

Midrash *B'Reisheet* ("In A Beginning")
Genesis 1:1 – 6:8

In "A" Beginning

Genesis 1:1

God Created EVERYTHING:

- All matter
- Physical Dimension
- Time
- Forces
- All the rules that govern them

Anthropic Principal

Without Form, and Void

Genesis 1:2

Compare to Isaiah 45:18 "without form" = *tohu*

Reconciling 6,000 years vs 16 billion years:

- 1) The Gap Theory
- 2) Everything Created Mature
- 3) "Stretching" the universe

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Day #1 Light & Darkness

Genesis 1:3-5

Day 1 ... not the 1st Day "yom echad"

Day #2 Separation of Waters

Genesis 1:6-8

Firmament – our atmosphere (firm = "solid")

- Increased air pressure
- Retained oxygen in atmosphere
- Filtered harmful UV rays

Why was the day not "Blessed"?

Day #3 Dry Land & Grasses

Genesis 1:9-13

- 2 Blessings: Separation of land & water
- Fruit of the Earth (plants before animals)

Day #4 Lights in the Heaven

Genesis 1:14-19

- Lights for "seasons" (*mo'edim*)
- Sun, moon & stars

Day #5 Water Creatures & Winged Fowls

Genesis 1:20-23

"after its kind..."

Day #6 Land Creatures & Man

Genesis 1:24-31

"after its kind..."

"And God said, ..." 10 Times. At least 10 dimensions?

Day #7 Shabbat

Genesis 2:1-3

Creation was finished – God rested

Adam & Eve

Genesis 2:4-25

No rain – but a mist from below

Breathed (*ruach*) life into Man. You don't have a soul – you ARE a soul

Garden is East of Eden Is Eden Jerusalem????

Adam named every creature – establishing his dominion over them

Rib from Adam:

If Adam was male & female ... what do you suppose God really removed from Adam to make Eve?

Eve was Adam's complement – they were one (*Echad*) flesh = Man + Woman

Their appearance was perfect!

The Fall of Man

Genesis 3

Naked but not ashamed – Clothed in Light!

Adam made in the image of God

Genesis 1:26

Ezekiel 1:25-28

Revelation 4:1-3

Satan starts with a question (to which he already knows the answer) to test Eve's response, and then moves to a lie!

Satan's 3 Ways of Deception

I John 2:15-16

Satan's Temptation of Yeshua

Matthew 4

Eve was deceived – Adam deliberately chose!

Eyes were openedknew they were naked – uncovered

I Corinth 11:8-10

Apron of leaves: man's attempt to reconcile himself with God: False Religion!

LORD God – 1st use of *Yehovah*, the Covenant God

The Curses:

Serpent

Woman

Man

Cursed above all

Sorrow at conception

Ground is cursed

Crawl on belly

Desire to control husband

Thorns & thistles

Eat dust

He will rule over you

Work for food

Enmity with Woman

(No Longer complements)

Will return to ground

God's declaration of war against Satan

Seed of the woman

Isaiah 7:14 & Rev 12:1-9

Coats of skin: the 1st blood sacrifice. God's picture of His plan of Redemption

Hebrews 9:22

Why more than one cherub guarding the entrance?

II Kings 19:34-36

Alternate translation: *"And God dwelt at the east of the Garden,*

between the Cherubim, as a Shekinah; to keep open the way to the Tree of Life."

Cain & Abel

Genesis 4

Cain = "I have Gotten"

Tiller of the ground

Abel = "Breath"

Keeper of sheep

Cain's Offering: grain..... from a cursed ground

Abel's Offering:

First, from the flock ... Sin Offering MANDATORY

Then, "of the fat" implies Burnt Offering VOLUNTARY

Must first atone for your own sins, then make your voluntary offering to the LORD

How did they know that God accepted their offerings?

Consumed by fire. Compare with Elijah on Mt Carmel

I Kings 18

The Generations of Noah

Genesis 5

(See the Power Point slides)

Sons & Daughters of Men

Genesis 6:1-8

Possibly offspring of fallen angels, but more likely...

Daughters of human men marrying sons of human men

Daughters of Men = Daughters of Unrighteous Men (Cain)

Sons of God = Sons of Righteous Men (Seth)

This union brought about unrighteous children

Haftarah:

Isaiah 42:5-43:10

God's Plan: Creation, Fall & Redemption

Brit Chadashah:

John 1:1-18

God's Pre-existence