



דף הפרשה
Sedra Sheet

My Name:Year: 6

פְּרַשְׁת הַבְּרָאשִׁית

בְּרֵאשִׁית בְּרָא אֱ-לֹהִים אֶת הַשָּׁמַיִם וְאֶת הָאָרֶץ. "In the beginning, ה' created the heaven and the earth." Those are the famous words with which our תּוֹרָה begins.

ה' performed this act of creation in six amazing days, and it was done in a very special order.

On the **first day**, ה' created the Heavens and the earth. Then He began on the details. He created light. From then on, there would be light for the daytime and darkness for the night.

The earth was covered in water at this stage, and the water wasn't just on the ground. It went all the way up to the heavens, with no breaks anywhere.

On the **second day**, ה' created the sky, by splitting the water into two - some water stayed on the ground (still covering all of it) and some water stayed up in the Heavens. However, now there was a big gap between the two lots of

water. This is the sky. The water that was "up high" went into the clouds, which every now and again comes back down to earth as rain.

On the **third day** ה' gathered up all the water that was still covering the earth into special areas. Now there were oceans, seas, lakes, rivers, and so on - as well as dry land. At this time He could create the grass, trees and other plants.

On the **fourth day** ה' created the sun, moon and stars.

On **day five** ה' created all kinds of fish and sea creatures, as well as birds that fly in the sky.

Day six was a very important one. ה' created all the animals and insects, and finally, אָדָם. הָרֵאשִׁוֹן. The first woman, חַוָּה, was also created on that day. ה' created the body of אָדָם out of the dust, but then breathed His own breath of life into him. חַוָּה was created partly out of אָדָם, but she,

too, received the breath of life from ה'.

Can we say that ה' created anything on the **seventh day**? Yes, He did - He rested from all His work, but He didn't just have a nice long sleep! He created שַׁבָּת קדוֹשׁ.

ה' put אָדָם and חַוָּה into גֶּן עֵדֶן, with the בְּרִכָּה that they could have anything they wanted from the garden, and that ה' would look after them. They would not have to work at all. They were forbidden only one thing: they were not allowed to eat from the עֵץ הַדַּעַת - the tree of knowledge.

The clever נָחָשׁ (snake) convinced חַוָּה that she didn't have to worry about this מַצְוָה too much, and that nothing would happen to her if she ate the fruit! חַוָּה listened to him, and ate, and she persuaded אָדָם to eat the fruit also.

For this, they were expelled from גֶּן עֵדֶן, and

