

## In the Beginning

### Genesis 2:1-24

- We have gone through the six days of Creation, and we saw how man is the only part of God's creation that is made after His image, also the first thing God did for man was to bless him **V28**. Man has such a warped opinion of God wrongly believing that he's just waiting for the opportunity to punish us instead of desiring to bless us, but the creation account proves this. For God created us in His image and He blessed us to enjoy the fruit of His creation, and without the **goodness of God's blessing** human life would be absolutely unbearable, which is why scripture says it's us understanding that it's the goodness of God that leads us to repentance > **Rom 2:4**.

### V1-24

- **V1-3** here is the first mention of a Sabbath, as on the seventh day God rested from all His work; this is not the rest that follows weariness but the rest of satisfaction and completion of a job well done as God doesn't get tired > **Is 40:28**. This also gave man a pattern regarding the structure of a seven day week, as God wanted man to see the **blessing** in doing a job and resting afterward. So much so that He sanctified the day making it a gift for not only our rest but also our replenishment, also the Sabbath is a shadow of the rest available through the Person and work of Jesus Christ > **Math 11:28-30**- offers rest for the soul from the labor of life.
- **V4** here is the first use of "Yahweh" in scripture, what's interesting is the origin of this word in man's history, our English word "Lord" comes from the Anglo Saxon word used for "bread", meaning loaf. This came about because ancient English men of high stature would keep an open house where all could come and get bread to eat; this gained them the title of "lords" meaning dispensers of bread. Why that is interesting is Jesus would later call Himself the "Bread of Life" in **Jn 6:35**, as He being of royal stature is also a dispenser of bread for all who'll come and eat.
- **V5-6** this goes back to Gen 1 when God first created the vegetation there was no man to care for it and there was no rain but God would bring about a watery mist to nourish all the vegetation, if you are in the fruit and vegetable section of the grocery store you'll see a mist coming up to keep the fruit and vegetables fresh while they sit out waiting for us to come along and buy them. **V7** there is nothing spectacular in what man is made of, what's amazing is how God took these basic elements and organized them into a living breathing being > **2 Cor 4:7**- earthen vessels, clay pots, but what makes us special is what God has placed within us.
- **His breath of life** and **His message of life** is for us to spread to a world desperate for answers, this word "breath" is the same word used for "Spirit" as God created us by putting His breath, His Spirit in us, and it made us become a living soul. The animals, birds, sea creatures, insects, none of these things are created quite like us, as only we are made in God's image making us unique and special, which is why Satan hates us, and wants nothing more than to separate us from God, as He sees how much God loves us and desires to bless us and it enrages him.

- **V8-9** although God created everything He still left some things for man to do, and one of them was to work, and here we see a garden where God expected man to tend, but he didn't leave him without specific instructions as to how he was to properly work in this garden. Even then we see the Lord is a great communicator, he will not leave us hopelessly trying to figure things out, we just need to act where He's spoken, and wait for Him to speak where He hasn't.
- **V10-14** up to this point we see man placed in a perfect setting, he has a garden to tend, trees and rivers to enjoy, the only thing he has to do is enjoy what is permitted and stay away from what is not. The word "**Eden**" can mean delight or place of much water, both imply that this place was a paradise from the hand of God, and because we were told that the first thing God did for man was to bless him we have no reason to think anything different.
- **V15-17** now we see the first don't in scripture, and this came about not because God was withholding some hidden pleasure from Adam but as we know He didn't want him to experience death or separation from Him for all eternity. God told him there was only one tree he couldn't eat from but everywhere else he can have his fill. Question: why didn't he eat of the tree of life instead he eats of the one that brought death instead of the one that gave life.
- **V18-20** we see it was Adam's job to name the animals, birds and creatures and whatever he called them was their name, but afterward none was compatible for him. This shows how God knows what's best for us, we don't read that Adam was auditioning any of the animals, birds, or insects for marriage, it was God that decided it was not good for him to be alone. **V21-24** then the Lord put him asleep, the problem today is people wake themselves up before the Lord does, and then they decide what's best for them and instead of an Eve or an Adam they get a fly, or fish, or oriole, beautiful creatures but not what God would have chosen for you and it's a mess.