SCRIPTURE PORTION STUDY

CREATION, THE FALL AND THE HOPE OF REDEMPTION

Genesis 1:1-6:22 | Isaiah 40:1-31

John 1:1-17

Hear His Word. Walk in obedience.

Receive Yeshua our Redeemer.

HEAR AND DO MINISTRIES

Scripture study | TS2009 readings

HEAR | OBEY | WALK

01 Creation | Genesis 1

What happens

Elohim creates through His spoken command, brings order, and fills the earth with life. He creates humanity in His image, male and female, and gives them responsibility over the earth. The completed creation is declared very good.

Key observations

• Creation depends on Elohim’s word: He speaks, and it comes to be.

• Both men and women bear His image. Authority over creation carries responsibility.

• The heavenly lights serve purposes established by Elohim, including signs and appointed times.

Lesson

Our life, dignity, and purpose begin with our Creator.

Day	Work of creation
1	Light; separation of light and darkness
2	Expanse; separation of the waters
3	Dry land, seas, and vegetation
4	Sun, moon, and stars for signs, appointed times, days, and years
5	Sea creatures and birds
6	Land animals and humanity

02 Rest and Responsibility | Genesis 2

What happens

Elohim completes His work, rests on the seventh day, blesses it, and sets it apart. He forms the man from dust, gives him the breath of life, and places him in Ĕḏen to work and guard the garden. He gives a clear command concerning the forbidden tree and forms the woman as the man’s counterpart.

Key observations

• The seventh day is blessed and set apart at creation.

• Work exists before sin and belongs to humanity’s original calling.

• Generous provision includes a clear boundary. Marriage involves companionship, commitment, and becoming one flesh.

Connection with Isaiah

Isaiah 40:28 says Elohim never grows weary. His rest concerns ceasing from completed work, rather than recovering from exhaustion.

Lesson

Life with Elohim includes rest, meaningful work, obedience, and faithful relationships.

03 The Fall | Genesis 3

What happens

The serpent questions Elohim’s command and denies its consequence. The woman eats and gives the fruit to her husband, who also eats. Shame, fear, hiding, and blame follow. Elohim confronts them, announces the consequences, clothes them, and sends them out of the garden. Kerub̲im guard the way to the tree of life.

Key observations

• Temptation challenges trust in Elohim’s word and goodness. Something attractive can still be forbidden.

• The woman includes “nor touch it” when recounting the command; those words do not appear in the recorded command of Genesis 2:16-17.

• Neither person avoids responsibility by blaming someone else.

• Judgment is accompanied by care: Elohim provides clothing.

Redemption connection

Genesis 3:15 announces conflict between the serpent and the woman’s seed. Read in the light of Messiah, it points forward to Yeshua’s victory over the adversary.

Lesson

Sin damages fellowship with Elohim, but His response includes the beginning of redemption’s hope.

04 Qayin and Heḇel | Genesis 4

What happens

The brothers bring offerings, and Elohim regards Heḇel and his offering. Qayin becomes angry. Despite Elohim’s warning, he kills his brother and denies responsibility. Elohim judges him but protects him from being killed. Qayin’s descendants develop livestock keeping, music, and metalworking; Lemeḵ boasts of violence. Shĕth is born, and people begin calling on the Name of YHWH.

Key observations

• Elohim warns Qayin before the murder. Anger requires a response before it becomes destructive action.

• The passage does not explicitly say that Qayin’s offering was rejected simply because it consisted of produce.

• Cultural and technical progress can exist alongside moral corruption.

• Heḇel’s blood matters to Elohim; violence does not escape His attention.

Lesson

We are accountable for how we respond to correction and how we treat others.

05 Aḏam to Noaḥ | Genesis 5

What happens

The genealogy traces the family line from Aḏam through Shĕth to Noaḥ. The repeated statement “and he died” records humanity’s mortality. Ḥanoḵ walks with Elohim, and Elohim takes him. Noaḥ’s name is associated with hoped-for comfort from the toil of the cursed ground.

Key observations

• The chapter repeats humanity’s creation in Elohim’s likeness.

• Generations continue, but death remains.

• Ḥanoḵ’s relationship with Elohim distinguishes his account.

• This passage does not explain precisely how or where Elohim took Ḥanoḵ.

Lesson

A faithful life is measured by walking with Elohim, rather than merely by its length.

06 Favour and Obedience | Genesis 6

What happens

The chapter describes the sons of Elohim, the daughters of men, and the Nephilim. Wickedness becomes pervasive and the earth fills with violence. Elohim is grieved and announces judgment through a flood. Noaḥ finds favour, is described as righteous, and walks with Elohim. Elohim gives instructions for the ark and promises to establish His covenant with Noaḥ. Noaḥ does everything commanded.

Key observations

• The chapter explicitly emphasises evil thoughts, corruption, and violence.

• The identity of the “sons of Elohim” is not explained within this passage and is interpreted differently by readers.

• “Perfect in his generations” should not automatically be treated as genetic purity; the surrounding description emphasises righteousness and walking with Elohim.

• Noaḥ’s obedience gives practical expression to his relationship with Elohim.

Lesson

Walking with Elohim means responding faithfully to His instructions, even within a corrupt society.

07 The Creator Comforts | Isaiah 40

What happens

Elohim announces comfort and pardon for His people. A voice calls for the preparation of the way of YHWH. Human life fades like grass, but Elohim's word endures. YHWH is both a mighty ruler and a gentle shepherd. His creative power surpasses nations, rulers, and idols. He strengthens those who wait on Him.

Key observations

• The Creator's greatness gives His people reason to trust Him.

• His power and tenderness belong together.

• Human strength fails; His strength does not.

• Israel's fear of being overlooked is answered by His knowledge and care.

Lesson

The One who made the heavens and earth can sustain His people in their weakness.

08 The Word, Life, and Light | John 1:1-17

What happens

The Word was in the beginning with Elohim, and all things came into being through Him. Life and light are found in Him. Yoḥanan witnesses to the Light. Some reject Him; those who receive Him are given authority to become children of Elohim. The Word becomes flesh and dwells among humanity. Yeshua Messiah is named as the One through whom favour and truth come.

Key observations

• "In the beginning" recalls Genesis. Creation, life, and light connect the readings.

• John says both that the Word was with Elohim and that the Word was Elohim. Both statements require careful consideration.

• Yoḥanan directs people toward the Light.

• Verse 17 names Mosheh's role in giving Torah and Yeshua's role concerning favour and truth; it does not explicitly say Torah is abolished.

Lesson

Yeshua Messiah brings redemption's hope into focus: receiving Him and believing in His Name leads to becoming children of Elohim.

Connections and Personal Study

Theme	Connection across the readings
Creation	Genesis records Elohim’s work; Isaiah proclaims His unmatched power; John says all things came through the Word.
His word	Elohim speaks creation into being; Isaiah declares His word enduring; John describes the Word becoming flesh.
Life	Elohim gives humanity life; sin brings death; John locates life in the Word.
Faithfulness	Ḥanoḵ and Noaḥ walk with Elohim; Isaiah calls people to wait on YHWH; John calls for receiving and believing in Messiah.
Judgment and mercy	Elohim confronts sin, clothes the first couple, protects Qayin, and preserves Noaḥ.
Redemption	Genesis introduces hope amid the fall; Isaiah announces comfort; John reveals Yeshua Messiah, full of favour and truth.

Questions for reflection

1. What do these readings reveal about Elohim’s character?
2. Where am I allowing desire or fear to challenge His instructions?
3. How do I respond when corrected - with resistance or repentance?
4. What would walking with Elohim look like in my daily responsibilities?
5. How can I honour the rest He blessed and set apart?
6. Am I receiving Yeshua’s teaching and putting it into practice?

Main takeaway

The Creator gives life and establishes what is good. Humanity’s disobedience brings corruption and death, yet Elohim continues to show mercy and preserve hope. These readings direct us toward trusting His enduring word, walking in obedience, and receiving Yeshua Messiah as our Redeemer.

My response: hear and do

What will I put into practice from this reading?

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