

Genesis - Lesson 02

Genesis 2

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Memory verses for this week: *Col 3:3 For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. Col 3:4 When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.*

Introduction: We continue our study on the book of Genesis this week as we begin chapter 2 regarding the establishment of the Sabbath.

I. God's Sabbath

Gen 2:1 Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them.

Gen 2:2 And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made.

And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made.

God's work of creation was completed and the last verse of chapter one said it was very good.

Gen 1:31 And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

It was not only good, but creation was finished. There is no room for evolution here. We did not have some species missing that had to develop and evolve from some primitive species. All things including all animal types and species were created during the six days of creation.

After creating all things, God rested. This does not mean that God was tired.

Isa 40:28 Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? there is no searching of his understanding.

Isa 40:29 He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength.

Isa 40:30 Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall:

Isa 40:31 But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.

In the bible, we have no mention of God ever resting again. Did sin have anything to do with this? Possibly it did, or more than likely, God rested as an example to man who is not omnipotent and not able to work day after day without rest.

After six days of creation, God blessed the Seventh Day.

Gen 2:3 And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from

all his work which God created and made.

Many believe that God created the Sabbath for himself, but that is not true. The Sabbath was made for man.

Mar 2:27 And he said unto them, The sabbath was made for man, and not man for the sabbath: Mar 2:28 Therefore the Son of man is Lord also of the sabbath.

The Sabbath for man (Israel) made a part of the law.

Exo 20:10 But the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates:

Exo 20:11 For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.

With our limited strength, man does need a day of rest for body and mind. A person who lives for God and works six days and rests the seventh always is better able to face work and accomplish more than those who try to work all the time.

Today, New Testament Christians do not keep the Sabbath, but recognize the first day of the week as the day we set aside to rest and serve the Lord.

Mat 28:1 In the end of the sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre.

Mat 28:2 And, behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it.

Mat 28:3 His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow:

Mat 28:4 And for fear of him the keepers did shake, and became as dead men.

Mat 28:5 And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified.

Mat 28:6 He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.

Joh 20:18 Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord, and that he had spoken these things unto her.

Joh 20:19 Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you.

1Co 16:2 Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come.

II. GOD'S CREATIVE WORK SUMMARIZED AND EXPLAINED

Gen 2:4 These are the generations of the heavens and of the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens,

Gen 2:5 And every plant of the field before it was in the earth, and every herb of the field before it grew: for the LORD God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was not a man to till the ground.

Gen 2:6 But there went up a mist from the earth, and watered the whole face of the ground.

"Another favorite argument against the infallible record of Creation is that the first and second chapters are contradictory. There is however, no contradiction between these two chapters. The second chapter in Genesis is not another history of creation nor does it contradict the account in the first chapter. The historical account of creation as a whole is found in Genesis 1:1 - 2:3. From chapter 2:4 to the close of the chapter we have not a historical account of creation at all, but a divine statement of the relationships of creation, that is, man's place in it as its head. There are no contradictions in anything. Genesis 1:27 is said to clash with 2:21-22. Such a clash does not exist. Gen. 1:27 does not say that man and woman were created together, nor does it say that the woman was created directly and not formed as revealed in the second chapter."

Jesus quoted Gen. 1:27 and 2:24 in Matt.19:4-6.

Mat 19:4 And he answered and said unto them, Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female,

Mat 19:5 And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh?

Mat 19:6 Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.

There is a summary of Creation of Plant Life in verses 4 – 6. The generations of the heavens and of the earth is recorded in v. 4. "Generations" divides Genesis into 12 parts. "Generations" means genealogy.

Plant life is covered in v. 5. During the early years of earth before the flood, the earth watered by a mist. This is not a description of rain. It most likely did not rain until the flood.

III. Summary Of The Creation Of Man.

Gen 2:7 And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

As we covered in detail last week, man is a tri-part being body, spirit, and soul.

1Th 5:23 And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Man's body was formed of the dust. The 14 components of man's body match the same as the 14 components of the earth itself. These are oxygen, carbon, hydrogen, nitrogen, phosphorus, sulphur, sodium, potassium, calcium, magnesium, iron, and traces of copper, iodine and manganese.

Several verses speak of the first man which is the physical man, while the second man is spiritual and from heaven. (Adam and Christ)

1Co 15:47 The first man is of the earth, earthy: the second man is the Lord from heaven.

1Co 15:48 As is the earthy, such are they also that are earthy: and as is the heavenly, such

are they also that are heavenly.

Psa 103:14 For he knoweth our frame; he remembereth that we are dust.

Psa 103:15 As for man, his days are as grass: as a flower of the field, so he flourisheth.

Ecc 12:7 Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it.

IV. Record of the Garden Of Eden

Gen 2:8 And the LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there he put the man whom he had formed.

Gen 2:9 And out of the ground made the LORD God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil.

Gen 2:10 And a river went out of Eden to water the garden; and from thence it was parted, and became into four heads.

Gen 2:11 The name of the first is Pison: that is it which compasseth the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold;

Gen 2:12 And the gold of that land is good: there is bdellium and the onyx stone.

God created the perfect and ideal environment for man. This was a place of beauty and perfection.

In verse 9, we see the first tree planted by God. This is a contrast to the tree planted by man which was used to crucify the Lord.

Mat 27:35 And they crucified him, and parted his garments, casting lots: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, They parted my garments among them, and upon my vesture did they cast lots.

The first tree was beautiful and pleasant to the eyes.

Gen 3:6 And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.

The tree used as the cross was one where no beauty could be found.

Isa 53:1 Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the LORD revealed? Isa 53:2 For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him.

God forbade man to eat of the first tree.

Gen 2:17 But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

God urges men to eat of the second tree, the tree of life. "Taste and see." Satan sought to get man to eat of the first. Satan seeks to keep men from eating of the second. Eating of the first tree brought sin and death. Eating of the second tree brings life.

Joh 6:53 Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you.

Joh 6:54 Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day.

Adam was turned out of paradise by eating of the first tree. But there on Mount Calvary, a repentant thief entered paradise by eating of the second. Both trees were planted in a garden.

Luk 23:42 And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom.

Luk 23:43 And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be with me in paradise.

Joh 19:16 Then delivered he him therefore unto them to be crucified. And they took Jesus, and led him away.

Joh 19:17 And he bearing his cross went forth into a place called the place of a skull, which is called in the Hebrew Golgotha:

Joh 19:18 Where they crucified him, and two other with him, on either side one, and Jesus in the midst.

There were multiple rivers in the Garden and first is mentioned in verse 10.

Gen 2:10 And a river went out of Eden to water the garden; and from thence it was parted, and became into four heads.

Gen 2:11 The name of the first is Pison: that is it which compasseth the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold;

Pison means freely flowing and is suggestive of the gospel. God himself speaks of Divine righteousness. The bdellium was mentioned in connection with manna.

Num 11:7 And the manna was as coriander seed, and the colour thereof as the colour of bdellium.

Gen 2:13 And the name of the second river is Gihon: the same is it that compasseth the whole land of Ethiopia.

Gen 2:14 And the name of the third river is Hiddekel: that is it which goeth toward the east of Assyria. And the fourth river is Euphrates.

Onyx was the stone on the High Priest's shoulders with the names of the 12 tribes on it. The Gihon river, mentioned in verse 13, compassed Ethiopia which was also known as Cush. It was a land of darkness. The Gospel gives us freedom from the power of darkness.

Joh 8:32 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

1Th 5:4 But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief.

1Th 5:5 Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness.

1Jn 1:5 This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

1Jn 1:6 If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth:

1Jn 1:7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

The third river, the Hiddekel means rapid. God's grace sweeps away sin.

The Euphrates has the meaning of sweet water.

Joh 7:37 In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink.

Joh 7:38 He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.

Gen 2:15 And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it.

Gen 2:16 And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat:

Gen 2:17 But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

Man was given a responsibility to be the keeper of the garden. He was to take care of the garden and dress it and keep it. God provided all the provision he needed, but with this he was prohibited to eat of the one tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

V. Adam Names all the Animals

Gen 2:18 And the LORD God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him.

Gen 2:19 And out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought them unto Adam to see what he would call them: and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that was the name thereof.

Gen 2:20 And Adam gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the

field; but for Adam there was not found an help meet for him.

Adam names all the beasts and birds. This would require a brilliant mind and this shows us that Adam was no ignorant cave man. All animals received their name from Adam. But with all the creation of earth, Adam had no one to help him.

VI. GOD'S CREATION OF WOMAN.

Gen 2:21 And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof;

Gen 2:22 And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man.

Gen 2:23 And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.

Gen 2:24 Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.

Gen 2:25 And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.

No help meet found for Adam. Of course God had known that none would be found. No theory of evolution fits this record. Adam is here a grown and intelligent man and still there is no female help meet. This completely contradicts evolution. God called a deep sleep to fall over Adam, and he then created woman. This was the first surgery. It was painless since God put him to sleep. Why did it take thousands of years for men to discover anesthesia? Woman was not made from dirt, but was a refined product. I've heard people joke and say that after the first try, God got perfection in making a woman. I think both were God's creations and integral in the order of the earth and family. As man was a type of Christ, Eve was a type of the Church.

Eve was taken from the wounded side of Adam. The Church was taken from the wounded side of Christ.

2Co 11:2 For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ.

Rev 19:7 Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready.

Rev 19:8 And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.

Rev 19:9 And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God.

STUDY QUESTIONS

1. Quote the first three verses of Genesis.

Gen 1:1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

Gen 1:2 And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

Gen 1:3 And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.

2. Who were the only people that God ever commanded to keep the Sabbath?

Israel/Jews

3. Why do Christians not keep the Sabbath today?

We are to worship the Lord on the first day of the week. Christ rose on the first day of the week. Saturday (sabbath) was a time of rest from the finished creation. Sunday is our day of rest in remembrance of a finished resurrection.

4. How was the earth watered, according to Genesis 2?

From a mist coming up from the earth. (like dew). It says the garden was also watered by the rivers in verse 10.

5. Who named all the beasts and birds that were created?

Adam

6. How did God make Eve?

Caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, removed a rib and from that created Eve.

7. Who or what is Eve a type of, and how?

She is a type of the church. As we covered in our study:

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Prov 4:18 But the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day.

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