When God was about to create heaven and earth, the earth was a chaos, unformed, and on the chaotic waters’ face there was darkness. Then God’s spirit glided over the face of the waters, and God said, “Let there be light!”—and there was light. And when God saw how good the light was, God divided the light from the darkness; God then called the light Day, and called the darkness Night, and there was evening and there was morning, [the] first day.

God then said, “Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it divide water from water!” So God made the expanse, separating the waters beneath the expanse from the waters above the expanse—and so it was.

God then called the expanse Sky, and there was evening and there was morning, a second day.

God then said, “Let the waters beneath the sky be collected in one place, so that the dry ground may be seen!”—and so it was. And God called the dry ground Earth, and called the collected waters Seas. And when God saw how good it was, God said, “Let the earth grow vegetation, seed-bearing plants, fruit trees on the earth that bear fruit, each true to its type, with its seed in it!”—and so it was.

The earth brought forth vegetation, seed-bearing plants, each true to its type, and trees bearing fruit, each true to its type, with its seed in it. And God saw how good it was, and there was evening and there was morning, a third day.
1. Now thus says the Eternal One, your Creator, O Jacob; your Maker, O Israel: Have no fear, for I will redeem you; I have called you by name, you are Mine.

2. When you pass through the waters, I am with you; when you pass through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire, you shall not be scorched, the flame shall not consume you.

3. For I, the Eternal, am your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Deliverer. I give Egypt as ransom for you, Ethiopia and Saba in exchange for you.

4. Because you are precious to Me, and honored, and I love you, I gave up peoples and nations in exchange for your life.

5. Have no fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, I will gather you in from the west;