

## Parallels between Genesis 1:1-3 and Genesis 2:4-7

(Adapted from Ross, "Creation and Blessing", 120)

Element	Gen 1.1-3	Gen 2.4-7
Summary	In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth	These are the <i>toledot</i> of the heavens and the earth when they were created, When the Lord God made earth and heaven,
Circumstantial clauses – two negative and one positive	<p>Now the earth was uninhabitable and unproductive And darkness was upon the face of the deep</p> <p>And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters</p>	<p>Before any bush of the field was in the earth, And before any grain of the field grew – because the Lord God had not caused it to rain on the earth, and there was no man to till the ground – And a mist used to go up from the ground and water the surface of the soil.</p>
Main clause	And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light.	And the Lord God formed the man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.