

Genesis 2

Genesis 2.1-3

V1 – The creation was complete

V2 – **When did God “rest”?** On the seventh day

-**Did He need to rest?** No

-**Why did He do it then?** As an example to us

-We work to “subdue nature” for 6 days a week

-But one day a week is holy - it is set aside for rest and worship (resting on the seventh day was a prelude to the 4th commandment under the Law of Moses)

V3 – **How did God treat the 7th day?** Blessed it and sanctified it

Genesis 2.4-9

More details on events in the creation

V4 – Intro.

V5 – **Was there any rain at first?** No

V6 – **How were things watered?** Mist from the ground (geysers, fountains, artesian wells)

V7 – **Out of what material was man formed?** Dust from the ground

-God breathed into nostrils breath of life

-Dust itself is worthless - the breath of God must be there

V8 – **Next act of God?** He made a garden for man in Eden

V9 – **What was in the garden?** All good trees – tree of life (to give eternal life) and tree of knowledge of good and evil (to know good and evil)

-Where do we see this tree again? **Read Revelation 22.1-5** – reappearance of the tree of life - Notice the incredible unity of the Bible (over 1500 years and two different languages and 1000 miles apart)

Genesis 2.10-17

V10 – One river in Eden became four rivers

V11-12 – River Pishon – never identified (possibly the Indus River)

V13 – Gihon (possibly Nile River, but unclear)

V14 – Tigris and Euphrates – well-known rivers

-Why is it hard to locate some of these rivers today? Because of the flood

V 15 – **What was the job of man?** To cultivate the Garden of Eden

V 16-17 – **Specific instructions?**

-Why did God put this tree there with these instructions? Freedom of choice

Genesis 2.18-25

V 18 – **What was missing from the creation?** Companionship – not good to be alone

-Relationship of woman to man? Helper

V 19 – **What job was the man given?** To name the animals

V 20 – In searching through the animals, Adam did not find anyone suitable to be his mate or helper

V 21 – **What did God do?** Put Adam into a deep sleep

-Why a rib? Because it was near the heart of man (not of an inferior substance, if he had made woman from the foot of the man)

V 22 – Adam's flesh was used for creation of Eve

V 23 – **Comment of Adam?** Implications of v 23-25

-To cleave to one another (leaving parents) – to make our own homes and families

[Optional note: this is why mothers and daughters sometimes fight a lot – the daughter is getting prepared for her own home, her own kitchen, her own children...]

Read Matt. 19.1-6 – Jesus quoted from *Gen. 2.23-25*

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