

# Genesis Series

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A vibrant cosmic background featuring a bright blue and white starburst in the center, surrounded by numerous stars, galaxies, and planets. A large, dark planet is visible in the upper right, and a smaller, blue-tinted planet is in the lower left. The overall scene is a rich, multi-colored space landscape.

# GENESIS

**Book of Beginnings**

**A Creation of Man:** God blesses man and places him in perfect environment and supplies his every need. (2:4–17)

**B Creation of woman:** God creates the woman as the helper of the man, (2:18–25)

**C Serpent:** The serpent tempts the woman  
(3:1–5)

**D CENTER:** The man and woman sin;  
God uncovers it. (3:6–13)

**C' Punishment of the Serpent:** Warfare  
between the serpent's seed and the  
woman's Seed (3:14-15)

**B' Punishment of the woman:** The woman at  
enmity with the man (3:16)

**A' Punishment of the man:** Man and the environment  
are spoiled and at enmity with one another. (3:17–24)

**2A The history of the heavens and the earth, (2:4-4:26)**

**1B The origin of sin in the human race, its discovery by God, and the cursing it brought on mankind and the creation. (2:4-3:24)**

**1C God creates a perfect environment for the habitation of mankind and the test for the angelic conflict, (2:4-25)**

**1D Creation of man: God blesses man and places him in perfect environment and supplies his every need. (2:4-17)**

**1E God creates man. (2:4-7)**

**1F The condition of the earth prior to the creation of man, (2:4-6)**

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אֵלֶּה *elleh* These, indicating that which follows.

תּוֹלְדוֹת *toledot*, “record, descendants, generation.”

Marks off 10 major divisions in Genesis. The word is from the root *yalad*, meaning “to give birth, to bear children” and here means, “what is produced or brought into being by someone.” Literally it means “descendants” i.e., “these are the descendants of the heavens and the earth.”

**This is the account**

**Of the heavens and the earth**

**when they were created**

**In the day when the Lord**

**God made**

**earth and heaven**



4. **יהוה** *YHWH*, the sacred tetragrammaton, the personal name of God related to His Covenant with Israel.

**Ex. 3:14 And God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM”; and He said, “Thus you shall say to the sons of Israel, ‘I AM has sent me to you.’ ”**

In English the Word *Lord* is derived from the Anglo Saxon *Hlaford*, which became contracted into *Loverd* and eventually to *Lord*; Etymologically it derived from *Hlaf*, bread, later loaf, to give out, to supply. *Lord* therefore implies the giver of bread, or him who sustains and nourishes his creatures.

**Gen. 2:5 Now no shrub of the field was yet in the earth, and no plant of the field had yet sprouted, for the LORD God had not sent rain upon the earth; and there was no man to cultivate the ground.**

This is the שִׂיחַ הַשָּׂדֶה *siach nasadeh* “weeds of the field,”

Gen. 1:12 talks about vegetation, דְּשֵׁא *deshe*, comprised of two categories, the plants yielding seed (shrubs- עֵשֶׂב *esev*), and trees bearing fruit ,עֵץ *etz*.

**“Now remember this was a time before the curse was on the earth or there was any judgment on mankind.”**

**Gen. 2:6 But a mist used to rise  
from the earth and water the whole  
surface of the ground [הָאֲדָמָה  
*ha'adamah*].**

**The original hydrologic cycle was thus drastically different from that of the present day. The present cycle, which began at the time of the great Flood, involves global and continental air mass movements, and annual and seasonal temperature changes. It is summarized quite scientifically in such Scripture passages as Ecclesiastes 1:6-7; Isaiah 55:10-11; Job 28:24-26; Job 36:26-29; Psalm 135:6-7, and others.**



**This present cycle centers around the solar evaporation of ocean waters, transportation to the continents in the atmospheric circulation, condensation and precipitation in the form of rain and snow, and transportation back to the oceans via rivers. In the original world, however, there was no rainfall on the earth. As originally created, the earth's daily water supply came primarily from local evaporation and condensation. There was also, as noted later, a system of spring-fed rivers.**

**The change in temperature between daytime and nighttime apparently was adequate to energize daily evaporation from each local body of water and its condensation as dew and fog in the surrounding area each night. This arrangement was implemented on the second and third days of the creation week, prior to the formation of the plants on the latter part of the third day.**

**The source of the river was said to be in Eden, though presumably somewhere outside the garden itself. Since there was no rainfall, the river would have to be supplied through a pressurized conduit from an underground reservoir of some kind, emerging under pressure as a sort of artesian spring. The fluid pressure, however, could not have been simple hydrostatic pressure (pressure resulting from gravitational flow of groundwater from a source area at a higher elevation), because this also would depend on rainfall.**

**The pressure in the subterranean reservoir could have been established either when the waters were first entrapped below the land surface and compressed by the weight of the overlying rocks (presumably on the third day of creation) or else by being heated from a deep-lying heat source. The latter is more likely, since otherwise the pressure would gradually be dissipated as the waters escaped to the surface. If there was a continuing heat source, however, as well as a continuing supply of water to the subterranean pool, then the artesian spring at the surface could be fed indefinitely.**

**The water coming into the pool must have flowed by gravity from one of the surface “seas,” through permeable sands or channels in the rocks, down into the great water heater below. There were probably similar subterranean channels and chambers in the earth’s crust all around the world. Thus the antediluvian hydrologic cycle conveyed water from the sea to the land via subterranean channels, whereas the postdiluvian cycle accomplishes this movement via the atmosphere.**

**The prediluvian water chambers were destroyed by the upheavals at the time of the Flood; but to compensate for this loss, the concurrent precipitation of the vapor canopy permitted the circulation of the atmosphere to begin and continental rainfalls to supply the new river systems.**

**The water flow in the river of Eden must have been very large for, after traversing the garden, it separated into four “distributaries,” each of which was a large and long river. The rivers must eventually have reached one or more of the antediluvian seas, thus completing the cycle.**

**Gen. 2:7 Then the LORD God formed man of dust from the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.**



**Isa. 43:1 But now, thus says the  
LORD, your Creator, O Jacob,**

**And He who formed [*yatzar*]  
you, O Israel,**

**“Do not fear, for I have  
redeemed you;**

**I have called you by name; you  
are Mine!”**

יָצַר *yatzar*

The main verb here is *yatzar*, which portrays God as a potter, precisely and deliberately creating man.

**Isa. 29:16 You turn *things* around!**

**Shall the potter be considered  
as equal with the clay,**

**That what is made would say  
to its maker, “He did not make  
me”;**

**Or what is formed [*yatzar*] say  
to him who formed it, “He has no  
understanding”?**

אָדָם pun with *adamah*, Note: Adam  
is red, or clay colored, not white or  
black.

**עֶפֶר** dust, earth, ground, ashes,  
mortar powder, rubbish.

**Job 4:19 How much more those  
who dwell in houses of clay,  
Whose foundation is in the dust,  
Who are crushed before the moth!**

**Job 10:9 'Remember now, that  
Thou hast made me as clay; And  
wouldst Thou turn me into dust  
again?'**

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**Isa. 45:9 “Woe to the one who quarrels with his Maker — An earthenware vessel among the vessels of earth! Will the clay say to the potter, ‘What are you doing?’ Or the thing you are making say, He has no hands?”**

**Isa. 44:8 'Do not tremble and do not be afraid; Have I not long since announced it to you and declared it? And you are My witnesses. Is there any God besides Me, Or is there any other Rock? I know of none.' ”**

**2 Cor. 4:7 “But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the surpassing greatness of the power may be of God and not from ourselves;”**

**1 Cor. 11:6 For if a woman does not cover her head, let her also have her hair cut off; but if it is disgraceful for a woman to have her hair cut off or her head shaved, let her cover her head.**

**1 Cor. 11:7 For a man ought not to have his head covered, since he is the image and glory of God; but the woman is the glory of man.**

**1 Cor. 11:8 For man does not originate from woman, but woman from man;**

**1 Cor. 11:9 for indeed man was not created for the woman's sake, but woman for the man's sake.**