

## Genesis 1-2:4 structure of creation, structure of the narrative

The day (and verses)	What's created and how	What's separated	formulaic statements	Numerical/word notes
Prologue: the pre-creation (1-2)	Nothing			Three basic starting nouns found in multiples of seven in passage: Elohim: 35x; heaven/dome: 21x; earth: 21x
Day One (3-5)	Light: by God's command alone	Light (day) from Darkness (night)	And there was evening and there was morning	"light": 5x in this section (books of Torah); light + day: 7x "good": 7x "let there be": 7x
Second Day (6-8)	The <i>raqia'</i> ("dome"): God's command and act	Waters above from waters below	And there was evening and there was morning	"water": 7x in 2 <sup>nd</sup> + 3 <sup>rd</sup> days
Third Day (9-13)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dry land (<i>yabbashah</i>): God's command</li> <li>Vegetation, plants yielding seed, fruit trees (i.e., plants that grow without human intervention): God's command and earth's act</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Earth (<i>'erets</i>) from seas (<i>yammim</i>)</li> <li>(implicitly, differentiation of flora species)</li> </ol>	<p>according to their kind</p> <p>And God saw that it was good.</p> <p>And there was evening and there was morning</p>	
Fourth Day (14-19) <i>(corresponding to Day One: light)</i>	Lights (sun and moon) in the <i>raqia'</i> : God's command and act	Day from night	<p>And God saw that it was good.</p> <p>And there was evening and there was morning</p>	"Light" + "lights": 7x "it was good": 7x
Fifth Day (20-23) <i>(corresponding to Second Day: waters)</i>	Swarms of living creatures and birds (from the waters): God's command and act	(implicitly, differentiation of sea/air animal species)	<p>According to their kind</p> <p>God blessed them, saying "Be fruitful and multiply"</p> <p>And there was evening and there was morning</p>	"life" ( <i>hayyah</i> ): 7x in 5 <sup>th</sup> + 6 <sup>th</sup> days
Sixth Day (24-31) <i>(corresponding to Third Day: earth)</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cattle, creeping things, wild animals: God's command and earth's and God's act</li> <li>Humans: God's command and act</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(implicitly, differentiation of land animal species)</li> <li>humans from animals</li> </ol>	<p>According to their kind</p> <p>And God saw that it was good.</p> <p>God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply"</p> <p>It was very good</p> <p>And there was evening and there was morning</p>	vv. 26-28 shaped as A-B-A only here in this chapter does God speak directly to the created things
Seventh Day (2:1-4) <i>(in midrash, "partnered" with Israel)</i>	Nothing!	Seventh day from the others	God blessed	3 of 5 consecutive Heb. sentences, each = 7 words, each with "the 7 <sup>th</sup> day" at center; total words = 35