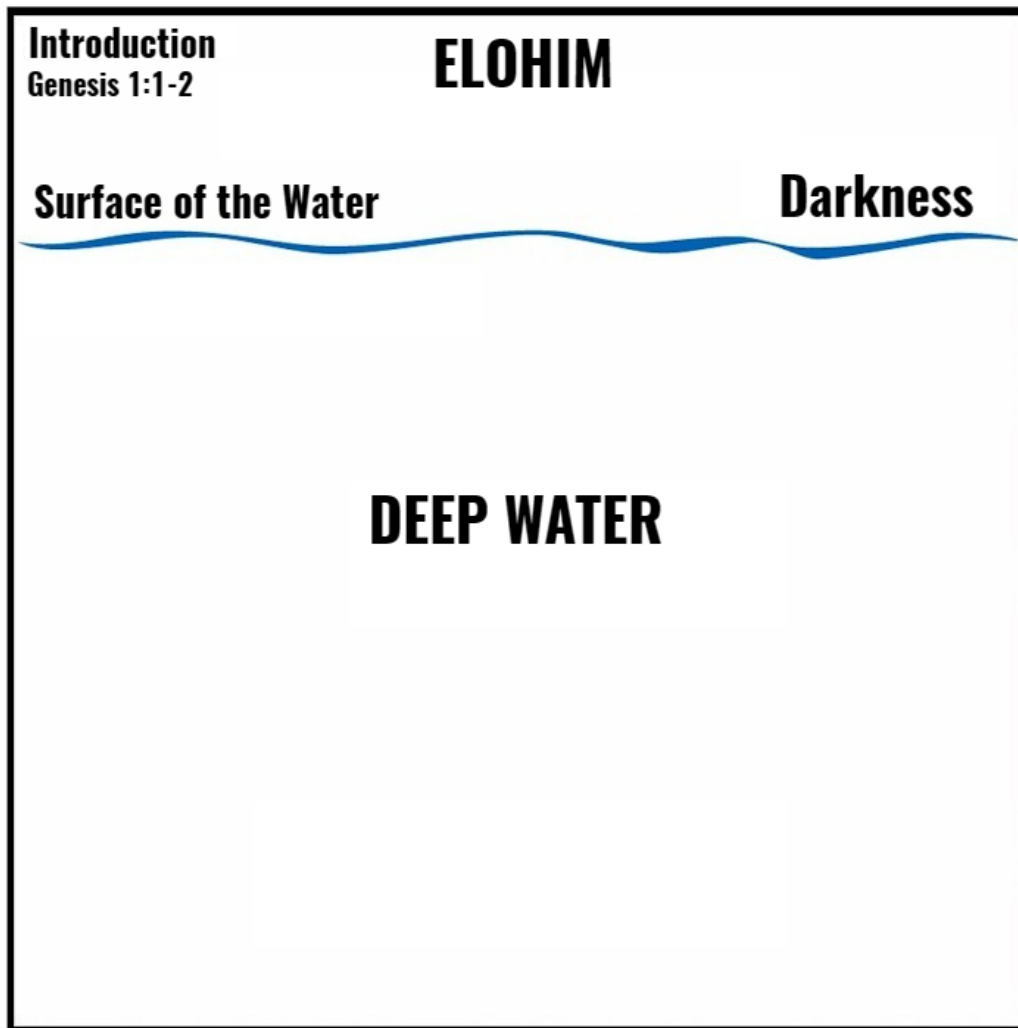


# The First Story in Genesis

(Genesis 1:1-2:4a)

## Introduction

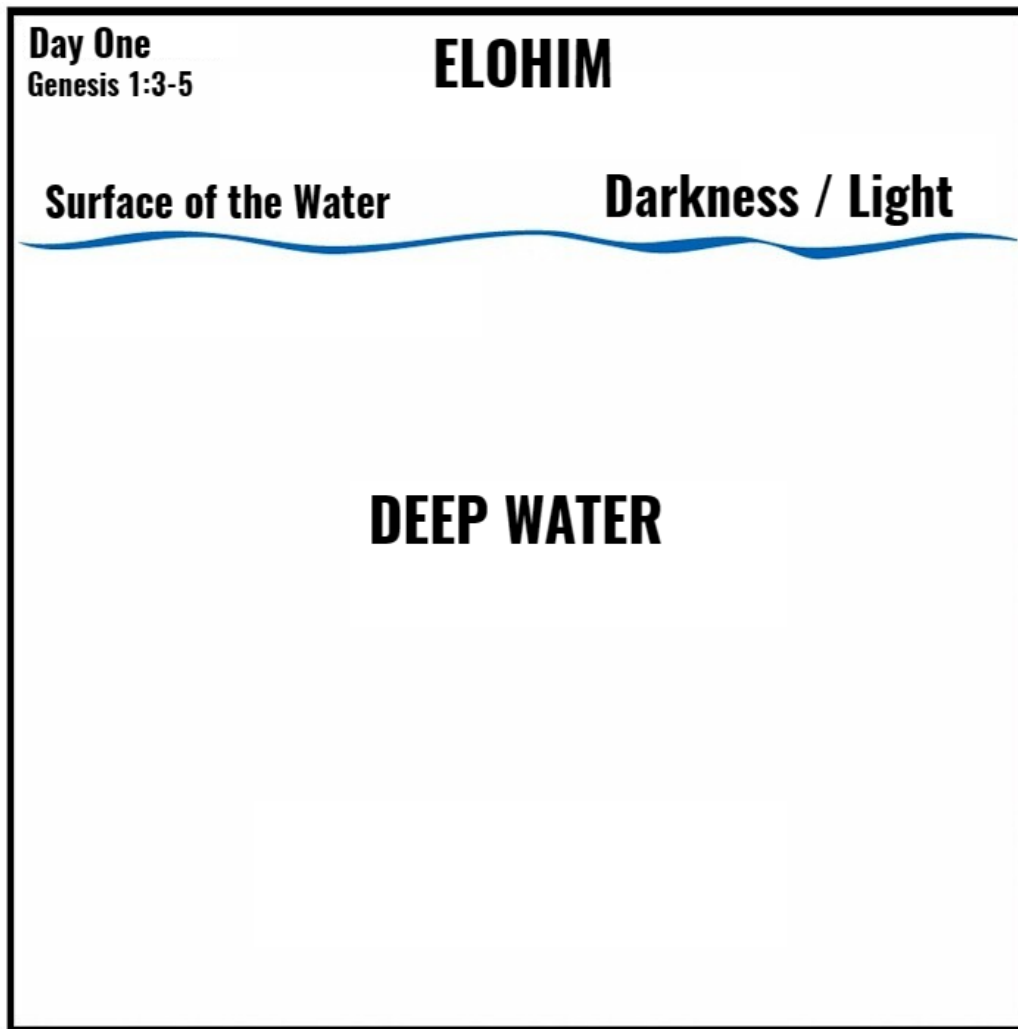
*1:1-2 When Elohim began creating the skies and the earth.  
The earth was unformed and shapeless, darkness was above deep water,  
the breath of the Elohim hovered above the surface of the waters.*



## Day One

<sup>1:3-4a</sup> Elohim said:  
"Light exist!" Light existed.  
Elohim saw the "Light," that it was TOV.

<sup>1:4b-5</sup> Elohim distinguished between the Light and between the Darkness.  
Elohim named the Light "Day," and the Darkness Elohim named "Night."  
It was evening and it was morning, Day One.

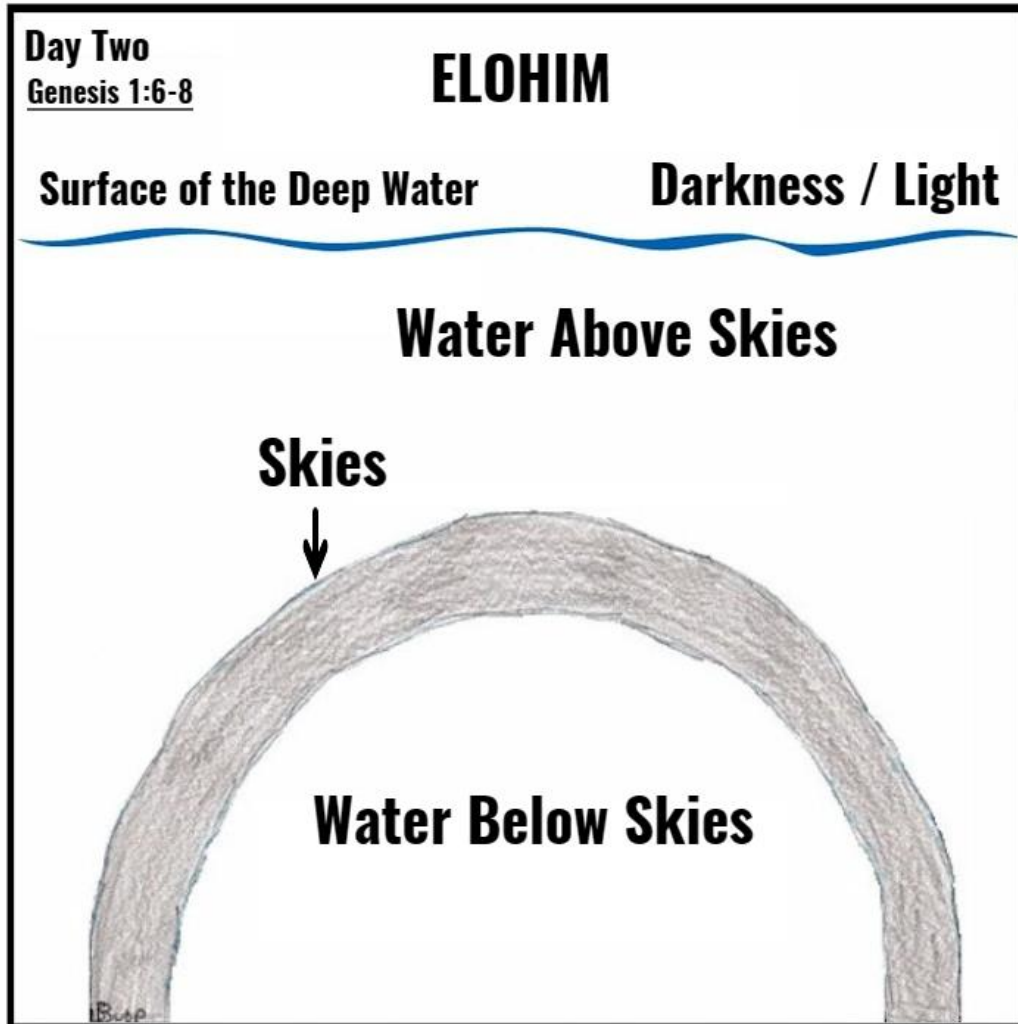


## Day Two

<sup>1:6</sup> Elohim said:

*“Let there be a solid dome in the middle of the deep waters.  
Let it separate the waters beneath it from the waters above it.”*

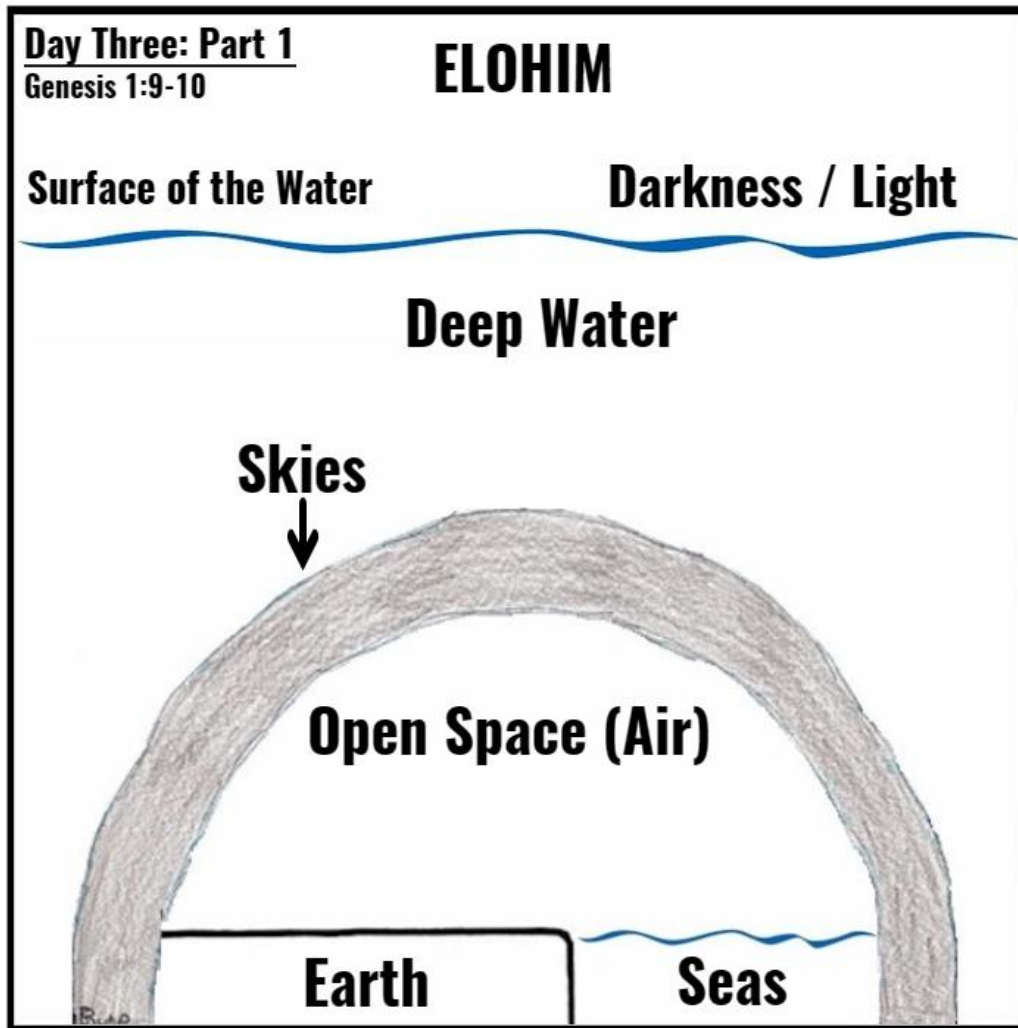
<sup>1:7-8</sup> Elohim made the solid dome,  
and Elohim named the solid dome “skies.”  
*It was evening and it was morning, Day Two.*



## Day Three

<sup>1:9</sup> Elohim said,  
"Let the waters beneath the Heavens be gathered together into one place,  
and let the dry thing appear."  
And it was so.

<sup>1:10</sup> Elohim named "the dry thing," "earth;"  
the "gathering of the waters" Elohim named "Seas."  
Elohim saw that it was TOV.



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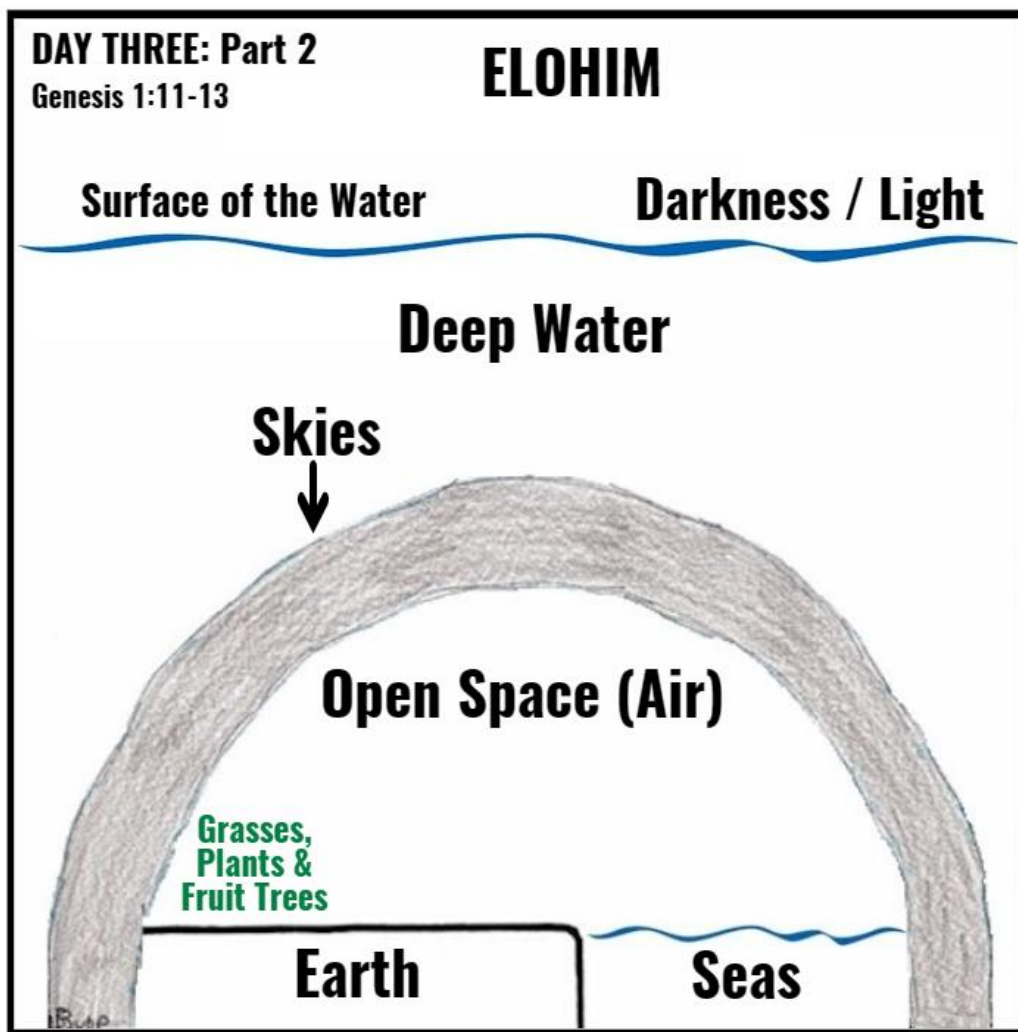
1:11-12a *Elohim said,*

*"Let the earth cause to sprout grasses, plants that yield seed,  
and fruit trees that yield fruit according to its kind, whose seed is in itself."  
And it was so.*

*The earth caused to sprout grasses, plants that yield seeds after its kind,  
and fruit trees that yield fruit which is after its kind.*

1:12b-13 *Elohim saw that it was **TOV**.*

*And it was evening and it was morning, Day Three.*



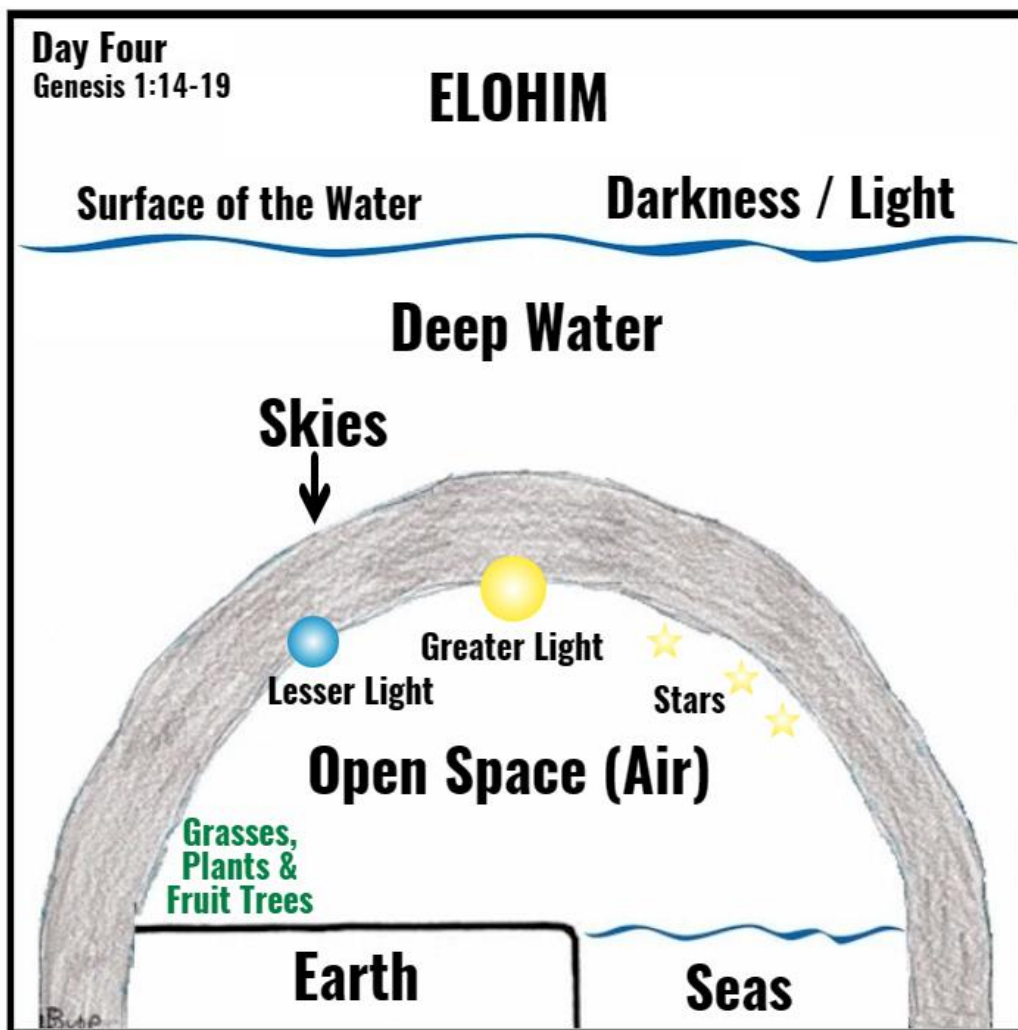
## Day Four

1:14-15 *Elohim said,*

*“Let there be lights in the skies to separate the Day from the Night, to be signs for seasons, days and years, and to give light on the earth.”  
And it was so.*

1:16-19 *Elohim made two large lights;*

*the largest to rule the Day and the smaller to rule the Night – and the stars.  
Elohim set them in the solid dome and Elohim saw it was **TOV**.  
And it was evening and it was morning, Day Four.*

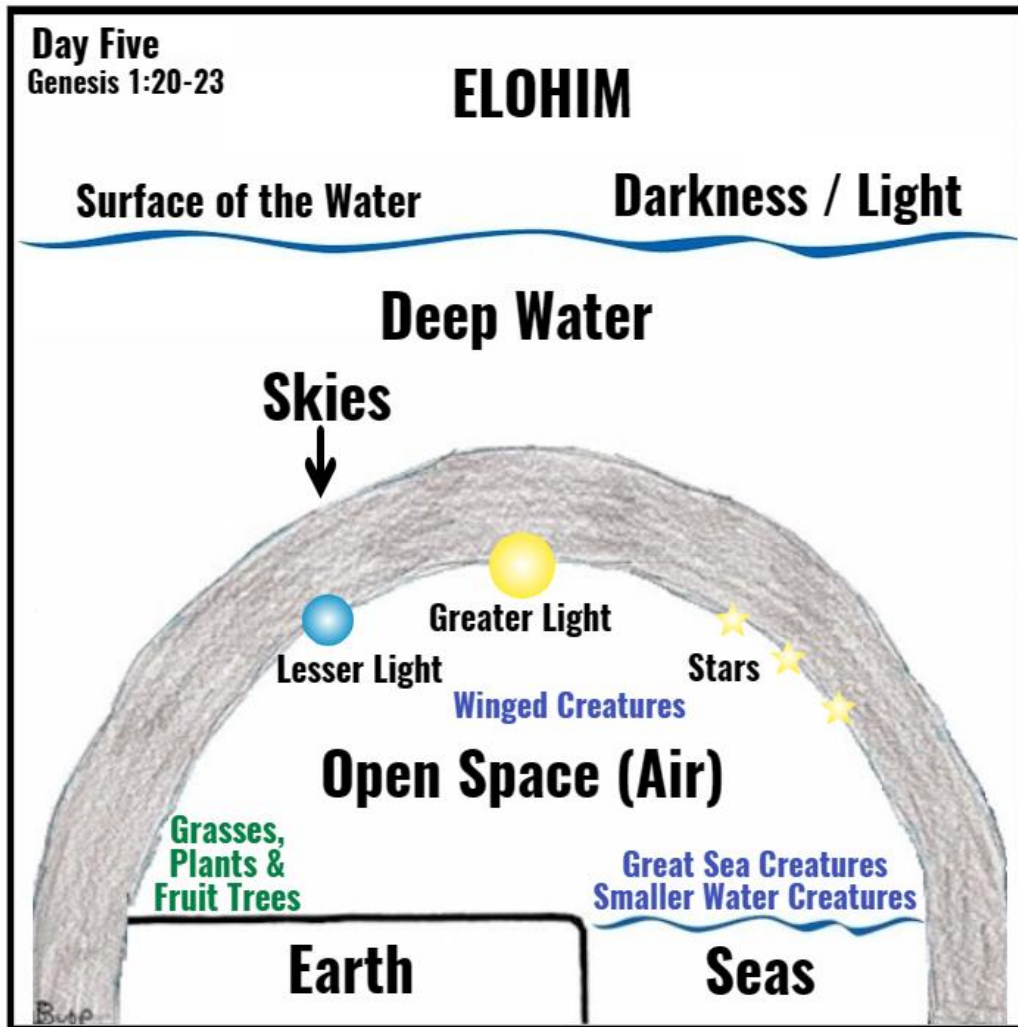


## Day Five

1:20 Elohim said, "Let the waters swarm with a swarm of souls.  
Let a winged creature fly above the earth and below the skies."

1:21-23 Elohim created large sea creatures, every living soul that moves in the waters,  
and every winged creature that flies.  
Elohim saw that it was TOV.

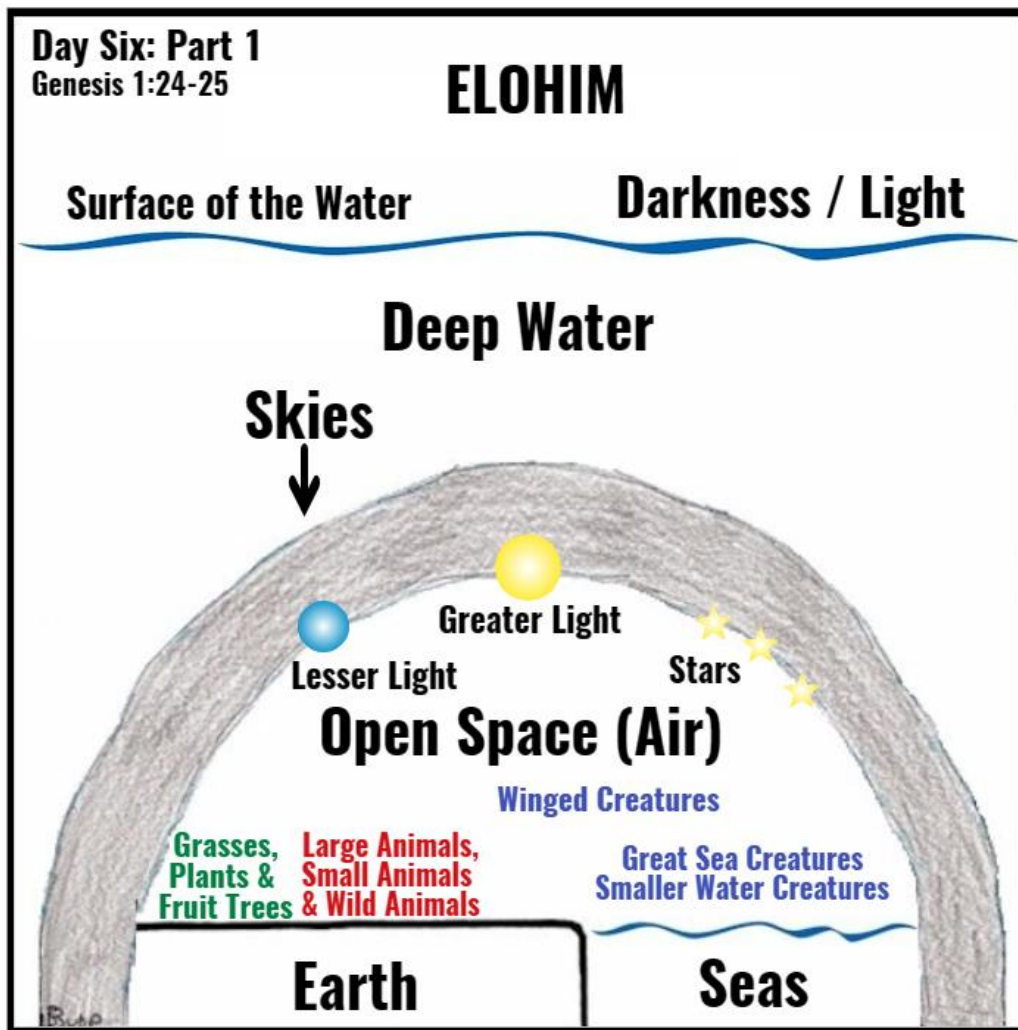
And the Elohim blessed them:  
"Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters of the Seas.  
Let the winged creatures multiply on the Earth.  
And it was evening and it was morning, Day Five.



## Day Six

<sup>1:24</sup> Elohim said, "Let the earth cause to bring forth a living soul like her kind; large animals, smaller animals, and wild animals of the earth, like her kind. And it was so.

<sup>1:25</sup> Elohim made the wild animals of the earth like her kind, the large animals like her kind, and every small animal of the earth like his kind. Elohim saw that it was TOV.

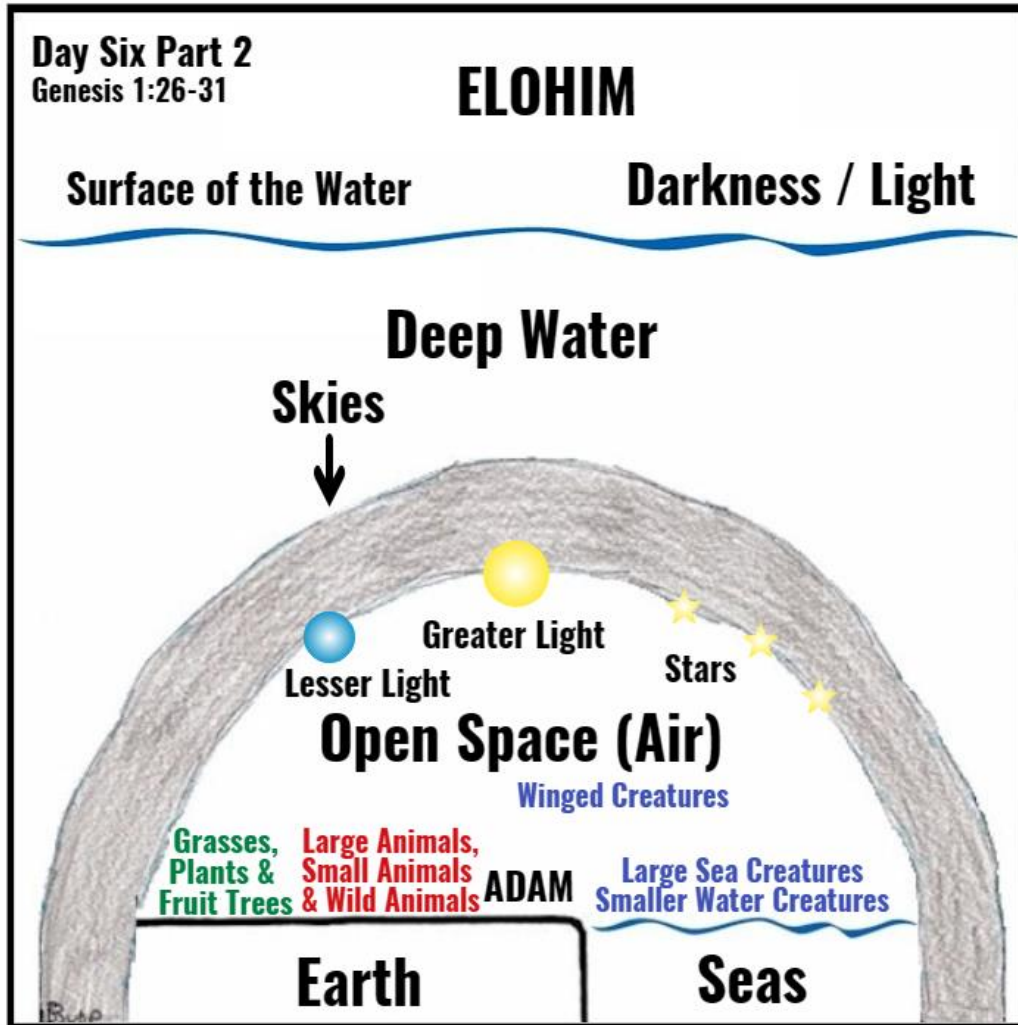




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<sup>1:26</sup> Elohim said,  
"Let us make **ADAM** in our image after our likeness  
and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea,  
over the birds of the air, over the large animals,  
over all the earth, and over every small animal  
that moves upon the earth."

<sup>1:27-30</sup> Elohim created the **ADAM** in His image;  
in the image of Elohim He created him;  
He created them male and female.  
And it was so."



### Elohim's Blessing

1. **Elohim blessed and said to them** – *Male and female are equals in the eyes of Elohim, but they have unique functions related to male and female.*
2. **“be fruitful and multiple”** – Male and female will create future humans through sexual reproduction.
3. **“fill the earth”** -- *“Making babies” is one thing but raising and preparing them to become contributing members of a society is something else. This requires a father and a mother to mentor, teach, and train their children.*

### Elohim's Alliance

1. The Creator has created everything the ADAM will need to survive, thrive, and fulfill the terms of the alliance.
2. The ADAM is a creature with an earth soul, which means it has appetites, desires, and longings related to the earth. Animals also have an earth soul, but unlike the animals, the ADAM has the power to **“subdue”** *their appetites, desires, and longings by exercising impulse control and self-discipline.* The man and woman are to help each other do this.
3. The ADAM is the **Creator's Representative** over the fish of the sea, over the winged creatures of the sky, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.
4. The ADAM is to exercise power over all living things -- **like a shepherd** *interacts with the animals of his flock.*
5. **“specific diets”** – Humans may eat any plant that yields seed and fruit from any tree that yields seeds. Only humans may eat fruit. Animals and winged creatures may eat any green plants.

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<sup>1:31</sup> *Elohim saw all that He had made,  
and behold, it was very **TOV**.  
And it was evening and it was morning, Day Six.*

## Day Seven

2:1-4a *And the skies and the earth, and all their host, were finished.*

*Elohim finished all His work on the Seventh Day, which It had done.  
He rested in the Seventh Day from all Its work which It had done.*

*Elohim blessed the Seventh Day and set it apart,  
because in the Seventh Day Seven Elohim rested from all His work which  
He had created and made.*

*These are the generations of the skies and of the earth when they were created.*

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### The Day ELOHIM Rested

A reader from the ancient world would know immediately what was going on and conclude that this story is a temple text. Day Seven is the most important day of all. Members of Ancient Near Eastern cultures knew that **a god rest in a temple, and only in a temple.**

- The *First Story in Genesis* is about the creation of **the Creator's Temple.**
- "**Elohim rested**" signaled that **the work on His Temple had been completed.**
- "**Elohim rested**" also signaled that **Elohim's Kingdom has been and established.**
- **Elohim blessed the Seventh Day.** A temple was the place where **the wisdom of a god was shared with people.** The blessing empowered the Seventh Day to function as His Temple. **The Creator's Wisdom will be shared with the ADAM every Seventh Day.**

**Relationship of the Man and Woman of The ADAM**

- They are “equals” in the eyes of the Creator.
- They must act together to fulfill the terms of the alliance.
- They must help each other exercise impulse control and self-discipline.
- They are to create new human lives by sexual reproduction.
- They are to act together as parents – father and mother – teaching, mentoring, and training their children to become adult members of the ADAM.
- They are to act together as the Creator’s Representatives by exercising power like a shepherd over all living things on earth.
- They are to gather every Day Seven and hear, discuss, and remember the Creator’s Wisdom.
- They may eat any plant that yields seed and fruit from any tree that yields seeds, but only humans may eat the fruit of trees.



**The Creator's Alliance with the First ADAM**

***"The heavens are the heavens of the Lord,  
but the earth He has given to the sons of ADAM."***