

Homily



Begin in the beginning

Genesis 1

1. In the beginning, **God created** the heavens and the earth.
2. Now the earth was formless and empty, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And **the Spirit of God** was hovering over the surface of the waters.
3. And **God said**, “Let there be light!” And there was light.

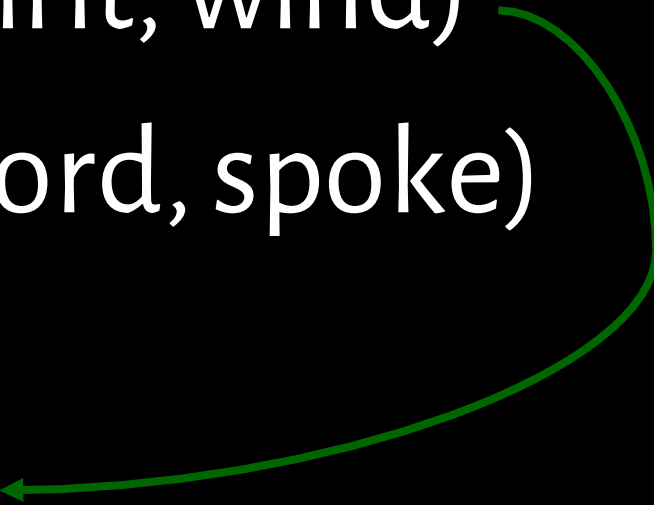
God (Elohim)

v1. bara (create)

v2. ruah (spirit, wind)

v3. amar (word, spoke)

tohu wabohu
(a formless void)



The 'days' of creation

Creation (*God said, let there be...*)

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1. light – darkness
 2. sky – water
 3. earth – seas
 4. sun – moon – stars
 5. birds – fish
 6. animals – humans - vegetation
 7. resting
- separates / divides
- fills

And it was evening and it was morning, the X day

Patterns

Multiples of 3 and 7

7 words in v1; 14 words in v2.

“God” 35 times; “earth” 21;

“heaven/firmament” 21;

“and it was so” 7 times &

“God saw that it was good” 7 times.

Creating - resting

