

The Book of Beginnings

Intro: Beginning of: Energy, Matter, Space, Time, Life, Man, Sin, Death, Rain, Flood, Hebrews, Patriarchs, Covenants & Promises, Names of God & Prophecies of Messiah

Genesis 1:1–31

1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

1) In the beginning - of Energy, Matter, Space, Time, Life...God already was.

* In contrast to Atheistic Scientific Theories such as the Big Bang & Evolution.

* "Events before the Big Bang are simply not defined, because there's no way one could measure what happened at them. Since events before the Big Bang have no observational consequences, one may as well cut them out of the theory, and say that time began at the Big Bang." Stephen Hawking (Also Harvard & Cornell)

* Everything/Atheistic Scientific Model begins w/"I don't know"/"Theory" - Unprovable

* The Bible begins with fact, and provable!

2) God = Heb/Elohim = plural of El = God = One God in a plural state = "Trinity"

3) Created – Bara – created something new, that did not exist prior – Gen 1& 2.

Isaiah 45:18 - For thus says the LORD, Who created the heavens, Who is God, Who formed the earth and made it, Who has established it, Who did not create it in vain, Who formed it to be inhabited: "I am the LORD, and there is no other.

LORD = Jehovah = YHWH – Personal Name of God (Elohim)

Created = Bara – something new that did not exist prior

Formed = Yatsar = to form as by a potter

Made = Asah = to make

Established = kuwn = to establish, to trim, to be stable

4. Heaven(s) = Shamayim = heaven(s), sky; visible & invisible; abode of birds, stars, God

5. Earth =

2 The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the **Spirit of God** was hovering over the face of the waters. (The Trinity was there!)

* See Spirit of God = Holy Spirit;

John 1:1–3 - In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.

First Day

3 Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. 4 And God saw the light, that it was good; and God divided the light from the darkness. 5 God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. So the evening and the morning were the first day.

* Light = Day; Darkness = Night; Evening (1st) & Morning (2nd) was the 1st Day. (Jewish)

Second Day

6 Then God said, "Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters." 7 Thus God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament; and it was so. 8 And God called the firmament Heaven. So the evening and the morning were the second day.

* Firmament = Expanse/Separated water above/below – Called firmament/heaven,

Third Day

9 Then God said, “Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear”; and it was so. **10** And God called the dry land Earth, and the gathering together of the waters He called Seas. And God saw that it was good. **11** Then God said, “Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb that yields seed, and the fruit tree that yields fruit according to its kind, whose seed is in itself, on the earth”; and it was so. **12** And the earth brought forth grass, the herb that yields seed according to its kind, and the tree that yields fruit, whose seed is in itself according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. **13** So the evening and the morning were the third day.

Fourth Day

14 Then God said, “Let there be lights in the firmament of the heavens to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs and seasons, and for days and years; **15** and let them be for lights in the firmament of the heavens to give light on the earth”; and it was so. **16** Then God made two great lights: the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night. He made the stars also. **17** God set them in the firmament of the heavens to give light on the earth, **18** and to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. **19** So the evening and the morning were the fourth day.

Fifth Day

20 Then God said, “Let the waters abound with an abundance of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the face of the firmament of the heavens.” **21** So God created great sea creatures and every living thing that moves, with which the waters abounded, according to their kind, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. **22** And God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” **23** So the evening and the morning were the fifth day.

Sixth Day

24 Then God said, “Let the earth bring forth the living creature according to its kind: cattle and creeping thing and beast of the earth, each according to its kind”; and it was so. **25** And God made the beast of the earth according to its kind, cattle according to its kind, and everything that creeps on the earth according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. **26** Then God said, “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, 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; male and female He created them.

28 Then God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.” **29** And God said, “See, I have given you every herb that yields seed which is on the face of all the earth, and every tree whose fruit yields seed; to you it shall be for food. **30** Also, to every beast of the earth, to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, in which there is life, I have given every green herb for food”; and it was so. **31** Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good. So the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

* **Psalm 19:1-4**

Romans 1:20 - For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse,