

The Bible's Wisdom of the Beginnings Series: The First Story

Day One

(1:1) In the beginning, Elohim created the Skies and the Dry Land.

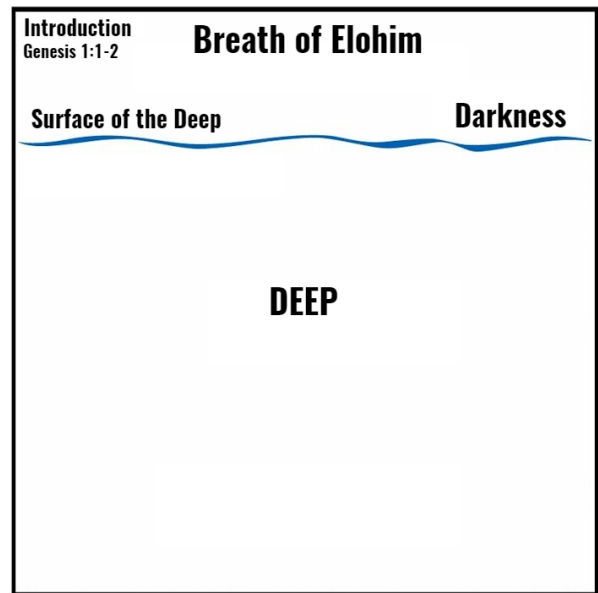
The first verse in Genesis is the title. Ancient scribes often repeated the same line or a portion of it at the end of a story. Chapter and verse markers were inserted after the 13th century CE (AD).

*(1:2) The Dry Land was without form and substance,
and Darkness was over the surface of the Deep.*

The breath of Elohim was hovering over the surface of the Waters.

The ancient author now describes the scene of what existed before anything was created. We have identified these **Key Words**: *Elohim, Skies, Land, Darkness, Deep, and Waters*. Now find them in the graphic on the right.

The title contained the words "**Dry Land**," but the second verse made it clear that "**Dry Land**," either **did not exist** or **wasn't functioning yet**. In this ancient culture, knowing the functions of things was very important. Focus on the functions of *Elohim, Skies, Land, Darkness, Deep, and Waters*.



At this point in the story, Dry Land, Darkness, the Deep, and the Waters are not doing anything. **Elohim is breathing and is hovering.**

*(1:3) Elohim said, "Let Light exist!"
Light existed.*

(1:4a) Elohim saw the Light, that it was Tov.

We can add the following to His functions above.

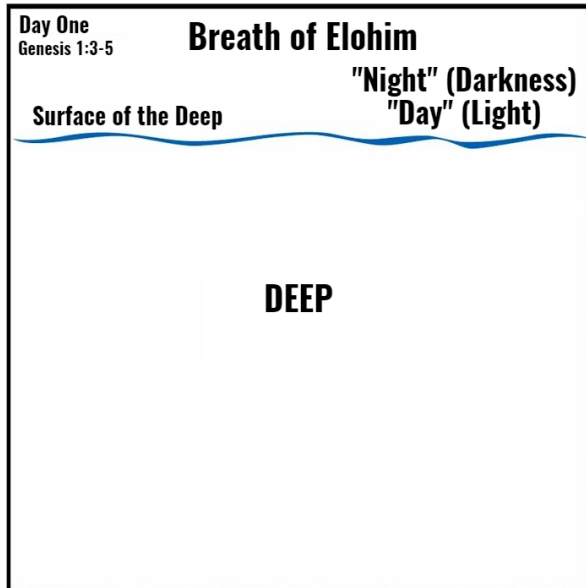
Elohim spoke. The words He spoke caused **Light** to be created. **Light** and **created** are new words to add to the **Key Words List**.

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Elohim saw. Elohim saw that the thing His words created was Tov.

Tov is **a standard Elohim uses to measure things**.

(1:4b) *Elohim distinguished between the Light and between the Darkness.*



Elohim **distinguished between** things after Light was created. Add it to the list.

(1:5) *Elohim named the Light "Day."
He named the Darkness "Night."*

Elohim **names** things. Add it to the list.

It was evening and it was morning, Day One.

"Evening and morning" are related to **"Night and Day."** **"Day"** is the name of **"Light,"** which was created by **"the breath of Elohim."**