

GENESIS

I. THE BEGINNING OF THE HUMAN RACE

1-11

A. The Creation

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1. The Prologue

1:1,2

God - "Elohim" - Strong faithful One. Only name used for God in chapter one.

Create - "Bara" - to make something out of nothing. This word occurs only 3 times in this chapter. [1,21,27]

See Hebrews 11:3.

Heavens & earth - Three heavens are mentioned in Scripture.

Atmospheric 1:8; 7:11. Stellar 1:7; 15:5.

Abode of God Ps. 2:4; II Cor. 12:2-4.

Without form - "Tohuw" - Formless, chaotic or waste.

Void - "Bohuw" - Empty.

Was - "Hayah" - To exist, to become, to come to pass. This word occurs numerous times in this chapter and each time it is translated as "was".

2. The Process

1:3-2:3

Here we find a series of purposeful and orderly divine acts.

Here we discover God's means of bringing the world into an habitable state.

a. Day One - Light appears. 1:3-5

b. Day Two - The firmament made. 1:6-8

c. Day Three - Dry land appears, plant life brought forth. 1:9-13

d. Day Four - Sun, moon and stars appear. 1:14-19

e. Day Five - Marine life and fowls of the air brought into being. 1:20-23

f. Day Six - Living creatures [land animals] brought forth. 1:24-25

g. Day Seven - God rests. The 7th day set aside as a rest. 2:1-3

3. Expanded Account of the Creation of Man

2:4-25

[Bible study principles: Repetition
General to specific]

a. Man's Nature

2:4-7

Threefold being - Spirit, soul & body
[I Thess. 5:23]

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| Body | - To communicate with physical environment | |
| Soul | - To communicate with other men | |
| Spirit | - To communicate with God | |
| b. Man's Environment | | 2:8-14 |
| Garden of Eden - Good. [1:31] | | |
| c. Man's Employment | | 2:15 |
| Dress and keep the garden. | | |
| d. Man's Test | | 2:16,17 |
| To make a free moral choice. | | |
| He was able to sin or to keep from sinning. | | |
| e. Man's Companion | | 2:18-24 |
| A help meet [worthy or fit] for him. | | |
| Help meet named. Creatures named. | | |
| f. Man's Glory | | 2:25 |
| Before the Fall man's glory came from within - the Spirit in touch with God. This touch was lost when sin entered and "They knew that they were naked". | | |
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| B. THE FALL & EARLY HISTORY OF MAN | | 3-5 |
| 1. The Source of Sin | | 3:1-3 |
| We are not told the source of sin - just the origin of it in man. [Ezekiel 28:12-17; Isaiah 14:12-15] | | |
| 2. The Nature of Sin | | 3:4-6 |
| Nothing bad or evil about the tree of the knowledge of good or evil - it was the doubting of God and disobedience to Him which constituted sin. | | |
| Transgression - Rebellion, a setting oneself against revealed and lawful authority. | | |
| Iniquity - That which is twisted or bent out of line - deflection from a straight line. | | |
| Sin - A missing of the mark - a falling short. | | |
| 3. The Results of Sin | | 3:7-13 |
| a. Shame - conscience | | 3:7 |
| b. Self-righteousness - Fig leaves | | " |
| c. Separation from God - they hid | | 3:8 |
| d. Fear of God - "I was afraid" | | 3:9,10 |
| e. Defensiveness and projection - "The woman THOU gavest me" "SHE gave me" "The SERPENT beguiled me" | | 3:11-13 |
| 4. The Penalty of Sin | | 3:14-19 |
| a. On the serpent | | 3:14,15 |
| b. On the woman | | 3:16 |
| c. On the man | | 3:17-19 |