

Genesis 2

Verses 1 - 3

**And so the heavens and the earth were completed, and all their heavenly lights.
² By the seventh day God completed His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done. ³ Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because on it He rested from all His work which God had created and made.**

God finished all the work of creation in 6 days

There is no mention of evening and morning on day 7

But there is no reason to think this is anything but a normal day

The expression the work which he had made is repeated 3 times

Christians who try to mix evolution with creation have missed the point of Genesis 1

Evolution is not creation

With evolution all things come about by time, chance, and the laws of nature working on matter.

There are not and cannot be any supernatural acts of God

Evolution is a Godless theory

Verse 4

⁴ This is the account of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the Lord God made earth and heaven.

The Hebrew word for account

Is used to introduce the 10 sections of the Book of Genesis

See below

1. Genesis 2:4: Additional creation facts
2. Genesis 5:1 Adam's family
3. Genesis 6:9:29 Noah's family
4. Genesis 10:1 Noah's son's family lines
5. Genesis 11:10 Shem's family line
6. Genesis 11:27 Terah's family line
7. Genesis 25:12 Ishmael's family line
8. Genesis 25:19 Isaac's family line
9. Genesis 36:1:1 Esau's family line
10. Genesis 37:2 Jacob's family line

In the day that Jehovah God made earth and heaven

The word day here means days 1 thru 6

Verse 5-6

⁵ Now no shrub of the field was yet on the earth, and no plant of the field had yet sprouted, for the Lord God had not sent rain upon the earth, and there was no man to cultivate the ground. ⁶ But a mist used to rise from the earth and water the whole surface of the ground.

This chapter is not a second account of creation as some people think

These are supplemental facts about some events in chapter 1

Verses 5 and 6 refer to the third day, before vegetation appeared

Since God was about to create all kinds of vegetation and there was no rain yet

How would the plants and trees be able to survive?

God provided a mist to water the earth

Verse 7-8

⁷ Then the Lord God formed the man of dust from the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living person. ⁸ The Lord God planted a garden toward the east, in Eden; and there He placed the man whom He had formed.

Lord God

The word Lord God is in the Hebrew is [~Yahweh]

In Hebrew it means to "mold," or "to form"

Thus, it is God the Molder or Former

Formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living person

A special endowment was given to men and he became a living soul.

This separates man from the animal kingdom

The lord God planted a garden toward the east, in Eden

There was an area called Eden

And God planted a garden in the eastern part of Eden

Verse 9

⁹ Out of the ground the Lord God caused every tree to grow that is pleasing to the sight and good for food; the tree of life was also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

The Lord God caused every tree to grow

The trees were created on the third day of creation

Plus there are two trees here that we can assume are one of a kind

The tree of life

Adam and Eve could have eaten of this tree and lived forever

But it seems this wasn't something they really desired

Why do you think this was the case?

When you're young, death seems like a very distant thing

But another important reason comes to mind:

They already possessed immortality

Adam and Eve had not sinned, and there was no death

The tree of the knowledge of good and evil

This tree became a test for Adam and Eve.

This was the only command that we know of that Adam and Eve had from God

Don't eat of this tree

Verses 10-14

¹⁰ Now a river flowed out of Eden to water the garden; and from there it divided and became four rivers. ¹¹ The name of the first is Pishon; it flows around the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold. ¹² The gold of that land is good; the bdellium and the onyx stone are there *as well*. ¹³ The name of the second river is Gihon; it flows around the whole land of Cush. ¹⁴ The name of the third river is Tigris; it flows east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates.

¹⁰ Now a river flowed out of Eden to water the garden

This seems to indicate that the Garden was outside of Eden

Verse 8 says, God planted a garden eastward in Eden

I need to do more research on this

And from there it divided and became four rivers

It split into 4 rivers

Let's talk about the last 2 rivers first

¹⁴ The name of the third river is Tigris; it flows east of Assyria

Some versions use Hiddekel, which is the ancient name for the Tigris

The river ran east of Nineveh (the capital of Assyria) until about 1300 B.C.

Then the city was moved east of the river.

And the fourth river is the Euphrates.

See pics 205, 210 and 215



The Tigris River



The Euphrates River



The name of the first is Pishon and the name of the second river is Gihon

The location of these two rivers is not known with any certainty

Land areas and rivers change over time.

It has been 3500 years since Moses recorded this text

These two rivers may have dried up or been redirected by some catastrophe

But the Euphrates and Tigris rivers tell us the general area for the Garden

Verse 15

Then the Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to cultivate it and tend it.

The ideal state of man was not one of idleness, but one of labor and responsibility

Verse 16-17

¹⁶ The Lord God commanded the man, saying, “From any tree of the garden you may freely eat; ¹⁷ but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for on the day that you eat from it you will certainly die.”

The Lord God commanded the man

Adam only had one commandment to keep

Don't eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil

For on the day that you eat from it you will certainly die

Spiritual death came right away

Physical death came about 900 years later

Verse 18

18 Then the Lord God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone; I will make him a helper suitable for him."

Man was made to be a social creature

Celibacy in general is not good for men or women

Except for those who have that gift

And they are in no way inferior to those who marry

But neither are they superior to those who do marry

Verse 19

19 And out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the sky, and brought *them* to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called a living creature, that was its name.

Brought them to the man to see what he would call them

God had formed all the animals on day 5 and 6

All the creatures came except the fishes of the sea

Man was very intelligent from the very beginning

It would take a lot of knowledge to give them suitable names

To distinguish one from another

To see something in them that was natural to them alone

And whatever the man called a living creature that was its name

This was true until the confusion of languages

Then every nation called them as they thought proper

Verse 20

²⁰ The man gave names to all the livestock, and to the birds of the sky, and to every animal of the field, but for Adam there was not found a helper suitable for him.

This activity may have had to objectives

1. For Adam to realize that he was the master over all the creation
2. And for him to understand that he was alone and needed a helper

Verse 21-22

²¹ So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then He took one of his ribs and closed up the flesh at that place. ²² And the Lord God fashioned into a woman the rib which He had taken from the man, and brought her to the man.

And brought her to the man

Here was the first marriage

Verse 23

²³ Then the man said,

**“At last this is bone of my bones,
And flesh of my flesh;
She shall be called ‘woman,’
Because she was taken out of man.”**

She shall be called Woman

Our English word "woman"

Is derived from an Anglo-Saxon term, "womb-man,"

Meaning the man with the womb

By the way, men and women have the **same** number of ribs

Verse 24

²⁴ For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother, and be joined to his wife; and they shall become one flesh.

Jesus quoted from Genesis 1 & 2 in Matthew 19:4-6

1. Verse 4 **And He answered and said, “Have you not read that He who created *them* from the beginning made them male and female,**

See Genesis 1:27

2. Verse 5 **and said, ‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh’?**

See Genesis 2:24

Then Jesus comments on these two verses

Verse 6 **So they are no longer two, but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together let no man separate.**

Verse 25

²⁵ And the man and his wife were both naked, but they were not ashamed.

The physical body is a thing to marvel and there should be no shame

But sinful man thinks about everything in a different way than he did before sin

We think about things on a much lower level

Are babies and young children ashamed of being naked?

They have no shame. And I mean this in a good way!!

This indicates how different their mind set was in the Garden of Eden before sin entered their lives