

Genesis 1:1—2:25

^{1,1} In the beginning the Creator made heaven and earth.

² The earth was invisible and without-order. Darkness was upon the abyss and the Creator's Spirit was bearing-down upon the water. ³ The Creator said,

“Light, become!”

And light became. ⁴ The Creator saw that the light was beautiful. The Creator then separated the light and the dark. ⁵ The Creator called the light, “day,” and he called the dark, “night.” Evening became and morning became, day one.

⁶ The Creator then said,

“Space, become in the midst of the water! It must separate water from water!”

⁷ The Creator made the space and separated the water below the space from the water above the space. ⁸ The Creator called the space, “heaven.” The Creator saw that it was beautiful. Evening became and morning became, day two.

⁹ The Creator then said,

“Water below heaven, come together as one! The dry-land must be seen!”

And it became like this. The water below heaven gathered together in collections and the dry-land was seen. ¹⁰ The Creator called the dry-land, “earth,” and the standings of the waters he called, “seas.” The Creator saw that it was beautiful. ¹¹ The Creator said,

“Earth, grow a plant of grass, scattering seed according to group and likeness, and a fruitful tree, making fruit with its seed within it according to group upon the earth!”

And it became like this. ¹² The earth brought forth a plant of grass, scattering seed according to group and likeness, and a fruitful tree, making fruit with its seed within it according to group upon the earth. The Creator saw that it was beautiful. ¹³ Evening became and morning became, day three.

¹⁴ The Creator then said,

“Lights, become in the space of heaven for lighting the earth and to separate day from night! They must be for signs and for seasons and for days and for years. ¹⁵ They must be for lighting in the space of heaven to bring-light to the earth.”

And it became like this. ¹⁶ The Creator made the two great lights. The greater light for ruling the day and the lesser light for ruling the night and the stars. ¹⁷ The Creator put them in the space of heaven to bring-light upon the earth ¹⁸ and to rule the day and night and to separate light from dark. The Creator saw that it was beautiful. ¹⁹ Evening became and morning became, day four.

²⁰ The Creator then said,

“Waters, bring forth slithering-creatures of living souls and flying flying-creatures upon the earth according to the space of heaven!”

And it became like this. ²¹ The Creator made the great sea-creatures and every soul of living slithering-creatures which the waters brought-out according to their group and every feathered flying-creature according to group. The Creator saw that they were beautiful. ²² The Creator blessed them, saying,

“Grow and multiply! Fill the waters in the seas and the flying-creatures must multiply upon the earth!”

²³ Evening became and morning became, day five.

²⁴ The Creator said,

“Earth, bring-forth a living soul according to group, four-footed-creatures and slithering-creatures and beasts of the earth according to group!”

And it became like this. ²⁵ The Creator made the beasts of the earth according to group and the owned-animals according to group and all the slithering-creatures of the earth according to their group. The Creator saw that they were beautiful. ²⁶

The Creator said,

“We will make a human according to our image and likeness. They will rule the fishes of the sea and the flying-creatures of heaven and the owned-animals and all the earth and all the slithering-creatures slithering upon the earth.”

²⁷ The Creator made the human. According to the image of the Creator he made the human. Male and female he made them. ²⁸ The Creator blessed them, saying,

“Grow and multiply! Fill the earth and lord-over it. Rule the fishes of the sea and the flying-creatures of heaven and all the owned-animals and all the earth and all the slithering-creatures slithering upon the earth.”

²⁹ The Creator said to humans,

“Look, I have given to you every seed-bearing grass scattering seed upon the earth and every tree having a fruit of seed on it. This will be food for you. ³⁰ To all of the beasts of the earth and all the flying-creatures of heaven and all the slithering-creatures which slither upon the earth that have a living soul within them, I give all the green grasses for food.”

And it became like this. ³¹ The Creator saw all things, as much as he made, and, look, they were very beautiful. Evening became and morning became, day six.

^{2.1} Heaven and earth and all of their cosmos were completed. ² The Creator completed his works on the sixth day, the things he made. He rested on the seventh day from all his works which he made. ³ The Creator blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all his works which he began to make.

⁴ This is the story of the genesis of heaven and earth when it became on the day the Creator made heaven and earth. ⁵ It was before any green-plant of agriculture had become and before all grasses of agriculture had sprung-up. For the Creator had not yet sent-rain upon the earth and there was no human to work the earth. ⁶ A spring of water came out of the earth and it was watering all the face of the earth.

⁷ The Creator formed the soil human from the earth and breathed into his face the breath of life. The human became with a living soul. ⁸ The Lord Creator planted a paradise in Joy (Eden) at the springing-up and there he placed the human he had formed. ⁹ From the earth, the Creator sprang-up every wonderful tree for viewing and beautiful tree for food. The Tree of Life was in the middle of the paradise as well as the Tree of Perceiving the Knowledge of Beauty and Ugliness. ¹⁰ A river is journeying-out of Joy to water the paradise. From there it is separating into four sources. ¹¹ The name of the first is Scattering (Pishon). This one is around the whole land of Arabia where there is gold. ¹² The gold of that land is beautiful. And there is also charcoal and the green stone. ¹³ The name of the second river is Bursting (Gihon). This one is around all the land of Ethiopia. ¹⁴ The third river is Piercing (Tigris). This is the one that is journeying opposite of Prosperity (Assyria). The fourth river is Fruitful (Euphrates).

¹⁵ The Lord Creator took the human he had formed and placed him in the paradise to work and protect it. ¹⁶ The Lord Creator commanded the Earthling (Adam), saying,

“You may eat food from every tree in the paradise. ¹⁷ But from the Tree of Knowing Beauty and Ugliness, you must not eat from it. On the day you eat from it, you will die by death.”

¹⁸ The Lord Creator said,

“It is not beautiful for the human to be alone. We should make for him a helper according to him.”

¹⁹ From out of the earth, the Creator had formed all the beasts of agriculture and all the flying-creatures of heaven and brought them to Earthling to see what he would call them. And whatever the Earthling called each living soul, this became its name. ²⁰ The Earthling gave names to all the owned-animals and all the flying-creatures of heaven and all the beasts of agriculture. But for the Earthling, a similar helper for him was not found. ²¹ So the Creator put a displacement upon the Earthling and he slept. The Creator took one of his sides and filled-up flesh against it. ²² The Lord Creator built the side which he took from the Earthling into a woman and led her to the Earthling. ²³ The Earthling said,

“This is now bone from my bones and flesh from my flesh. She will be called ‘woman’ because she was taken from her man.”

²⁴ Because of this a human will leave-behind his father and mother and will join his woman and the two will be one flesh.

²⁵ The two were naked, both the Earthling and his woman and they were not ashamed.