

Bereisheet בראשית

“In the beginning”



God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. So the evening and the morning were one day (Yom Echad). Genesis 1:5

In this first weekly portion of the Torah we learn of creation and the beginning of humanity, followed by man's choice of darkness over light. This choice led to great wickedness of the entire earth all the time, resulting in God's judgment of man, along with land animals and birds of the air.

In Genesis 1:1, God created the Heavens and the Earth. By this, we know that God existed before creation, so God is eternal with no beginning or end. He has complete authority over everything He created. The God of all authority is known as Father God.

In Genesis 1:2, the Spirit of God was also present at creation. This means the Spirit of God is also eternal. He was hovering over the entire surface of the Earth. The Earth was covered with emptiness, darkness, and water. Water represents instability. By this, we know that the spirit of God is powerful and able to bring perfect order to chaos. The Spirit of God is known as the Holy Spirit. Holy means set apart for the purposes of God.

In Genesis 1:3, we learn of God's spoken Word. The Word of God commanded that light exist. This light brings understanding to creation and allows order to occur. The Word of God is the source for understanding. The Word of God is eternal and is revealed later as God the Son.

In Genesis 1:4, God saw the light and said it was good, He did not say that the darkness was good. This light that did not come from the sun, moon or stars could be seen and understood. God separated the darkness from the light. Darkness and light are two separate entities.

In Genesis 1:5, God named the light Day and the darkness Night. Names are synonymous with character. The character of Night is emptiness, disorder, darkness with no comprehension and instability. The character of Day is fullness, order, light with comprehension and stability. God took these two separate entities and put them together to form one entity called Day One (Yom Echad). Likewise, God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit are three separate persons that are revealed as One God (Adonai Eloheinu Echad).

Pray First

Father God,

You deserve all honor, glory and praise. You are our Creator and our Sustainer. We thank You for Your great love and care. Please help us know You as we study Your Holy Scripture and meditate on it.

In Yeshua's Name we pray. Amen

Read Next

Genesis 1:1 - 6:8

Recap Review Fun

Direction: Write all the number's of the characteristics that describe each Name below the name.

Names:

God the Father

____ , ____

God the Son

____ , ____ , ____

God the Holy Spirit

____ , ____ , ____ , ____

Day/light

____ , ____ , ____ , ____

Night/darkness

____ , ____ , ____ , ____

Characteristics:

1. Darkness

2. Power

3. Authority

4. Visible/known

5. Eternal

6. Chaos

7. Good

8. Empty

9. Understanding

10. Order

11. Word

12. Unstable

13. Full



In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. John 1:4

~John 1:1-18~

In this passage of Scripture we learn the Word, Who spoke all creation into existence, became flesh and lived on Earth in human form. He was visible for all to see. In Him was the same life-giving force that was present in the beginning! The life-giving force, Messiah Yeshua, is the only possible light and life for men. This life-giving light shines in the darkness to make us one with God, being considered Children of God.

Yes, it is true; everyone who believes in the Name of Messiah Yeshua receives the right to become a Child of God, being reborn in spirit. Remember, name means character. The character of Messiah Yeshua, which one must believe in to have eternal life from death, includes these truths and traits:

- Messiah Yeshua was placed in His mother's womb by the power of the Holy Spirit
- Messiah Yeshua left His glory in Heaven to be revealed on Earth to men
- Messiah Yeshua was without sin His entire life in human form
- Messiah Yeshua submitted to the will of God the Father at all times
- Messiah Yeshua performed many miracles/signs
- Messiah Yeshua gave up His life, dying for the sake of humanity, to redeem the world from sin
- Messiah Yeshua's sacrifice offers salvation from sin to those who trust in Him
- Messiah Yeshua came back to life after three days, being victorious over sin/death
- Messiah Yeshua ascended back into Heaven after 40 days, where He is currently seated at the right hand of God

Pray First

Father God,

We praise You for revealing the Word, Your Only Begotten Son. We thank You for giving life through Him to all who understand and trust in His birth, life, death and resurrection for victory over darkness and separation from You. Please give us understanding as we study the Holy Scriptures.

In Yeshua's Name we pray. Amen

Read Next

John 1:1-18, Isaiah 42:5-43:10,
1 Thessalonians 5:4-5

Thus said God the LORD, Who created the heavens and stretched them out, Who spread forth the earth, and that which comes from it, Who gives breath to the people on it, and spirit to those who walk on it.

Isaiah 42:5

Isaiah 42:5-43:10

In this passage of Scripture, we learn even more about the Word (Yeshua), the Son of God. He is called God the LORD because He paid the price to redeem us from the darkness of sin, offering victory over death. Messiah Yeshua is coming back to Earth to establish the Kingdom of God! Father God gives the Holy Spirit to all who believe in the Word and confess His Name as God the LORD. By no other name can one be saved. The Holy Spirit is placed inside each person the moment they believe and can never be removed. The Holy Spirit is a gift from Father God, Who has the authority to give it. The Holy Spirit is very powerful and unites us with God, even though we were born in darkness. He teaches us the truth and equips us to live our lives in submission to God. Submitting to God's Will brings fullness, order, comprehension and stability to our bodies of darkness. The more we choose to submit to the Holy Spirit, the more the light shines in the darkness. The Holy Spirit is our personal guarantee of salvation!



But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief.

You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness. | Thessalonians 5:4-5

This Day of Yeshua's return to establish the Kingdom of God on Earth is in our future. Since Adam and Eve chose not to submit to God by eating of the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil, all humans are born in sin/darkness. This darkness separates man from the light of the world. God's desire is to reunite man to Himself through His Son, by the power of His Spirit.

These final verses teach us of the changes that take place when we are connected to God. We are now called Sons of the Day because we have become His Children. We are called brethren because we have become members of God's family. Even though we were born in darkness, now we are reborn by His Spirit into His life-giving light. God wants us to know Him and to be watching for Messiah Yeshua's return. He wants us to be faithful to His promises until He returns. God has given us all we need to be ready. It is our choice!



Numbers in the Bible

Hey, do you know that numbers in the Bible have meaning?
The meaning of numbers stay the same throughout Scripture.
Let's take a look at numbers 1-7 and see how they connect to the beginning.

1
Unity

God **united** darkness and light to form Day One.

2
Different
Separate

God made the sky or heavens. This **separated** the water above from the water below forming two **different** locations.

3
Reveal

God gathered the waters under heaven together and **revealed** the land.

4
World

God placed lights in the sky for signs, keeping time and for seasons (moedim). No matter where you are in the **world**, these lights can be seen.

5
Incomplete

God filled the water and skies with living creatures. However, creation was **incomplete** because the land was without living creatures.

6
Grace

God created land animals and man. Everything God created was a gift of God's **Grace**, or underserved favor.

7
Rest
Holy

When God was finished with all that He created, He rested and created a day of **rest**. God set this day apart from all the others, making it **holy**.

Recap Review Fun

Direction: Draw a line to the correct statement/numbers.

Light

1

Reveal

Land animals/
man

2

Different/
separate

Land/Vegetation

3

Holy

Birds/fish

4

Incomplete

Rest

5

Grace

Sky

6

Unity

Sun/moon/stars

7

World

