



*The*  
**Genesis**

*An Undivided Kingdom of God*



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# Genesis 1:1–5 | *Undivided Kingdom*

[1] In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. [2] The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. [3] And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. [4] And God saw that the light was good. And God **separated** the light from the darkness. [5] God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

# Genesis 1:6–7 | *Undivided Kingdom*

[6] And God said, “Let there be an **expanse** in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” [7] And God made the **expanse** and **separated** the waters that were under the expanse from the waters that were above the **expanse**. And it was so. [8] And God called the **expanse** Heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

# Genesis | *The 2<sup>nd</sup> Day*

Waters

Firmament

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# Genesis 1:6–7 | *Firmament*

RĀQĪA' - רָקִיעַ

- extended surface (solid), expanse, firmament
- firmament (of vault of heaven supporting waters above)

# Psalm 19:1-5 | *Firmament*

[1] The heavens declare the glory of God,  
and the **sky above** proclaims his handiwork.

[2] Day to day pours out speech,  
and night to night reveals knowledge.

[3] There is no speech, nor are there words,  
whose voice is not heard.

# Ezekiel 1:20–21 | *Firmament*

[20] Wherever the spirit wanted to go, they went, and the wheels rose along with them, for the spirit of the living creatures was in the wheels. [21] When those went, these went; and when those stood, these stood; and when those rose from the earth, the wheels rose along with them, for the spirit of the living creatures was in the wheels.

# Ezekiel 1:22–24 | *Firmament*

[22] Over the heads of the living creatures there was the likeness of an **expanse**, shining like awe-inspiring crystal, spread out above their heads. [23] And under the **expanse** their wings were stretched out straight, one toward another. And each creature had two wings covering its body. [24] And when they went, I heard the sound of their wings like the sound of many waters, like the sound of the Almighty, a sound of tumult like the sound of an army. When they stood still, they let down their wings.



# Ezekiel 1:25–26 | *Firmament*

[25] And there came a voice from above the **expanse** over their heads. When they stood still, they let down their wings.

[26] And above the **expanse** over their heads there was the likeness of a throne, in appearance like sapphire; and seated above the likeness of a throne was a likeness with a human appearance.

# Ezekiel 1:27 | *Firmament*

[27] And upward from what had the appearance of his waist I saw as it were gleaming metal, like the appearance of fire enclosed all around. And downward from what had the appearance of his waist I saw as it were the appearance of fire, and there was brightness around him.

# Ezekiel 1:28 | *Firmament*

[28] Like the appearance of the bow that is in the cloud on the day of rain, so was the appearance of the brightness all around.

Such was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the LORD. And when I saw it, I fell on my face, and I heard the voice of one speaking.

# Ezekiel 1 | *Firmament*



Heaven

Firmament



Earth

# Genesis 1:6–7 | *The Division*

## BĀDĀL - בָּדַל

- to divide, separate, sever
- to separate, set apart
- to make a distinction, difference
- to divide into parts

# Exodus 26:31–34 | *The Division*

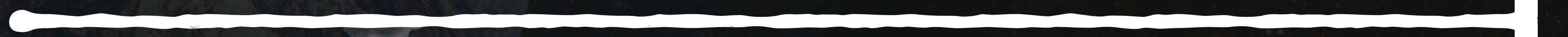
[31] “And you shall make a veil of blue and purple and scarlet yarns and fine twined linen. It shall be made with cherubim skillfully worked into it. [32] And you shall hang it on four pillars of acacia overlaid with gold, with hooks of gold, on four bases of silver. [33] And you shall hang the veil from the clasps, and bring the ark of the testimony in there within the veil. And the veil shall **separate** for you the Holy Place from the Most Holy. [34] You shall put the mercy seat on the ark of the testimony in the Most Holy Place.

# Exodus 26:31-34 | *The Veil*



Holy *of* Holies

Veil



Exodus 28

Garments  
of the  
High Priest

Holy Place

# The Veil | *Heaven & Earth*

*The veil represents  
the threshold of humanity's  
encounters with God.*



# Similarities | *Heaven & Earth*

- Tree of Life
  - Revelation 2:7 “He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who conquers I will grant to eat of the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.’ “
  - Revelation 22:1-2 “Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb [2] through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.”
- Glory of the Lord
- Angelic Presence

# Isaiah 64:1–3 | *Rend the Heavens*

[1] Oh that you would **rend** the heavens and come down,  
that the mountains might quake at your presence—

[2] as when fire kindles brushwood

and the fire causes water to boil—

to make your name known to your adversaries,

and that the **nations might tremble at your presence!**

[3] When you did awesome things that we did not look for,

you came down, the **mountains quaked at your presence.**

# Isaiah 64:1–3 | *Rent*

## QĀRA' - קָרַע

- to tear, tear in pieces
- **Gen 37:29** *(first use)*

*And Reuben returned unto the pit; and, behold, Joseph was not in the pit; and he rent his clothes.*

- Saul looses the Kingdom - **1 Sam. 15:27 & 1 Kings 11:11**
- Job, **Job 1:20**, Mordecai - **Est. 4:1**, Hezekiah - **Isa. 37:1**

# Joel 2:12-13 | *Rent*

[12] “Yet even now,” declares the LORD,

“return to me with all your heart,  
with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning;

[13] and **rend** your hearts and **not your garments**.”

Return to the LORD your God,

for he is gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love;  
and he relents over disaster.

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# Mark 1:9–11 | *The Baptism of Jesus*

[9] In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. [10] And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the **heavens being torn open** and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. [11] And a voice came from heaven, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”

# Mark 1:9-11 | *The Baptism of Jesus*

*This is MY son in whom I am well please*



# Mark 15:33–34 | *The Crucifixion of Jesus*

[33] And when the sixth hour had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. [34] And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, “*Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?*” which means, “*My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?*”



# Mark 15:37–39 | *The Crucifixion of Jesus*

[37] And Jesus uttered a loud cry and breathed his last. [38] And the **curtain of the temple was torn in two**, from top to bottom. [39] And when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, “Truly this man was the Son of God!”

# 1<sup>st</sup> Century | *Jerusalem Temple*



# Josephus | *Wars of the Jews* 5.4

It was a Babylonian curtain, embroidered with blue, and fine linen, and scarlet, and purple, and of a contexture that was truly wonderful. Nor was this mixture of colors without its mystical interpretation, but was a kind of **image of the universe**; for by the scarlet there seemed to be enigmatically signified fire, by the fine flax the earth, by the blue the air, and by the purple the sea;... This curtain had also **embroidered upon it all that was mystical in the heavens**, excepting that of the [twelve] signs, representing living creatures.

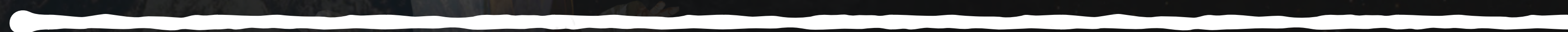
# Hebrews 4:14–16 | *The Great High Priest*

[14] Since then we have a great high priest who has **passed through the heavens**, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. [15] For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. [16] Let us then with confidence **draw near to the throne of grace**, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

# Now | *Undivided Kingdom*



Heaven



Earth



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