

First Story in Genesis

Genesis 1:1-2:4a

The Beginnings

*When the Creator began changing things that existed
to create the skies and the dry land,
dry land was without form or substance,
darkness was on the surface of deep water,
the breath of the Creator hovered above the surface of the water.*

Light One

*The Creator said,
“Let light exist!”
Light existed!
The Creator saw that the light was TOV.
The Creator distinguished between the light and darkness:
He named the light, “Day,” and the darkness He named “Night.”
It was evening and it was morning, Day One.*

Light Two

*The Creator said,
“Let there be a solid dome-like structure in the middle of the deep water.
Let it separate the water inside it from the water outside of it.”
The Creator made the solid dome-like structure.
He separated the water which was inside it from the water that was outside it.
And it was so.
The Creator named the solid dome-like structure, “Skies.”
It was evening and it was morning, Day Two.*

Light Three

*The Creator said,
“Let the water inside the Skies be gathered together into one place.
Let the dry thing appear.”
And it was so.*

*The Creator named the dry thing, "Dry Land."
The gathered waters He named, "Seas."
The Creator saw that it was TOV.
The Creator said,
"Let the dry land cause to sprout fresh grass, the green plant yielding seed,
and the tree bearing fruit with seed after its kind on the dry land."
And it was so.*

*And the dry land caused to sprout fresh grass, green plants yielding seed after its kind,
and the tree that produces fruit according to its kind.
The Creator saw that it was TOV.
It was evening and it was morning, Day Three.*

Light Four

*The Creator said,
"Let there be lights in the skies to separate the day from the night,
to be for signs, for seasons, and for days, and for years;
and let them be for lights in the skies to give light on the dry land."
And it was so.*

*The Creator made two large lights: the great light to rule the day,
and the small light to rule the night, and the stars.
The Creator set them in the solid dome-like structure skies
to give light on the dry land, and to rule over the day and the night,
and to separate between the light and the darkness.
The Creator saw that it was TOV.
It was evening and it was morning, Day Four.*

Light Five

*The Creator said,
"Let the waters move with moving creatures with a living soul,
and let winged creatures fly above the dry land and below the skies."
The Creator created the great sea creatures,
every moving creature that moves in the waters,
and every winged creature that flies.
The Creator saw that it was TOV.*

*The Creator blessed them and said,
Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters of the seas.
Let the winged creature multiply on the dry land.
It was evening and it was morning, Day Five.*

Light Six

*The Creator said,
Let the dry land bring forth a living soul like her kind,
large animals, smaller animals, and wild predatory animals.
And it was so.*

*The Creator made the wild predatory animals like her kind,
the large animals like her kind, and the smaller animals like his kind.
The Creator saw that it was TOV.*

*The Creator said,
“Let us make ADAM in our image and according to our likeness.
Let them rule over the fish, over the winged creatures,
over the large animals, over all the dry land, and the small animals.”
The Creator created the ADAM in His image,
in the image of the Creator He made him,
He created them male and female.*

*The Creator blessed them and said to them:
Be fruitful and multiply, fill the dry land and subdue her;
and rule over the fish of the seas, the birds of the skies,
and every living smaller creature that move on the dry land.*

*The Creator said,
Look! I have given you every green plant yielding seed that is on the
surface of all the dry land, and every tree that has seed producing fruit;
it shall be for food for you.*

*And to every wild predatory animal of the dry land,
every winged creature of the skies, and to everything that moves on the dry land,
within which is a living soul, every green plant is for food.”*

And it was so.

*The Creator saw everything He had made. Look! It was very TOV!
It was evening and it was morning, Day Six.*

Light Seven

*Thus, the skies and the earth were finished, and all their host.
On Day Seven, the Creator completed His work He had made,
He rested on Day Seven from all His work which He had created.
The Creator blessed Day Seven and sanctified it because on it
He rested from His work which the Creator created and had made.
These are the generations of the skies and
the dry land when they were created.*

The End