

The First Book of Moses Called
Genesis

Excerpts from
Genesis
 and Luke

The History of Creation

IN the ^abeginning ^bGod created the heavens and the earth.
 2 The earth was ^awithout form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. ^bAnd the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.
 3 ^aThen God said, ^b"Let there be ^clight"; and there was light.
 4 And God saw the light, that it was good; and God divided the light from the darkness.
 5 God called the light Day, and the ^adarkness He called Night. ^bSo the evening and the morning were the first day.
 6 Then God said, ^a"Let there be a ^bfirmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters."
 7 Thus God made the firmament, ^aand divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were ^babove the firmament; and it was so.
 8 And God called the firmament Heaven. So the evening and the morning were the second day.
 9 Then God said, ^a"Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and ^blet the dry land appear"; and it was so.
 10 And God called the dry land Earth, and the gathering together of the waters He called Seas. And God saw that it was good.
 11 Then God said, ^a"Let the earth ^bbring forth grass, the herb that yields seed, and the ^cfruit tree that yields fruit according to its kind, whose seed is in itself, on the earth"; and it was so.
 12 And the earth brought forth grass, the herb that yields seed according to its kind, and the tree that yields fruit, whose seed is in itself according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.
 13 So the evening and the morning were the third day.
 14 Then God said, ^a"Let there be

CHAPTER 1
 1 ^aPs. 102:25; Is. 40:21; [John 1:1-3; Heb. 1:10]; ^bGen. 2:4; [Ps. 8:3; 89:11; 90:2]; Is. 44:24; Acts 17:24; Rom. 1:20; [Heb. 1:2; 11:3]; Rev. 4:11
 2 ^aJer. 4:23; ^b[Gen. 6:3]; Job 26:13; Ps. 33:8; 104:30; Is. 40:13, 14
 3 ^aPs. 33:6, 9; ^b2 Cor. 4:6; ^c[Heb. 11:3]
 5 ^aJob 37:18; Ps. 19:2; 33:6; 74:16; 104:20; 136:5; Jer. 10:12
 11 ^alit. And evening was, and morning was, a day, one.
 6 ^aJob 37:18; Jer. 10:12; 2 Pet. 3:5
 1 ^aexpanse
 7 ^aJob 38:8-11; Prov. 8:27-29; ^bPs. 148:4
 9 ^aJob 26:10; Ps. 104:6-9; Prov. 8:29; Jer. 5:22; 2 Pet. 3:5; ^bPs. 24:1, 2; 33:7; 95:5
 11 ^aPs. 65:9-13; 104:14; Heb. 6:7; ^b2 Sam. 16:1; Luke 6:44
 14 ^aDeut. 4:19; Ps. 74:16; 136:5-9; ^bPs. 104:19
 16 ^aPs. 136:8; ^bDeut. 17:3; Ps. 8:3; ^cDeut. 4:19; Job 38:7; Is. 40:26; ^dluminaries
 17 ^aGen. 15:5; Jer. 33:20, 25
 18 ^aJer. 31:35
 20 ^alit. souls; ^bexpanse
 21 ^aPs. 104:25-28
 22 ^aGen. 8:17

^alights in the firmament of the heavens to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs and ^bseasons, and for days and years;
 15 "and let them be for lights in the firmament of the heavens to give light on the earth"; and it was so.
 16 Then God made two great ^alights: the ^bgreater light to rule the day, and the ^clesser light to rule the night. *He made* ^dthe stars also.
 17 God set them in the firmament of the ^aheavens to give light on the earth,
 18 and to ^arule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good.
 19 So the evening and the morning were the fourth day.
 20 Then God said, ^a"Let the waters abound with an abundance of living ^bcreatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the face of the ^cfirmament of the heavens."
 21 So ^aGod created great sea creatures and every living thing that moves, with which the waters abounded, according to their kind, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.
 22 And God blessed them, saying, ^a"Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth."
 23 So the evening and the morning were the fifth day.
 24 Then God said, ^a"Let the earth bring forth the living creature according to its kind: cattle and creeping thing and beast of the earth, *each* according to its kind"; and it was so.
 25 And God made the beast of the earth according to its kind, cattle according to its kind, and everything that creeps on the

earth according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.
 26 Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; ^blet them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over ¹all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."
 27 So God created man ^ain His own image; in the image of God He created him; ^bmale and female He created them.
 28 Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and ^bsubdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that ¹moves on the earth."
 29 And God said, "See, I have given you every herb that yields seed which is on the face of all the earth, and every tree whose fruit yields seed; ^ato you it shall be for food.
 30 "Also, to ^aevery beast of the earth, to every ^bbird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, in which ¹there is ¹life, I have given every green herb for food"; and it was so.
 31 Then ^aGod saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good. So the evening and the morning were the sixth day.
2 Thus the heavens and the earth, and ^aall the host of them, were finished.
 2 ^aAnd on the seventh day God ended His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done.
 3 Then God ^ablessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made.
 4 ^aThis is the ¹history of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens,
 5 before any ^aplant of the field was in the earth and before any herb of the field had grown. For

26 ^aGen. 9:6; Ps. 100:3; Eccl. 7:29; [Eph. 4:24]; James 3:9; ^bGen. 9:2; Ps. 8:6-8; ¹Syr. all the wild animals of
 27 ^aGen. 5:2; 1 Cor. 11:7; ^bMatt. 19:4; [Mark 10:6-8]
 28 ^aGen. 9:1, 7; Lev. 26:9; ^b1 Cor. 9:27
¹moves about on
 29 ^aGen. 9:3; Ps. 104:14, 15
 30 ^aPs. 145:15; ^bJob 38:41
¹a living soul
 31 ^a[Ps. 104:24; 1 Tim. 4:4]
 CHAPTER 2
 1 ^aPs. 33:6
 2 ^aEx. 20:9-11; 31:17; Heb. 4:4, 10
 3 ^a[Is. 58:13]
 4 ^aGen. 1:1; Ps. 90:1, 2
¹Lit. genealogy
 5 ^aGen. 1:11, 12; ^bGen. 7:4; Job 5:10; 38:26-28; ^cGen. 3:23
 7 ^aGen. 3:19, 23; Ps. 103:14; ^bJob 33:4
^cGen. 7:22; ^d1 Cor. 15:45
 8 ^aIs. 51:3
^bGen. 3:23, 24; ^cGen. 4:16
 9 ^aEzek. 31:8; ^b[Gen. 3:22; Rev. 2:7; 22:2, 14]
^c[Deut. 1:39]
 11 ^aGen. 25:18
 12 ^aNum. 11:7
 14 ^aDan. 10:4
¹Or Tigris
²Heb. Ashshur
 15 ¹Or Adam
²cultivate
 17 ^aGen. 3:1, 3, 11, 17
^bGen. 3:3, 19; [Rom. 6:23]
^cRom. 5:12; 1 Cor. 15:21, 22
¹Lit. dying you shall die
 18 ^a1 Cor. 11:8, 9; 1 Tim. 2:13

the LORD God had not ^bcaused it to rain on the earth, and ^{there} was no man ^cto till the ground; ⁶ but a mist went up from the earth and watered the whole face of the ground.
 7 And the LORD God formed man of the ^adust of the ground, and ^bbreathed into his ^cnostrils the breath of life; and ^dman became a living being.

Life in God's Garden

8 The LORD God planted ^aa garden ^beastward in ^cEden, and there He put the man whom He had formed.
 9 And out of the ground the LORD God made ^aevery tree grow that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. ^bThe tree of life was also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and ^cevil.
 10 Now a river went out of Eden to water the garden, and from there it parted and became four riverheads.
 11 The name of the first is Pishon; it is the one which encompasses ^athe whole land of Havilah, where ^{there} is gold.
 12 And the gold of that land is good. ^aBdellium and the onyx stone are there.
 13 The name of the second river is Gihon; it is the one which encompasses the whole land of Cush.
 14 The name of the third river is ^aHiddekel; ¹ it is the one which goes toward the east of ²Assyria. The fourth river is the Euphrates.
 15 Then the LORD God took ¹the man and put him in the garden of Eden to ²tend and keep it.
 16 And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat;
 17 "but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil ^ayou shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it ^byou¹ shall surely ^cdie."
 18 And the LORD God said, "It is not good that man should be alone; ^aI will make him a helper comparable to him."

19 ^aOut of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the air, and ^bbrought ^{them} to ¹Adam to see what he would call them. And whatever Adam called each living creature, that was its name.
 20 So Adam gave names to all cattle, to the birds of the air, and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper comparable to him.
 21 And the LORD God caused a ^adeep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place.
 22 Then the rib which the LORD God had taken from man He ¹made into a woman, ^aand He ^bbrought her to the man.
 23 And Adam said:

"This is now ^abone of my bones
 And flesh of my flesh;
 She shall be called ¹Woman,
 Because she was ^btaken out of
²Man."

24 ^aTherefore a man shall leave his father and mother and ^bbe¹ joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.
 25 ^aAnd they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ^bashamed.

The Temptation and Fall of Man

3 Now ^athe serpent was ^bmore cunning than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, "Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden?'"
 2 And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat the ^afruit of the trees of the garden;
 3 "but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat it, nor shall you ^atouch it, lest you die.'"
 4 ^aAnd the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die.
 5 "For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

19 ^aGen. 1:20, 24; ^bPs. 8:6
¹Or the man
 21 ^aGen. 15:12; 1 Sam. 26:12
 22 ^aGen. 3:20; 1 Tim. 2:13
^bHeb. 13:4
¹Lit. built
 23 ^aGen. 29:14; Eph. 5:28-30
^b1 Cor. 11:8, 9
¹Heb. Ishshah
²Heb. Ish
 24 ^aMatt. 19:5; Eph. 5:31
^bMark 10:6-8; 1 Cor. 6:16
¹Lit. cling
 25 ^aGen. 3:7, 10
^bIs. 47:3
 CHAPTER 3
 1 ^a1 Chr. 21:1; [Rev. 12:9; 20:2, 10]
^b2 Cor. 11:3
 2 ^aGen. 2:16, 17
 3 ^aEx. 19:12, 13; Rev. 22:14
 4 ^aJohn 8:44; [2 Cor. 11:3; 1 Tim. 2:14]
 6 ^a1 John 2:16
^b1 Tim. 2:14
¹Lit. a desirable thing
 7 ^aGen. 2:25
¹girding coverings
 8 ^aJob 38:1; Jer. 23:24
¹Or voice
²wind or breeze
 10 ^aGen. 2:25; Ex. 3:6; Deut. 9:19; 1 John 3:20
 12 ^a[Prov. 28:13]
 13 ^aGen. 3:4; 2 Cor. 11:3; 1 Tim. 2:14
 14 ^aDeut. 28:15-20; Is. 65:25; Mic. 7:17
 15 ^aJohn 8:44; Acts 13:10; 1 John 3:8
^bIs. 7:14; Luke 1:31, 34, 35; Gal. 4:4
^cRom. 16:20; [Rev. 12:7, 17]

6 So when the woman ^asaw that the tree was good for food, that it was ¹pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit ^band ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate.
 7 Then the eyes of both of them were opened, ^aand they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves ¹coverings.
 8 And they heard ^athe ¹sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the ²cool of the day, and Adam and his wife ^bhid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.
 9 Then the LORD God called to Adam and said to him, "Where are you?"
 10 So he said, "I heard Your voice in the garden, ^aand I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself."
 11 And He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you that you should not eat?"
 12 Then the man said, "The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I ate."
 13 And the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" And the woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."
 14 So the LORD God said to the serpent:
 "Because you have done this, You are cursed more than all cattle, And more than every beast of the field; On your belly you shall go, And you shall eat dust All the days of your life.
 15 And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between ^ayour seed and ^bher Seed; ^cHe shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel."
 16 To the woman He said:

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"I will greatly multiply
your sorrow and your
conception;

*In pain you shall bring forth
children;

^bYour desire shall be ¹for your
husband,

And he shall ^crule over you."

17 Then to Adam He said, "Be-
cause you have heeded the voice
of your wife, and have eaten from
the tree ^bof which I commanded
you, saying, 'You shall not eat of
it':

^c"Cursed is the ground for your
sake;

^dIn toil you shall eat of it
All the days of your life.

18 Both thorns and thistles
it shall ¹bring forth for you,
And ^ayou shall eat the herb of
the field.

19 ^aIn the sweat of your face
you shall eat bread
Till you return to the ground,
For out of it you were taken;
^bFor dust you are,
And ^cto dust you shall return."

20 And Adam called his wife's
name ^a'Eve,' because she was the
mother of all living.

21 Also for Adam and his wife
the LORD God made tunics of
skin, and clothed them.

22 Then the LORD God said, "Be-
hold, the man has become like
one of Us, to know good and
evil. And now, lest he put out his
hand and take also of the tree of
life, and eat, and live forever"—

23 therefore the LORD God sent
him out of the garden of Eden ^ato
till the ground from which he
was taken.

24 So ^aHe drove out the man;
and He placed ^bcherubim ^cat the
east of the garden of Eden, and a
flaming sword which turned ev-
ery way, to guard the way to the
tree of ^dlife.

From Luke

The Parable of the Lost Son

11 Then He said: "A certain man
had two sons.

12 "And the younger of them
said to *his* father, 'Father, give
me the portion of goods that falls
to me.' So he divided to them ^ahis
livelihood.

13 "And not many days after, the
younger son gathered all to-
gether, journeyed to a far coun-
try, and there wasted his posses-
sions with ¹prodigal living.

14 "But when he had spent all,
there arose a severe famine in
that land, and he began to be in
want.

15 "Then he went and joined
himself to a citizen of that coun-
try, and he sent him into his fields
to feed swine.

16 "And he would gladly have
filled his stomach with the ¹pods
that the swine ate, and no one
gave him *anything*.

17 "But when he came to him-
self, he said, 'How many of my
father's hired servants have
bread enough and to spare, and I
perish with hunger!

18 'I will arise and go to my fa-
ther, and will say to him, "Father,
^aI have sinned against heaven
and before you,

19 and I am no longer worthy to
be called your son. Make me like
one of your hired servants."'

20 "And he arose and came to his
father. But ^awhen he was still a
great way off, his father saw him
and had compassion, and ran and
fell on his neck and kissed him.

21 "And the son said to him, 'Fa-
ther, I have sinned against
heaven ^aand in your sight, and

18 ^aEx. 9:27;
10:16; Num.
22:34; Josh.
7:20; 1 Sam.
15:24, 30; 26:
21; 2 Sam.
12:13; 24:10;
17; Ps. 51:4;
Matt. 27:4

20 ^a[Jer. 3:
12]; Matt. 9:
36; [Acts 2:
39; Eph. 2:
13, 17]

21 ^aPs. 51:4

22 ¹NU
Quickly
bring

24 ^aMatt. 8:
22; Luke 9:
60; 15:32;
Rom. 11:15;
[Eph. 2:1, 5;
5:14; Col. 2:
13; 1 Tim. 5:
6]

32 ^aLuke 15:
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am no longer worthy to be called
your son.'

22 "But the father said to his
servants, ¹"Bring out the best robe
and put it on him, and put a ring
on his hand and sandals on *his*
feet.

23 'And bring the fatted calf here
and kill it, and let us eat and be
merry;

24 ^a"for this my son was dead and
is alive again; he was lost and is
found.' And they began to be
merry.

25 "Now his older son was in the
field. And as he came and drew
near to the house, he heard music
and dancing.

26 "So he called one of the ser-
vants and asked what these
things meant.

27 "And he said to him, 'Your
brother has come, and because
he has received him safe and
sound, your father has killed the
fatted calf.'

28 "But he was angry and would
not go in. Therefore his father
came out and pleaded with him.

29 "So he answered and said to
his father, 'Lo, these many years
I have been serving you; I never
transgressed your commandment
at any time; and yet you never
gave me a young goat, that I
might make merry with my
friends.

30 'But as soon as this son of
yours came, who has devoured
your livelihood with harlots, you
killed the fatted calf for him.'

31 "And he said to him, 'Son, you
are always with me, and all that I
have is yours.

32 'It was right that we should
make merry and be glad, ^afor
your brother was dead and is
alive again, and was lost and is
found.'"