

# GENESIS

*THE BOOK OF BEGINNINGS*

Genesis 1 & 2: God Begins to Reveal Himself to Creation

**DAY 1:** Read 1:1-5 in NKJV

**GOD** (אֱלֹהִים) – “Elohim” plural form: meaning “The Almighty”

God creates the heavens and the earth in darkness, without form and void.

God’s first understood revelation of Himself is His **Creatorship**:

- Acts 17:22-26
- Psalm 14:1

Through His Creatorship His **Sovereignty** is seen:

- Isaiah 45:9-13
- Deut. 10:12-14
- Jeremiah 18:6-11
- Isaiah 29:15-16

God’s Creatorship also makes His first demand on mankind’s relationship with Him: Faith.

- Hebrews 11:3
- 2 Peter 3:5-7

God’s **Eternality** is illuminated for us by His Creatorship and Sovereignty in that He preceded and created the beginning:

- 1 Timothy 1:17
- Revelation 1:8
- Isaiah 44:6
- Isaiah 40:28

**THE SPIRIT OF GOD** (רוּחַ אֱלֹהִים) – Ruach Elohim The Breath of God)

God reveals Himself as the **Spirit of God**, Who is revealed to be God’s intimate and active connection with His creation:

- Genesis 1:2 and 2:7
- Job 33:4
- Job 26:13
- Psalm 104:30

In the Spirit of God is His first revelation of His **love** demonstrated by His interaction with creation; “hovering” (Hebrew: Rachaph) means a “tremulous quaking as with love”:

- John 3:16
- Romans 5:5
- 1 John 4:8
- Titus 3:4-5
- Matthew 22:37-40

By the Spirit we see the first reality between God and His creation; that He is never far off:

- Acts 17:27-28

God's Creative nature is revealed as **the Word**:

- John 1:1-3, 14-18

The first and only non-created expression of the Word is **The Light**:

- John 1:4-5, 9-13
- John 8:12
- John 9:5

Note; the Light is the only **non-created** expression of the Word:

- Genesis 1:1
- Genesis 1:16
- Genesis 1:25
- Genesis 1:7
- Genesis 1:21
- Genesis 1:27

It is in the Light that we see the first revelation of God's **holiness** (He separated the light from the darkness):

- 2 Corinthians 6:14- 7:1

God's holiness expresses His first commandment upon creation (God separated the light from the dark):

- 2 Corinthians 4:6
- 1 Thessalonians 5:4-10
- Ephesians 5:8-11

## UNDERSTANDING THE FIRST DAY'S PROPHETIC PICTURE OF THE LAST DAYS JUDGMENT

In the first day, God creates the earth in darkness, desolate and empty: there is no light of God's Word yet. It is a picture of the judgment God will bring upon the world in the last days because of the darkness that will be "over the face of the world".

- Jeremiah 4:23-28

This judgment is revealed to be because the world becomes unthankful and forgets God:

- 2 Peter 3:10-13
- Romans 1:18-32

Prophecy reveals that mankind will try and defy God's created order, therefore, God's judgment in the last days follows very closely His creation in the former days (observe the 7 Trumpets):

- Revelation 8:7-9:21, 11:15-19
- Revelation 6:8
- Revelation 9:1-11

**DAY 2:** Read 1:6-8 in HCSB

God begins to give the earth form.

He establishes the “sky” and sets the laws of physics that govern the atmosphere into place.

God begins revealing and establishing His glory and sovereignty in creation.

- Proverbs 8:27-29
- Psalm 148:4

**DAY 3:** Read 1:9-13 in HCSB

God begins to gather the waters into “seas” and forms the dry land.

He clothes the “earth” with vegetation.

He established “kinds” according to their seed.

He established the principle and spiritual law of “sowing” and “reaping”.

- Galatians 6:7
- Job 4:8
- Proverbs 1:31
- Isaiah 5:1-7

**DAY 4:** Read 1:14-19 in HCSB

God establishes the Sun to rule the day (Pointing to Christ).

God establishes the Moon and stars to rule the night (Pointing to Satan and his angels).

The spiritual principles of “Day” and “Night” further established; the lights given to dominate day and night were intended to separate “light” from “darkness”.

He established signs in the sky for festivals, days, and years; the circuits of the stars and galaxies were set in place.

- Deut. 4:19
- Psalm 104:19
- Psalm 136:5-9
- Isaiah 40:26
- Jeremiah 33:25-26

**DAY 5:** Read 1:20-23 in HCSB

God created the fish and the birds- everything that lives in the sea and in the sky- and made them “according to their kinds”; He blessed them and commanded them to “be fruitful and multiply”.

- Psalm 104:24-31

**DAY 6:** Read 1:24-31 & 2:18-25 in NKJV

God created the wildlife of the earth, each according to their kind.

The unity of God’s diversity is further revealed when God said “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness”. So “God created man in His image; He created mankind, male and female.”

God made man in His image, and gave man dominion over the land and the sea.

God’s great act of creation was finished.

- Genesis 9:6
- James 3:9
- Ecclesiastes 7:29
- Psalm 100:3
- Psalm 8:3-5
- 1 Corinthians 11:7
- John 15:26-27
- Matthew 19:1-9
- 1 Timothy 4:3-4

**DAY 7:** Read 2:1-3 in NKJV

God closed His work of creation.

The seventh day is blessed and set apart as holy (sanctified); God establishes the foundation for the prophetic sign of the Sabbath, which points to the Lord of the Sabbath.

- Exodus 20:8-11
- Leviticus 23:3

**THE HISTORY OF CREATION:** Read 2:4-7 in HCSB

THE LORD GOD (יהוה “YHVH” singular form: God’s proper name) (אלהים – “Elohim” plural form: meaning “The Almighty”)- Literally “Jehovah Elohim”.

Now Scripture brings to light a name for the great “Unity in Diversity” nature of God: “Jehovah Elohim”, or “The LORD God”. The singular form of the Father’s name given to the plural form of His divine diversity!

Before God gave man to tend the ground, there was no rain; rather, dew came up from the ground and watered the whole face of the earth.

Man was formed from the dust of the ground.

God breathed the breath of life into man, and he became “a living being”.

- Psalm 103:14
- 1 Corinthians 15:45-49

**GOD'S GARDEN IN EDEN:** Read 2:8-17 (account reads through 25) in HCSB

God tended.

Abundant with every good fruit: both beautiful and good for food.

Contained the tree of life.

Contained the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

Man given dominion to tend and care for the Garden of God.

The structure of the family and union between man and woman given by God.

No guilt or shame.

No death.

Everything is "very good".

- Isaiah 51:3