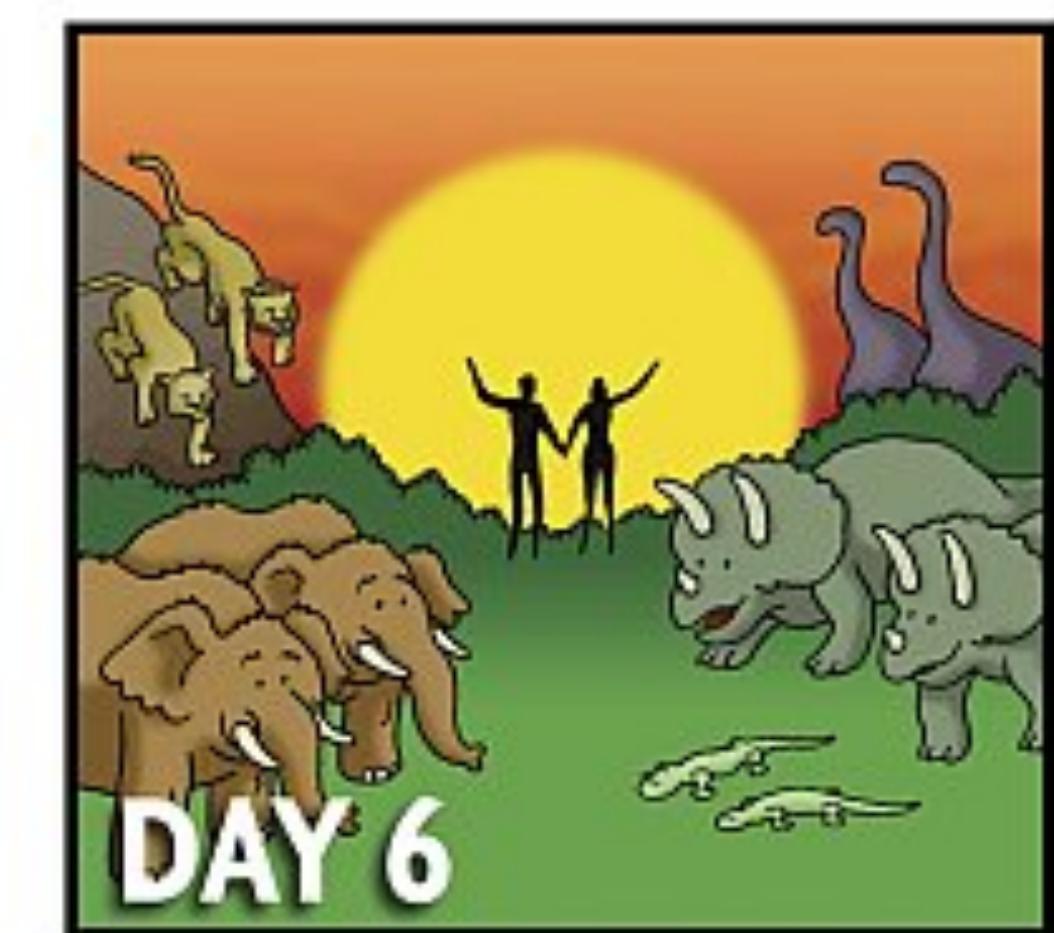
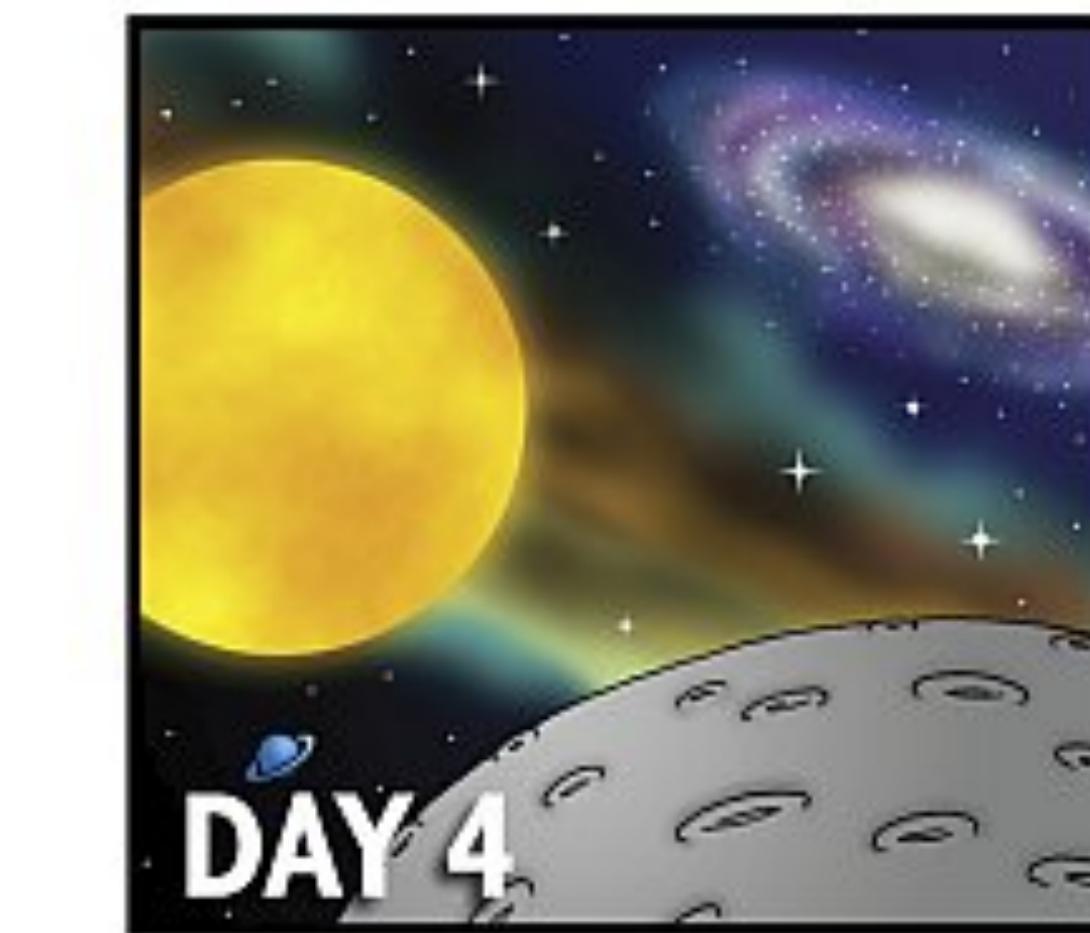
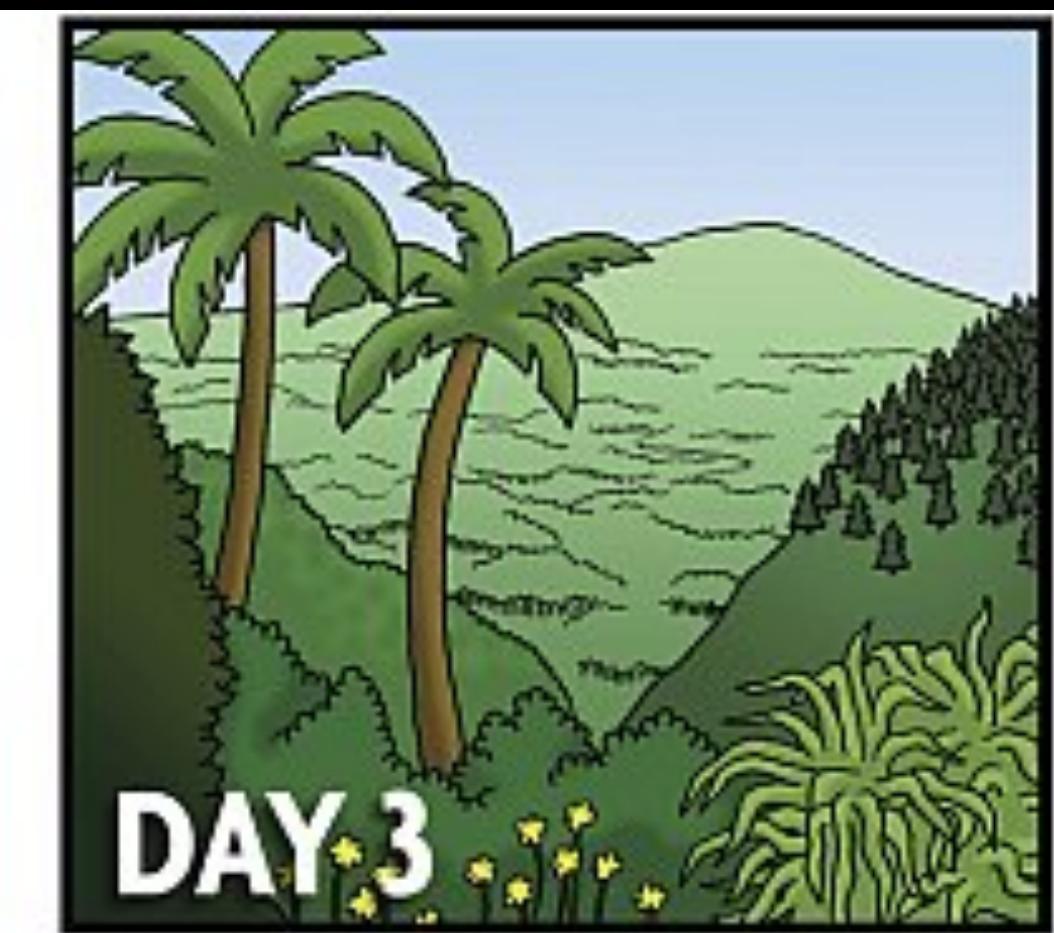
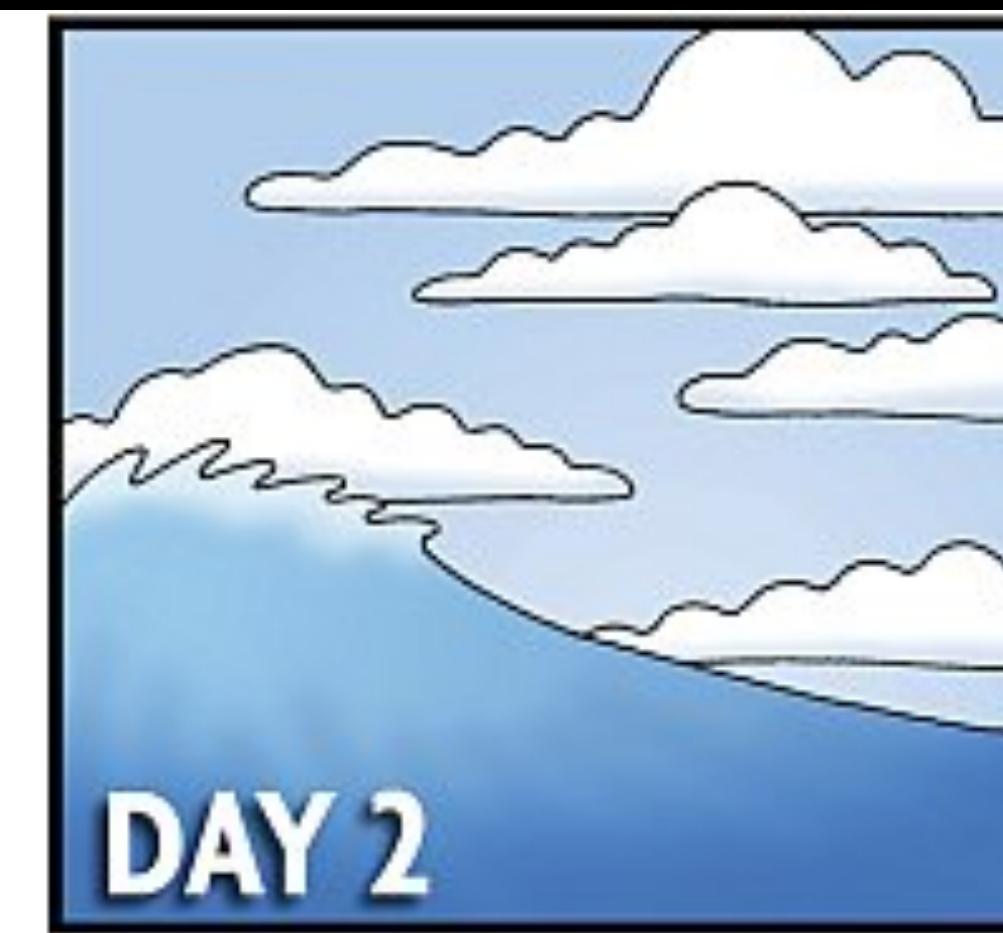


בראשית

In the Beginning



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=teu7BCZTgDs>

Why does knowing
God created the world matter??

דַע - Know
לְפָנֶיךָ - Before
מֵאֶתְךָ - Whom
אַתָּה - You
עֹמֶד - Stand

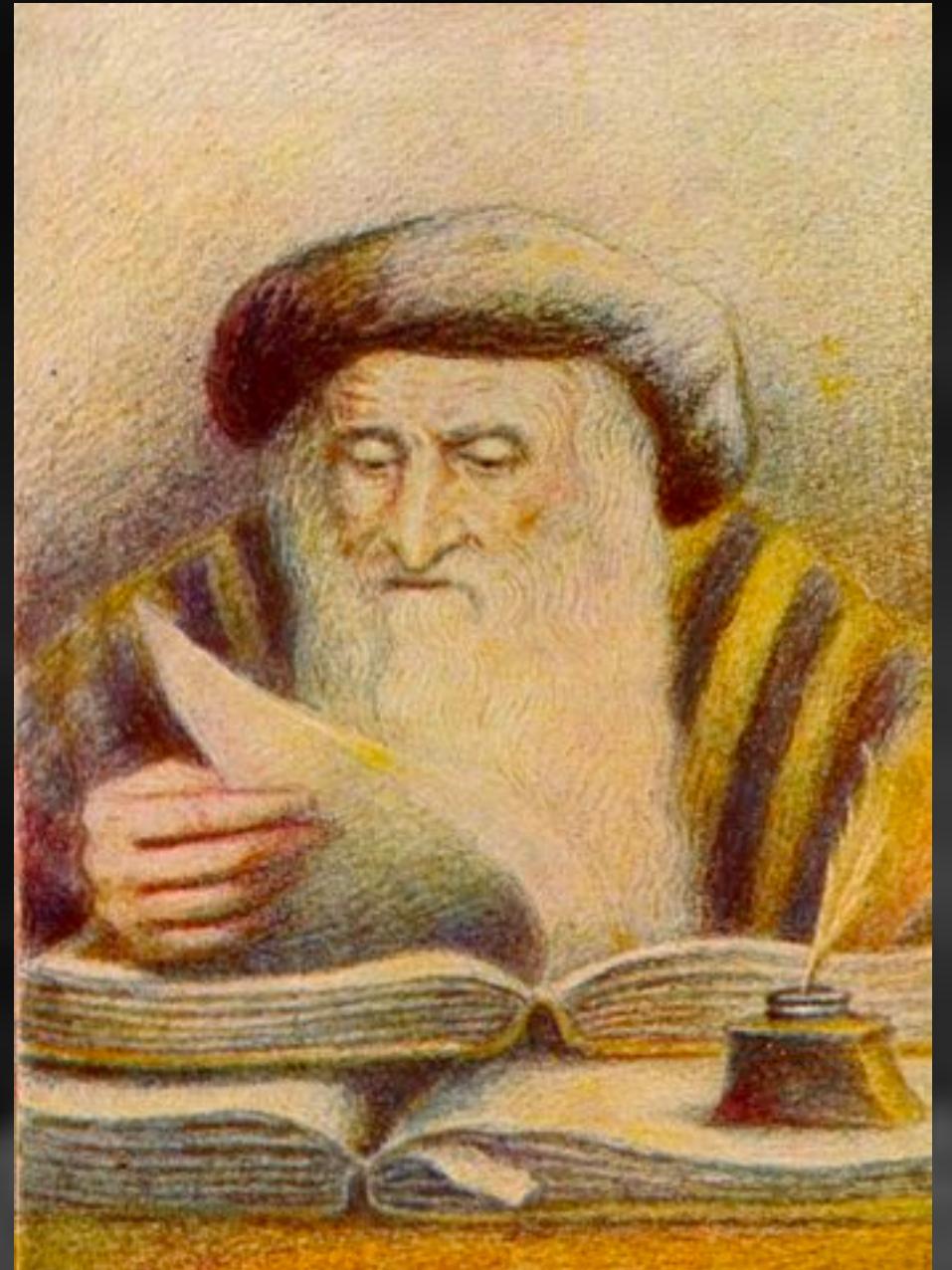


The sense of awe, fear, and love we feel when standing before G-d, the King of Kings in a Synagogue to pray, ideally should also be felt wherever in the world we find ourselves.

Abraham found G-d by observing the cycles, beauty, and miracles of Nature

Rashi Wrote the Most Famous Jewish
Commentary on the Torah

Rashi



רשי – רבי שלמה יצחקי

Rabbi Shlomo Yitzhaki

Leader of French Jewry

during the times of the Crusades 1040-1105

Head of the Jewish Beit Din (Court)

Worked in the wine-making Business

Direct Descendant of King David (~33 generations)

Wrote a Master Commentary on
all the Torah and Talmud



Why Does The Torah tell us about Creation?

בראשית IN THE BEGINNING — "Rabbi Isaac (my Father) said: If the Torah is a book of Laws it should have started with the first Mitzva to the Jewish people regarding the New Moon's (Rosh Chodesh)!"

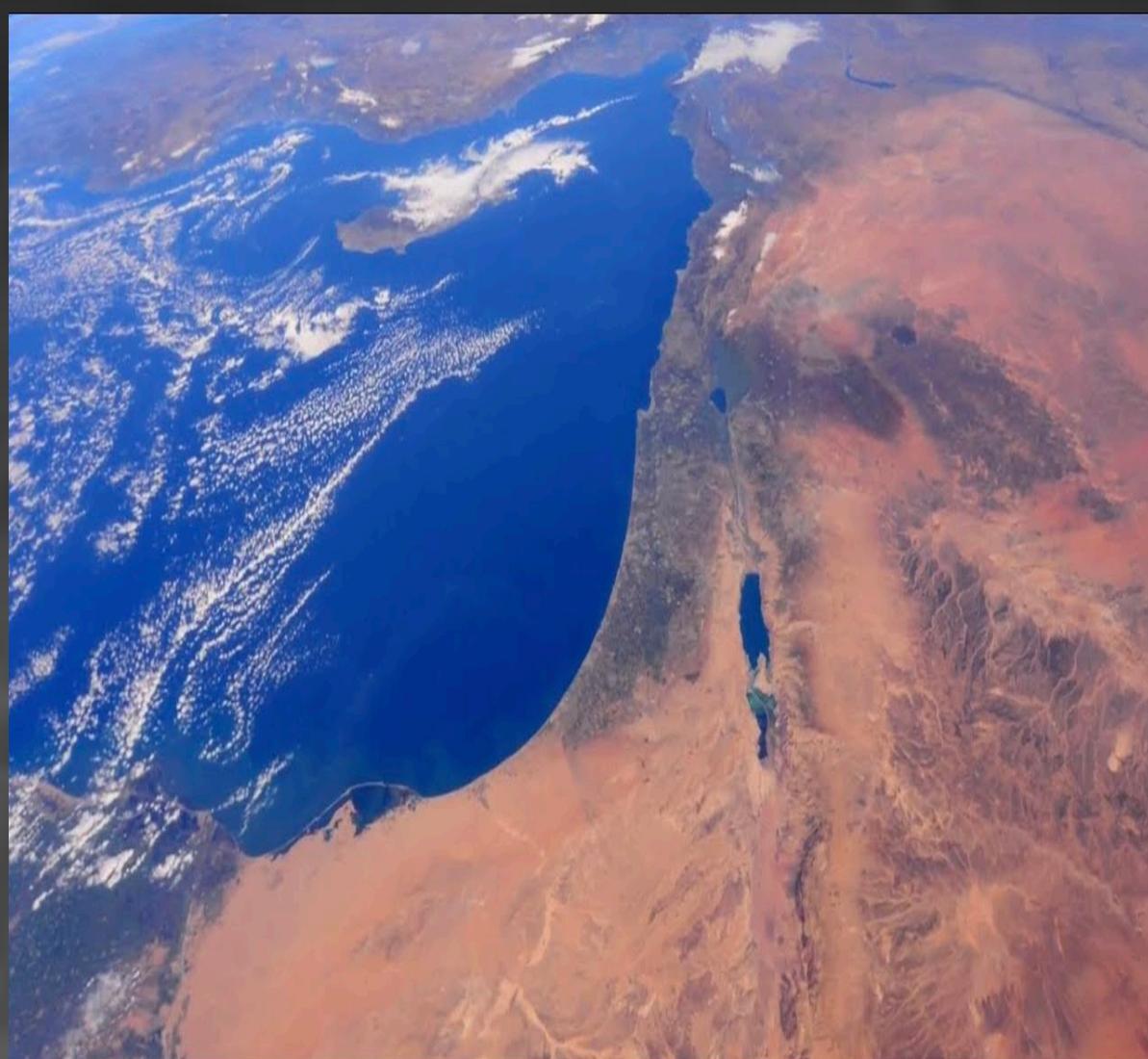
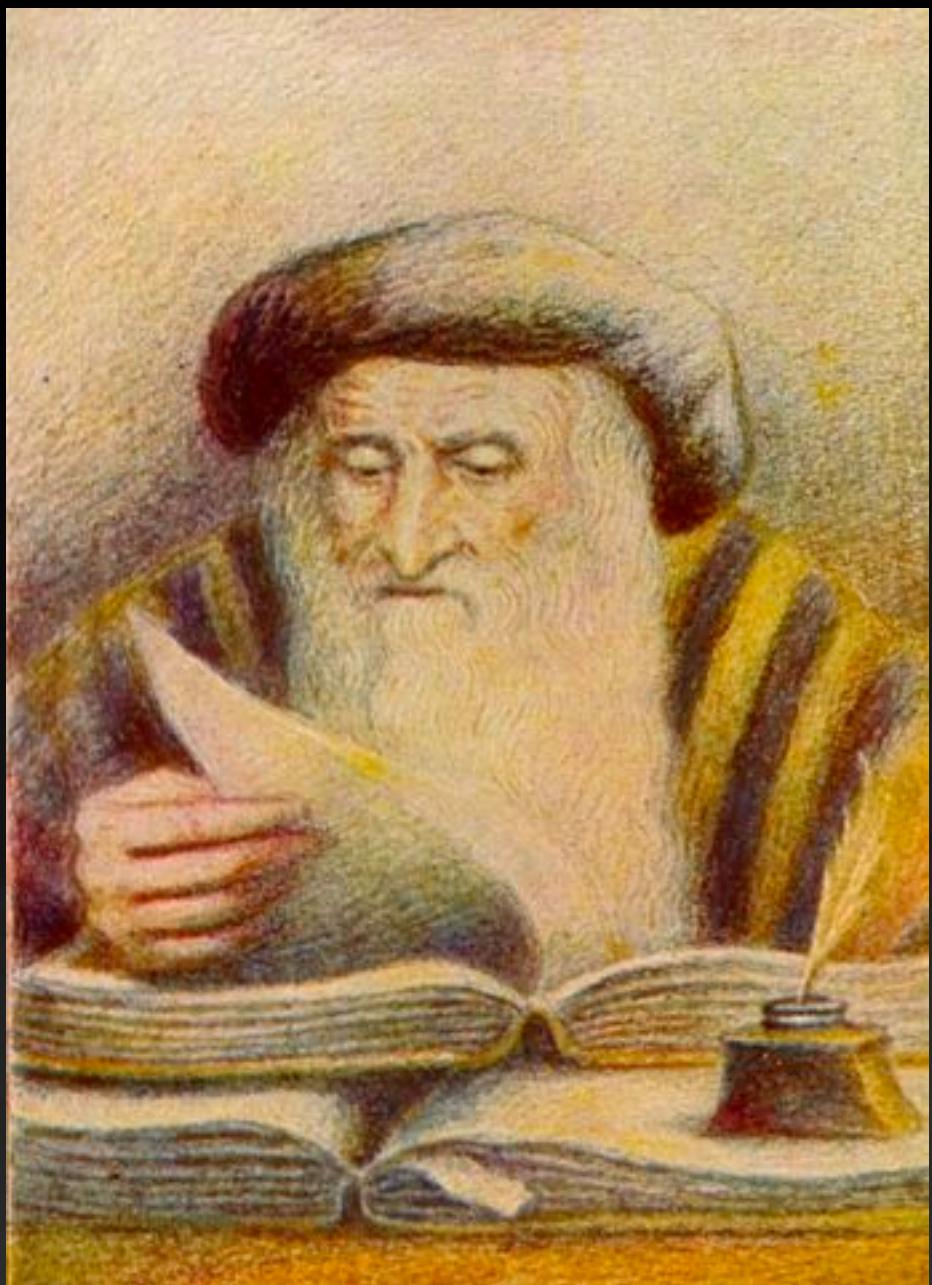
Why then start this law book with the story of Creation of the world?

Answer: God *told His people (the Jewish people) about the strength of His works (Creation), to teach them that the earth is his, and he chooses to give the Jewish people the heritage (Israel) of the 7 ancient evil nations*"

For should the peoples of the world [in any time] say to Israel, "You are robbers, because you took by force the lands of the seven nations of Canaan"

Israel may reply to them, "All the earth belongs to the Holy One, blessed be He; He created it and gave it to whom He pleased. When He willed He gave it to them, and when He willed He took it from them and gave it to us"

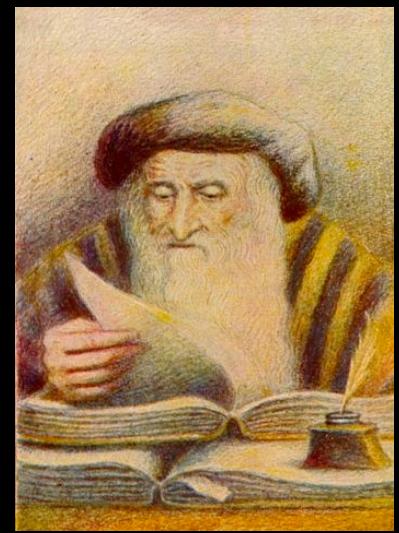
(MidrashYalkut Shimon on Torah 187). "



בְּרֵאשִׁית בָּרָא אֱלֹהִים אֶת הַשְׁמִינִים וְאֶת הָאָרֶץ:
When God began to create heaven and earth

**וְהָאָרֶץ קִיְּתָה תְּהוֹ וּבָהּוּ וְחֹשֶׁךְ עַל־פָּנָי תְּהוָם וְרוּחַ
אֱלֹהִים מַرְחַפְתָּ עַל־פָּנָי הַקְּמִים:**
the earth was unformed and void, with darkness
over the surface of the deep and a wind from God
sweeping over the waters—

Day 1



וירא אלhim את האור כי טוב ויבדל - AND GOD SAW THE LIGHT THAT IT WAS GOOD, AND GOD CAUSED A DIVISION — He saw that the wicked were unworthy of using it (the light); He, therefore, set it apart (**ויבדל**), reserving it for the righteous in the world to come (Chagigah 12a).

God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light.

God saw that the light was good, and God separated the light from the darkness.

God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night.
And there was evening and there was morning, a first day.

Day 2

God said, “Let there be a divider in the midst of the water, that it may separate water from water”

God made the divider, and it separated the water which was below the divider from the water which was above the divider. And it was so.

God called the divider Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, a second day.

...**יהי רקיע בתוך המים** In other words, the atmosphere! Created a space for air to breath!

Commentary: Rabbi Sforno

Day 3

God said, “Let the water below the sky be gathered into one area, that the dry land may appear.” And it was so.

God called the dry land Earth, and the gathering of waters He called Seas. And God saw that this was good.

And God said, “Let the earth sprout vegetation: seed-bearing plants, fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.” And it was so.

The earth brought forth vegetation: seed-bearing plants of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that this was good.

And there was evening and there was morning, a third day.



Tuesday is a DOUBLY blessed, good day!
Lots of good luck on Tuesdays :)

Some people even have the customs to
get married on Tuesdays!

Day 4

God said, “Let there be lights in the heavens to separate day from night; they shall serve as signs for the holidays, for the days and the years;

and they serve as lights in the expanse of the sky to shine upon the earth.”
And it was so.

God made the two great lights (the Sun and the Moon), the greater light to dominate the day and the lesser light to dominate the night, and the stars.

And God set them in the divider of the sky to shine upon the earth,

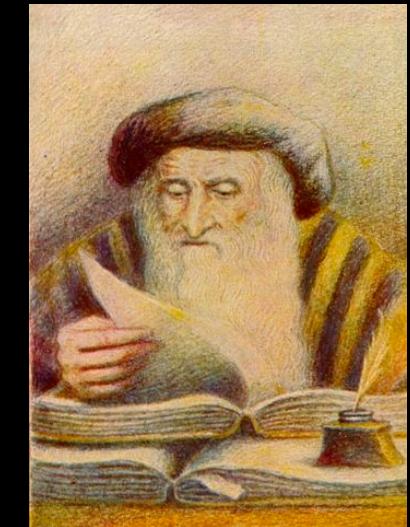
to dominate the day and the night, and to separate light from darkness. And God saw that this was good.

And there was evening and there was morning, a fourth day.



Day 4

ויעש אלhim את שני המאורות הגדלים את הירח מאור הגדל למלך שלת היום ואת הירח מאור הקטן למלך שלת הלילה ואת הכוכבים God made the two great lights, the greater light to dominate the day and the lesser light to dominate the night, and the stars



המאורות הגדולים THE GREAT LUMINARIES – The Sun and Moon were originally created of equal size. The Moon was jealous and said to God - it's not right! There is just One God, but Two great lights! “It is impossible for two kings to make use of one crown” (Chullin 60b)! Since the Moon was jealous and complained, God made it smaller than the Sun.

ואת הכוכבים AND THE STARS – Because God diminished the moon's size, God increased the stars to keep it company. And God blessed the Moon that the Jewish people (who are likened to the stars), will declare their holidays and months by the Moon, not the Sun.

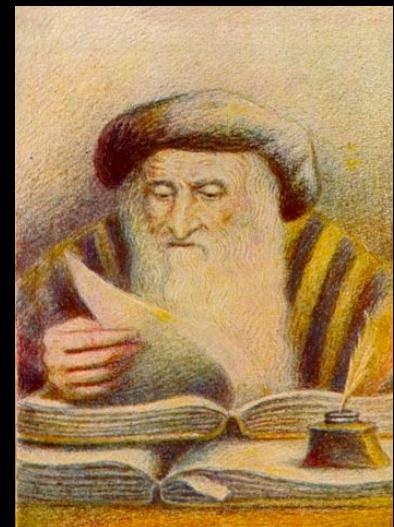
Day 5

God said, “Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and birds that fly above the earth across the expanse of the sky.”

God created the great sea monsters, and all the living creatures of every kind that creep, which the waters brought forth in swarms, and all the winged birds of every kind. And God saw that this was good.

God blessed them, saying, “Be fertile and increase, fill the waters in the seas, and let the birds increase on the earth.”

And there was evening and there was morning, a fifth day.



התנינים THE HUGE CREATURES — the large fishes that are in the sea; and according to the statement of the Agada ([Bava Batra 74b](#)) it means here the Leviathan and its consort which He created male and female. He, however, killed the female and preserved it in salt for the benefit of the righteous in the time to come, for had they been permitted to be fruitful and to multiply the world could not have endured because of them.

Day 6 (1/4)



God said, “Let the earth bring forth every kind of living creature: cattle, creeping things, and wild beasts of every kind.” And it was so.

God made wild beasts of every kind and cattle of every kind and all kinds of creeping things of the earth. And God saw that this was good.

Day 6 (2/4)

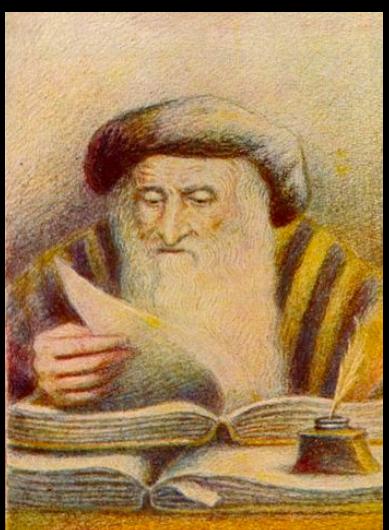
And God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. They shall rule the fish of the sea, the birds of the sky, the cattle, the whole earth, and all the creeping things that creep on earth.”

וַיּוּבְרָא אֱלֹהִים אֶת־הָאָדָם בְּצַלְמוֹ בְּצַלְמֵי אֱלֹהִים בָּרָא אֶת־זָכָר וְנָקְبָה בָּרָא אֶת־תְּמָם:

And God created man in His image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.



MALE AND FEMALE CREATED HE THEM — And further on ([Genesis 2:21](#)) it is said: “and He took one of his ribs etc.” (The two passages appear to be contradictory.) But according to a Midrashic explanation, He created him at first with two faces, and afterwards He divided him.



In the Image of God - With Intellect. With the power of Speech.

Day 6 (3/4)

God blessed them and God said to them, “Be fertile and increase, fill the earth and master it; and rule the fish of the sea, the birds of the sky, and all the living things that creep on earth.”

God said, “See, I give you every seed-bearing plant that is upon all the earth, and every tree that has seed-bearing fruit; they shall be yours for food.

And to all the animals on land, to all the birds of the sky, and to everything that creeps on earth, in which there is the breath of life, [I give] all the green plants for food.” And it was so.

And God saw all that He had made, and found it very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

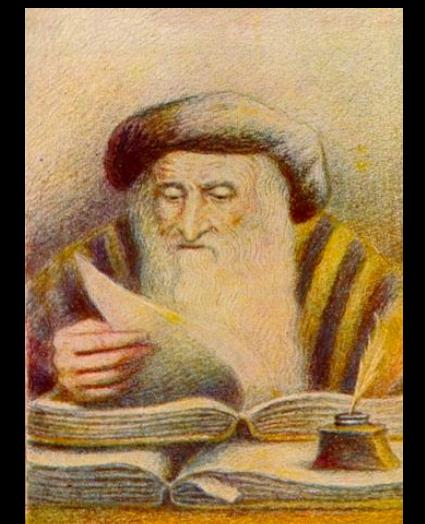
After finally creating Man on the 6th day, God sees that this world is VERY good!!

Day 6 (4/4)

וַיְהִי־עֶרֶב וַיְהִי־בֹּקֶר יוֹם הַשְׁשִׁינִי (פ)

And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

וַיְהִי־עֶרֶב וַיְהִי־בֹּקֶר יוֹם הַשְׁשִׁינִי THE SIXTH DAY — The letter ה, the numerical value of which is 5, is added to the word שָׁבֵי when the work of Creation was complete, to imply that Hashem made a stipulation with the world that the Earth only endures only upon condition that Israel should accept the 5 books of the Torah (Talmud Shabbat 88a).



Day 7

וַיְכֻלּוּ^א הַשָּׁמִים וְהָאָרֶץ וְכָל־צְבָאָם:

The heaven and the earth were finished, and all their array.

וַיְכַל אֱלֹהִים בַּיּוֹם הַשְׁבִיעִי מְלָאכָתוֹ אֲשֶׁר עָשָׂה וַיֵּשֶׁבּוּ^ב בַּיּוֹם הַשְׁבִיעִי מְכֹל־מְלָאכָתוֹ אֲשֶׁר עָשָׂה:

On the seventh day God finished the work that He had been doing, and He ceased on the seventh day from all the work that He had done.

וַיָּבֹרֶךְ אֱלֹהִים אֶת־יּוֹם הַשְׁבִיעִי וַיִּקְדֹּשׁ אֹתוֹ כִּי בְּוֹ שְׁבָתּוֹ מְכֹל־מְלָאכָתוֹ אֲשֶׁר־בָּרָא אֱלֹהִים לְעָשׂות: (ב)

And God blessed the seventh day and declared it holy, because on it God ceased from all the work of creation that He had done.



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