

## Genesis 1B

[Gen. 1:9](#) ¶ Then God said, “Let the waters below the heavens be gathered into one place, and let the dry land appear”; and it was so.

[Gen. 1:10](#) God called the dry land earth, and the gathering of the waters He called seas; and God saw that it was good.

[Gen. 1:11](#) Then God said, “Let the earth sprout vegetation: plants yielding seed, *and* fruit trees on the earth bearing fruit after their kind with seed in them”; and it was so.

[Gen. 1:12](#) The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed after their kind, and trees bearing fruit with seed in them, after their kind; and God saw that it was good.

[Gen. 1:13](#) There was evening and there was morning, a third day.

- One of the “waters” is gathered
  - This one is called seas
  - How is it gathered?
  - What does that mean about the land?
  
  - It was good again – why?
- God brings up vegetation
  - Vegetation appears instantly
  - Notably, the plants appear with seed, trees with fruit
    - What’s is the significance of producing the plants fully formed with all the seed and fruit present?
  - Appearance of age
- New idea introduced here
  - Bearing fruit after their kind
    - Min – not a good English equivalent
      - Not species exactly – broader
      - Yet still a limit
- Third day – fill in chart

[Gen. 1:14](#) ¶ Then God said, “Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night, and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years;

[Gen. 1:15](#) and let them be for lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth”; and it was so.

[Gen. 1:16](#) God made the two great lights, the greater light to govern the day, and the lesser light to govern the night; *He made* the stars also.

[Gen. 1:17](#) God placed them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth,

[Gen. 1:18](#) and to govern the day and the night, and to separate the light from the darkness; and God saw that it was good.

[Gen. 1:19](#) There was evening and there was morning, a fourth day.

- Expanse of heavens again
  - Which raqia and which shamayim?
    - Context tells
  - What’s curious in this day of creation?
    - Vegetation existed prior to the sun
    - God doesn’t name the sun and moon here
      - Why?
        - Deut 4:19
    - What about light from stars being so many miles away?
- Why did He create the lights
  - Separate day from night
  - Signs
  - Seasons
  - Days & Years
- Separate day from night
  - How different from separating light from darkness?

- Badal (separate) – distinguish or serve as a partition
- In other words, God created the association between light and the sun after light already existed
- God cares for His creation so much that He would provide light for it even if the sun went away (and will again)
- Purpose of a day and night?
  - To represent good vs. evil
  - Also a marker for God’s surety (Jer 33:20-21)
- Signs
  - Oth in Hebrew (wonder, omen, witness)
    - Ps 19; Rom 1:20; Joel 2:30-31
- Seasons
  - The way the earth is position relative to the sun and moon creates seasons, tides – i.e., circular patterns of life

[Psa. 104:19](#) He made the moon for the seasons;  
The sun knows the place of its setting.

[Psa. 104:20](#) You appoint darkness and it becomes night,  
In which all the beasts of the forest prowl about.

- Why are seasons important?
  - You can live without them (equator)
- Message to the world about the surety of God’s promises
  - What goes ‘round comes ‘round
  - Eccl 3:1, Jer 5:22-25

[Eccl. 3:1](#) To everything *there is* a season,  
A time for every purpose under heaven:

[Eccl. 3:2](#) A time to be born,  
And a time to die;  
A time to plant,  
And a time to pluck *what is* planted;

[Eccl. 3:3](#) A time to kill,  
And a time to heal;  
A time to break down,

And a time to build up;

[Jer. 5:22](#) Do you not fear Me?’ says the LORD.  
 “Will you not tremble at My presence,  
 Who have placed the sand as the bound of the sea,  
 By a perpetual decree, that it cannot pass beyond it?  
 And though its waves toss to and fro,  
 Yet they cannot prevail;  
 Though they roar, yet they cannot pass over it.

[Jer. 5:23](#) But this people has a defiant and rebellious heart;  
 They have revolted and departed.

[Jer. 5:24](#) They do not say in their heart,  
 “Let us now fear the LORD our God,  
 Who gives rain, both the former and the latter, in its season.  
 He reserves for us the appointed weeks of the harvest.”

[Jer. 5:25](#) Your iniquities have turned these *things* away,  
 And your sins have withheld good from you.

- Days and Years
  - Counting time
  - Why is counting time important?
    - God intends to communicate about the future (prophecy)
    - He wants us to be aware of coming of His promises
    - The counting of time is not a count up – it’s a count down
      - The earth goes away
- Fourth Day – chart