

Genesis 2

Genesis 1:27 — So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

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“This is the history” = toledoth(תולדות) generations / account

TOLEDOTH SECTIONS IN GENESIS:

Genesis 2:4 — The generations of the heavens and the earth

Genesis 5:1 — The book of the genealogy of Adam

Genesis 6:9 — The generations of Noah

Genesis 10:1 — The generations of the sons of Noah

Genesis 11:10 — The generations of Shem

Genesis 11:27 — The generations of Terah

Genesis 25:12 — The generations of Ishmael

Genesis 25:19 — The generations of Isaac

Genesis 36:1 — The generations of Esau

Genesis 37:2 — The generations of Jacob

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2:5-6

“the LORD God had not caused it to rain”

-Pre-flood hydrological system

-“Mist” (Hebrew: ed, טַל) watered the ground

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2:7

“the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground”

-yatsar (יָצַר) = to form, shape, mold (like a potter)

-Contrast with animals: God spoke them into existence

“breathed into his nostrils the breath of life”

-lit. “Breath of lives”

-“man” = adam (אָדָם)

-Also related to adamah (אֲדָמָה) = ground

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2:8-9

“a garden eastward in Eden”

2:10-14

*Location of Eden

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2:15

“tend and keep” = abad (עָבַד) + shamar (שָׁמַר)

-abad = to serve, work

-shamar = to guard, watch, protect

-Stewardship: use the earth but be good stewards of it

-Man was designed for work/service

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2:16-17

“for in the day you eat of it you shall surely die”

-Lit. Hebrew: “dying you shall die” (מות תָּמוּת, mot tamut)

-The tree = the provision of genuine choice

-Without it, no capacity to reject God

-Love requires the freedom to not love

-1 Timothy 2:4 — who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

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“the knowledge of good and evil”

-knowledge (yada') = experiential knowledge

-Adam only knew good, which God had declared all to be.

-Satan told Eve that the fruit would make them “like God”

-Adam could not declare anything evil because he had no experience with it. The fruit would give him that needed knowledge/experience so that he could then declare good from evil.

-It is the same struggle that keeps people from God today.

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2:18

“It is not good that man should be alone”

-Proverbs 18:22 — He who finds a wife finds a good thing, and obtains favor from the LORD.

-God knew Adam’s need before Adam did

-Adam did not seek a wife — God prepared the spouse and brought her to Adam

1 Corinthians 7:7-9 NKJV — For I wish that all men were even as I myself. But each one has his own gift from God, one in this manner and another in that. But I say to the unmarried and to the widows: It is good for them if they remain even as I am; but if they cannot exercise self-control, let them marry. For it is better to marry than to burn with passion.

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“I will make him a helper comparable to him.”

-ezer kenegdo (עֵזֶר כְּנֶגְדּוֹ) = helper corresponding to / suitable counterpart

“Helper” is used of God

-Psalm 33:20 — Our soul waits for the LORD; He is our help (‘ezer)

-Psalm 70:5 — You are my help and my deliverer

-Psalm 121:1-2 — My help comes from the LORD

Woman being man's helper does not speak to her inferiority, but to his insufficiency.

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2:19-20

“whatever Adam called each living creature, that was its name”

-Not all animals brought — no fish or creeping things mentioned

-Naming is feasible: ~10 seconds per animal, thousands in a few hours. (3600 in 10 hours)

“But for Adam there was not found a helper comparable to him.”

-Adam was not an evolved ape.

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2:21-22

“the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam”

-Inspired Dr. James Young Simpson to invent anesthesia.

“He took one of his ribs”

-tsela (צֵלָע) = side (not specifically “rib”)

-“Bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh” → He took bone AND flesh, a portion from Adam’s side

The fullness of God's image was in Adam

-Part of the image removed and placed into woman

-Feminine traits (tenderness, compassion, emotion) = the heart of God

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Ephesians 5:32 — This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church.

Men & women were designed to compliment each other.

-Meanwhile they represent an important illustration.

1 Corinthians 11:3 — But I want you to know that the head of every man is Christ, the head of woman is man, and the head of Christ is God.

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1 Timothy 2:12 — And I do not permit a woman to teach or to have authority over a man, but to be in silence.

Complimentarian vs. Egalitarian

1 Timothy 2:13 — For Adam was formed first, then Eve.

1 Timothy 2:14 — And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived, fell into transgression.

1 Timothy 2:15 — Nevertheless she will be saved in childbearing if they continue in faith, love, and holiness, with self-control.

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2:23

“bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh”

“She shall be called Woman” (ishshah, הַשָּׁחַ) “because she was taken out of Man” (ish, אִישׁ)

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2:24

“Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.”

-echad (אֶחָד) = a combined/composite oneness

-Same word used in the Shema:

-Deuteronomy 6:4 — Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one.

-“One” (echad) = not solitary unity but composite unity

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2:25

“they were both naked... and were not ashamed”

-No shame before the fall

-No shame in sex & nakedness(in marriage)

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“Satan will do everything he can to get you to have sex before marriage, and everything he can to keep you from having sex within marriage.”

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1 Corinthians 7