

# Trees In the Bible and Talmud

## Genesis

1:9

God said, 'The waters under the heaven shall be gathered to one place, and dry land shall be seen.' It happened.

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God named the dry land 'Earth,' and the gatherings of water, He named 'Seas.' G-d saw that it was good.

1:11

God said, 'The earth shall send forth vegetation. Seed bearing plants and fruit trees that produce their own kinds of fruits with seeds shall be on the earth.' It happened.

1:12

The earth sent forth vegetation, plants bearing their own kinds of seeds, and trees producing fruits containing their own kinds of seeds. God saw that it was good.

1:13

It was evening and it was morning, a third day.

## Deuteronomy

20:19

When you lay siege to a city and wage war against it a long time to capture it, you must not destroy its trees, wielding an ax against any food producing tree. Do not cut down a tree in the field, unless it is being used by the men who confront you in the siege.

20:20

However, if you know that a tree does not produce food, then until you have subjugated [the city], you may destroy [the tree] or cut off [what you need] to build siege machinery against the city waging war with you.

