

THE BOOK OF  
**Genesis**

**Chapter 1**

**I**n the beginning God made the heaven and the earth. 2 And the earth was invisible and without form and darkness was over the abyss and the Spirit of God moved over the water. 3 And God said, Let light be created, and light was created. 4 And God saw the light that it was good, and God divided between the light and between the darkness. 5 And God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night, and there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

6 And God said, Let a firmament be created in the midst of the water, and let it be a division between water and water, and it was so. 7 And God made the firmament, and God divided between the water, which was under the firmament, and the water, which was above the firmament. 8 And God called the firmament Sky, and God saw that it was good, and there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

9 And God said, Let the water, which is under the sky be collected into one place, and let the dry land appear, and it was so. And the water, which was under the sky, was collected into its places, and the dry land appeared. 10 And God called the dry land Earth, and the gatherings of the waters He called Seas, and God saw that it was good. 11 And God said, Let the earth bring forth the herb of grass bearing seed according to its kind and according to its likeness, and the fruit tree bearing fruit whose seed is in it, according to its kind on the earth, and it was so. 12 And the earth brought forth the herb of grass bearing seed according to its kind and according to its likeness, and the fruit tree bearing fruit whose seed is in it, according to its kind on the earth, and God saw that it was good. 13 And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

14 And, God said Let luminaries be created in the firmament of the sky to give light upon the earth, to divide between day and night, and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and for years. 15 And let them be for light in the firmament of the sky, so as to shine upon the earth, and it was so. 16 And

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20 And God said, Let the waters bring forth reptiles having life and winged creatures flying above the earth in the firmament of the sky, and it was so. 21 And God made great sea creatures, and every living reptile, which the waters brought forth according to their kinds, and every creature that flies with wings according to its kind, and God saw that they were good. 22 And God blessed them, saying, Increase and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let the creatures that fly be multiplied on the earth. 23 And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

24 And God said, Let the earth bring forth the living creature according to its kind, quadrupeds and reptiles and wild beasts of the earth according to their kind, and it was so. 25 And God made the wild beasts of the earth according to their kind, and cattle according to their kind, and all the reptiles of the earth according to their kind, and God saw that they were good. 26 And God said, Let us make man according to our image and likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the flying creatures of the sky, and over the cattle and all the earth, and over all the reptiles that creep on the earth. 27 And God made man, according to the image of God He made him, male and female He made them. 28 And God blessed them, saying, Increase and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the seas and the flying creatures of the sky, and all the cattle and the earth, and all the reptiles that creep on the earth. 29 And God said, Behold I have given to you every seed bearing herb sowing seed which is upon all the earth, and every tree which has in itself the fruit of seed that is sown, to you it shall be for food. 30 And to all the wild beasts of the earth and to all the flying creatures of the sky and to every reptile creeping on the earth, which has in itself the breath of life, even every green plant for food; and it was so. 31 And God saw all the things that he had made, and behold they were very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

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**A**nd the heavens and the earth were finished, and the whole world of them. 2 And God finished on the sixth day His works, which He made, and He ceased on the seventh day from all His works which He made. 3 And God

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man to cultivate it.

6 But there raised a fountain out of the earth, and watered the whole face of the earth. 7 And God formed the man of dust of the earth and breathed upon his face the breath of life, and the man became a living soul.

8 And God planted a garden to the east in Edem, and placed there the man whom He formed. 9 And God made to spring up also out of the earth every tree beautiful to the eye and good for food, and the tree of life in the midst of the garden, and the tree of learning the knowledge of good and evil. 10 And a river proceeds out of Edem to water the garden; thence it divides itself into four heads. 11 The name of the one, Phisom, this it is which encircles the whole land of Evilat, where there is gold. 12 And the gold of that land is good; there also is carbuncle and emerald. 13 And the name of the second river is Geon; this it is which encircles the whole land of Ethiopia. 14 And the third river is Tigris; this is that which flows forth over against the Assyrians. And the fourth river is *the* Euphrates. 15 And the Lord God took the man whom He had formed, and placed him in the garden of delight, to cultivate and keep it. 16 And the Lord God gave a charge to Adam, saying, Of every tree that is in the garden thou may freely eat, 17 but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil; of it ye shall not eat, but in whatever day ye eat of it, ye shall surely die by death.

18 And the Lord God said, *It is* not good that the man is alone, let us make for him a helper. 19 And God formed yet farther out of the earth all the wild beasts of the field, and all the birds of the sky, and he brought them to Adam, to see what he would call them, and whatever Adam called any living creature, that was the name of it. 20 And Adam gave names to all the cattle and to all the birds of the sky and to all the wild beasts of the field, but for Adam there was not found a helper like himself? 21 And God brought a trance upon Adam, and he slept, and He took one of his ribs, and filled up the flesh instead thereof. 22 And God formed the rib, which He took from Adam into a woman, and brought her to Adam. 23 And Adam said, This now is bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called woman, because she was taken out of her man. 24 Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother and shall cleave to his wife, and they two shall be one flesh. 25 And the two were naked both Adam and his wife, and were not ashamed.

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3 but of the fruit of the tree which is in the middle of the garden, God said Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die. 4 And the serpent said to the woman, Ye should not surely die by death. 5 For God knew that in whatever day ye should eat of it your eyes would be opened and ye would be as gods, knowing good and evil. 6 And the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes to look upon and beautiful to contemplate and having taken of its fruit she ate, and she gave to her man also with her, and they ate. 7 And the eyes of both were opened, and they perceived that they were naked, and they sowed fig leaves together and made for themselves aprons.

8 And they heard the voice of the Lord God walking in the garden in the afternoon; and both Adam and his woman hid themselves from the face of the Lord God in the midst of the trees of the garden. 9 And the Lord God called Adam and said to him, Adam, where art thou? 10 And he said to Him, I heard thy voice as thou walked in the garden, and I feared because I was naked and I hid myself. 11 And God said to him, Who told thee that thou was naked, unless thou has eaten of the tree concerning which I charged thee of it alone not to eat? 12 And Adam said, The woman whom thou gave to be with me, she gave me of the tree and I ate. 13 And the Lord God said to the woman, Why has thou done this? And the woman said, The serpent deceived me and I ate. 14 And the Lord God said to the serpent, Because thou has done this thou art cursed above all cattle and all the beasts of the earth on thy breast and belly thou shall go, and thou shall eat earth all the days of thy life. 15 And I will put enmity between thee and the woman and between thy seed and her seed, He shall watch for thy head, and thou shall watch for His heel. 16 And to the woman He said, I will greatly multiply thy pain and thy groaning; in pain thou shall bring forth children, and thy submission shall be to thy man, and he shall rule over thee. 17 And to Adam He said, Because thou has hearkened to the voice of thy woman, and eaten of the tree concerning which I charged thee of it only not to eat, of that thou has eaten, cursed is the ground in thy labors, in pain shall thou eat of it all the days of thy life. 18 Thorns and thistles shall it bring forth to thee, and thou shall eat the herb of the field. 19 In the sweat of thy face shall thou eat thy bread until thou return to the earth out of which thou were taken, for earth thou art and to earth thou shall return. 20 And Adam called the name of his wife Life, because she was the

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24 And He cast out Adam and caused him to live over against the garden of delight, and stationed the cherubs and the fiery sword that turns about to guard the way of the tree of life.

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**A**nd Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and brought forth Kain and said I have gained a man through God. 2 And she again bore his brother Abel. And Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Kain was a tiller of the ground. 3 And it was so after some time that Kain brought of the fruits of the earth as a sacrifice to the Lord. 4 And Abel also brought of the firstborn of his sheep and of his fatlings and God looked upon Abel and his gifts, 5 but Kain and his sacrifices he regarded not, and Kain was exceedingly sorrowful and his countenance fell. 6 And the Lord God said to Kain, Why art thou become very sorrowful and why is thy countenance fallen? 7 Has thou not sinned if thou have brought it rightly, but not rightly divided it? Be still, to thee shall be his submission, and thou shall rule over him. 8 And Kain said to Abel his brother, Let us go out into the plain; and it came to pass that when they were in the plain Kain raised up against Abel his brother and killed him. 9 And the Lord God said to Kain, Where is Abel thy brother? And he said, I know not, am I my brother's keeper? 10 And the Lord said, What have thou done? The voice of thy brother's blood cries out to me from the ground. 11 And now thou art cursed from the earth, which has opened her mouth to receive thy brother's blood from thy hand. 12 When thou tillest the earth, then it shall not continue to give its strength to thee: thou shall be groaning and trembling on the earth. 13 And Kain said to the Lord God, My crime is too great for me to be forgiven. 14 If thou *will* cast me out this day from the face of the earth, and I shall be hidden from thy presence, and I shall be groaning and trembling upon the earth, then it will be that any one that finds me shall kill me. 15 And the Lord God said to him, Not so, any one that kills Kain shall suffer seven fold vengeance; and the Lord God set a mark upon Kain that no one that found him might kill him. 16 So Kain went forth from the presence of God and lived in the land of Nod over against Edem.

17 And Kain knew his wife, and having conceived she bore Enoch; and he

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22 And Sella also bore Thobel; he was a smith, a manufacturer both of brass and iron: and the sister of Thobel was Noëma. 23 And Lameh said to his wives, Ada and Sella, Hear my voice, ye wives of Lameh, consider my words, because I have killed a man to my sorrow and a youth to my grief. 24 Because vengeance has been exacted seven times on Kain's behalf, on Lameh's it shall be seventy times seven. 25 And Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore a son, and called his name Seth, saying, For God has raised up to me another seed instead of Abel, whom Kain killed. 26 And Seth had a son, and he called his name Enos: he hoped to call on the name of the Lord God.

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**T***his is* the book of the generation of men in the day in which God made Adam; in the image of God He made him: 2 male and female He made them, and blessed them; and He called his name Adam, in the day in which He made them. 3 And Adam lived two hundred and thirty years, and begot a son after his own form and after his own image, and he called his name Seth. 4 And the days of Adam, which he lived after his begetting Seth, were seven hundred years; and he begot sons and daughters. 5 And all the days of Adam, which he lived were nine hundred and thirty years, and he died.

6 Now Seth lived two hundred and five years, and begot Enos. 7 And Seth lived after his begetting Enos, seven hundred and seven years, and he begot sons and daughters. 8 And all the days of Seth were nine hundred and twelve years, and he died.

9 And Enos lived an hundred and ninety years, and begot Kainan. 10 And Enos lived after his begetting Kainan, seven hundred and fifteen and he begot sons and daughters. 11 And all the days of Enos were nine hundred and five years, and he died.

12 And Kainan lived an hundred and seventy years, and he begot Maleleel. 13 And Kainan lived after his begetting Maleleel, seven hundred and forty years, and he begot son and daughters. 14 And all the days of Kainan were nine hundred and ten years, and he died.

15 And Maleleel lived an hundred and sixty and five years, and he begot

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21 And Enoch lived an hundred and sixty and five years, and begat Mathusala. 22 And Enoch was well pleasing to God after his begetting Mathusala, two hundred years, and he begot sons and daughters. 23 And all the days of Enoch were three hundred and sixty and five years. 24 And Enoch was well pleasing to God, and was not found, because God translated him.

25 And Mathusala lived an hundred and sixty and seven years and begot Lameh. 26 And Mathusala lived after his begetting Lameh eight hundred and two years, and begot sons and daughters. 27 And all the days of Mathusala which he lived, were nine hundred and sixty and nine years, and he died.

28 And Lameh lived an hundred and eighty and eight years, and begot a son. 29 And he called his name Noe, saying, This one will cause us to cease from our works, and from the toils of our hands, and from the earth, which the Lord God has cursed. 30 And Lameh lived after his begetting Noe, five hundred and sixty and five years, and begot sons and daughters. 31 And all the days of Lamech were seven hundred and fifty-three years, and he died.

32 And Noe was five hundred years old, and he begot three sons, Sem, Ham, and Japheth.