

*Cultural, Historic, and Geographic Significance*



**And it was VERY  
good**

*Genesis 1:20-2:3*

Lesson 3 

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*Acts 17:11 (ESV)*

Now these (Berean) Jews were more noble than those in Thessalonica; they received the word with all eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see if these things were SO.

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Blessing for Torah Study

Blessed are you, LORD God, King of the universe who sanctifies us and commanded us to immerse ourselves in the words of Torah. Sweeten the words of your Torah in our mouths. Blessed are you Lord, giver of the Torah. אמן!



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Roadmap

Genesis 1:20-23 – Fifth Day: Fish, birds

Gen 1:24-25 – Sixth Day: Land mammals

Gen 1:26-27 – Sixth Day: Man in God's Image

Gen 1:28-30 – God's commission to Man

Gen 1:31 – VERY good

Gen 2:1-3 – Shabbat Rest



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<b><i>Genesis 1:20-21</i></b>	<b><i>References</i></b>
<p>And God said, “Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the heavens.” So God created the great sea creatures and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.</p>	<p>1Co 15:39 For not all flesh is the same, but there is one kind for humans, another for animals, another for birds, and another for fish.</p>




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<b><i>Genesis 1:22-23</i></b>	<b><i>References</i></b>
<p>And God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.”</p> <p>And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.</p>	



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<b><i>Genesis 1:24-25</i></b>	<b><i>References</i></b>
<p>And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds—livestock and creeping things and beasts of the earth according to their kinds.” And it was so.</p> <p>And God made the beasts of the earth according to their kinds and the livestock according to their kinds, and everything that creeps on the ground according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.</p>	

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<b><i>Genesis 1:26-27</i></b>	<b><i>References</i></b>
<p>Then God said, “Let us make man in <b>our image, after our likeness</b>. And let them <b>have dominion</b> over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” So God created man in his own <b>image</b>, in the <b>image</b> of God he created him; male and female he created them.</p>	<p>Mat 19:4 (Mar 10:6) Jesus answered, “Have you not read that he who created them from the beginning made them male and female?”</p> 

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## Made in His Image – walking In His Dust



“Love of one’s neighbor which is not motivated by the realization that man was created in God’s image is doomed to fail. When we realize that man alone is fashioned (in God’s image), he is suddenly transformed from an inconsequential being into one that is without parallel. **He is the pinnacle of Creation.**” Rabbi Pliskin



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## Made in His Image – walking In His Dust

Col 3:8-10 **But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator.**



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*Made in His Image – walking In His Dust*



Jas 3:9 With (our  
tongues) we bless our  
Lord and Father, and  
**with it, we curse  
people who are made  
in the likeness of God.**



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*In His Image*

2Co 4:4 In their case the god of this world has  
blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to  
keep them from seeing the light of the  
gospel of the glory of Christ, **who is the  
image of God.**



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*“Let us...”*

John 5:17 But Jesus answered them, “**My Father** is working until now, **and I** am working.”

John 14:23 Jesus answered him, “If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and **we will come to him and make our home with him.**



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*“Let us...” – Divine Council?*

1 Ki 22:19-22 And Micaiah said, “Therefore hear the word of the LORD: I saw the LORD sitting on his throne, **and all the host of heaven standing beside him on his right hand and on his left;** and the LORD said, ‘Who will entice Ahab, that he may go up and fall at Ramoth-Gilead?’ And one said one thing, and another said another. Then a spirit came forward and stood before the LORD, saying, ‘I will entice him.’ And the LORD said to him, ‘By what means?’ And he said, ‘I will go out, and will be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets.’ And he said, ‘You are to entice him, and you shall succeed; go out and do so.’



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<b><i>Genesis 1:28</i></b>	<b><i>References</i></b>
<p>And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”</p>	<p>Eph 1:4 even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him.</p>



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<b><i>Genesis 1:29-30</i></b>	<b><i>References</i></b>
<p>And God said, “Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food.</p> <p>And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.”</p> <p>And it was so.</p>	<p>1 Ti 4:4-5 For everything created by God is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving, for it is made holy by the word of God and prayer.</p>



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<b>Genesis 1:31</b>	<b>References</b>
<p>And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was <b>very</b> good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.</p> <p><b>טוֹב מְאֹד</b> - <b>very good</b>  <b>אָדָם</b> - <b>Adam</b></p>	<p>Act 17:24-25 The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything.</p>



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*The physical creation is very good*

“A man will have to give an account on the judgment day for every good and permissible thing which he might have enjoyed and did not.” (y.Kiddushin 4:12)



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<b><i>Genesis 2:1</i></b>	<b><i>References</i></b>
Thus the heavens and the earth were <b>finished</b> , and all the host of them.	<p>Rev 10:6 and swore by him who lives forever and ever, who <b>created heaven and what is in it, the earth and what is in it, and the sea and what is in it</b>, that there would be no more delay,</p> <p>Rev 21:1 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the <b>first heaven and the first earth</b> had passed away, and the sea was no more.</p> <p>Joh 19:30 When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, "It is <b>finished</b>,"</p>



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<b><i>Genesis 2:2-3</i></b>	<b><i>References</i></b>
<p>And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done.</p> <p>So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation.</p>	<p>Rev 21:6 And he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment.</p>



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## Shabbat Rest



Heb 4:4,9-11 For he has somewhere spoken of the seventh day in this way: "And God rested on the seventh day from all his works." [...] So then, there remains a **Shabbat rest** for the people of God, for whoever has entered God's rest has also rested from his works as God did from his. **Let us therefore strive to enter that rest**, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience.



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## Shabbat Rest

"In the business of today's world, a person feels like he or she does not have time to stop even for a single day. (In contrast), the commandment of Shabbat forces us to stop and remember who created time. Shabbat sets aside one day out of a week to remember that we serve God, not ourselves, not our jobs, and not Pharaoh." --Daniel Lancaster



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