**2023 Parashah Reading: #1 Name: B’REISHEET Torah Reading: Genesis 1:1 – 6:8**

 **Haftarah Reading: 1 Samuel 20:18 - 42 Gospel: Matthew 24:29-36**

**This Week’s Torah Portions and Outlines**

**Chapter 1:1 – 31** “**The Creation of the World Chapter 2:1 – 3 “The Seventh Day, Elohim Rests”**

**Chapter 2:4 – 25 “The Creation of Man and Woman” Chapter 3:1 – 24 “The Fall”**

**Chapter 4:1 – 26 “Cain and Abel” Chapter 5:1 – 32 “Adam's Descendants to Noah”**

**Chapter 6:1 – 8 “Increasing Corruption on Earth”**

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**Torah Parashah Questions for Discussion**

Chapter one is the narrative of the creation of the world. This is such a vast subject that we could spend a month of Sundays on it and still not cover everything in this chapter!

1. What stands out to you in this creation story?
2. It is said the Bible is not a science book, but there is a lot of science in the Bible. What scientific facts and methods can you identify in this chapter?
3. In verse 27 it says Elohim created man in His image, male and female. Explain what this verse means to you in your own words.
4. Chapter two describes the creation of humans. I thought Elohim made mankind in chapter one. Did Elohim create humans twice or is there another explanation?
5. Chapter three describes the fall of man and its consequences. Describe the importance of this event and where else in the Scriptures it is referenced.
6. Chapter four has the heinous crime of murder being committed for the first time among humans. What went wrong?
7. Chapter four, it states, “And YHWH had respect unto Abel and to his offering: But unto Cain and to his offering he had not respect.” Why is that?
8. Many times in Scripture genealogies are given. Why is this so? What does this genealogical listing in Chapter five prove or show for us?
9. The first eight verses of chapter six has the most interesting story of “Benei Elohim,” Nephilim, shows us Elohim can repent, and Elohim almost blotted out all humans. What are your thoughts or comments on this section?

**Haftarah and Gospel Parashah and Outlines**

**This Week’s Haftarah Parashah and Outline 1 Samuel 20:18 - 42**

**Chapter 20:18 – 42 “Jonathan Warns David” cont.**

**Haftarah Parashah Questions for Discussion**

1. This week’s Haftarah reading’s story started in verse one. Why do you think this Scripture portion was paired with the Torah portion?
2. Here we gain insight into the depth of love Jonathan had for David. Do you believe this was a good thing or bad thing that they had this relationship?
3. How does this love they have for each other influence David’s actions after Jonathan is dead?
4. What lesson can be applied to our lives from this story?

**This Week’s Gospel Parashah and Outline Matthew 24:29 - 36**

**Chapter 24:29 – 31 “The Coming of the Son of Man” Chapter 24:32 – 35 “The Lesson of the Fig Tree”**

**Chapter 24:36 “No One Knows That Day and Hour”**

**Gospel Parashah Questions for Discussion**

This Gospel portion is ending Yeshua’s narrative of the End Times, started in 24:1, with the coming of the Son of Man at the end. In the section “The Coming of the Son of Man”:

1. What does Yeshua mean by the title “Son of Man”?
2. In verses 29 – 31, one reference Bible has 18 verse references from eight different books of the Tannach. Can you name any of them? Why this section is so important in the End Times?
3. How do these verses fit into the Good News of Yeshua?

The lesson of the fig tree is a very interesting story.

1. What is the lesson of the fig tree?
2. Why did Yeshua put this lesson of the fig tree at this point of the End Times narrative in chapter 24?

The last verse of this week’s Gospel Parashah has an interesting angle to it.

1. How does this verse go along with the lesson of the fig tree?
2. What amazing aspect does this one verse tell us regarding Abba YHWH and Yeshua?
3. How else is this entire chapter 24 tied into the creation of Adam and Eve? (Hint- you have to cheat a little by reading the rest of this chapter to get why I ask this!)

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