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<p>¹ In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. ² Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.</p> <p>³ And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. ⁴ God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. ⁵ God called the light "day," and the darkness he called "night." And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day.</p> <p>⁶ And God said, "Let there be an expanse between the waters to separate water from water." ⁷ So God made the expanse and separated the water under the expanse from the water above it. And it was so. ⁸ God called the expanse "sky." And there was evening, and there was morning—the second day.</p>	<p>⁴ These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Light is from the Sun (created in verse 1), since there is "day" & "night"</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Expanding Universe</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Earth was dark because of clouds</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Primordial global sea</p>	<p>¹ Praise the LORD, O my soul.</p> <p>O LORD my God, you are very great; you are clothed with splendor and majesty.</p> <p>² He wraps himself in light as with a garment;</p> <p>³ he stretches out the heavens like a tent and lays the beams of his upper chambers on their waters. He makes the clouds his chariot and rides on the wings of the wind.</p> <p>⁴ He makes winds his messengers, flames of fire his servants.</p>	<p>Job 38 ¹Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind and said:</p> <p>²"Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? ³Dress for action like a man; I will question you, and you make it known to me. ⁴"Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?</p> <p>Tell me, if you have understanding. ⁵Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? ⁶On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone, ⁷when the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Global sea↓</p>	<p>²²"The LORD possessed me (wisdom) at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of old.</p> <p>²³Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth.</p> <p>²⁴When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water.</p> <p>²⁵Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth,</p> <p>²⁶before he had made the earth with its fields, or the first of the dust of the world.</p> <p>²⁷When he established the heavens, I was there; when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,</p> <p>²⁸when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep,</p>
<p>⁹ And God said, "Let the water under the sky be gathered to one place, and let dry ground appear." And it was so. ¹⁰ God called the dry ground "land," and the gathered waters he called "seas." And God saw that it was good.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Dry land</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Local, not global, flood→</p>	<p>⁵ He set the earth on its foundations; it can never be moved.</p> <p>⁶ You covered it with the deep as with a garment; the waters stood above the mountains.</p> <p>⁷ But at your rebuke the waters fled, at the sound of your thunder they took to flight;</p> <p>⁸ they flowed over the mountains, they went down into the valleys, to the place you assigned for them.</p> <p>⁹ You set a boundary they cannot cross; <u>never again will they cover the earth.</u></p> <p>¹⁰ He makes springs pour water into the ravines; it flows between the mountains.</p> <p>¹¹ They give water to all the beasts of the field; the wild donkeys quench their thirst.</p> <p>¹² The birds of the air nest by the waters; they sing among the branches.</p> <p>¹³ He waters the mountains from his upper chambers; the earth is satisfied by the fruit of his work.</p>	<p>⁸"Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb, ⁹when I made <u>clouds its garment and thick darkness its swaddling band,</u></p> <p>¹⁰and <u>prescribed limits</u> for it and set bars and doors,</p> <p>¹¹and said, "Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stayed"?</p> <p>¹²"Have you commanded the morning since your days began, and caused the dawn to know its place, ¹³that it might take hold of the skirts of the earth, and the wicked be shaken out of it? ¹⁴It is changed like clay under the seal, and its features stand out like a garment. ¹⁵From the wicked their light is withheld, and their uplifted arm is broken.</p> <p>¹⁶"Have you entered into the springs of the sea, or walked in the recesses of the deep?</p> <p>¹⁷Have the gates of death been revealed to you, or have you seen the gates of deep darkness? ¹⁸Have you comprehended the expanse of the earth? Declare, if you know all this.</p> <p>¹⁹"Where is the way to the dwelling of light, and where is the place of darkness,</p> <p>²⁰that you may take it to its territory and</p>	<p>²⁹when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth,</p> <p style="text-align: center;">←Local flood↑</p>

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<p>The <u>land</u> produced trees from seed, which grew to produce fruit—obviously taking longer than 24 hours ↓</p>			<p>that you may discern the paths to its home? ²¹You know, for you were born then, and the number of your days is great!</p> <p>²²"Have you entered the storehouses of the snow, or have you seen the storehouses of the hail, ²³which I have reserved for the time of trouble, for the day of battle and war? ²⁴What is the way to the place where the light is distributed, or where the east wind is scattered upon the earth?"</p>	
<p>¹¹ Then God said, "Let the land produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit with seed in it, according to their various kinds." And it was so. ¹² The land produced vegetation: plants bearing seed according to their kinds and trees bearing fruit with seed in it according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good. ¹³ And there was evening, and there was morning—the third day.</p>	<p>The primordial clouds cleared to reveal the Sun, moon and stars, already created in verse 1. Revealed to mark off the seasons.</p>	<p>¹⁴ He makes grass grow for the cattle, and plants for man to cultivate—bringing forth food from the earth: ¹⁵ wine that gladdens the heart of man, oil to make his face shine, and bread that sustains his heart. ¹⁶ The trees of the LORD are well watered, the cedars of Lebanon that he planted. ¹⁷ There the birds make their nests; the stork has its home in the pine trees. ¹⁸ The high mountains belong to the wild goats; the crags are a refuge for the coney.</p>	<p>²⁵"Who has cleft a channel for the torrents of rain and a way for the thunderbolt, ²⁶to bring rain on a land where no man is, on the desert in which there is no man, ²⁷to satisfy the waste and desolate land, and to make the ground sprout with grass?"</p> <p>²⁸"Has the rain a father, or who has begotten the drops of dew? ²⁹From whose womb did the ice come forth, and who has given birth to the frost of heaven? ³⁰The waters become hard like stone, and the face of the deep is frozen.</p>	<p>The laws of the universe rule over the earth, refuting geocentrism and different pre-fall physics.</p>
<p>¹⁴ And God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them serve as signs to mark seasons and days and years, ¹⁵and let them be lights in the expanse of the sky to give light on the earth." And it was so. ¹⁶ God made two great lights—the greater light to govern the day and the lesser light to govern the night. He also made the stars. ¹⁷ God set them in the expanse of the sky to give light on the earth, ¹⁸ to govern the day and the night, and to separate light from darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹ And there was evening, and there was morning—the fourth day.</p>	<p>God provides food for the carnivores, refuting young earth vegetarianism.</p>	<p>¹⁹ The moon marks off the seasons, and the sun knows when to go down. ²⁰ You bring darkness, it becomes night, and all the beasts of the forest prowl. ²¹ The lions roar for their prey and seek their food from God. ²² The sun rises, and they steal away; they return and lie down in their dens. ²³ Then man goes out to his work, to his labor until evening.</p>	<p>³¹"Can you bind the chains of the Pleiades or loose the cords of Orion? ³²Can you lead forth the Mazzaroth in their season, or can you guide the Bear with its children? ³³Do you know the ordinances of the heavens? Can you establish their rule on the earth?"</p> <p>³⁴"Can you lift up your voice to the clouds, that a flood of waters may cover you? ³⁵Can you send forth lightnings, that they may go and say to you, 'Here we are?' ³⁶Who has put wisdom in the inward parts or given understanding to the mind? ³⁷Who can number the clouds by wisdom? Or who can tilt the waterskins of the heavens, ³⁸ when the dust runs into a mass and the clods stick fast together?"</p>	
<p>²⁰ And God said, "Let the water teem with living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the sky." ²¹ So God created the great creatures of the sea and every living and moving thing with which the water teems, according to their kinds, and every winged bird</p>		<p>²⁴ How many are your works, O LORD! In wisdom you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. ²⁵ There is the sea, vast and spacious, teeming with creatures beyond number— living things both large and small.</p>	<p>³⁹"Can you hunt the prey for the lion, or satisfy the appetite of the young lions, ⁴⁰ when they crouch in their dens or lie in wait in their thicket? ⁴¹Who provides for the raven its prey, when its young ones cry to God for help, and wander about for lack of food?"</p>	

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<p>according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. ²² God blessed them and said, "Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the water in the seas, and let the birds increase on the earth." ²³ And there was evening, and there was morning—the fifth day.</p>		<p>²⁶ There the ships go to and fro, and the leviathan, which you formed to frolic there.</p>	<p>Job 39 ¹"Do you know when the mountain goats give birth? Do you observe the calving of the does? ²Can you number the months that they fulfill, and do you know the time when they give birth, ³when they crouch, bring forth their offspring, and are delivered of their young? ⁴Their young ones become strong; they grow up in the open; they go out and do not return to them.</p>	
<p>²⁴ And God said, "Let the land produce living creatures according to their kinds: livestock, creatures that move along the ground, and wild animals, each according to its kind." And it was so. ²⁵ God made the <u>wild animals</u> according to their kinds, the <u>livestock</u> according to their kinds, and all the creatures that move along the ground according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good.</p> <p>²⁶ Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth,^[b] and over all the creatures that move along the ground."</p> <p>²⁷ So <u>God created man</u> in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.</p> <p>²⁸ God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground."</p>	<p>⁵When no bush of the field was yet in the land and no small plant of the field had yet sprung up—for the LORD God had not caused it to rain on the land, and there was no man to work the ground, ⁶and a mist was going up from the land and was watering the whole face of the ground—⁷then the LORD God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature. ⁸And the LORD God planted a <u>garden</u> in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed. ⁹And out of the ground the LORD God made to spring up every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.</p> <p>¹⁰A river flowed out of Eden to water the garden, and there it divided and became four rivers. ¹¹The name of the first is the Pishon. It is the one that flowed around the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold. ¹²And the gold of that land is good; bdellium and onyx stone are there. ¹³The name of the second river is the Gihon. It is the one that flowed around the whole land of Cush. ¹⁴And the name of the third river is the Tigris, which flows east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates.</p> <p>¹⁵The LORD God took the man and <u>put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it</u>. ¹⁶And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, ¹⁷but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."</p> <p>¹⁸Then the LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him." ¹⁹Now out of the ground the LORD God had <u>formed every beast</u> of the field and every bird of the heavens and <u>brought them to</u></p>	<p>The sixth day is obviously longer than 24 hours. God created the land carnivores ("wild animals") and herbivores ("livestock") and Adam, the first man. Then He planted a garden, let it grow, and placed Adam in the garden to care for it. God brought the animals before Adam for him to name <u>all</u> of them. Finally, God put Adam to sleep and created Eve from his side.</p>	<p>⁵"Who has let the wild donkey go free? Who has loosed the bonds of the swift donkey, ⁶to whom I have given the arid plain for his home and the salt land for his dwelling place? ⁷He scorns the tumult of the city; he hears not the shouts of the driver. ⁸He ranges the mountains as his pasture, and he searches after every green thing.</p> <p>⁹"Is the wild ox willing to serve you? Will he spend the night at your manger? ¹⁰Can you bind him in the furrow with ropes, or will he harrow the valleys after you? ¹¹Will you depend on him because his strength is great, and will you leave to him your labor? ¹²Do you have faith in him that he will return your grain and gather it to your threshing floor?</p> <p>¹³"The wings of the ostrich wave proudly, but are they the pinions and plumage of love? ¹⁴For she leaves her eggs to the earth and lets them be warmed on the ground, ¹⁵forgetting that a foot may crush them and that the wild beast may trample them. ¹⁶She deals cruelly with her young, as if they were not hers; though her labor be in vain, yet she has no fear, ¹⁷because God has made her forget wisdom and given her no share in understanding. ¹⁸When she rouses herself to flee, she laughs at the horse and his rider.</p> <p>¹⁹"Do you give the horse his might? Do you clothe his neck with a mane? ²⁰Do you make him leap like the locust? His majestic snorting is terrifying. ²¹He paws in the valley and exults in his strength; he goes out to meet the weapons.</p>	

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	<p>the man to see what he would call them. And whatever the man called every living creature that was its name. ²⁰The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper fit for him. ²¹So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. ²²And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. ²³Then the man said,</p> <p>"This <u>at last</u> is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man."</p> <p>²⁴Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. ²⁵And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.</p>	<p>Adam's response to first seeing Eve was "at last," indicating that he had waited a long time for a partner—certainly longer than 24 hours.</p>	<p>²²He laughs at fear and is not dismayed; he does not turn back from the sword. ²³Upon him rattle the quiver, the flashing spear, and the javelin. ²⁴With fierceness and rage he swallows the ground; he cannot stand still at the sound of the trumpet. ²⁵When the trumpet sounds, he says 'Aha!' He smells the battle from afar, the thunder of the captains, and the shouting.</p> <p>²⁶"Is it by your understanding that the hawk soars and spreads his wings toward the south? ²⁷Is it at your command that the eagle mounts up and makes his nest on high? ²⁸On the rock he dwells and makes his home, on the rocky crag and stronghold. ²⁹From there he spies out the prey; his eyes behold it from far away. ³⁰His young ones suck up blood, and where the slain are, there is he."</p>	<p>Again, <u>God</u> endorses carnivorous activity and provides food for the carnivores, refuting young earth vegetarianism.</p>
<p>²⁹ Then God said, "I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food. ³⁰ And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds of the air and all the creatures that move on the ground—everything that has the breath of life in it—I give every green plant for food." And it was so.</p>		<p>²⁷ These all look to you to give them their food at the proper time. ²⁸ When you give it to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are satisfied with good things. ²⁹ When you hide your face, they are terrified; when you <u>take away their breath</u>, they die and return to the dust. ³⁰ When you send your Spirit, they are created, and you <u>renew the face of the earth</u>.</p>	<p>God created numerous species of plants and animals over the history of life on earth in order to prepare it for human habitation. Psalm 104 suggests that God renewed the earth after each mass extinction event by creation of new species. The long history of life on earth has produced massive bio deposits and ores that have facilitated human civilization.</p>	
<p>³¹ God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day.</p>		<p>³¹ May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD rejoice in his works— ³² he who looks at the earth, and it trembles, who touches the mountains, and they smoke. ³³ I will sing to the LORD all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live. ³⁴ May my meditation be pleasing to him, as I rejoice in the LORD. ³⁵ But may sinners vanish from the earth and the wicked be no more. Praise the LORD, O my soul. Praise the LORD.</p>		<p>³⁰then I was beside him, like a master workman, and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always, ³¹ rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the children of man.</p>