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*Cultural, Historic, and Geographic Significance*



**And it was good**



*Genesis 1:1-19* Lesson 2

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**And it was good**

*Genesis 1:1-19*

Lesson 2 

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*Intro Lesson Topics*

Genesis 1:1-2: In the beginning

Gen 1:3-5 – Day One: Light

Gen 1:6-8 – Second Day: canopy above the earth; division of waters

Gen 1:9-13 - Third Day: land, seas, trees, vegetation

Gen 1:14-19 – Fourth Day: sun, moon, stars, times, seasons



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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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*Why Study the Torah?*

“Beginning with Moses and with all the prophets, He explained to them the things concerning Himself in all the Scriptures” (Luke 24:27).

“If you believed Moses, you would believe Me, for he wrote about Me” (John 5:46).



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### ***Genesis 1:1***


In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

### ***References***

John 1:1-4, 10 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.... He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him.




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<b>Genesis 1:2a</b>	<b>References</b>
<p>The earth was <b>without form and void</b>, and darkness was over the face of the deep.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">וְהָאָרֶץ הָיְתָה תֹהוּ וָבֹהוּ וְחָשֶׁךְ עַל-פְּנֵי תְהוֹם</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Veha'ARetz haytah TOhu vaVOhu, vCHOshech al p'nei t'home.</i></li> </ul>	<p>Isa 45:18 For thus says the LORD, who created the heavens (he is God!), who formed the earth and made it (he established it; <b>he did not create it empty, he formed it to be inhabited!</b>): "I am the LORD, and there is no other.</p> <p>Job 26:7 He stretches out the north over the void and hangs the earth on nothing.</p> <p>Jeremiah 4:23 I looked on the earth, and behold, it was without form and void; and to the heavens, and they </p>


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<b>Genesis 1:2b</b>	<b>References</b>
<p>And the <b>Spirit of God was hovering</b> over the face of the waters.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">וַיִּרְחַח אֱלֹהִים מְרַחֶפֶת עַל-פְּנֵי הַמַּיִם</p> <p><i>V'RUach Elohim m'raCHEphet al p'nei haMYim.</i></p>	<p>Gen Rabbah 1:2 "The Spirit of God was moving over the surface of the waters." This was the Spirit of Messiah as it is written, "The Spirit of the Lord will rest on him."</p> <p>Luk 4:17, 21 He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me..." And he began to say to them, "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."</p> <p>Mat 14:25 And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"></p>

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<b>Genesis 1:3</b>	<b>References</b>
<p>And God said, “<b>Let there be light,</b>” and there was light.</p>	<p>Rev 21:23 And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb.</p>
<p>וַיֹּאמֶר אֱלֹהִים יְהִי אֹר וַיְהִי־אֹר</p>	
<p><i>VaYOmer Elohim “y’hi or,” vayahi or</i></p>	
	

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<b>Genesis 1:3</b>	<b>References</b>
<p>And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light.</p>	<p>Joh 8:12 Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”</p>
	<p>1Jn 1:7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.</p>
	

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<b>Genesis 1:4</b>	<b>References</b>
<p>And God saw that the <b>light was good</b>.            And God separated the light from the darkness.</p> <p>וַיֵּרָא אֱלֹהִים  אֶת־הָאֹר כִּי־טוֹב  וַיַּבְדֵּל אֱלֹהִים בֵּין  הָאֹר וּבֵין הַחֹשֶׁךְ:</p>	<p>Isa 60:1-2 Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. [2] For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you.</p>



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<b>Genesis 1:4</b>	<b>References</b>
<p>And God saw that the light was good.            And God separated the light from the darkness.</p>	<p>2 Co 4:6 For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.            Joh 9:39 Jesus said, “For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind.”</p>



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<i>Genesis 1:5</i>	<i>References</i>
<p>God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the <b>first day</b>.</p> <p>וַיִּקְרָא אֱלֹהִים   לְאוֹר יוֹם וְלַחֹשֶׁךְ קָרָא לַיְלָה וַיְהִי-עֶרֶב וַיְהִי-בֹקֶר יוֹם אֶחָד:</p>	<p>Yalkut Shim'oni 11.499 This is the light of Messiah, as it is said, "God saw the light, that it was good." Before the world was created, the Holy One, blessed by He, looked forward to the generation of Messiah. He hid the Light for Messiah beneath his throne of Glory.</p>



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<p>בְּרֵאשִׁית בָּרָא אֱלֹהִים אֶת הַשָּׁמַיִם וְאֶת הָאָרֶץ: וְהָאָרֶץ הִיְתָה תְהוֹ וּבְהוֹ וְחֹשֶׁךְ עַל-פְּנֵי תְהוֹם וְרוּחַ אֱלֹהִים מְרַחֶפֶת עַל-פְּנֵי הַמַּיִם: וַיֹּאמֶר אֱלֹהִים יְהִי אוֹר וַיְהִי-אוֹר: וַיֵּרָא אֱלֹהִים אֶת-הָאוֹר כִּי-טוֹב וַיַּבְדֵּל אֱלֹהִים בֵּין הָאוֹר וּבֵין הַחֹשֶׁךְ: וַיִּקְרָא אֱלֹהִים לְאוֹר יוֹם וְלַחֹשֶׁךְ קָרָא לַיְלָה וַיְהִי-עֶרֶב וַיְהִי-בֹקֶר יוֹם אֶחָד:</p>
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<b>Genesis 1:6-8</b>	<b>References</b>
<p>And God said, “Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.”</p> <p>And God made the expanse and separated the waters that were under the expanse from the waters that were above the expanse. And it was so.</p> <p>And God called the expanse <b>Heaven</b>. And there was evening and there was morning, the <b>second day</b>.</p>	<p>2 Pe 3:4-5 They will say, “Where is the promise of his coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all things are continuing as they were from the beginning of creation.” For they deliberately overlook this fact, that <b>the heavens existed long ago, and the earth was formed out of water and through water by the word of God.</b></p> <p>Psa 74:13,15 You divided the sea by your might; you broke the heads of the sea monsters on the waters. [15] You split open springs and brooks; you dried up ever-flowing streams.</p>

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<b>Genesis 1:9-10</b>	<b>References</b>
<p>And God said, “Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so.</p> <p>God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. <b>And God saw that it was good.</b></p>	<p>Jer 5:22 Do you not fear me? declares the LORD. Do you not tremble before me? I placed the sand as the boundary for the sea, a perpetual barrier that it cannot pass; though the waves toss, they cannot prevail; though they roar, they cannot pass over it.</p>

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**Genesis 1:11-13**

And God said, “Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, on the earth.” And it was so.

The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed according to their own kinds, and trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

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Heb 6:7 For land that has drunk the rain that often falls on it, and produces a crop useful to those for whose sake it is cultivated, receives a blessing from God.

Job 38:4-6 “Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. [5] Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? [6] On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone,



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**Genesis 1:14-15**

And God said, “Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and years,

and let them be lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth.” And it was so.

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Deu 4:19 And beware lest you raise your eyes to heaven, and when you see the sun and the moon and the stars, all the host of heaven, you be drawn away and bow down to them and serve them, things that the LORD your God has allotted to all the peoples under the whole heaven.



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<b><i>Genesis 1:14-15</i></b>	<b><i>References</i></b>
<p>And God said, “Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and years,</p> <p>and let them be lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth.” And it was so.</p>	<p>Rom 1:25 They exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen.</p>




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<b><i>Genesis 1:16-18a</i></b>	<b><i>References</i></b>
<p>And God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars.</p> <p>And God set them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness.</p>	



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<b><i>Genesis 1:18b-19</i></b>	<b><i>References</i></b>
<p>And God saw that it was good.</p>	<p>Psa 19:1-5 The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork. Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge. There is no speech, nor are there words, whose voice is not heard. Their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them he has set a tent for the sun, which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber, and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy.</p>
<p>And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.</p>	

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