

Gen 1:1-6:8 Bereisheet Expanded Chiasm



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1A) 1:1-2:3 GOD IS OUR CREATOR;

1a) 1:1 In the beginning **God created** the heaven and the earth;

1b) 1:2 Now **the earth** was unformed and **void**, and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God hovered over the face of **the waters**;

1c) 1:3-8 God created **light** and the **firmament of heaven** on the first and second days;

1a.1) 1:3-4a And God said: *Let there be light*; and *there was light*. 4 And God saw the light, that it was good;

1a.2) 1:4b And *God divided* the light from the darkness;

1a.3) 1:5a And *God called* the light Day, and the darkness He called Night;

1a.4) 1:5b And *there was evening and there was morning*; one day; {p}

2a.1) 1:6-7a And God said: *Let there be a firmament* in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters. 7 And *God made the firmament*;

2a.2) 1:7b And *divided* the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament; and it was so;

2a.3) 1:8a And *God called* the firmament Heaven;

2a.4) 1:8b And *there was evening and there was morning*; a second day; {p}

1d) 1:9-10a And God said: Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together to one place, and let the **dry land** appear. And it was so. **10** And God called the dry land Earth, and the gathering together of the waters He called Seas;

central axis) 1:10b And God saw that it was good;

2d) 1:11-13 And God said: Let the earth bring forth grass, herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree bearing fruit after its kind, wherein is its seed, on the earth. And it was so. **12** And the earth brought forth grass, herb yielding seed after its kind, and the tree bearing fruit, wherein is its seed, after its kind; and God saw that it was good. **13** And there was evening and there was morning, a third day [i.e., God filled the **dry land** with grass, herbs, and fruit bearing trees]; {p}

2c) 1:14-19 God filled the **heavens** with **lights** to rule, and divide light from darkness on the fourth day;

1a) 1:14a And God said: Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven *to divide the day from the night*;

1b.1) 1:14b-15 And let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years; **15** and let them be for lights *in the firmament of the heaven to give light on the earth*. And it was so;

1b.2) 1:16a And God made the two great lights: the greater light *to rule the day*, and the lesser light *to rule the night*;

central axis) 1:16b And the stars;

2b.1) 1:17a And God set them *in the firmament of the heaven to give light on the earth*;

2b.2) 1:18a And *to rule* over *the day* and over *the night*;

2a) 1:18b-19 And *to divide the light from the darkness*; and God saw that it was good. **19** And there was evening and there was morning, a fourth day; {p}

2b) 1:20-31 God filled the waters and earth with **living creatures** on the fifth and sixth days;

1a) 1:20-25 God blessed the creatures He had made;

1A.1) 1:20 And God said: **LET THE WATERS SWARM** with swarms of living creatures, and **LET WINGED CREATURES FLY ABOVE THE EARTH** in the open firmament of heaven;

1A.2) 1:21A And **GOD CREATED** the great sea creatures, and every living creature that creeps, with which the waters swarmed, after its kind, and every winged creature after its kind;

1A.3) 1:21B And **GOD SAW THAT IT WAS GOOD**;

CENTRAL AXIS) 1:22-23 AND GOD BLESSED THEM, SAYING: BE FRUITFUL, AND MULTIPLY, AND FILL THE WATERS IN THE SEAS, AND LET WINGED CREATURES MULTIPLY IN THE EARTH. **23** AND THERE WAS EVENING AND THERE WAS MORNING, A FIFTH DAY; {p}

2A.1) 1:24 And God said: **LET THE EARTH BRING FORTH THE LIVING CREATURE** after its kind, cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth after its kind. And it was so;

2A.2) 1:25A And **GOD MADE** the beast of the earth after its kind, and the cattle after their kind, and every thing that creeps on the ground after its kind;

2A.3) 1:25B And **GOD SAW THAT IT WAS GOOD**;

1b) 1:26a And God said: *Let Us make man in Our image*, after Our likeness; **central axis) 1:26b** And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the winged creatures of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth;

2b) 1:27 And *God created man in His own image*, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them;

2a) 1:28-31 And *God blessed them*; and God said to them: Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the winged creatures of the air, and over every living thing that creeps on the earth. **29** And God said: Behold, I have given you every herb yielding seed, which is on the face of all the earth, and every tree, in which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for food; **30** and to every beast of the earth, and to every winged creature of the air, and to every thing that creeps on the earth, wherein there is a living soul, I have given every green herb for food. And it was so. **31** And God saw every thing that He had made, and, behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day; {p}

2a) 2:1-3 God rested from **His work of creation** on the seventh day;

1a) 2:1-2 And the heaven and the earth were finished, and all the host of them.

2 And on the seventh day God finished His work which He had made; and

He rested on the seventh day *from all His work which He had made*;

1b) 2:3a And God *blessed*;

central axis) 2:3b *The seventh day*;

2b) 2:3c And *hallowed* it;

2a) 2:3d Because in it *He rested from all His work which God* in creating *had made*; {p}

1B) 2:4-3:21 DISOBEDIENCE IS SIN, and carries the consequence of painful toil and death;

1a) 2:4-14 These are the generations of the heaven and of the earth when they were created, in the day that YHVH God made earth and heaven. **5** No shrub of the field was yet in the earth, and no herb of the field had yet sprung up; for YHVH God had not caused it to rain on the earth, and there was not a man to till the ground; **6** but there went up a mist from the earth, and watered the whole face of the ground. **7** Then YHVH God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the **breath of life**; and man became a living soul. **8** And YHVH God planted a garden eastward, in Eden; and there He put the man whom He had formed. **9** And out of the ground YHVH God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; the **tree of life** also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. **10** And a **river** went out of Eden **to water the garden** [i.e., the **river of life**]; and from there it was parted, and became four heads. **11** The name of the first is Pishon; that which compasses the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold; **12** and the gold of that land is good; bdellium and the onyx stone is there. **13** And the name of the second river is Gihon; the same which compasses the whole land of Cush. **14** And the name of the third river is Tigris; that which goes toward the east of Asshur. And the fourth river is the Euphrates; [i.e., the **three lifes**];

1b) 2:15-17 And YHVH God took the man, and put him in the garden of Eden to tend it and to keep it. **16** And **YHVH God commanded the man**, saying: Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; **17** but 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;

1c) 2:18-24 Woman;

1a) 2:18a And YHVH God said: It is *not good that the man should be alone*;

1b) 2:18b-20 I will make him a helper fit for him. **19** And out of the ground YHVH God formed every beast of the field, and every winged creature of the air; and *brought them to the man* to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. **20** And the man gave names to all cattle, and to the winged creatures of the air, and to every beast of the field; but for Adam there was not found a helper fit for him;

central axis) 2:21-22a And *YHVH God caused a deep sleep to fall on the man, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the place with flesh instead. 22 And the rib, which YHVH God had taken from the man, He made into a woman*;

2b) 2:22b And *brought her to the man*;

2a) 2:23-24 And the man said: This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.

24 Therefore *a man* shall leave his father and his mother, and *shall cleave to his wife*, and they shall be one flesh;

central axis) 2:25 And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed;

2c) 3:1-3 Now the serpent was more subtle than any beast of the field which YHVH God had made. And he said to the **woman**: Yes, did God say: You shall not eat of any tree of the garden? 2 And the **woman** said to the serpent: Of the fruit of the trees of the garden we may eat; 3 but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God said: You shall not eat of it, neither shall you touch it, lest you die;

2b) 3:4-13 The command of YHVH broken;

1a) 3:4-6a And *the serpent said to the woman*: *You shall not surely die*; 5 for God knows that in the day you eat of it, then your eyes shall be opened, and you shall be as God, knowing good and evil. 6 And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, *she took of its fruit, and ate*;

1b) 3:6b And *she* also *gave to her husband* with her, and *he ate*;

1c) 3:7 And the eyes of them both were opened, and *they knew that they were naked*; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves coverings;

1d.1) 3:8a And *they heard the voice of YHVH God* walking in the garden toward the cool of the day;

1d.2) 3:8b And *the man and his wife hid themselves* from the presence of YHVH God among the trees of the garden;

central axis) 3:9 And YHVH God called to the man, and said to him: *Where are you?*

2d.1) 3:10a And he said: *I heard Your voice* in the garden;

2d.2) 3:10b And I was afraid, because I was naked; and *I hid myself*;

2c) 3:11 And He said: *Who told you that you were naked?* Have you eaten of the tree, of which I commanded you that you should not eat?

2b) 3:12 And the man said: The woman whom You gave to be with me, *she gave me of the tree*, and *I ate*;

2a) 3:13 And YHVH God said to the woman: What is this you have done? And the woman said: *The serpent beguiled me*, and *I ate*;

2a) 3:14-21 The **three consequences** (on the serpent, woman, and man);

1a.1) 3:14a And YHVH God said to the serpent: *Because you have* done this;

1a.2) 3:14b *Cursed are you* from among all cattle, and from among all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go;

1a.3.1) 3:14c And *dust*;

1a.3.2) 3:14d *You shall eat all the days of your life*;

1b) 3:15a And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and *her Seed*;

central axis) 3:15b He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel; {s}

2b) 3:16 To the woman He said: I will greatly multiply your toil in your labor; in toil ***you shall bring forth children***; and your desire shall be to your husband, and he shall rule over you; {s}

2a.1) 3:17a And ***to Adam He said: Because you have*** paid heed to the voice of your wife, and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, saying: ‘You shall not eat of it;’

2a.2) 3:17b Cursed is the ground for your sake;

2a.3.2) 3:17c-19a In toil ***you shall eat of it all the days of your life.*** **18** Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to you; and you shall eat the herb of the field. **19** In the sweat of your face shall you eat bread;

2a.3.1) 3:19b-21 Until you return to the ground; for out of it you were taken; for ***dust*** you are, and to ***dust*** shall you return. **20** And the man called his wife’s name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. **21** And YHVH God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins, and clothed them; {p}

CENTRAL AXIS) 3:22-6:4 EXILE/ DEATH FOLLOWS FROM SIN AND WALKING IN FLESH, BUT LIFE FOLLOWS FROM WALKING WITH YHVH;

1a.1) 3:22-24 And YHVH God said: Behold, the man is become as one of Us, to know good and evil; and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever. **23** Therefore YHVH God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, **to till the ground** from which he was taken. **24** So He drove out the man; and He placed at the east of the garden of Eden the cherubim, and the flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way to the tree of life; {s}

1a.2) 4:1-26 The **sons of man**;

1a) 4: 1-14 ***The man knew Eve***, and ***she conceived and bore Cain***, and again ***his brother Abel***;

1A) 4:1-8 And the man knew Eve his wife; and she conceived and bore Cain, and said: I have gotten a man with the help of YHVH. **2** And again she bore his brother Abel. And Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground. **3** And in process of time it came to pass, that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering to YHVH. **4** And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the its fat. And YHVH had respect for Abel and for his offering; **5** but for Cain and for his offering He had not respect. And Cain was very angry, and his countenance fell. **6** And YHVH said to Cain: Why are you angry? And why is your countenance fallen? **7** If you do well, shall you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin couches at the door; and its desire is for you, but you must rule over it. **8** And Cain spoke to Abel his brother. And it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother, and **SLEW HIM**;

1B) 4:9-12 And YHVH said to Cain: Where is Abel your brother? And he said: I don’t know; am I my brother’s keeper? **10** And He said: What have you done? The voice of your brother’s blood cries to Me from the ground. **11** And now cursed are you from the ground, which has opened

her mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. **12** When you till the ground, from now on it shall not yield to you her strength; a **FUGITIVE AND A WANDERER YOU SHALL BE** in the earth;

CENTRAL AXIS) 4:13-14A AND CAIN SAID TO YHVH: MY PUNISHMENT IS GREATER THAN I CAN BEAR. 14 BEHOLD, YOU HAVE DRIVEN ME OUT THIS DAY FROM THE FACE OF THE LAND; AND FROM YOUR FACE I SHALL BE HIDDEN;

2B) 4:14B And I SHALL BE A FUGITIVE AND A WANDERER in the earth;

2A) 4:14C And it will come to pass, that whoever finds me will **SLAY ME**;

1b) 4:15-16 And YHVH said to him: Therefore whoever slays Cain, **vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold**. And YHVH set a sign for Cain, lest any finding him should strike him. **16** And Cain went out from the presence of YHVH, and dwelt in the land of Nod, on the east of Eden;

1c) 4:17-19 And Cain knew his wife; and she conceived, and bore Enoch; and he built a city, and called the name of the city after the name of his son Enoch. **18** And to Enoch was born Irad; and Irad begot Mehujael; and Mehujael begot Methushael; and Methushael begot Lamech. **19** And **Lamech took to him two wives**; the name of one was **Adah, and** the name of the other **Zillah**;

central axis) 4:20-22 And Adah bore Jubal; he was the father of such as dwell in tents and have cattle. 21 And his brother's name was Jubal; he was the father of all such as handle the harp and pipe. 22 And Zillah, she also bore Tubal-cain, the forger of every cutting instrument of brass and iron; and the sister of Tubal-cain was Naamah;

2c) 4:23a And Lamech said to his wives: **Adah and Zillah**, hear my voice; **you wives of Lamech**, pay heed to my speech;

2b) 4:23b-24 For I have slain a man for wounding me, and a young man for bruising me. **24** If **Cain shall be avenged sevenfold**, truly Lamech seventy and sevenfold;

2a) 4:25-26 And **Adam knew his wife** again; and **she bore a son**, and called his name **Seth**: For God has appointed to me another seed instead of Abel; for Cain slew him. **26** And to Seth, to him also there was born a son; and he called his name Enosh; then men profanely began to call themselves by the name of YHVH; {s}

1b) 5:1a This is the book of **the generations of Adam**;

1c) 5:1b-2 In the day that God created man, He made him **in the likeness of God**; **2** male and female He created them, and blessed them, and **called their name Adam**, in the day when they were created;

central axis) 5:3a And Adam lived one hundred and thirty years;

2c) 5:3b And begot a son **in his own likeness**, after his image; and **called his name Seth**;

2b) 5:4-27 The generations of Adam;

1a) 5:4-20 And the days of Adam after he begot Seth were eight hundred years; and he begot sons and daughters. **5** And all the days that Adam lived were nine hundred and thirty years; and he died. {s} **6** And Seth

lived one hundred and five years, and begot Enosh. **7** And Seth lived after he begot Enosh eight hundred and seven years, and begot sons and daughters. **8** And all the days of Seth were nine hundred and twelve years; and he died. {s} **9** And Enosh lived ninety years, and begot Kenan. **10** And Enosh lived after he begot Kenan eight hundred and fifteen years, and begot sons and daughters. **11** And all the days of Enosh were nine hundred and five years; and he died. {s} **12** And Kenan lived seventy years, and begot Mahalalel. **13** And Kenan lived after he begot Mahalalel eight hundred and forty years, and begot sons and daughters. **14** And all the days of Kenan were nine hundred and ten years; and he died. {s} **15** And Mahalalel lived sixty-five years, and begot Jared. **16** And Mahalalel lived after he begot Jared eight hundred and thirty years, and begot sons and daughters. **17** And all the days of Mahalalel were eight hundred and ninety-five years; and he died. {s} **18** And Jared lived one hundred and sixty-two years, and begot Enoch. **19** And Jared lived after he begot Enoch eight hundred years, and begot sons and daughters. **20** And all the days of Jared were nine hundred and sixty-two years; and he died [i.e., *the generations before Enoch*]; {s}

1b) 5:21-22 And Enoch lived sixty-five years, and begot Methuselah. **22** And *Enoch walked with God* after he begot Methuselah three hundred years, and begot sons and daughters;

central axis) 5:23 *And all the days of Enoch were three hundred and sixty-five years;*

2b) 5:24 And *Enoch walked with God*, and he was not; for God took him; {s}

2a) 5:25-27 And Methuselah lived one hundred and eighty-seven years, and begot Lamech. **26** And Methuselah lived after he begot Lamech seven hundred and eighty-two years, and begot sons and daughters. **27** And all the days of Methuselah were nine hundred and sixty-nine years; and he died [i.e., *the generation after Enoch*]; {s}

2a.1) 5:28-32 And Lamech lived one hundred and eighty-two years, and begot a son. **29** And he called his name Noah, saying: He shall comfort us in our work and **in the toil of our hands, which comes from the ground** which YHVH has cursed. **30** And Lamech lived after he begot Noah five hundred and ninety-five years, and begot sons and daughters. **31** And all the days of Lamech were seven hundred and seventy-seven years; and he died. {s}

2a.2) 5:32-6:4 The **sons of rulers**;

1a) 5:32 And *Noah* was five hundred years old; and Noah *begot Shem, Ham, and Japheth*;

1b) 6:1 And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and *daughters were born to them*;

1c) 6:2 That the *sons of rulers* saw that the daughters of [common] men were fair; and they took wives for themselves, whoever they chose;

central axis) 6:3 And YHVH said: My Spirit shall not abide in man forever, for he is flesh; therefore his days shall be one hundred and twenty years;

2c) 6:4a The giants were in the earth in those days, and also after that, when the *sons of rulers*;

2b) 6:4b Came in to the *daughters* of [common] men;

2a) 6:4c And they *bore children to them*; the same were the mighty men that were of old, the men of renown; {p}

2B) 6:5-6 And YHVH saw that the **WICKEDNESS OF MAN** was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. **6** And it repented YHVH that He had made man on the earth, and it grieved Him at His heart;

2A) 6:7-8 And YHVH said: **I WILL BLOT OUT** man whom I have created from the face of the earth; **BOTH MAN, AND BEAST, AND CREEPING THING, AND WINGED CREATURE OF THE AIR**, for it repents Me that I have made them. **8** But Noah found grace in the eyes of YHVH. {p}