

# #01 Beresheet: I Form Light

- Gen 1:1-5 TLV (1) In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. (2) Now the earth was chaos and waste, darkness was on the surface of the deep, and the Ruach Elohim was hovering upon the surface of the water. (3) Then God said, “Let there be light!” and there was light. (4) God saw that the light was good. So God distinguished the light from the darkness. (5) God called the light “day,” and the darkness He called “night.” So there was evening and there was morning—one day.

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- **Where were light and darkness before the heavens and earth were created?**
  - They did not exist.
  - When you are asleep are you aware of the light and the darkness?
  - When the doctor puts you to sleep for an operation, is there any pain?

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- **Everything was created by God.**
  - Even some things we might not consider sometimes.

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- Isa 45:1-13 TLV (1) Thus says Adonai to His anointed, Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped, to subdue nations before him, to loose the belts of kings, to open doors before him so that gates may not be shut. (2) I will go before you and make crooked places straight. I will shatter bronze doors and cut through iron bars. (3) I will give you treasures of darkness and hidden riches of secret places, so you may know that I am Adonai, the God of Israel, who calls you by your name. (4) For the sake of Jacob My servant, and Israel My chosen one, I have also called you by name, I have given you a title of honor, though you have not known Me.

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- Isa 45:1-13 TLV (5) I am Adonai—there is no other. Besides Me there is no God. I will strengthen you, though you have not known Me, (6) so they may know, from the rising to the setting of the sun, that there is no one besides Me. I am Adonai—there is no other. (7) I form light and create darkness. I make shalom and create calamity. I, Adonai, do all these things. (8) “Rain down, O heavens, from above, and let the clouds pour down justice. Let the earth open up, let salvation sprout, and righteousness spring up with it. I, Adonai, have created it.” (9) Oy, to one who quarrels with his Maker, like a pot among the pots of the earth! Shall the clay say to the potter, “What have you made?” Or does your work say, “It has no handles”? (10) Oy, to him who says to his father, “What have you begotten?” Or to a woman, “What have you born?”

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- Isa 45:1-13 TLV (11) Thus says Adonai, the Holy One of Israel and its Maker, “Ask Me about the things to come upon My children. Then you will commit to Me the work of My hands. (12) I made the earth and created man on it. My hands stretched out the heavens and I commanded all their host. (13) “I stirred Cyrus up in righteousness and I will level all his roads. He will build My city and set My exiles free, with no price or bribe,” says Adonai-Tzva’ot.

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- **God creates everything**
  - Even the remembrance of everything.

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- **The former things are forgotten:**

- Jer 31:33-34 TLV “But this is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel after those days”—it is a declaration of Adonai—“I will put My Torah within them. Yes, I will write it on their heart. I will be their God and they will be My people. (34) No longer will each teach his neighbor or each his brother, saying: ‘Know Adonai,’ for they will all know Me, from the least of them to the greatest.” it is a declaration of Adonai. “For I will forgive their iniquity, their sin I will remember no more.”
- Rev 21:4 TLV He shall wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more. Nor shall there be mourning or crying or pain any longer, for the former things have passed away.”

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- **God created man to be His own image:**

- Gen 1:26-27 TLV Then God said, “Let Us make man in Our image, after Our likeness! Let them rule over the fish of the sea, over the flying creatures of the sky, over the livestock, over the whole earth, and over every crawling creature that crawls on the land.” (27) God created humankind [**adam**] in His image, in the image of God He created him, male and female He created them.
- What does it mean to be in God’s image?

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- **I think these verses tell us:**
  - It has to do with “rule” or “dominion”.
  - And even before He created, He was supreme.
  - God is sovereign over His creation.

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- **Our Haftarah tells us:**

- Isa 42:5-9 TLV Thus says God, Adonai, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people on it, and Ruach to those who walk in it— (6) “I, Adonai, called You in righteousness, I will take hold of Your hand, I will keep You and give You as a covenant to the people, as a light to the nations, (7) by opening blind eyes, bringing prisoners out of the dungeon, and those sitting in darkness out of the prison house. (8) “I am Adonai—that is My Name! My glory I will not give to another, Or My praise to graven images. (9) Behold, the former things have come to pass, Now I declare new things. Before they spring forth I announce them to you.”

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- **God made “man” a living soul:**

- Gen 2:7 TLV Then Adonai Elohim formed the man out of the dust from the ground and He breathed into his nostrils a breath of life—so the man became a living being.

- Who or what became a living being?

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- **He call “their” name “Adam”:**

- Gen 5:1-2 TLV This is the Book of the Genealogies of Adam: When God created Adam, in the likeness of God He made him. (2) Male and female He created them, and He blessed them and called their name “Adam” when He created them.

- “Male” is zakar, זָכָר

- “Female” is n’khaybah, נְקִיבָה

- “Man” is adam, אָדָם, which means ruddy or red as in the red dust. It applies to men and women.

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- **The error of those who use the scripture to justify abortion:**
  - Saying you become a person when you take your first breath.
  - It was not the “male”, זָכָר, that became a living soul when God breath into him the breath of life, but it was “Adam”, man, אָדָם, i.e. the human race that became a living soul.

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- What other scriptural evidence is there that it is not the first breath that makes an individual person a living soul.**

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- Lev 17:11-14 TLV For the life of the creature is in the blood, and I have given it to you on the altar to make atonement for your lives—for it is the blood that makes atonement because of the life. (12) Therefore I have said to Bnei-Yisrael: No person among you may eat blood, nor may any outsider dwelling among you eat blood. (13) “Any person from Bnei-Yisrael, or from the outsiders dwelling among them, who hunts as game any animal or bird that may be eaten, must drain its blood and cover it with dust. (14) For the life of every creature, its blood is in its life. Therefore I said to Bnei-Yisrael: You are not to eat the blood of any kind of creature, for the life of every creature is its blood. Whoever eats it is to be cut off.

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- **Some things were not meant for us to see or know.**

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- **The serpent promised their eyes would be opened.**
  - Gen 3:1-5 TLV But the serpent was shrewder than any animal of the field that Adonai Elohim made. So it said to the woman, “Did God really say, ‘You must not eat from all the trees of the garden’?” (2) The woman said to the serpent, “Of the fruit of the trees, we may eat. (3) But of the fruit of the tree which is in the middle of the garden, God said, ‘You must not eat of it and you must not touch it, or you will die.’” (4) The serpent said to the woman, “You most assuredly won’t die! (5) For God knows that when you eat of it, your eyes will be opened and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

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- **“Knowing” good and evil.**
  - The same word as, Genesis 4.1, “Adam ‘knew’ his wife.”
  - In an intimate, experiential way.
  - The serpent lied when he said “You most assuredly won’t die!”
  - They died spiritually immediately.

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- **Before we are born again, we are spiritually dead.**

- Eph 2:1-5 TLV You were dead in your trespasses and sins. (2) At that time, you walked in the way of this world, in conformity to the ruler of the domain of the air—the ruler of the spirit who is now operating in the sons of disobedience. (3) We too all lived among them in the cravings of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and the mind. By nature we were children of wrath, just like the others. (4) But God was rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us. (5) Even when we were dead in our trespasses, He made us alive together with Messiah. (By grace you have been saved!)

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- **Before we are born again, we are spiritually dead.**
  - Col 2:12-13 TLV You were buried along with Him in immersion, through which you also were raised with Him by trusting in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead. (13) When you were dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with Him when He pardoned us all our transgressions.

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- **Even a man's steps are directed by Adonai:**
  - Pro 16:9 TLV (9) The heart of man plans his course, but Adonai directs his steps.

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- **We must commit ourselves into God's hands.**
  - Psa 37:5 TLV Commit your way to Adonai. Trust in Him, and He will do it.
  - Pro 16:3 TLV Commit whatever you do to Adonai, and your plans will succeed.