

God was before all things, and God created all things. When the earth was not yet formed, there was nothing but God. This is the way God made the earth and all things. God said, “Let there be light” and as God spoke, it happened. God surveyed the light and saw that it was good, just as God had planned. Then He separated the light from the darkness. God named the light “day” and the darkness “night.” This was the first day.

God then spoke into the nothingness and said, “Let there be a vast expanse of space and air above and one of water below.” As God said this, it happened. The sky and all above was separated from the waters below. God named the space above “sky.” This was the second day.

God then said, “Let the waters below come together so that dry ground may appear,” and as God spoke, it happened. God named the dry ground “land.” It was just as God had planned, and it was good. God said, “Let the land sprout with all types of plants. Each of these plants will produce its kind.” Again, as God spoke, it all happened. From the land sprang forth all types of vegetation and trees. Their seeds produced plants and trees of the same kind. God surveyed the land and all the plants, and it was just as God had planned. It was good. This was the third day.

God said, “Let there be lights in the sky. These lights will mark the seasons, days and years. Let these lights shine down on the land.” As God spoke, all of this was created. God surveyed the sun, moon and stars, and it was just as God had planned. It was good. This was the fourth day.

God said, “Let the waters swim with fish and other life. Let the sky be filled with birds of every kind.” As God spoke, it happened. This was the fifth day.

God then said, “Let the earth produce every sort of animal, each producing offspring of its own kind.” As God spoke, it happened. God created all the animals of the land—livestock and wild animals of all types. God surveyed all of this, and it was just as God had planned. It was good.

God then said, “Let us make human beings in our image to be similar to us. They will reign over all the fish, birds, livestock and wild animals.” And as God spoke, people were made in the image of God. God created man and woman to be similar to God. God then blessed the man and woman and said, “Go have many children and fill the earth with people. Govern the earth and all the animals, birds and fish. Look at the plants. See the seeds and fruit! I have given them as food for you to eat.”

God then surveyed all of creation and saw that it was just as He had planned. It was very good! This was the sixth day.

God rested on the seventh day because all of creation was complete. God blessed the seventh day as a day of rest and declared it holy.

