

Bereshit  
“In the Beginning”

**Torah Reading:** Genesis 1:1 – 6:8

**Haftarah Reading:** Isaiah 42:5 – 43:10

**Creation (Genesis 1 and 2, John 1:1, Isaiah 42:5).**

The Hebrew word ‘Debar’ means word and thing. The whole concept was that words were more than just words. Words made things. God spoke and what he said had power, it happened. Just as in John 1:1. Jesus was the Word but by this Hebrew concept he was more than the Word. He was the Word and Deed.

Creation is assumed to have been by God. The word used here for ‘created’ means ex nihilo. Ex nihilo states that God was creating out of nothing and is a direct contradiction against evolution. We also see that from John 1 that Jesus was the member of the Trinity who did the creating.

There has been some discussion about the word ‘yom’ (day). Was it a literal 7 days? Scripture gives us no reason to think otherwise and I propose that it does mean a literal 7 days. More information on the science confirming creation can be found at:

[www.answersingenesis.org](http://www.answersingenesis.org)

[www.icr.org](http://www.icr.org)

**The Trinity**

We also see the first hinting of the Trinity. “Let us make man in our image”. The pronouns are plural and the word for God is plural ‘Elohim’. This also ties into the concept of echad (unity).

**A Divine Photocopy**

Genesis 1:26, “So god created man in His image”. The word for image is ‘tselem’ and means images, likenesses, pictorial representations. The modern Hebrew word for photocopy comes from ‘tselem’.

**Shabbat (Genesis 2:1-3, Hebrews 4:3-4)**

- The concept is introduced.
- God rested for there was nothing left to do but enjoy the finished work.
- This concept is tied up with Yeshua (Heb. 4:3-4)
- The work is completed in Him so we can rest in the new creation that we are. This is a view of grace, resting in a work you did not do.

**Eden (Genesis 1 and 2, Ephesians 1:4)**

- Means delight. Man was in delight because of total harmony with God, Eve and himself.
- From Eph. 1:4 we see the idea of God and echad. Man was created to live in unity with God, himself, and others.

- All Adam and Eve was truth because they were filled with God's perspective on everything.

## **Doubt**

- Satan does not try to hide his intentions. His motivation is to question God's perspective.
- Eve's thinking began to change as she considered a perspective other than God's.
- Up until this point she lacked nothing. Now she wants more.

## **Consequences (Genesis 3, Romans 5:12)**

- No more echad.
- Sin enters our 'spiritual DNA'.

## **Two Kingdoms**

- Now we see the concept of two kingdoms.
- In God's kingdom they saw things as they really are. This is life.
- Now they are in Satan's kingdom and they see things as they appear from there. This is death.

## **Hope**

- The word for 'sound' can also be 'voice'. God's Word carried through the garden to find them.
- God made the first move. Man was no longer spiritually able to do so.
- God dealt with their sin. They covered themselves but God rejected their efforts. He provided the covering for them.
- This is the first view of the shedding of blood for forgiveness.

## **The promise (Genesis 3, Isaiah 42:6-7)**

- 'Seed' is singular. So are the pronouns.

## **There are still two trees**

- God's Word is life.
- This world's philosophies, concepts, and ideas are death.