

Series "In The Beginning...God"
"The Garden Of Eden"
Genesis 2:4-14
Study-9

1 Corinthians 3:9 "For we are laborers together with God"

Genesis 2:8

Genesis 2:4-25 is "The Beginning of The Fall Story" the emphasis is on man, his mate, his environment, and probation: All that is preparatory to the statement about his temptation and Fall.

Genesis – means "*beginning*" Greek word is "*origin*"

Thought Of Our Passage: God Created The Heavens, The Earth, And Created Man; Giving Him A Task In A Home Of Abundant Provision.

- 1. Verses 4-6 Early Conditions**
- 2. Verse 7 The Creation Of Man**
- 3. Verses 8-14 Abundant Provisions**

1. Verses 4-6 Early Conditions:

Genesis 2:4 This is the account of the heavens and the earth Context – this where **Genesis 2** should begin. **Genesis 2:1-3** should be in **Genesis 1** regarding the completion of creation and God rested, blessing and sanctifying the day.

This is the account of term account – "*beginnings*" not generation.
Genesis 2:4 (KJV) These are the generations of the heavens and of the earth this phrase is used **11 times** in Genesis, usually with a list of names. **Genesis 5:1; Genesis 10:1**

This is the account of the heavens and the earth when they were created, literally "*here is a full development of the account of the heavens and the earth*"

Genesis 2:4-25 Details Of The Account Of Creation Of Genesis 1: (Not Contradiction But Complementary)

when they were created, refers to the time God created the earth and heaven. Day 1 or refers to Day 7 (creation was finished)

in the day that the LORD God God's name now changes.

Genesis 1:1-2:3 is Elohim *which is the transcendent, infinite all power* used **35 times**.

LORD God – Yahweh–Elohim the name **Yahweh** – "*the gracious God willing to reveal Himself to man and hear prayer, the covenant God, who redeems his people*" **Elohim-** "*The all-powerful God, the creator of the*

universe" **LORD God – (Yahweh –Elohim)** used **20 times** in these chapters. **Genesis 2:4-3:24 God the creator of the universe is seen coming down to walk and talk with His creation.**

made earth and heaven. Again and again, it states that God created the heavens and the earth. **(Verse 4 - Independent Sentence, Like Genesis 1:1)**

**Verses 5-6 The Conditions Prior To The Creation Of Man:
Genesis 2:5**

Now no shrub of the field was yet in the earth, and no plant of the field had yet sprouted, God was showing that there was a need for man. The earth was in need of someone to cultivate it. **plant of the field –**

for the LORD God had not sent rain upon the earth, but sin changed everything. **Genesis 6**

and there was no man to cultivate the ground. We already begin to see that man has the calling and a purpose by God to work. It was from the original design of God.

Genesis 2:6 But a mist – only time this word is used in the OT. Not really sure what it exactly means. *"A mist, a vapor, spring or subterranean stream"* The flood changed everything, **Genesis 9:8-17**

used to rise from the earth and water the whole surface of the ground. Ecclesiastes 1:6-7; Isaiah 55:10-11; Job 28:24-26, 36:26-29; Psalm 135:6-7

Genesis 13:10 Sodom and Gomorrah—like the garden of the LORD,

2. Verse 7 The Creation Of Man:

Genesis 2:7

Man, A Physical Being: Then (Skips to the 6th Day of Creation Genesis 1:27) the LORD God *"God is personal and a covenant God yet sovereign and all-powerful God."*

formed the word **formed - Hebrew yasar** *"to mold or shape a particular substance, through design and intent"* Used as that of a potter making a vessel of clay.

Romans 9:19-22

man - Adam – "earth" of dust from the ground, the word **"dust"** speaks of the elements of the earth (Nitrogen, oxygen, calcium).

Genesis 3:19

1 Corinthians 15:47 The first man is from the earth, earthly;

Man, A Living Being: and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life;
This is not said of the animals, it is only said of man. **Psalm 33:6;**
2 Timothy 3:16-17

Man, A Spiritual Being: and man became a living being. (Soul) Much more than just a body but also having a spiritual part. Man became an eternal being. Having a soul that was destined for heaven or hell.
Genesis 1:27

Man giving names to the animals, each animal their proper character **Genesis 2:19-20**
1 Corinthians 15:45

3. Verses 8-14 Abundant Provisions:

Genesis 2:8 The LORD God planted a garden The Lord specifically made a home for Adam and Eve. God knowing what plants and trees would be perfect for them.

Psalm 65:9-11; 104:13-14

toward the east, in Eden; "*Delight, pleasure*" Many believe the Middle East. Some place somewhere near the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers are today. No definite location is possible. The result of the flood caused sedimentary strata hundreds of feet deep.

God Gave Adam A Home – and there He placed the man whom He had formed. God took special care to make a place suitable for man.

Revelation 20:7-10

Genesis 2:9 God Prepared The Garden For Adam & Eve: LORD God caused to grow every tree that is pleasing to the sight and good for food;

Tree Of Life: the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, right in the center of the garden. Man would encounter these two trees frequently. "**Tree of Life**" was a tree that would literally impart life. **Genesis 3:22-24**

We see this tree again in **Revelation 22:1-2, 14**

Tree Of Knowledge: and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Moral good, Moral evil. It is God's standard of righteousness. Not subjective but objective.

Genesis 2:17; 3:6

Genesis starts with a tree by a river and Revelation ends with a tree in heaven by the river of life.

Genesis 2:10 Now a river flowed out of Eden to water the garden; Some suggest that the rivers sub-irrigated the garden. Water soaked through the soil and spread.

and from there it divided and became four rivers. One river divided into four other rivers. **Revelation 22:1**

Water - *Life Source, you have water you have life. People, villages, and towns stood or fell depending upon water supply.* **John 4:13-14**

Genesis 2:11 The name of the first is Pishon; also translates Ganges.

it flows around the whole land of Havilah, which is linked with Cush – **Genesis 10:7**

Genesis 2:12 God Mentions The Mineral Wealth of The Garden: The gold of that land is good; Revelation 21:21

Bdellium – an aromatic gum like balsam

onyx stone – Onyx, Greek word for “claw” or “nail”, mixture of quartz and morganite.

Genesis 2:13 The name of the second river is Gihon; is associated land of Cush. Pool that runs along south of the city wall of Jerusalem. Solomon was crowned king.

it flows around the whole land of Cush. Northeast of the head of the Persian Gulf. The KJV **Ethiopia**, but this interpretation isn't generally accepted today.

Genesis 2:14 These are the great rivers of modern Iraq.

The name of the third river is Tigris; mentioned in **Daniel 10:4**

Application:

1. God Gave The Account Of Creation In Genesis 1. God Gave Further Details Of The Creation In Genesis 2 To Prepare The Reader For Genesis 3, When Man Would Disobey God Resulting In Sin.
2. The Same God Who Ordains The End—A Beautiful Garden—Also Ordains The Means To The End—Someone To Do The Work. God Created A Garden And God Gave Adam A Task.
3. God Created A Perfect Environment For Adam And Eve In Which They Lacked Nothing. Genesis 3 Reveals They Still Sinned, The Problem Is Not The Environment.