

Genesis 1 - The Account of Creation

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

The earth was formless and empty, and darkness covered the deep waters. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the surface of the waters.

Then God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. And God saw that the light was good.

Then he separated the light from the darkness. God called the light "day" and the darkness "night."

Then God said, "Let there be a space between the waters, to separate the waters of the heavens from the waters of the earth."

Then God said, "Let the waters beneath the sky flow together into one place, so dry ground may appear."

Then God said, "Let lights appear in the sky to separate the day from the night. Let them be signs to mark the seasons, days, and years. Let these lights in the sky shine down on the earth."

Then God said, "Let the waters swarm with fish and other life. Let the skies be filled with birds of every kind."

Then God said, "Let the earth produce every sort of animal, each producing offspring of the same kind—livestock, small animals that scurry along the ground, and wild animals."

Then God said, "Let us make human beings in our image, to be like us. They will reign over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, the livestock, all the wild animals on the earth, and the small animals that scurry along the ground."

Then God looked over all he had made, and he saw that it was very good!