1:3} ^ePs 33:6;
9; 148:5;
Heb 11:3
^fCo 4:6^g
^{1:5} ^fPs 74:16
^{1:6} ^gJer 10:12
^{1:7} ^hJob 38:8-11, 16;
Ps 148:4
^{1:9} ⁱJob 38:8-11; Ps 104:6-9; Pr 8:29;
Jer 5:22;
2Pe 3:5
^{1:11} ^kPs 65:9-13; 104:14
^{1:14} ^jPs 74:16
^mJer 10:2
ⁿPs 104:19
^{1:16} ^oPs 136:8
^pPs 136:9
^qJob 38:7;
31-32; Ps 8:3;
Isa 40:26
^{1:18} ^rJer 33:20, 25

^{1:21} ^sPs 104:25-26
^{1:22} ^tver 28;
Ge 8:17
^{1:25} ^uJer 27:5
^{1:26} ^vPs 100:3
^wGe 9:6;
Jas 3:9
^xPs 8:6-8
^{1:27} ^yCo 11:7;
^zGe 5:2;
Mt 19:4;
Mk 10:6^z
^{1:28} ^aGe 9:1;
7; Lev 26:9
^{1:29}

²⁰And God said, "Let the water teem with living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the vault of the sky."²¹ So God created the great creatures of the sea and every living thing with which the water teems and that moves about in it,²² according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. ²²God blessed them and said, "Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the water in the seas, and let the birds increase on the earth."²³ And there was evening, and there was morning—the fifth day.

²⁴And God said, "Let the land produce living creatures according to their kinds: the livestock, the creatures that move along the ground, and the wild animals, each according to its kind." And it was so. ²⁵God made the wild animals^u according to their kinds, the livestock according to their kinds, and all the creatures that move along the ground according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good.

²⁶Then God said, "Let us^v make mankind in our image,^w in our likeness, so that they may rule^x over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals,^a and over all the creatures that move along the ground."

²⁷So God created mankind in his own image,^y in the image of God he created them; male and female^z he created them.

²⁸God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth^a and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground."

²⁹Then God said, "I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food.^b ³⁰And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds in the sky and all the creatures that move along the ground—everything that has the

^a26 Probable reading of the original Hebrew text (see Syriac); Masoretic Text *the earth*

^bPs 104:14