

Genesis

Moses, a significant figure in Biblical history, provides a historical and theological foundation for understanding God and His relationship with the future nation of Israel. He recounts how God created the universe, the earth, and all living things, including Adam and Eve, and their eventual fall from grace. Genesis then tells the well-known story of how God floods the earth as a punishment for human wickedness and how he saves Noah and his family on the Ark.

The narrative about the Tower of Babel recalls a time when the people in ancient Mesopotamia began building a tower to reach heaven and to serve as a monument to their glory. In response, God scatters them across the earth, each with their unique language and culture. Finally, Moses provides historical information about Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, all considered the founders of the Israelite nation.

These stories establish the background in which God makes a covenant with His chosen people. They also construct the moral and religious framework for the Israelites. This pivotal moment sets the stage for the rest of the Bible, providing guidance and direction as the Israelites navigate their relationship with God.

1 **✧ In the beginning** God created the heaven and the earth.

2 **And the earth** was without form, and void; **and darkness** was upon the face of the deep.

And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

3 **And God** said, **Let there** be light: **and there** was light.

4 **And God** saw the light, **that it** was good: **and God** divided the light from the darkness.

5 **And God** called the light Day, **and the darkness** he called Night.

And the evening and the morning were the first day.

6 **And God** said, **Let there** be a firmament in the midst of the waters, **and let it** divide the waters from the waters.

7 **And God** made the firmament, **and** divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament: **and it** was so.

8 **And God** called the firmament Heaven.

And the evening and the morning were the second day.

9 **And God** said,

Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, **and let the dry land** appear: **and it** was so.

10 **And God** called the dry land Earth; **and the gathering together of the waters** called he Seas: **and God** saw that it was good.

11 **And God** said, **Let the earth** bring forth grass, **the herb** yielding seed, **and the fruit tree** yielding fruit after his kind, **whose seed** is in itself, upon the earth: **and it** was so.

12 **And the earth** brought forth grass, **and herb** yielding seed after his kind, **and the tree** yielding fruit, **whose seed** was in itself, after his kind: **and God** saw that it was good.

13 **And the evening and the morning** were the third day.

14 **And God** said, **Let there** be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; **and let them** be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years: **and let them** be for lights in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth: **and it** was so.

16 **And God** made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day,

and the lesser light to rule the night:

he made the stars also.

17 **And God** set them in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth,

18 **And** to rule over the day and over the night, **and** to divide the light from the darkness: **and God** saw that it was good.

19 **And the evening and the morning** were the fourth day.

20 **And God** said, **Let the waters** bring forth abundantly the moving creature that hath life, and fowl that may fly above the earth in the open firmament of heaven.

21 **And God** created great whales, and every living creature that moveth, **which the waters** brought forth abundantly, after their kind, and every winged fowl after his kind: **and God** saw that it was good.

22 **And God** blessed them, saying, **Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill** the waters in the seas, **and let fowl** multiply in the earth.

23 **And the evening and the morning** were the fifth day.

24 **And God** said, **Let the earth** bring forth the living creature after his kind, cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth after his kind:

and it was so.

²⁵ **And God** made the beast of the earth after his kind, and cattle after their kind, and every thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind:

and **God** saw that it was good.

²⁶ **And God** said,

Let us make man in our image, after our likeness:

and **let them** have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

²⁷ **So God** created man in his own image,

in the image of God created he him;

male and female created he them.

²⁸ **And God** blessed them,

and **God** said unto them,

Be fruitful, and multiply,

and **replenish** the earth,

and **subdue** it:

and **have** dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

²⁹ **And God** said,

Behold,

I have given you every herb bearing seed,

which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree,

in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed;

to you it shall be for meat.

³⁰ **And to every beast of the earth, and to every fowl of the air, and to every thing that creepeth upon the earth, {wherein there is life},** I have given every green herb for meat:

and it was so.

³¹ **And God** saw every thing that he had made,

and, **{behold},** it was very good.

And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

2 **Thus the heavens and the earth** were finished, and all the host of them.

² **And on the seventh day** God ended his work which he had made;

and **he** rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made.

³ **And God** blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it:

because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made.

⁴ **These** are the generations of the heavens and of the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens,

⁵ And every plant of the field before it was in the earth, and every herb of the field before it grew:

for the LORD God had not caused it to rain upon the earth,

and **there** was not a man to till the ground.

⁶ **But there** went up a mist from the earth,

and watered the whole face of the ground.

⁷ **And the LORD God** formed man of the dust of the ground,

and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life;

and **man** became a living soul.

⁸ **And the LORD God** planted a garden eastward in Eden;

and **there** he put the man whom he had formed.

⁹ **And out of the ground** made the LORD God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil.

¹⁰ **And a river** went out of Eden to water the garden;

and **from thence** it was parted, and became into four heads.

¹¹ **The name of the first** is Pison: **that** is it which compasseth the whole land of Havilah,

where there is gold;

¹² **And the gold of that land** is good: **there** is bdellium and the onyx stone.

¹³ **And the name of the second river** is Gihon:

the same is it that compasseth the whole land of Ethiopia.

¹⁴ **And the name of the third river** is Hiddekel:

that is it which goeth toward the east of Assyria.

And the fourth river is Euphrates.

¹⁵ **And the LORD God** took the man, and put him into the garden of

Eden

to dress it

and to keep it.

¹⁶ **And the LORD God** commanded the man,

saying,

Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat:

¹⁷ **But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil,** thou shalt not eat of it:

for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

¹⁸ **And the LORD God** said,

It is not good that the man should be alone;

I will make him an help meet for him.

¹⁹ **And out of the ground** the LORD

God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air;

and brought them unto Adam

to see what he would call them:

and **whatsoever** Adam called every living creature,

that was the name thereof.

²⁰ **And** Adam gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field;

but **for Adam** there was not found an help meet for him.

²¹ **And the LORD God** caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam,

and **he** slept:

and **he** took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof;

²² **And the rib,** {which the LORD God had taken from man}, made he a woman,

and brought her unto the man.

²³ **And Adam** said,

This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh:

she shall be called Woman,

because she was taken out of Man.

²⁴ **Therefore** shall a man leave his father and his mother,

and shall cleave unto his wife:

and **they** shall be one flesh.

²⁵ **And they** were both naked, the man and his wife,

and were not ashamed.

3 **Now the serpent** was more subtil than any beast of the

field which the LORD God had made.

And he said unto the woman,

Yea, hath God said,

Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?

² **And the woman** said unto the serpent,

We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden:

³ **But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden,** God hath said,

Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.

⁴ **And the serpent** said unto the woman,

Ye shall not surely die:

⁵ **For God** doth know **that in the day** ye eat thereof, **then your eyes** shall be opened, **and ye** shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.

⁶ **And when the woman** saw that the tree was good for food, **and that it was pleasant to the eyes,**

and a tree to be desired

to make one wise,

she took of the fruit thereof,

and did eat,

and gave also unto her husband with her;

and he did eat.

⁷ **And the eyes of them both** were opened,

and they knew

that they were naked;

and they sewed fig leaves together, **and made themselves aprons.**

⁸ **And they** heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day:

and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden.

⁹ **And the LORD God** called unto Adam,

and said unto him,

Where art thou?

¹⁰ **And he** said,

I heard thy voice in the garden,

and I was afraid,

because I was naked;

and I hid myself.

¹¹ **And he** said,

Who told thee

that thou wast naked?

Hast thou eaten of the tree,

whereof I commanded thee

that thou shouldst not eat?

¹² **And the man** said,

The woman whom thou gavest to

be with me, she gave me of the

tree,

and I did eat.

¹³ **And the LORD God** said unto the woman,

What is this that thou hast done?

And the woman said,

The serpent beguiled me,

and I did eat.

¹⁴ **And the LORD God** said unto the serpent,

Because thou hast done this,

thou art cursed above all cattle, and

above every beast of the field;

upon thy belly shalt thou go,

and dust shalt thou eat all the days

of thy life:

¹⁵ **And I** will put enmity between

thee and the woman, and

between thy seed and her seed;

it shall bruise thy head,

and thou shalt bruise his heel.

¹⁶ **Unto the woman** he said,

I will greatly multiply thy sorrow

and thy conception;

in sorrow thou shalt bring forth

children;

and thy desire shall be to thy

husband,

and he shall rule over thee.

¹⁷ **And unto Adam** he said,

Because thou hast hearkened unto

the voice of thy wife,

and hast eaten of the tree,

of which I commanded thee,

saying,

Thou shalt not eat of it:

cursed is the ground for thy sake;

in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the

days of thy life;

¹⁸ **Thorns also and thistles** shall it

bring forth to thee;

and thou shalt eat the herb of the

field;

¹⁹ **In the sweat of thy face** shalt

thou eat bread,

till thou return unto the ground;

for out of it wast thou taken:

for dust thou art,

and unto dust shalt thou return.

²⁰ **And Adam** called his wife's name

Eve;

because she was the mother of all living.

²¹ **Unto Adam also and to his wife**

did the LORD God make coats of skins,

and clothed them.

²² **And the LORD God** said,

Behold,

the man is become as one of us,

to know good and evil:

and now, lest he put forth his hand,

and take also of the tree of life,

and eat,

and live for ever:

²³ **Therefore the LORD God** sent

him forth from the garden of

Eden,

to till the ground from whence he

was taken.

²⁴ **So he** drove out the man;

and he placed at the east of the

garden of Eden Cherubims, and a

flaming sword which turned

every way,

to keep the way of the tree of life.

4 **And Adam** knew Eve his wife;

and she conceived,

and bare Cain,

and said,

I have gotten a man from the LORD.

² **And she** again bare his brother

Abel.

And Abel was a keeper of sheep,

but Cain was a tiller of the ground.

³ **And in process of time** it came to pass,

that Cain brought of the fruit of the

ground an offering unto the

LORD.

⁴ **And Abel,** he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof.

And the LORD had respect unto

Abel and to his offering:

⁵ **But unto Cain and to his offering**

he had not respect.

And Cain was very wroth,

and his countenance fell.

⁶ **And the LORD** said unto Cain,

Why art thou wroth?

and why is thy countenance fallen?

⁷ **If thou** doest well,

shalt thou not be accepted?

and if thou doest not well,

sin lieth at the door.

And unto thee shall be his desire,