



The Book of Genesis

In the beginning...
מֵהַיְחִלָּה אֵרָא תְּיָוָא

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

Genesis 2:1

- Finished, complete, nothing new needed to be added.
- This means there will be no new information.
- That which has been designed to reproduce will do so, but no more matter or energy will be created.

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Genesis 2:1

- For God, as wonderful as this new creation was, He knew that His special creation would soon 'fall'.
- Satan would soon rebel taking a third of the angelic host with him and the Earth that God has created for man would soon be in Satan's hands.

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Genesis 2:1

- It would take the sacrificial death of His own Son, the One who is Light, to redeem the Earth and Adam's offspring
- ...but even then, many of Adam's descendants would reject the Light in favour of the Darkness.
- Yet there was hope...

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.

Genesis 2:2

- This is far more than a pattern for our week – which of course it is.
- In establishing the Sabbath God was prophetically outlining the future-history of man.

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- For the next 6000 years of human history there would be toil and suffering, the six days of work.
- But then there would be a glorious age – the millennial kingdom - when the Earth would be reclaimed by the Second Adam!

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- The curse will be removed and it will be a 'day of rest'.
- The Sabbath speaks of Christ's reign on the Earth He had made.
- Yet there is more...

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- The Sabbath speaks of His completed work.
- The writer to the Hebrews states:

- *“Let [those who are Christ’s] therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it.*
- *For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto [Israel]: but the word preached did not profit [Israel], not being mixed with faith in them that heard it.*
- *For we which have believed do enter into rest, [i.e. we have ceased from the days of toil] as he said, As I have sworn in my wrath, if they shall [not] enter into my rest: although the works were finished from the foundation of the world [i.e. God’s plan and the opportunity to enter rest existed from the foundation of the World].*

- *For he spake in a certain place of the seventh day on this wise, And God did rest the seventh day from all his works. [Even from the beginning of the World, before sin had entered, God's plan of redemption was established and God had foreordained a place of rest (in Christ) and a time of rest (Christ's everlasting kingdom)].*
- *And in this place again, If they shall enter into my rest.[The key is 'if' – the gospel is for the 'whosoever will'].*
- *Seeing therefore it remaineth that some must enter therein, and they to whom it was first preached entered not in because of unbelief:*

- *Again, he limiteth a certain day, saying in David, To day, after so long a time; as it is said, To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts. [Let me paraphrase this: God foreordained that some would enter into the Sabbath rest through Christ, the offer went first of all to Israel, but they would not believe by faith. God therefore chose a time, for this offer of Salvation and rest for our souls, to go out to the world through the Seed of David].*
- *For if [Joshua – who had led them into Canaan] had given [Israel] rest, then would he not afterward have spoken of another day. [If God's plan had been fulfilled through Israel's obedience to the Law of Moses, there would be no need for the cross].*

- *[However] There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God. [The Law could not bring us to a place of rest, it could only condemn us, But Christ has paid for our sin, so anyone who simply believes on Him by faith is assured that there is a place of rest from our striving against sin, and that place is in Christ!]*
- *For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his. [Those who believe by faith know that it is not because of what we have done, but because of who He is!].*

- *Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief. [This ends in an oxymoron! In essence what is said is let's labour to not labour! Simply trust in the completed work of Christ and we can be assured of the Sabbath rest God intended for all who would believe!]*
– *(Hebrews 4:1-11)*

The Institution of the Sabbath

- The Sabbath becomes distinctive of Israel
Ex 20:2, 8-11; Deut 4:13; 5:2-21
- Mosaic Laws concerning the Sabbath
Ex 35:2,3; Lev 23:3; 26:34; et al;
Isa 56:2,4,6; 58:13,14; Jer 17:20-22; Ne 13:19
 - Kindling a fire on the Sabbath was forbidden Ex 25:3
 - The penalty for profaning the Sabbath by doing any work on it was death Ex 31:14-17
- However,
 - Priests carried on their duties about the Tabernacle
Lev 24:8; Num 28:9, 10
 - The Temple was full of activities
1 Chr 9:32; 23:31; 2 Chr 2:4; 8:13; 23:4; 31:3
 - The rite of circumcision was performed if it was the 8th day after the child's birth
Lev 12:3; Jn 7:22

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.

Genesis 2:3

- Now that we have seen in type what the Sabbath is really all about, we start to understand why God was so protective of the model.
- The Sabbath is set apart because it represents the hope of mankind and the restoration of God's walk with man.

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,

Genesis 2:4

- The phrase 'These are the generations' we find nine times in Genesis: 5:1; 6:9; 10:1; 11:10,27; 25:12,19; 36:1; 37:2.
- Each time it marks a division of the book and the commencement of a new section.

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- Some scholars think that, whilst Moses was the compiler of this book, each of these sections were originally recorded by different individuals starting with God Himself recoding 1:1 to 2:3, then Adam, Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph and finally Moses himself.

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,

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.

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

Genesis 2:4-6

No Rain?

- Here we are told that originally there was no rain. This, coupled with the statement in Hebrews 11:7 and with what seems to be implied in chapter 1 verse 7 leads to the conclusion that the earth had a very different hydro-system before the flood.
- This supports the idea that there was once a water canopy surrounding the earth which is the 'Firmament' spoken of in chapter 1:7

No Rain?

- Noah preached for 100 years whilst building the Ark, yet no one repented.
- Noah's preaching of a judgment caused by a deluge must have sounded strange to a world who had never seen rain.
- For us to preach of a coming Tribulation and judgment on this unbelieving world must sound just as strange in their ears.
- Yet God has called us to preach!
 - Regardless of whether they listen or not
 - See Ezekiel 3:18-19

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.

Genesis 2:7

- This verse is very instructive!
- Firstly we are told that man was formed from the dust of the ground.
 - It is very unlikely that Adam/Moses knew when they were recording this that the human body is made up almost entirely of 13 elements, all of which are found in the ground!

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- The next insight we glean here is that we are made up of three component parts; body, soul and spirit.
 - See 1 Thes 5:23

Body

- Our physical body is the container in which we reside, but it is not who we are.
- God here forms man out of the dust, but man is not alive until God breathes life into him.
- We (the real 'us') reside in our body (the Bible likens it to a 'tabernacle' or tent, implying a temporary residence
 - (see 2 Cor 5:1,4 / 2 Peter 1:3).
- When we die the body goes back to dust
 - (Gen 3:19).

Spirit

- Our spirit is given to us by God, and which will return to God when we die
 - (see Ecclesiastes 12:7).
- The spirit is in effect our conscience; it is the part of us that is conscious of God.
- At the time of the fall man died spiritually,
- However, when we are born again we are not merely given a new spirit, we are given God's Holy Spirit!

Soul

- Finally we have the real 'you' – the soul.
- This is who we are, and as we noted previously, the soul comprises the heart and mind.
- The soul is not alive until the breath of life comes.
- The Bible makes it clear, life is not physical but spiritual.
- Those who live to satisfy the body exist, but are not living as God intended.

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

Genesis 2:8

- As we saw previously, Adam was the perfect man because he was man and woman in one.
- The 'woman' part was taken out of Adam

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- It may seem like stating the obvious, but Adam is created on day 6, and then God places him in this wonderful garden sometime after day 7;
- ...but notice, this is before Eve is taken out of Adam.

The Perfect Man

27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he him.

Gen 1:27

God In His resemblance In His resemblance Man Alpha & Omega God Created out of nothing

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- It is surprising how many people seem to struggle with the following verses!
- Often we here allegations of contradictions between Genesis 1 and Geneses 2.
- Even well-meaning Christians attempt to point out two different creation accounts, and then deliberate as to which is the correct or best one?

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- However, as so frequently is the case, if we simply read the verses in context there is no confusion and we see a coherent single account.
- What we need to note is the fact that God creates a garden and then puts man in the garden.

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Genesis 2:8

- God has already created all plant life, all marine life, all land animals etc. on day 5 & 6.
- Now we are told that he causes to grow, out of the ground, **IN THE GARDEN**, another of every plant and tree.
- This is not a different creation account!

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- So why does God do this?
- To show Adam that He alone is the Creator!
- Adam did not see days 1 – 5 as God was creating.
- History has shown how easily man is led away from trusting in our Creator; very soon the great Tempter would come onto the scene, and how easy it would have been for Satan to convince man that he was the one who had created everything! But now, Adam is an eyewitness of Creation and sees, first-hand, God at work.

Contradictions?

Genesis Chapter 1

- Verse 11: Grass, trees, plants made on day 3
- Verse 20: Birds made out of the water on day 5
- Verse 24: Animals made before Adam on day 6

Genesis Chapter 2

- Verse 8: Trees made after man
- Verse 19: Birds made out of the ground in front of Adam
- Verse 19: Animals made from the ground in front of Adam

If we understand that Ch2 deals just with what took place in the Garden of Eden, the 'problems' evaporate

Actual Sequence of Events:

- Day 3, God made the plants
- Day 5, God made the birds out of the water
- Day 6, God made the animals and man
- Day 8+?, God planted a garden + 1 more of each plant/tree/animal so Adam could witness and name them.

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.

Genesis 2:9

- Adam gets to see every tree being formed, including the *Tree of Life & Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil*.

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

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

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

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

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.

Genesis 2:10-14

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

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

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.

Genesis 2:15-17

To obey or not to obey...

- So Adam has the opportunity to eat from the tree of life, but for some inexplicable reason he doesn't take it!
- Instead he ends up eating from the only tree that is forbidden!
- Notice too that this instruction is given to him before Eve is created.
- It was Adam's responsibility to instruct his wife.
- Notice that God holds Adam responsible, yet at the same time Eve is held accountable for her own actions.

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.

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.

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.

Genesis 2:18-20

Adam & Eve

- God's intention in making woman was not to give man a helper, nor a servant, but an 'opposite', the other part of the equation.
- As already noted, God forms another of each creature out of the ground in the Garden of Eden in front of Adam to show again that He is the Creator.
- The other purpose of this is to bring Adam to the place of realising his need!

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;

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

Genesis 2:21-22

Adam & Eve

- Experience is still one of the best teachers. Some things we need to learn the hard way.
- After this object lesson, Adam would have had a far greater appreciation of Eve than if they had just both been created at the same time.
- There is a lesson here in not taking each other for granted!

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.

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

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

Genesis 2:23-25

Marriage Instituted

- Christ based His teaching on this passage
 - One wife Mat 19:8
 - heterosexual, permanent Mt 19:4-6
 - male as the head 1 Cor 11:8,9;
1 Tim 2:13)
- Mat 19:3-9; Mk 10:2-12
Gen 1:27 and 2:23,24

Bases of Marriage

- Biological Basis
- Psychological Basis
- Sociological Basis
- Spiritual Basis

Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also
loved the church, and gave himself for it;
That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the
washing of water by the word,
That he might present it to himself a glorious
church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any
such thing; but that it should be holy and
without blemish.

Ephesians 5:25-27

So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself.

For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church:

For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones.

Ephesians 5:28-30

For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh.

This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church.

Ephesians 5:31,32

Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord.

For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body.

Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing.

Ephesians 5:22-24

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 3. Asenath Joseph
 4. Zipporah Moses
 5. Rahab Salmon
 6. Ruth Boaz
 - 7th ??

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- Church: Bride Isa 62:5;
2 Cor 11:2; Rev 21:2; 22:17

Next Session

Genesis 3

The Seed Plot of the Entire Bible



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