

## The End of the Beginning: The Second Creation Story

Genesis 2:4-25

### 1. RELATIONSHIP TO GENESIS 1:1-2:3

	“ELOHIM” CREATED Genesis 1:1-2:3	“YAHWEH ELOHIM” MADE” Genesis 2:4-25
I N T R O	In the beginning, God <u>created</u> the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. (1:1-2)	These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the <b>Lord (Yahweh) God (Elohim)</b> <u>made</u> the earth and the heavens. (2:4)
1	Day One: And <b>God said</b> , (1:3-5)	...for the <b>LORD God</b> ... (2:5-6)
2	Day Two: And <b>God said</b> , (1:6-8)	then the <b>LORD God</b> formed the man.... (2:7)
3	Day Three: And <b>God said</b> , (1:9-10)	And the <b>LORD God</b> planted a garden.... (2:8)
4	Day Three: And <b>God said</b> , (1:11-13)	And out of the ground the <b>LORD God</b> made to spring up every tree...(2:9-14)
5	Day Four: And <b>God said</b> , (1:14-19)	The <b>LORD God</b> took the man and put him in the garden...(2:15)
6	Day Five: And <b>God said</b> , (1:20-23)	And the <b>LORD God</b> commanded the man...(2:16-17)
7	Day Six: And <b>God said</b> , (1:24-25)	Then the <b>LORD God</b> said, “It is not good that the man should be alone;... (2:18)
8	Day Six: Then <b>God said</b> , (1:26-28a)	Now out of the ground the <b>LORD God</b> had formed every beast...(2:19-20)
9	Day Six: Then <b>God said</b> , (1:26-28a)	So the <b>LORD God</b> caused a deep sleep...(2:21)
10	Day Six: And <b>God said</b> , (1:29-31)	And the rib that the <b>LORD God</b> had taken from the man he made into a woman...(2:22-25)

### 2. RELATIONSHIP TO GENESIS 2:4-3:24

A	<u>Man’s creation: Home in the garden; freely grows food; access to the tree of life</u>	(2:4-17)
B	<u>Woman’s creation: Blessed Relationship with the man</u>	(2:18-25)
C	Serpent: Conversation with woman	(3:1-5)
D	The Sin and God’s Uncovering	(3:6-13)
C <sup>1</sup>	Serpent: Punishment and Spoiled relationship with the woman	(3:14-15)
B <sup>1</sup>	Woman’s punishment: Spoiled relationship with the man	(3:16)
A <sup>1</sup>	Man’s punishment: Expelled from the garden; toil to grow food; no access to the tree of life	(3:17-24)

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9. Generations of Esau	36:37:1
10. Generations of Jacob	37:2-50:26

## The Making of Man (2:4-17)

### Introduction (2:4)

These are the generations

- A) of the heavens and
- B) the earth
- C) when they were created,
- C<sup>1</sup>) in the day that the **Lord (Yahweh) God (Elohim)** made
- B<sup>1</sup>) the earth and
- A<sup>1</sup>) the heavens.

### 1. God Makes the Land For the Man to Dwell in a Relationship with God (2:5-6)

When no bush of the field was yet in the land and no small plant of the field had yet sprung up—for the **Lord God**

- *had not caused* it to rain on the land, and
- there was *no man to work* the ground, and
- *a mist was going up* from the land and *was watering* the whole face of the ground—

#### Land: Foreshadowing the Promise Land, the Kingdom of God, the Church, and Heaven

**Abraham and the Promise Land:** Now the LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.” (Genesis 12:1-3 ESV)

**Moses and the Promise Land:** You will bring them in and plant them on your own mountain, the place, O LORD, which you have made for your abode, the sanctuary, O Lord, which your hands have established. The LORD will reign forever and ever.” Exodus 15:17-18

**Jesus and the Kingdom of God-Land:** Again he began to teach beside the sea. And a very large crowd gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat in it on the sea, and the whole crowd was beside the sea on the land. And he was teaching them many things in parables, and in his teaching he said to them: “Listen! Behold, a sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seed fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured it. Other seed fell on rocky ground, where it did not have much soil, and immediately it sprang up, since it had no depth of soil. And when the sun rose, it was scorched, and since it had no root, it withered away. Other seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it, and it yielded no grain. And other seeds fell into good soil and produced grain, growing up and increasing and yielding thirtyfold and sixtyfold and a hundredfold.” And he said, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear.” (Mark 4:1-9)

**Jesus and the Kingdom of God-Land:** And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.” And he called to him his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every affliction. (Matthew 9:35-10:1)

**The Church and the Land:** But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another. (Galatians 5:22-26)

**Heaven and the Land:** Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. 2 And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. (Revelation 21:1-2)

## 2. God Makes the Man Unique from the Rest of Creation (2:7)

then the **Lord God**

- *formed* the man of dust from the ground and (Contrasted with the animals)
- *breathed* into his nostrils the breath of life, and (Contrasted with the animals)
  - the man *became* a living creature.

## 3. God Invites the Man to Live in God's Presence (2:8)

And the **Lord God**

- *planted* a garden in Eden, in the east, and there
- he *put* the man whom he had formed.

### East: Redemption and Punishment

Adam and Eve expelled to the east	Gen 3:24
Cain moves to the east	Gen 4:16
Tower of Babel in the east	Gen 11:2-4
Abraham leaves the east	Gen 12:1-3
Lots moves to the east	Gen 13:11-13
Jacob returns to the east	Gen 29:1
Moses and Aaron camped east of the tabernacle	Numbers 3:38
Captivity is to the east	2 Kings 25:1
The kings come from the east	Matthew 2:1-12
Jesus speaks of the end times on the Mt. of Olives, east of Jerusalem	Matthew 24:3
Jesus prays on the Mt. of Olives, at the Garden of Gethsemane	Matthew 26:36+

## 4. God Richly Provides For the Man (2:9-14)

And out of the ground the **Lord God**

- *made to spring up* every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.
- A river *flowed out* of Eden to water the garden, and there it *divided* and *became* four rivers.
  - The name of the first is the Pishon. It is the one that flowed around the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold. And the gold of that land is good; bdellium and onyx stone are there.
  - The name of the second river is the Gihon. It is the one that flowed around the whole land of Cush.
  - And the name of the third river is the Tigris, which flows east of Assyria.
  - And the fourth river is the Euphrates.

### The Garden in Eden: Foreshadowing God's Provisions

For the LORD comforts Zion; he comforts all her waste places and makes her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song. Isaiah 51:3 3

And the land that was desolate shall be tilled, instead of being the desolation that it was in the sight of all who passed by. And they will say, 'This land that was desolate has become like the garden of Eden, and the waste and desolate and ruined cities are now fortified and inhabited.' Ezekiel 36:34-35

Fire devours before them, and behind them a flame burns. The land is like the garden of Eden before them, but behind them a desolate wilderness, and nothing escapes them. Joel 2:3

## 5. God Made the Man to Worship and Obey the Lord God (2:15)

The **Lord God**

- *took* the man and
- *put* him in the garden of Eden
  - to *work it* and (worship)
  - *keep* it. (Obey)

#### Man's Role in the Garden:

Foreshadowing the Old Testament Priest, Jesus, the High Priest, and The church, a Royal Priesthood

**Old Testament Priests and Levites:** And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, "Bring the tribe of Levi near, and set them before Aaron the priest, that they may minister to him. They shall keep **guard over** him and over the whole congregation before the tent of meeting, as they minister at the tabernacle. They shall **guard** all the furnishings of the tent of meeting, and **keep guard over** the people of Israel as they minister at the tabernacle. And you shall give the Levites to Aaron and his sons; they are wholly given to him from among the people of Israel. And you shall appoint Aaron and his sons, and they **shall guard** their priesthood. But if any outsider comes near, he shall be put to death." Numbers 3:1-8

Those who were to camp before the tabernacle on the east, before the tent of meeting toward the sunrise, were Moses and Aaron and his sons, **guarding** the sanctuary itself, to protect the people of Israel. And any outsider who came near was to be put to death. All those listed among the Levites, whom Moses and Aaron listed at the commandment of the Lord, by clans, all the males from a month old and upward, were 22,000. (Numbers 3:38-39)

**Jesus, the High Priest:** But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. For if the blood of goats and bulls, and the sprinkling of defiled persons with the ashes of a heifer, sanctify for the purification of the flesh, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God. (Hebrews 9:11-14)

**The Church, Royal Priesthood:** I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a **living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship**. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. (Romans 12:1-2) But you are a chosen race, **a royal priesthood**, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. (1 Peter 2:9-10)

#### 6. God Blesses The Man's Obedience and Punishes the Man's Disobedience (2:16-17)

And the **Lord God**

- *commanded* the man, *saying*, "You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, but
- of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."

**The Nation of Israel (Two Commands)** "See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I command you today, by loving the Lord your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the Lord swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them." Deuteronomy 30:15-18

**Jesus (Two Foundations)** "Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because

it had been founded on the rock. And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it.” (Matthew 7:24-27)

**The Church (Two Fillings)** : Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ. (Ephesians 5:15-21)

#### The Relationship Between the Garden and the Tabernacle

Garden in Eden	Tabernacle
Cherubim guard it	Cherubim guard the Ark of the Covenant
God commanded the garden by saying.	God commanded the building of the Tabernacle
Included gold	Included gold (Ex 25:3)
Enter it by the East	Enter it by the East
Made of precious jewels--onyx	Made of Precious jewels-onyx (Ex 25:7)
The Fall occurs after completing it	Israel falls into idolatry after making it
God is walking to and fro	God walks to and fro ( Lev 26:12; Deut 23:15)
Work and Keep the garden	Work and Guard the tabernacle (Num 3:1-80)

### The Making of Woman (2:18-25)

#### 7. God Makes the Woman to Complete the Man (2:18)

Then the **Lord God**

- *said*, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him.”

**God Helps the Jews to Freedom from Egypt:** Jethro, the priest of Midian, Moses' father-in-law, heard of all that God had done for Moses and for Israel his people, how the LORD had brought Israel out of Egypt. Now Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, had taken Zipporah, Moses' wife, after he had sent her home, 3 along with her two sons. The name of the one was Gershom (for he said, “I have been a sojourner in a foreign land”), 4 and the name of the other, Eliezer (for he said, “The God of my father was my help, and delivered me from the sword of Pharaoh”). (Exodus 18:1-4)

**God Helps the Jews Return From Captivity:** And when all our enemies heard of it, all the nations around us were afraid and fell greatly in their own esteem, for they perceived that this work had been accomplished with the help of our God. (Nehemiah 6:16)

**God Helps Paul As a Missionary:** To this day I have had the help that comes from God, and so I stand here testifying both to small and great, saying nothing but what the prophets and Moses said would come to pass: (Acts 26:22)

#### 8. God Shows the Man He is Unable to Find Completeness Apart from the Woman (2:19-20)

Now out of the ground the **Lord God**

- *had formed* every beast of the field and every bird of the heavens and
- *brought* them to the man to see what he would call them.
  - And whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper fit for him.

#### 9. God Uniquely Makes the Woman from The Man, Not From The Ground (2:21)

So the **Lord God**

- *caused* a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and
- while he slept *took* one of his ribs and
- *closed* up its place with flesh.

**10. God Makes the Man and the Woman Dependent On Each Other To Worship and Obey the Lord God Together (2:22-25)**

And the rib that the **Lord God**

- *had taken* from the man
- he *made* into a woman and
- *brought* her to the man.

Adam's Response: In My Image

- **Her Shared Nature:** Then the man *said*, "This at last is bone of my bones / and flesh of my flesh;
- **Her Diverse Origin:** she shall be called Woman, / because she was taken out of Man."

God's Response: In His Image

- **Their Dependency:** Therefore a man *shall leave* his father and his mother and
- **Their Covenant:** *hold fast* to his wife, and
- **Their Unity:** they *shall become* one flesh.
- **Their Perfection:** And the man and his wife *were both naked* and *were not ashamed*.