

Performing the First Story in Genesis

(Genesis 1:1-2:4a)

Introduction

¹ **Narrator:** In the beginning ELOHIM created the SHAMAYYIM and the ERETZ. The ERETZ did not exist, darkness was upon the deep waters and the RUACH ELOHIM was hovering above the surface of the waters. ^{1:1-2}

YOM One

² **ELOHIM:** "Let light exist!" ^{1:3a}

³ **Narrator:** Light existed. ELOHIM saw the Light, that it was TOV. ELOHIM distinguished between the Light and the Darkness. ELOHIM named the Light "YOM," and the Darkness "Night." It was evening and it was morning, YOM One. ^{1:3b-5}

YOM Two

⁴ **ELOHIM:** "Let there be a solid dome-like structure in the middle of the deep waters. Let it separate the waters beneath it from the waters above it." ^{1:6}

⁵ **Narrator:** And ELOHIM made the solid dome-like structure and named it "SHAMAYYIM." It was evening and it was morning, YOM Two. ^{1:7-8}

YOM Three

⁶ **ELOHIM:** "Let the waters beneath the SHAMAYYIM be gathered together into one place, and let the dry thing appear." ^{1:9a}

⁷ **Narrator:** And it was so. And ELOHIM named the dry thing, "ERETZ," and the "gathering of the waters" ELOHIM named "Seas." And ELOHIM saw that it was TOV. ^{1:9b-10}

⁸ **ELOHIM:** "Let the ERETZ cause to sprout a green vegetation, the herb that yields seed, and the fruit tree that yields fruit according to its kind, whose seed is in itself." ^{1:11-13}

⁹ **Narrator:** And it was so. And the **ERETZ** caused to sprout green vegetation, the herb that yields seeds according to its kind, and the fruit tree that yields fruit whose seed is in itself according to its kind. And **ELOHIM** saw that it was **TOV**. And it was evening and it was morning, **YOM** Three. ^{1:11b-13}

YOM Four

¹⁰ **ELOHIM:** “Let there be lights in the **SHAMAYYIM** to separate the Day from the Night, to be for signs and seasons, days and years, and let them be for lights in the solid dome-like structure of the **SHAMAYYIM** to give light on the **ERETZ**.” ^{1:11b-13}

¹¹ **Narrator:** And it was so. And **ELOHIM** made two large lights; the largest to rule the Day and the smaller to rule the Night; and He made the stars also. And **ELOHIM** set them in the solid dome. And **ELOHIM** saw that it was **TOV**. And it was evening and it was morning, **YOM** Four. ^{1:14-19}

YOM Five

¹² **ELOHIM:** “Let the waters swarm with a swarm of creatures with a living soul and let a winged creature fly above the **ERETZ** and below the **SHAMAYYIM**.”^{1:20}

¹³ **Narrator:** And **ELOHIM** created large sea creatures, every living soul that moves which swarm the waters and every winged creature that flies. And **ELOHIM** saw that it was **TOV**. And **ELOHIM** **blessed** them: ^{1:21-22a}

¹⁴ **ELOHIM:** “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters of the Seas. And let the winged creatures multiply on the **ERETZ**.” ^{1:22b}

¹⁵ **Narrator:** And it was evening and it was morning, **YOM** Five. And **ELOHIM** said to the **ERETZ**:^{1:23-24a}

YOM Six

¹⁶ **ELOHIM:** “Bring forth a living soul for your kind – a large animal, a smaller animal, and a wild animal. ^{1:24b}

- 17 **Narrator:** And it was so. And ELOHIM made the wild animal, the large animal and the small animal. And ELOHIM saw that it was TOV. And ELOHIM said:
1:24c-26a
- 18 **ELOHIM:** “Let us make an ADAM in our image after our likeness and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air, and over the large animals, and over all the ERETZ and over every small animal that moves upon the ERETZ.” 1:26b
- 19 **Narrator:** And ELOHIM created the ADAM in Its image; in the image of ELOHIM He created ADAM; male and female It created them. And ELOHIM blessed the ADAM: 1:27-28a
- 20 **ELOHIM:** "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the ERETZ; and subdue her. Have dominion over the fish of the sea and the winged creatures of the SHAMAYYIM and over every living thing that moves on the ERETZ. I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the surface of all the earth, and every tree which has fruit yielding seed, it shall be food for you. To every wild animal of the ERETZ, every flying creature and everything that moves on the ERETZ that has life, I have given every green plant for food." 1:28b-30a
- 21 **Narrator:** And it was so.” And ELOHIM saw all that It had made, and behold, it was very TOV. And it was evening and it was morning, YOM Six. 1:30b

YOM Seven

- 22 **Narrator:** And ELOHIM finished on the YOM Seven all Its work which He had done, and He rested in the YOM Seven from all Its work which He had done. And ELOHIM blessed the YOM Seven and set it apart, because in the YOM Seven He rested from all Its work which ELOHIM had created and made. These are the generations of the SHAMAYYIM and of the ERETZ when they were created. 2:1b-4a

YOM Eight