



EXPLORING THE SEVEN DAYS OF CREATION!

Note: In Genesis there are 7 days of creation, and 3 blessings given within those days.

DAY 1
LIGHT

God
Heaven of Heavens

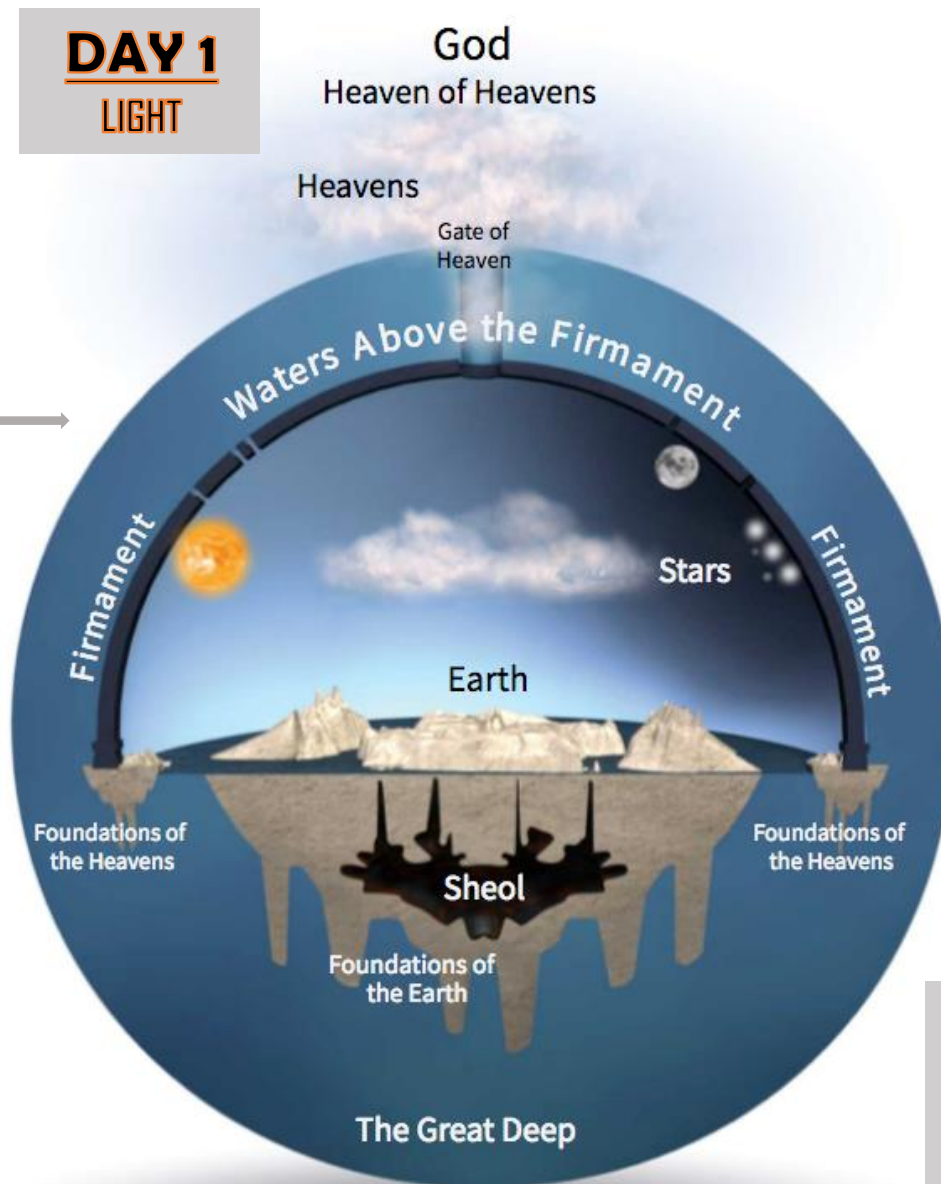
Heavens

Gate of
Heaven

Waters Above the Firmament

DAY 2
SEPARATE WATERS

DAY 3
SEPARATE LAND
AND SEA



DAY 4
LIGHTS IN THE
SKIES

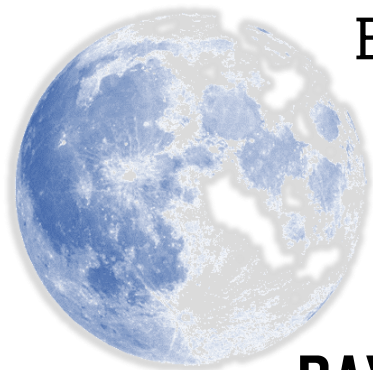
DAY 5
LIVING CREATURES
IN THE SKY AND
THE SEA

DAY 6
LAND CREATURES

DAY 7
SABBATH
(REST)



DAY 1, Genesis 1:3-5 The first day of creation culminates with God creating light and separating it from darkness. The word “light” is not, at this point, referring to the physical light of the sun or moon, since neither are created until day four (cf. Gen. 1:16). At this point, the words “day” and “night” are used to refer to periods of time, not physical entities. *Light and darkness, evening and morning, and night and day*, are here a way of saying that God created the order of time itself.



Because creation began with darkness followed by light, the counting of days and time is the same in Hebrew culture. Each day begins at sundown and ends the following sundown.

DAY 2, Genesis 1:6-8 God creates an expanse, which He calls “sky” or “heaven” to separate the waters “above” from the waters “below.”

DAY 3, Genesis 1:9-13 God gathers the waters below into one place, and calls them the “Seas,” and causes the dry land to appear, and calls it the “Earth.”

DAY 4, Genesis 1:14-19 God places the sun, moon, and stars in the expanse above the earth, and appoints them as physical markers for the passage of time.

DAY 5, Genesis 1:20-23 God creates the creatures that live in the sea, and the creatures that live in the sky. The first blessing pronounced in Genesis is pronounced by God over the creatures of the sea and the sky.

God blessed them and said, “Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the water in the seas, and let the birds increase on the earth” (Gen. 1:22).

DAY 6, Genesis 1:24-31 God creates the creatures that populate the earth and appoints human beings to bear His image in the world, and rule on His behalf. The second blessing pronounced in Genesis is pronounced by God over man.

God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground” (Gen. 1:28)

DAY 7, Genesis 2:1-3 At the climax of the creation story, God enters His rest on the seventh day. There are two Hebrew words used to speak of God’s rest on the seventh day (cf. Gen. 2:1 –2; Ex. 20:11). The first one (*shabat*) means to “cease from.” God ceases from his work because “it is finished” (Genesis 2:1). The second one (*nuakh*) means to “take up residence.” God’s *shabat* is about Him taking up His rest within creation by filling it with His divine presence. The third blessing pronounced in Genesis is pronounced by God over the seventh day.

Then God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it He rested from all the work of creating that He had done (Gen. 2:3).