## Genesis

1:1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. 2 Now the earth was unformed and void, and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God hovered over the face of the waters. 3 And God said, "Let there be light;" and there was light. 4 And God saw the light, that it was good; and God divided the light from the darkness. 5 And God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, one day. 6 And God said, "Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters." 7 And God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament; and it was so. 8 And God called the firmament Heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, a second day. 9 And God said, "Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together to one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. 10 And God called the dry land Earth, and the gathering together of the waters He called Seas; and God saw that it was good. 11 And God said, "Let the earth bring forth grass, herb yielding seed, and fruit tree bearing fruit after its kind, within which is the seed, on the earth." And it was so. 12 And the earth brought forth grass, herb yielding seed after its kind, and tree bearing fruit, within which is the seed, after its kind; and God saw that it was good. 13 And there was evening and there was morning, a third day. 14 And God said, "Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days and years; 15 and let them be for lights in the firmament of the heaven to give light on the earth." And it was so. 16 And God made the two great lights: the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night; and the stars. 17 And God set them in the firmament of the heaven to give light on the earth, 18 and to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness; and God saw that it was good. 19 And there was evening and there was morning, a fourth day. 20 And God said, "Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures, and let fowl fly above the earth in the open firmament of heaven." 21 And God created the great sea monsters, and every living creature that creeps, with which the waters swarmed, after its kind, and every winged creature after its kind; and God saw that it was good. 22 And God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let winged creatures multiply in the earth." 23 And there was evening and there was morning, a fifth day. 24 And God said, "Let the earth bring forth the living creature after its kind, cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth after its kind." And it was so. 25 And God made the beast of the earth after its kind, and the cattle after their kind, and everything that creeps on the ground after its kind; and God saw that it was good. 26 And God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, after Our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the winged creatures of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." 27 And God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. 28 And God blessed them; and God said to them, "Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the winged creatures of the air, and over every living thing that creeps on the earth." 29 And God said, "Behold, I have given you every herb which yields seed, which is on the face of all the earth, and every tree, in which its fruit yields seed; to you it shall be for food; 30 and to every beast of the earth, and to every winged creature of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, wherein there is a living soul, [I have given] every green herb for food." And it was so. 31 And God saw everything that He had made, and, behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

2:1 And the heaven and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. 2 And on the seventh day God finished His work which He had made; and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had made. 3 And God blessed the seventh day, and hallowed it; because in it He rested from all His work which God in creating had made. 4 These are the generations of the heaven and of the earth when they were created, in the day that YHVH God made earth and heaven. 5 No shrub of the field was yet in the earth, and no herb of the field had yet sprung up; for YHVH God had not caused it to rain on 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 Then YHVH God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul. 8 And YHVH God planted a garden eastward, in Eden; and there He put the man whom He had formed. 9 And out of the ground YHVH God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. 10 And a river went out of Eden to water the garden; and from there it was parted, and became four heads. 11 The name of the first is Pishon; it is that which encircles the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold: 12 and the gold of that land is good; there is bdellium and the onyx stone. 13 And the name of the second river is Gihon; the same which encircles the whole land of Cush. **14** And the name of the third river is Tigris; it is that which goes toward the east of Asshur. And the fourth river is the Euphrates. 15 And YHVH God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden, to work it and to keep it. 16 And YHVH God commanded the man, saying, "Of every tree of the garden you may eat freely; 17 but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, you shall not eat of it; for in the day that you eat of it, you shall surely die." 18 And YHVH God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him." 19 And out of the ground YHVH God formed every beast of the field, and every winged creature of the air; and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatsoever the man would call every living creature, that was to be its name. 20 And the man gave names to all cattle, and to the winged creatures of the air, and to every beast of the field; but for Adam there was not found a helper fit for him. 21 And YHVH God caused a deep sleep to fall on the man, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the place with flesh. 22 And with the rib, which YHVH God had taken from the man, He made a woman, and brought her to the man. 23 And the man said, "This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man." 24 Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave to his wife, and they shall be one flesh. 25 And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.

**3:1** Now the serpent was more subtle than any beast of the field which YHVH God had made. And he said to the woman, "Yes, has God said, 'You shall not eat of any tree of the garden?" **2** And the woman said to the serpent, "Of the fruit of the trees of the garden we may eat; **3** but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God 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 God knows that in the day you eat of it, your eyes shall be opened, and you shall be as God, knowing good and evil." **6** And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit, and ate; and

she also gave to her husband with her, and he ate. 7 And the eyes of them both 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 YHVH God walking in the garden toward the cool of the day; and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of YHVH God amongst the trees of the garden. 9 And YHVH God called to the man, 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 tree of which 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 tree, and I ate." 13 And YHVH God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" And the woman said, "The serpent beguiled me, and I ate." 14 And YHVH God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you from among all cattle, and from among all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. 15 And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel." 16 To the woman He said, "I will greatly multiply your pain and your travail; in pain you shall bring forth children; and your desire shall be to your husband, and he shall rule over you." 17 And to Adam He said, "Because you have hearkened to the voice of your wife, and have eaten of the tree, of which I commanded you, saying, 'You shall not eat of it; cursed is the ground for your sake; in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life. 18 Thorns also and thistles it shall bring forth to you; and you shall eat the herb of the field. 19 In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground; for out of it you were taken; for dust you are, and to dust you shall return." 20 And the man called his wife's name Eve; because she was the mother of all living. 21 And YHVH God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins, and clothed them. **22** And YHVH God said, "Behold, the man has become as one of Us, to know good and evil; and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever—" 23 therefore YHVH God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken. 24 So He drove out the man; and He placed at the east of the garden of Eden the cherubim, and the flaming sword which turned every way, to guard the way to the tree of life.

**4:1** And the man knew Eve his wife; and she conceived and bore Cain, and said, "I have gotten a man with the help of YHVH." 2 And again she bore his brother Abel. And Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground. 3 And in process of time it came to pass, that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering to YHVH. 4 And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the its fat. And YHVH had respect for Abel and for his offering; 5 but for Cain and for his offering He had not respect. And Cain was very angry, and his countenance fell. 6 And YHVH said to Cain, "Why are you angry? And why is your countenance fallen? 7 If you do well, shall you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin couches at the door; and its desire is for you, but you must rule over it." 8 And Cain spoke to Abel his brother. And it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother, and slew him. 9 And YHVH said to Cain, "Where is Abel your brother?" And he said, "I don't know; am I my brother's keeper?" **10** And He said, "What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood cries to Me from the ground. 11 And now cursed are you from the ground, which has opened her mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. 12 When you till the ground, from now on it shall not yield to you her strength; a fugitive and a wanderer you shall be in the earth." 13 And Cain said to YHVH: "My punishment is greater than I can bear. 14 Behold, You have driven me out this day from the face of the land; and from Your face I

shall be hidden; and I shall be a fugitive and a wanderer in the earth; and it will come to pass, that whosoever finds me will slay me." 15 And YHVH said to him, "Therefore whosoever slays Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold." And YHVH set a sign for Cain, lest any finding him should strike him. **16** And Cain went out from the presence of YHVH, and dwelt in the land of Nod, on the east of Eden. 17 And Cain knew his wife; and she conceived, and bore Enoch; and he built a city, and called the name of the city after the name of his son Enoch. 18 And to Enoch was born Irad; and Irad begot Mehujael; and Mehujael begot Methushael; and Methushael begot Lamech. 19 And Lamech took to him two wives; the name of one was Adah, and the name of the other Zillah. 20 And Adah bore Jabal; he was the father of such as dwell in tents and have cattle. 21 And his brother's name was Jubal; he was the father of all such as handle the harp and pipe. 22 And Zillah, she also bore Tubal-cain, the forger of every cutting instrument of brass and iron; and the sister of Tubalcain was Naamah. 23 And Lamech said to his wives, "Adah and Zillah, hear my voice; you wives of Lamech, hearken to my speech; for I have slain a man for wounding me, and a young man for bruising me. 24 If Cain shall be avenged sevenfold, truly Lamech seventy and sevenfold." 25 And Adam knew his wife again; and she bore a son, and called his name Seth, "For God has appointed to me another seed instead of Abel; for Cain slew him." 26 And to Seth, to him also there was born a son; and he called his name Enosh; then men began to call on the name of YHVH.