

# Pearl Seeking

## TREASURING HIS WORD

Let's do a quick overview of the entire Torah portion:

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| Monday:    | Gen. 1:1-26      | Days 1-6 created                                       |
| Tuesday:   | Gen. 1:27 - 2:25 | Man, woman and day 7 (Sabbath) created                 |
| Wednesday: | Gen. 3           | The serpent and man's 1 <sup>st</sup> wrong decision   |
| Thursday:  | Gen. 4           | Qayin murders Hebel; Genealogy of Qayin                |
| Friday:    | Gen. 5:1 - 6:8   | Genealogy of Adam to Noah; Yahweh grieves in His heart |

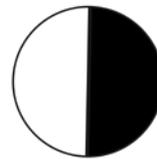
In this week's Parsha Pearls lesson, we will learn about the days of Creation. Now, let's read Gen. 1:1-2:7.

## PARSHA POINTS

- In the beginning Elohim created (**barah**) the heavens (**shamayim**) and the earth (**erets**) - 1:1
- The earth came to be without form and was empty (void) - 1:2
- Darkness was on the face of the deep (waters) and the Spirit of Elohim was moving on the face of the waters - 1:2

## Creation Week

- Elohim created (1:3-31):
  - light (day) and darkness (night) on the 1<sup>st</sup> (**achat**) day (**yom**)
  - the heavens (expanse/firmament) on the 2<sup>nd</sup> (**shtayim**) day
  - the earth, the seas, and vegetation on the 3<sup>rd</sup> (**shalosh**) day
  - the sun, the moon and the stars on the 4<sup>th</sup> (**arba**) day
  - sea creatures and every winged bird on the 5<sup>th</sup> (**chamesh**) day
  - land creatures (mammals, amphibians, insects, reptiles) and man on the 6<sup>th</sup> (**shesh**) day



Day 1



Day 2



Day 3



Day 4



Day 5



Day 6

- Elohim saw that it was good (**tov**) - 1:4, 10, 12, 18, 21, 25
- Elohim saw all that He had made and it was very good - 1:31
- Before Yahweh Elohim sent rain on the earth, He caused a mist to rise from the land. The mist watered the entire surface of the earth so that plants and trees could grow - 2:5-6

## The Creation of Man

- Elohim said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness" - 1:26
- Let them rule over (1:26, 28):

- the fish of the sea
- the birds of the heavens
- the livestock
- all the creeping creatures that creep on the ground
- all the earth

- Elohim created man in His image - male and female - 1:27

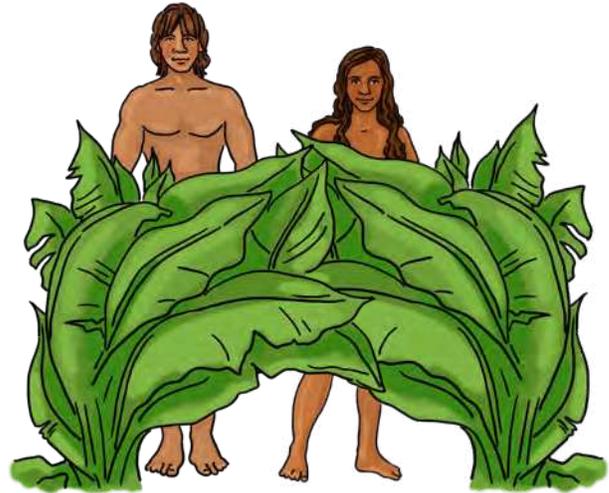
- Elohim blessed them - 1:28

- Elohim told the man and woman to be fruitful and increase (multiply), and fill the earth - 1:28

- Elohim gave to man, to the beasts and to the birds every plant that yields seed and every tree whose fruit yields seed for food - 1:29-30

- Yahweh Elohim formed the man out of dust from the ground - 2:7

- Yahweh Elohim breathed into his nostrils His breath of lives and then man became a living being - 2:7



## The Sabbath

- The creation of the heavens and the earth and everything in them were completed - 2:1

- He rested on the 7<sup>th</sup> (**sheva**) day from all His work - 2:2

- Elohim blessed the 7<sup>th</sup> day - 2:3

- Elohim set apart the 7<sup>th</sup> day because on it He rested from all His work which Elohim in creating had made - 2:3



# DIGGING DEEPER

Parents/Teachers may choose to use these prompts for further discussion of the Torah portion.

- Chapter 1 of *Genesis* introduces Elohim, and then Chapter 2 verse 4 introduces Yahweh. What do they mean in English? Are they titles or names?
- Notice that Elohim created the heavens and the earth in verse 1, but then it came to be formless and empty (tohu and bohu). Research the well-known teaching regarding the gap between verses 1 and 2.
- When does day begin? Verse 3 says that there came to be evening and there came to be morning, 1 day. That pattern continues for each day of creation week. Does a new day begin at sunset, midnight or daylight?
- On the 1<sup>st</sup> day Elohim created light (ohr). However on the 4<sup>th</sup> day He created the sun and the moon to give light upon the earth. What is the difference? What is Elohim's light? Notice that Elohim called the light good (tov) and for the darkness He did not. Discuss this.
- Notice that verse 14 talks about the celestial creation (sun, moon and stars) that Elohim created to be for signs and appointed times (mikrah kodesh). What is Elohim referring to here? Discuss this.
- Verse 21 says that the animals that Elohim created were good. Does that mean that all animals are clean and fit to be eaten? Is there a difference between an animal being 'good' and being one of the 'clean' animals?
- What does it mean when verse 26 says that man (Adam) was created in Elohim's image? Does that mean that we have 'some or all' of Elohim's characteristics or attributes?
- What does it mean when it says that man was told to subdue and rule over fish, birds, livestock, creeping creatures, and over all the earth? (1:28)
- What does Scripture mean by 'seed-yielding plants and trees that yield fruit for food?' Would these include GMOs or hybrids? Discuss this. (1:29)
- In Chapter 2 we see that Elohim completed His work on the 7<sup>th</sup> day. Discuss what it means when it says that Elohim blessed the 7<sup>th</sup> day and set it apart (kadosh). In Hebrew, only the 7<sup>th</sup> day is given a name: Shabbat. The rest of the days are known only by their number. Why do you think that is?
- What does it mean when it says that man became a living being (nephesh)? Is that different from animals? What is it that we were given that animals were not given? (2:7)

