



BibleProject Classroom

Genesis 1:1–2:3

A Literal Literary Translation by Tim Mackie

Chapter 1

¹In the beginning, Elohim created the skies and the land.

²Now, the land was wild and waste

and darkness was over the face of the watery deep,

but the breath/wind of Elohim was hovering over the face of the waters.

³And Elohim said,

“Let there be light”

and there was light.

⁴And Elohim saw that the light was good.

And Elohim separated the light from the darkness.

⁵And Elohim called the light “day,”

And the darkness he called “night.”

And there was evening

and there was morning,

one day.

⁶And Elohim said,

“Let there be a dome

in the middle of the waters,

and let it separate the waters

from the waters.”

⁷And Elohim made the dome,

and he separated the waters which were below the dome

from the waters which were above the dome;

and it was so.

⁸And Elohim called the dome “skies.”

And there was evening

and there was morning,

a second day.

⁹And Elohim said,

“Let the waters below the skies
be gathered into one place,
and let the dry ground be seen,”
and it was so.

¹⁰And Elohim called the dry ground “land,”

And the gathering of the waters he called “seas,”
and Elohim saw that it was good.

¹¹And Elohim said,

“Let the land sprout vegetation,
vegetative plants that produce seed,
fruit trees that make fruit according to its kind,
which has its seed inside it, upon the land
and it was so.

¹²And the land brought out

vegetative plants
that produce seed according to its kind
and trees that make fruit
which has its seed in it according to its kind.
And Elohim saw that it was good.

¹³And there was evening,

and there was morning,
a third day.

¹⁴And Elohim said,

“Let there be lights
in the dome of the skies
to separate the day from the night,
and let them be for signs
and for sacred feasts and for days and years.

¹⁵And let them be for lights

in the dome of the skies
to give light on the land.”
and it was so.

¹⁶And Elohim made the two great lights,

the great light to rule the day,
and the small light to rule the night,
and also the stars.

¹⁷And Elohim placed them

in the dome of the skies
to give light on the land,
¹⁸and to rule the day and the night,
and to separate the light from the darkness,

and Elohim saw that it was good.

¹⁹And there was evening
and there was morning,
a fourth day.

²⁰And Elohim said,
“Let the waters swarm with a swarm of living creatures,
and let birds fly above the land
against the face of the dome of the skies.”

²¹And Elohim created the great sea-monsters
and every living creature that moves,
with which the waters swarmed after their kind,
and every bird of wing after its kind,
and Elohim saw that it was good.

²²And Elohim blessed them, saying,
“Be fruitful and multiply,
and fill the waters in the seas,
and let birds multiply on the land.”

²³And there was evening
and there was morning,
a fifth day.

²⁴And Elohim said,
“Let the land bring out living creatures
according to their kind,
cattle and creeping things and beasts of the land
according to their kind,
and it was so.

²⁵And Elohim made
the beasts of the land according to their kind,
and the cattle according to their kind,
and the creepers of the ground according to its kind
and Elohim saw that it was good.

²⁶And Elohim said,
“Let us make human
in our image,
according to our likeness;
and let them rule
over the fish of the sea
and over the birds of the sky
and over the cattle
and over all the land,
and over every creeper that creeps on the land.”

²⁷And Elohim created human in his image,
in the image of Elohim he created him;
male and female he created them.

²⁸And Elohim blessed them,
and Elohim said to them,
 "Be fruitful and multiply,
 and fill the land,
 and subdue it;
 and rule over the fish of the sea
 and over the birds of the sky
 and over living creature that creeps on the land."

²⁹And Elohim said,
 "Behold, I have given to you
 every plant producing seed
 that is on the face of all the land,
 and every tree which has fruit producing seed;
 it shall be food for y'all.

³⁰And for every beast of the land,
and for every bird of the sky,
and for every thing that moves on the land which has living being in it,
every green plant is for food."

And it was so.

Chapter 2

³¹And Elohim saw all that he had made,
and behold, it was very good.
 And there was evening
 and there was morning,
 a sixth day.

¹And they were completed, the skies and the land and all their hosts.

²And Elohim completed on the seventh day his work which he had made,
and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made.

³And Elohim blessed the seventh day and he set it apart as holy,
because on it he rested from all his work which Elohim created to make.