

THE FIRST BOOK OF MOSES,
CALLED
¹GENESIS

1 ¹ God created the heaven and the earth. ³ The light and the darkness, ⁸ The firmament, ⁹ He separateth the water from the earth. ¹⁶ He createth the sun, the moon, and the stars. ²¹ He createth the fish, birds, beasts, ²⁶ He createth man, and giveth him rule over all creatures, ²⁹ And provideth nurture for man and beast.

1 In the ¹beginning ^aGod created the heaven and the earth.

2 And the earth was ^{1,2}without form and void, and ³darkness was upon the ⁴deep, and the Spirit of God ⁵moved upon the ⁶waters.

3 Then God said, ^bLet there be light: And there was ¹light.

4 And God saw the light that it was good, and God separated ¹the light from the darkness.

5 And God called the Light, Day, and the darkness he called Night. ^{1,2}So the evening and the morning were the first day.

6 ¶ Again God said, ^cLet there be a ¹firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.

7 Then God made the firmament, and separated the waters, which were ¹under the firmament, from the waters which were ^dabove the firmament: and it was so.

8 And God called the firmament, ¹Heaven. So the evening and the morning were the second day.

9 ¶ God said again, ^eLet the waters under the

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^a Ps. 33:6
Ps. 136:5
Acts 14:15
Acts 17:24

^b Heb. 11:3

^c Ps. 33:6
Ps. 136:5

Jer. 10:12

Jer. 51:15

^d Ps. 148:4

^e Ps. 33:7

Ps. 89:11

Ps. 136:6

Job 38:4

^f Ps. 136:7

Deut. 4:19

heaven be gathered into one place, and let the dry land appear: and it was so.

10 And God called the dry land, Earth, and he called the gathering together of the waters, Seas: and God saw that it was good.

11 Then God said, ¹Let the earth bud forth the bud of the herb, that seedeth seed, the fruitful tree, which beareth fruit according to his kind, which hath his seed in itself upon the earth: and it was so.

12 And the earth brought forth the bud of the herb, that seedeth seed according to his kind, also the tree that beareth fruit, which hath his seed in itself according to his kind: and God ¹saw that it was good.

13 So the evening and the morning were the third day.

14 ¶ And God said, ^fLet there be ¹lights in the firmament of the heaven, to ²separate the day from the night, and let them be for ³signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years.

15 And let them be for lights in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth: and it was so.

16 God then made two great ¹lights: the greater light to ²rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: he *made* also the stars.

17 And God set them in the firmament of the heaven, to shine upon the earth,

Title ¹ This word signifieth the beginning and generation of the creatures.

1:1 ¹ First of all, and before that any creature was, God made heaven and earth of nothing.

1:2 ¹ As a rude lump and without any creature in it: for the waters covered all.

² Or, waste.

³ Darkness covered the deep waters, for as yet the light was not created.

⁴ Hebrew, *face of the deep*.

⁵ He maintained this confused heap by his secret power.

⁶ Hebrew, *face of the waters*.

1:3 ¹ The light was made before either Sun or Moon was created: therefore we must not attribute that to the creatures that are God's instruments, which only appertaineth to God.

1:4 ¹ Hebrew, *between the light, and between the darkness*.

1:5 ¹ Hebrew, *so was the evening, so was the morning*.

1:6 ¹ Or, spreading over, and air.

1:7 ¹ As the sea and rivers, from those waters that are in the clouds, which are upheld by God's power, lest they should overwhelm the world.

1:8 ¹ That is, the region of the air, and all that is above us.

1:11 ¹ So that we see it is the only power of God's word that maketh the earth fruitful, which else naturally is barren.

1:12 ¹ This sentence is so oft repeated, to signify that God made all his creatures to serve to his glory, and to the profit of man: but for sin they were accused, yet to the elect, by Christ they are restored, and serve to their wealth.

1:14 ¹ By the lights he meaneth the Sun, the Moon, and the Stars.

² Which is the artificial day, from the Sun rising, to the going down.

³ Of things appertaining to natural and political orders and seasons.

1:16 ¹ To wit, the Sun and the Moon, and here he speaketh, as man judgeth by his eye: for else the Moon is less than the planet Saturn.

² To give it sufficient light, as instruments appointed for the same, to serve to man's use.