

Beresheeth – בראשית – Genesis

To Our Forefathers Yisrael

Torah Parsha 1

Beresheeth 1:1-6:8

Haftarah Yeshayahu 42:5-43:10

Brit Chadasha Yochanan 1:1-18

1 Beresheeth bara Elohim Aleph-Taf¹ ha shamayim v-et ha-aretz.
2 And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Ruach of Elohim moved upon the face of the mayim.
3 And Elohim said, *Let there be Light*: and Light was.
4 And Elohim saw the Light, that it was tov: and Elohim divided the Light from the darkness.
5 And Elohim called the Light, Daytime,² and the darkness He called Night. And the evening and the morning were Yom Rishon.
6 And Elohim said, *Let there be a firmament in the midst of the mayim, and let it divide the mayim from the mayim.*
7 And Elohim made the firmament, and divided the mayim that were under the firmament from the mayim that were above the firmament: and it was so.
8 And Elohim called the firmament Shamayim. And the evening and the morning were Yom Shanee.
9 And Elohim said, *Let the mayim under the shamayim be gathered together to one place, and let the dry land appear*, and it was so. And the mayim under the shamayim gathered to their gatherings and the dry land appeared.³
10 And Elohim called the dry land Earth; and the gathering together of the mayim He called Seas: and Elohim saw that it was tov.
11 And Elohim said, *Let the earth bring out grass, the herb yielding zera, and the fruit*

eytz yielding fruit after its kind, whose zera is in itself, upon the earth: and it was so.

12 And the earth brought out grass, and herb yielding zera after its kind, and the eytz yielding fruit, whose zera was in itself, after its kind: and Elohim saw that it was tov.

13 And the evening and the morning were Yom Shlishi.

14 And Elohim said, *Let there be lights in the firmament of the shamayim to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for moadim, and for days, and years:*⁴

15 *And let them be for lights in the firmament of the shamayim to give light upon the earth:* and it was so.

16 And Elohim made⁵ two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: He made the cochavim also.

17 And Elohim set them in the firmament of the shamayim to give light upon the earth,

18 And to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness: and Elohim saw that it was tov.

19 And the evening and the morning were Yom Revee.

20 And Elohim said, *Let the mayim bring out abundantly the moving creatures that have chayim, and fowl that may fly above the earth in the open firmament of the shamayim.*

21 And Elohim created great whales, and every living creature that moves, which the mayim brought out abundantly, after their kind, and every winged fowl after its kind: and Elohim saw that it was tov.

22 And Elohim blessed them, saying, *Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the mayim in the seas, and let fowl multiply in the*

earth.

23 And the evening and the morning were Yom Chameeshe.

24 And Elohim said, *Let the earth bring out the living creature after its kind, cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth after its kind:* and it was so.

25 And Elohim made the beast of the earth after its kind, and cattle after their kind, and every thing that creeps upon the earth after its kind: and Elohim saw that it was tov.

26 And Elohim said, *Let Us make man in Our image, after Our likeness:* ⁶ *and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.*

27 So the Word of Elohim ⁷ created man in His own image, in the image of Elohim He created him; male and female He created them.

28 And Elohim blessed them, and Elohim said to them, *Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth,* ⁸ *and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.*

29 And Elohim said, *See, I have given you every herb bearing zera, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every eytz, which is the fruit of an eytz yielding zera; to you it shall be for food.*

30 *And to every beast of the earth, and to every fowl of the air, and to every thing that creeps upon the earth, in which there is chayim, I have given every green herb for food:* and it was so.

31 And Elohim saw every thing that He had made; and see; it was very tov. And the evening and the morning were Yom Sheshi.

2 So the shamayim and the earth were finished, and all their hosts.

2 And on the sixth day ⁹ Elohim ended His work that He had made; and He rested on the seventh day from all His work that He had made.

3 And Elohim blessed the seventh day, and set it apart: because in it He had rested from all His work that Elohim created and made.

4 These are the generations of the shamayim and of the earth when they were created, in the day that יהוה Elohim made the earth and the shamayim,

5 And every plant of the field before it was in the earth, and every herb of the field before it grew: for יהוה Elohim had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was not a man to till the ground.

6 But there went up a mist from the earth, and watered the whole face of the ground.

7 And יהוה Elohim formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of chayim; and man became a living nephesh.

8 And יהוה Elohim planted a garden eastward in Ayden; and there He put the man whom He had formed.

9 And out of the ground made יהוה Elohim to grow every eytz that is pleasant to the sight, and tov for food; the eytz chayim also in the midst of the garden, and the eytz of the da'at of tov and evil.

10 And a river went out of Ayden to water the garden; and from there it parted, and became four riverheads.

11 The name of the first is Pishon: that is the one surrounding the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold;

12 And the gold of that land is tov: bdellium is there and the onyx stone.

13 And the name of the second river is Gihon: the same one that surrounds the

whole land of Ethiopia.

14 And the name of the third river is Tigris: that is the one that goes toward the east of Ashshur. And the fourth river is the Euphrates.

15 And יהוה Elohim took the man, and put him into Gan Ayden to work it and to guard it.

16 And יהוה Elohim commanded the man, saying, *Of every eytz of Gan Ayden you may freely eat:*

17 *But of the eytz of the da'at of tov and evil, you shall not eat of it: for in the day that you eat from it you shall surely die.*

18 And יהוה Elohim said, *It is not tov that the man should be alone; I will make for him a helper as his counterpart.*¹⁰

19 And out of the ground יהוה Elohim formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought them to Adam to see what he would call them: and whatever Adam called every living creature; that was the name of it.

20 And Adam gave names to all the cattle, and to the fowls of the air, and to every beast of the field; but for Adam there was not found a helper.

21 And יהוה Elohim caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam and he slept: and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place;

22 And with the rib that יהוה Elohim had taken from man, He made a woman, and brought her to the man.

23 And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Isha, because she was taken out of Ish.

24 Therefore shall a man leave his abba and his eema, and shall cleave to his wife: and they shall be basar echad.

25 And they were both naked, the ish and his isha, and were not ashamed.

3 Now the serpent was craftier than any beast of the field that יהוה Elohim had made. And he said to the woman, Is it emet? Has Elohim really¹¹ said, You shall not eat of every eytz of the garden?

2 And the woman said to the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the eytzim of the garden:

3 But of the fruit of the eytz which is in the midst of the garden, Elohim has said, You shall not eat of it, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.

4 And the serpent said to the woman, You shall not surely die:

5 For Elohim does know that in the day you eat of it, then your eyes shall be opened, and you shall be like Elohim, knowing tov and evil.

6 And when the woman saw that the eytz was tov for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and an eytz to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit of it, and did eat, and gave it also to her husband with her; and he did eat.

7 And the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.

8 And they heard the voice of יהוה Elohim walking in the garden in the cool of the day:¹² and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of יהוה Elohim among the eytzim of the garden.

9 And יהוה Elohim called to Adam, and said to him, *Where are you?*

10 And he said, I heard Your voice in the garden, and 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 of the eytz that I commanded you that you should not eat?*

12 And the man said, The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me of

the eytz, and I did eat.

13 And יהוה Elohim said to the woman, *What is this that you have done?* And the woman said, The serpent deceived me, and I did eat.

14 And יהוה Elohim said to the serpent, *Because you have done this, you are cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon your belly shall you go, and dust shall you eat all the days of your chayim:*

15 *And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your zera and her Zera; He shall crush your head, and you shall bruise His heel.*¹³

16 Unto the woman He said, *I will greatly multiply your sorrow and your conception; in sorrow you shall bring out children; and your desire shall be to your husband, and he shall rule over you.*

17 And to Adam He said, *Because you have listened to the voice of your wife, and have eaten of the eytz, of which I commanded you, saying, You shall not eat of it: cursed is the ground for your sake; in sorrow shall you eat from it all the days of your chayim;*

18 *Thorns also and thistles shall it bring out for you; and you shall eat the herb of the field;*

19 *By the sweat of your face shall you eat lechem, until you return to the ground; for out of it were you taken: for dust you are, and to dust shall you return.*

20 And Adam called his wife's name Chavah; because she was the eema of all living.

21 Unto Adam also and to his wife did יהוה Elohim make coats of skins, and clothed them.

22 And יהוה Elohim said, *See, the man has become as one of Us, to know tov and evil: and now, lest he put out his hand, and take also of the eytz chayim, and eat, and live le-olam-va-ed:*

23 Therefore יהוה Elohim sent him out from Gan Ayden, to work the ground

from where he was taken.

24 So He drove out the man; and He placed at the east of Gan Ayden cheruvim, and a flaming sword that turned in every direction, to guard the way back to the eytz chayim.

4 And Adam had known¹⁴ Chavah his wife; and she conceived, and bore Qayin, and said, I have gotten a man from יהוה.¹⁵

2 And she again bore his brother Hevel. And Hevel was a guardian of sheep, but Qayin was a tiller of the ground.

3 And in process of time¹⁶ it came to pass, that Qayin brought from the fruit of the ground an offering to יהוה.

4 And Hevel, also brought of the bechorot of his flock and of its fat. And יהוה had respect for Hevel and his offering:

5 But to Qayin and to his offering He had not respect. And Qayin was very angry, and his face displayed hate.

6 And יהוה said to Qayin, *Why are you angered and annoyed? And why is your face displaying hate?*

7 *If you do well, shall you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin lies at your door. And its desire is for you, but you should rule over it.*

8 And Qayin talked with Hevel his brother: Let us go out into the plain.¹⁷

And it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Qayin rose up against Hevel his brother, and killed him.

9 And יהוה said to Qayin, *Where is Hevel your brother?* And he said, I don't know: Am I my brother's guardian?

10 And He said, *What have you done? The voice of your brother's dahm cries to Me from the ground.*

11 *And now are you cursed from the earth, that has opened its mouth to receive your brother's dahm from your hand;*

12 *When you till the ground, it shall not from now on yield to you its strength; a fugitive and a wanderer shall you be in the earth.*

13 And Qayin said to יהוה, My punishment is greater than I can bear.

14 See, You have driven me out this day from the face of the earth; and from Your face shall I be hidden; and I shall be a fugitive and a wanderer in the earth; and it shall come to pass, that every one that finds me shall try and kill me.

15 And יהוה said to him, *Therefore whoever kills Qayin, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold.* And יהוה set a mark upon Qayin, lest any finding him should kill him.¹⁸

16 And Qayin went out from the presence of יהוה, and dwelt in the land of Nod, to the east of Gan Ayden.

17 And Qayin knew his wife;¹⁹ and she conceived, and bore Chanoch: and he built a city, and called the name of the city, after the name of his son, Chanoch.

18 And to Chanoch was born Irad: and Irad begat Mehuya-El: and Mehuya-El begat Methusa-El: and Methusa-El begat Lamech.

19 And Lamech took two wives: the name of one was Adah, and the name of the other Zillah.

20 And Adah bore Yaval: he was the abba of such as dwell in tents, and of such as have cattle.

21 And his brother's name was Yuval: he was the abba of all such as handle the harp and organ.

22 And Zillah, she also bore Tuval-Qayin, an instructor in every kind of brass and iron tool: and the sister of Tuval-Qayin was Naamah.

23 And Lamech said to his wives, Adah and Zillah, Listen to my voice; you wives of Lamech, listen to my speech: for I have slain a man to my own wounding, and a young man to my hurt.

24 If Qayin shall be avenged sevenfold,

truly Lamech seventy-sevenfold.

25 And Adam knew his wife again; and she bore a son, and called his name Sheth: For Elohim, she said, has appointed me another zera instead of Hevel, whom Qayin killed.

26 And to Sheth, also there was born a son; and he called his name Enosh: then men began to call upon the Name of יהוה.²⁰

5 This is the scroll of the generations of Adam. In the day that Elohim created man, in the likeness of Elohim He made him;

2 Male and female He created them; and blessed them, and called their name Adam, in the day when they were created.

3 And Adam lived a hundred thirty years, and begat a son in his own likeness, after his own image; and called his name Sheth:²¹

4 And the days of Adam after he had begotten Sheth were eight hundred years: and he begat sons and daughters:

5 And all the days that Adam lived were nine hundred thirty years: and he died.

6 And Sheth lived a hundred five years, and begat Enosh:

7 And Sheth lived after he begat Enosh eight hundred seven years, and begat sons and daughters:

8 And all the days of Sheth were nine hundred twelve years: and he died.

9 And Enosh lived ninety years, and begat Kenan:

10 And Enosh lived after he begat Kenan eight hundred fifteen years, and begat sons and daughters:

11 And all the days of Enosh were nine hundred five years: and he died.

12 And Kenan lived seventy years, and begat Mahalal-El:

13 And Kenan lived after he begat Mahalal-El eight hundred forty years, and begat sons and daughters:

14 And all the days of Kenan were nine hundred ten years: and he died.
 15 And Mahalal-El lived sixty-five years, and begat Yared:
 16 And Mahalal-El lived after he begat Yared eight hundred thirty years, and begat sons and daughters:
 17 And all the days of Mahalal-El were eight hundred ninety five years: and he died.
 18 And Yared lived a hundred sixty-two years, and he begat Chanoch:
 19 And Yared lived after he begat Chanoch eight hundred years, and begat sons and daughters:
 20 And all the days of Yared were nine hundred sixty two years: and he died.
 21 And Chanoch lived sixty-five years, and begat Metushelach:
 22 And Chanoch had his halacha with Elohim after he begat Metushelach three hundred years, and begat sons and daughters:
 23 And all the days of Chanoch were three hundred sixty five years:
 24 And Chanoch had his halacha with Elohim: and he was not; for Elohim took him.
 25 And Metushelach lived a hundred eighty seven years, and begat Lamech:
 26 And Metushelach lived after he begat Lamech seven hundred eighty two years, and begat sons and daughters:
 27 And all the days of Metushelach²² were nine hundred sixty nine years: and he died.
 28 And Lamech lived a hundred eighty two years, and begat a son:
 29 And he called his name Noach, saying, This one shall comfort us concerning our work and toil of our hands, because of the ground that יהוה has cursed.
 30 And Lamech lived after he begat Noach five hundred ninety five years, and begat sons and daughters:
 31 And all the days of Lamech were

seven hundred seventy seven years: and he died.

32 And Noach was five hundred years old: and Noach begat Shem, Ham, and Yahpheth.

6 And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born to them,²³

2 That the sons of Elohim²⁴ saw the daughters of men that they were beautiful; and they took for themselves wives of all which they chose.

3 And יהוה said, *My Ruach shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be one hundred twenty years.*

4 There were Nephilim²⁵ in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of Elohim came in to the daughters of men, and they bore children to them, the same became mighty men who were of old, men of fame.²⁶

5 And Elohim saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his lev was only evil continually.

6 And it bothered יהוה that He had made man on the earth, and it grieved Him in His lev.

7 And יהוה said, *I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowl of the air; for it bothers Me that I have made them.*

8 But Noach found favor²⁷ in the eyes of יהוה.

**Torah Parsha 2
 Noach 6:9-11:32**

**Haftarah Yeshayahu 54:1-55:5
 Brit Chadasha Mattityahu 24:36-44**

9 These are the generations of Noach: Noach was a tzadik man and perfect in his generations, and Noach had his

halacha with Elohim.

10 And Noach begat three sons, Shem, Ham, and Yahpheth.

11 The earth also was corrupt before Elohim, and the earth was filled with violence.

12 And Elohim looked upon the earth, and, see, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted its way upon the earth.

13 And Elohim said to Noach, *The end of all flesh has come before Me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, see, I will destroy them with the earth.*

14 *Make a tayvah of gopher wood; rooms you shall make in the tayvah, and shall cover it inside and outside with tar.*

15 *And this is the design that you shall make it: The length of the tayvah shall be three hundred cubits, the width of it fifty cubits, and the height of it thirty cubits.*

16 *A window shall you make to the tayvah, and in a cubit shall you finish it above; and the door of the tayvah shall you set in the side of it; with lower, second, and third stories shall you make it.*

17 *And, see, I, even I, do bring a flood of mayim upon the earth, to destroy all flesh, in which is the breath of chayim, from under the shamayim; and everything that is in the earth shall die.*

18 *But with you I will establish My brit; and you shall come into the tayvah, you, and your sons, and your wife, and your sons' wives with you.*

19 *And of every living thing of all flesh, two of every sort shall you bring into the tayvah, to keep them alive with you; they shall be male and female.*

20 *Of the fowl after their kind, and of cattle after their kind, of every creeping thing of the earth after its kind, two of every sort shall come to you, to keep them alive.*

21 *And take for you all food that is eaten, and you shall gather it to you; and it*

shall be for food for you, and for them.

22 So Noach did according to all that Elohim commanded him; so he did.²⁸

7 And יהוה said to Noach, *Come you and all your bayit into the tayvah; for you have I seen tzadik before Me in this generation.*

2 *Of every clean beast you shall take by sevens,²⁹ the male and the female: and of beasts that are not clean by two, the male and the female.*

3 *Of fowls also of the air by sevens, the male and the female; to keep all zera alive upon the face of all the earth.*

4 *For in seven days, I will cause it to rain upon the earth forty days and forty nights; and every living substance that I have made I will destroy from off the face of the earth.*

5 And Noach did according to all that יהוה commanded him.³⁰

6 And Noach was six hundred years old when the flood of mayim was upon the earth.

7 And Noach went in, and his sons, and his wife, and his sons' wives with him, into the tayvah, because of the mayim of the flood.

8 *Of clean beasts, and of beasts that are not clean, and of fowls, and of every thing that creeps upon the earth,*

9 *They went in two by two to Noach into*

¹ The Hebrew word here is et spelled Aleph Taf, which are the first and last letters of the Hebrew alphabet and are used to describe YHWH's Son in the Renewed Covenant. Colossians 1:16 and Proverbs 30:4 confirm that the Son is the true Creator and the Father is the Master designer.

² Dead Sea Scrolls (DSS).

³ DSS and LXX.

⁴ YHWH's calendar and feasts existed even before the creation of Adam and Eve. These feasts predated the giving of the Torah as well, and therefore are eternal for all of YHWH's people, for all ages, at all times. Notice that the moon and sun are not for determining weeks and thus cannot be used to determine the weekly Shabbat.

⁵ As seen in verse 3, the light existed and most likely the sun and moon were created on the first day, but were made to function as lights for feasts and YHWH's appointed times here on the fourth day. The word used here is asah which means was made, or assigned; as opposed to the Hebrew word bara, which means to create something for the first time.

⁶ "Our image and Our likeness," speaks of the plurality of the one YHWH.

⁷ Aramaic Targum; Onkelos.

⁸ To create a single family, or assembly of set apart chosen people to fill the earth.

⁹ Peshitta, LXX fits the context better.

¹⁰ To bring forth a people after His heart and image.

¹¹ DSS.

¹² The Set Apart Spirit.

¹³ The proto-evangelium, or the first proclamation of the Good News. While the Seed here is Moshiach Yahshua, it also speaks of the nation of Yisrael overcoming the serpent's people.

¹⁴ In the past, indicating a breakdown in communication after the fall.

¹⁵ The first false moshiach. Eve hoped that Cain was the promised seed of Genesis 3:15.

¹⁶ YHWH had already revealed the appointed times.

¹⁷ Found in LXX.

¹⁸ Eternal unmerited favor.

¹⁹ His sister, which was allowed before the Torah was fully revealed in greater detail.

²⁰ A long time before Moses in Exodus 3:15.

²¹ Not in YHWH's image since this is after the fall.

²² Meaning "when he dies it shall be sent," speaking of the flood.

²³ As per YHWH's plan to fill the earth with His people.

²⁴ Fallen melachim/angels.

²⁵ Literally means "fallen ones."

²⁶ To stop YHWH's eternal plan to fill the earth with one pure people.

²⁷ Eternal unmerited favor.

²⁸ Followed Torah as it was progressively revealed.

²⁹ Noah had a revelation of kashrut, or kosher animals.

³⁰ Kept Torah.