

## History of the Old Testament

A.M. Chap 1. The Creation BC. 4000.

1. In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. And God said, Let there be light: and there was light. And God saw that the light was good: and he divided the light from the darkness. And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.

2. And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters into two parts. And God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament: and it was so. And God called the firmament Heaven. And the second day was completed.

3. And God said, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear: and it was so. And God called the dry land Earth; and the gathering together of the waters he called Seas. And God saw that it was good.

4. And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, and herb yielding seed, and fruit tree bearing fruit after his kind, whereof you may eat. And the earth brought forth grass, and herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree of the tree bearing fruit after his kind: whereof the smell was pleasant to God. And God saw that it was good. And the third day was completed.

5. And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth. And God created man in his own image; in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that creeps upon the earth. And God saw every thing that he had made, and behold it was very good. And the fourth day was completed.

Ch. 2. Terrestrial Paradise

6. So God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there he put the man whom he had formed. And out of the ground made God every tree that was pleasant to the sight, and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil. And a river went out of Eden to water the garden; and from thence it was parted into four heads. The name of the first is Pison: it is that which flows through the land of Havilah, where there is gold; and the gold of that land is good: there is also precious stone, the onyx. The name of the second river is Gihon: it is that which flows through the land of Cush. The name of the third river is Hiddekel: it is that which flows through the land of Assyria; and the fourth river is Euphrates.

7. Then the Lord God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.