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Genesis 2 | "Paradise"

INTRO: In chapter 1, we looked at the 6 Days of Creation, and now in chapter 2, we finish the Creation Week with the 7th Day, the first Sabbath Day.

I. The Seventh Day. (v. 1-3)

A. (v. 1)

1. "Thus the heavens and the earth were finished,..."

a. "finished" - Heb. "completed; accomplished; ended"

2. "...and all the host of them."

a. "host of them" - Heb. "armies; companies; soldiers"

1) Speaks of:

a) The STARS - Deut. 4:19; Neh. 9:6; Jer. 33:22; etc.

b) The ANGELS - 1 Kings 22:19; 2 Chron. 18:18; Luke 2:13; etc.

b. **NOTE:** On the 6th Day (1:31), "everything" that God made "was very good," including the Angels.

c. **KEY:** There was nothing that was *not* good in all of Creation:

1) Satan hadn't fallen yet. (3:1)

2) No survival of the fittest.

3) No disease.

4) No pollution.

5) No earthquakes, floods, tornados, etc.

6) No disorder.

7) No sin.

8) No death!!!

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- a) **NOTE:** This refutes the Gap Theory, or any theory, that tries to accommodate the geological ages over millions of years.

B. (v. 2)

1. "And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made."

a. "rested" - Heb. *shabath* - "cease; desist; celebrate"

1) **NOTE:** God was not tired, but just stopped creating!

a) Cf. **Isaiah 40:28** - "*Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? there is no searching of his understanding.*"

b. **Q** = Are we to keep the Sabbath?...

1) The Sabbath was a Law given to the Nation of Israel. (Ex. 20:9-11)

2) The Sabbath was never a Law given to the Gentiles in the Church. (Acts 15; Rom 14:5; Col. 2:16-17)

3) The Sabbath was made for Man, not man for the Sabbath. (Mk. 2:23-28)

a) It would be extremely healthy for all of us if we would take one day a week off and just kick back and do nothing.

b) The Sabbath was made for man because man needs one day off out of seven.

i. The reason why we have so much stress, mental strain, heart attacks, etc.,

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is because people haven't been following God's pattern of the seventh day.

- ii. We keep going all the time. We don't stop to take a day off.
- iii. As Pastor Chuck used to say about the Sabbath day, "It wouldn't make you any more spiritual, it'd just be healthy for you. You'll live longer if that's your goal."

c. In the New Testament, our Sabbath is our rest in Jesus Christ and His grace.

1) Cf. **Hebrews 4:10** - "*For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his.*"

a) When you cease from trying to please God by your works, but instead trust in Jesus Christ by faith, you enter into His rest, the true Sabbath!

b) **KEY:** True sabbath rest comes when you relate to God based on His grace and love, and not your own merit or works.

II. The Creation of Adam. (v. 4-7)

A. (v. 4)

1. "These are the generations of the heavens and of the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens,"

a. "generations" - Heb. *toledoth* (to-led-aw') - "genealogies; descendants; history"

1) Used 10x in Genesis.

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a) Cf. 2:4; 5:1; 6:9; 10:1; 11:10, 27; 25:19;
36:1, 9; 37:2

b. "LORD God" - Heb. *YHVH Elohim*

1) "LORD" - Heb. *YHVH* - "the Becoming One; Self-Existent One"

a) This is the covenant name of God with His relationship to the Nation of Israel, also known as the TETRAGRAMMATON ("four letters").¹

b) The Jewish scribes were very reverent when transcribing the ancient manuscripts.

i. If they made a mistake, they would burn the entire scroll and start over.

ii. They held the name *YHVH* with such reverence, that they took out the consonants so that people wouldn't say the Name of God. It was too holy.

iii. When the scribe would get to the name *YHVH* while copying, he would take a bath, get a new pen, and get fresh ink, then write the name *YHVH*. (Read Psalm 118 - a lot of baths!!!)

c) When the Jews would come to this word, they would whisper, "The Name."

i. Sometimes they would substitute the word *Adonai* (Lord) for His name (LORD).

B. (v. 5-6)

¹ <https://www.gotquestions.org/YHWH-tetragrammaton.html>

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1. "And every plant of the field before it was in the earth, and every herb of the field before it grew: for the LORD God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was not a man to till the ground. But there went up a mist from the earth, and watered the whole face of the ground."

- a. The Hydrological Cycle was vastly different than our current system, which began as a result of the Flood.
 - 1) Before the Flood, there was no rain, but the daily water supply came primarily from local evaporation and condensation, and a system of spring-fed rivers.²

C. (v. 7)

1. "And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground,..."

- a. Now, Moses goes back and fills in more details of the 6th Day of Creation of when God created man (1:27) and how He formed his body and energized it.
- b. "formed man of the dust of the ground"
 - 1) Cf. **1 Corinthians 15:47** - "The first man is of the earth, earthy: the second man is the Lord from heaven."
 - 2) "dust" - Heb. *aphar* - "dirt; clay; earth; mud; ashes; ground; mortar; powder; rubbish"
 - a) There was plenty of *dirt* on the earth.
 - i. Cf. **Isaiah 40:12** - "Who hath measured the waters in the hollow of his hand, and

² Henry Morris. *The Genesis Record*, p. 84.
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meted out heaven with the span, and comprehended the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in scales, and the hills in a balance?"

- b) It seems that God used *clay* since the whole ground was wet (v. 6).
 - i. We are God's workmanship (Eph. 2:10).
 - ii. He is the Potter and we are the *clay*.
 - a. Cf. **Isaiah 45:9; 64:8; Jeremiah 18:1-4; Romans 9:21-23**
- c) Basically, we are a bunch of living *dirt* clods walking around!
 - i. A pastor friend of mine said that a lady in his church came up to him and said, "Well, the text says that the man was made from the dirt, but doesn't say that the woman was. Does that mean I can treat my husband like dirt?!" He said, "I don't think so. Haha"
- d) **NOTE:** Man is made up of the same 13 basic elements as the dirt and the earth's crust.
 - i. 96% of our body's mass is made up of oxygen, carbon, hydrogen, and nitrogen.
 - ii. The other 4% of body weight is composed almost entirely of sodium, potassium, magnesium, calcium, iron, phosphorus, sulfur, chlorine, and iodine.³

2. "...and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul."

³ <https://answersingenesis.org/human-body/from-dust-to-dust/>

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a. "breathed into his nostrils"

1) At this point, Adam came to life, and the Spirit of God indwelt him.

a) Cf. **John 20:21-22** - "*Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you. And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Spirit:*"

b. "breath" - Heb. *neshamah* - "wind; spirit; blast"

1) The root word is *nasham* ("gasp; puff"), so God breathed into his nostrils, and Adam *gasped* with his first *breath*.

c. "soul" - Heb. *nephesh* - "living being; breathing creature; desire; passion; appetite"

1) This word is also used for animals (1:24), and refers to the consciousness principle, the realm of the mind and emotions.

d. **Q** = At what time of day was Adam created?... A little before Eve. :)

III. The Garden of Eden. (v. 8-14)

A. (v. 8)

1. "And the LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there he put the man whom he had formed."

a. "garden" - Heb. *gan* - "enclosure; enclosed garden"

1) The ENTRANCE to the *garden* must have been at the "East gate" (**3:24**).

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b. "Eden" - Heb. "delight; pleasure"

- 1) **KEY:** Literally, the Garden of Eden was an "enclosed garden of pleasure and delight"!
- 2) **Q** = What was the Garden of Eden like?...
 - a) An enclosed garden of pleasure and delight, with the entrance at the East gate (3:24).
 - b) Abundance of beautiful trees. (v. 9a)
 - c) In the middle of the garden were 2 specific trees. (v. 9b)
 - d) A "river went out of Eden to water the garden; and from thence it was parted, and became into four heads." (v. 10)
 - e) Lots of gold, bdellium, and onyx stone. (v. 12)
 - f) There were "stones of fire" that Lucifer walked in the midst of. (Ezekiel 28:13-14)

c. **Q** = Where was the Garden of Eden LOCATED?...

- 1) "Eastward in Eden"
 - a) God named the territory *Eden*, which was East of where Adam was created.
- 2) We can't really know from the current Geography or Topography of the earth.
 - a) There are those scholars that want to place it in the Mesopotamian area (modern-day Iraq) of the Fertile Crescent because of the names of the rivers Tigris and Euphrates. (v. 14)
However, the whole topography of the Earth was destroyed in the Flood, along with Eden.

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- i. Cf. [2 Peter 3:6](#) - "*Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished:*"
- ii. **NOTE:** The current rivers Tigris and Euphrates are not the ones mentioned in Genesis 2, but were named after those rivers from the Pre-Flood world.
 - a. Here in America, we have used over 650 names from our "old world" in the UK.
 - i. Cardiff by the Sea, CA = Cardiff, Wales, UK.
 - ii. New York, NY; Birmingham, AL; Boston, MA; London, OH; Manchester, NH; Portland, ME; Rochester, NY; etc.

3) We can only know today if God told us where it is!

a) Cf. [Ezekiel 28:11-15](#)

- i. It is on top of the "*Mountain of God*".
 - a. Cf. [Ezekiel 20:40](#); [Isaiah 66:20](#); [Daniel 9:16](#)
 - b. God calls Jerusalem "*My Holy Mountain*."⁴

b) Q = What is so special about Jerusalem?...

- i. Geographically, there is nothing significant about Jerusalem:
 - a. No water source.
 - b. No trade route.

⁴ Psalm 48:1-2; 87:1; Isaiah 11:9; 27:13; 30:29; 56:7; 57:13; 65:11,25; 66:20; Jeremiah 31:23; Ezekiel 20:40; 28:14; 43:12; Daniel 9:16, 20; 11:45; Joel 2:1; 3:17; Obadiah 16-17; Zephaniah 3:11; Zechariah 8:3; Revelation 21:10; John 4:20-21; Hebrews 12:22; Revelation 14:1

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- c. No surrounding ports.
- ii. God chose to put His name to be there.
But why?!!!
 - a. Cf. Genesis 22:14; 2 Chronicles 6:6; Psalm 48:2-3
- iii. **KEY:** On this Mountain is the story of Redemption!
 - a. Cf. [Genesis 22:14; 2 Chronicles 3:1; John 18:1; 19:41-42](#)
 - b. **KEY:** There is no other city that moves the heart of God than Jerusalem because it represents paradise and fellowship with Him restored!
 - i. God longs for fellowship with you, and He made a way by dying in the very place that man broke fellowship with Him!

IV. The Choice of Love. (v. 15-17)

A. (v. 17)

1. "But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die."

a. "thou shalt surely die" - Heb. lit. "dying you shall die"

- 1) When Adam ate of the forbidden fruit, the death processes and decay began, and he died at 930 years old (5:5).

V. The First Marriage. (v. 18-25)

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A. (v. 18)

1. "And the LORD God said, *It is not good that the man should be alone;...*"

- a. On the 6th day of creation, God had called everything He had made so far as "good," (1:10, 12, 18, 21, 25) until he made man. Then He said, "It's not good... that man should be alone," until he made a woman, and then God said that "everything" was "very good" (1:31)!

2. "...I will make him an help meet for him."

- a. "helper" - Heb. ezer - "helper; aid"

- 1) The woman was made to be a *helper* to the man.

- a) This is not demeaning in any way.

- i. There are those today that will hear this and think that this promotes male chauvinism, but it is not saying that at all. Some men have twisted the Scriptures to their own peril, but this was God's design!

- ii. I believe that God saved the best for last, and that the woman was the crown of his creation!

- iii. Both genders are EQUAL before God.

- a. Men are not superior to women.

- b. Women are not superior to men.

- c. Cf. **Galatians 3:28** - "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus."

- iv. Yet, there is a DIVINE ORDER.

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- a. Cf. **1 Timothy 2:12-14** - *"But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence. For Adam was first formed, then Eve. And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression."*
- b. Cf. **1 Corinthians 11:8** - *"For the man is not of the woman, but the woman of the man."*
- b) Actually, this does not degrade the woman, but heightens the responsibility of the man!
 - i. She is his helper, which means that man has the responsibility before God to provide for and run the home, but the woman is there to help him.
 - a. Too many man think it's the woman's job to clean the house, feed the kids, do the laundry, teach the kids, etc. However, it is really ALL *his* job! And you men say, "Wait! How in the world can I do all that on my own?!!!" Well, God gave you a HELPER! She is there to HELP!
 - i. So you better treat her right and love her if you want her to do a good job and help you out!
- b. "meet" - Heb. "suitable; in front of; opposite"
 - 1)

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B. (v. 19-20)

1. Naming the animals, Adam probably got really tired...
 - a. Hippopotamus – 5 syllables.
 - b. Rhinoceros – 4 syllables.
 - c. Elephant – 3 syllables.
 - d. Giraffe – 2 syllables.
 - e. Cat, dog, cow, pig... – 1 syllable.
 - 1) **JOKE:** One time when Adam and Eve were walking through the garden, she looked at an elephant and said, "What did you name that big animal?" Adam replied, "I called it an elephant." Eve asked, "Why did you call it an elephant?" Adam answered, "Because it looked like an elephant! Duh!"⁵
2. **NOTE:** It would be possible for him to name about 3,000 of the basic kinds of animals in about 5 hours (one every 6 seconds). It was a different world, so Adam probably didn't really get tired.

C. (v. 21-22)

1. **"And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof; And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man."**
 - a. "deep sleep" - Heb. "anesthesia"
 - 1) It is as if God put Adam under *anesthesia* and performed surgery.⁶
 - 2) **Q** = Why *anesthesia*?

⁵ ⁵ Guzik, David. "Study Guide for Genesis 2." Blue Letter Bible. 7 Jul 2006. 28 Apr 2008. <http://www.blueletterbible.org/Comm/david_guzik/sg/Gen_2.html>.

⁶ <http://raybentley.com/the-bride-of-christ>

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- a) Pain and suffering would not enter the human equation until after the fall, so this "sleep" was not really necessary. Interestingly, the analogy of "sleep" is the same analogy Jesus used to describe *death* for the believer. ([John 11:11-14](#))
- b) Cf. [Romans 5:14](#) - It is interesting to me that Paul the apostle, in speaking of Adam, said, "*who is the figure of him that was to come.*"
 - i. Adam was a "type" of Christ! How?...
 - a. Like Adam "slept" to receive his bride, Jesus Christ "slept" (i.e. died) to receive His bride!
- b. "ribs" - Heb. "*sides; side chambers; planks; beams; boards; corners; leaves*"
 - 1) As others have noted, she came neither from the man's head to rule over him, nor from his feet to be inferior to him, but from his side, nearest his heart, signifying total equality and complete companionship.
 - 2) **Q** = Did Adam have one fewer ribs than Eve?
 - a) If it was a "rib", then yes. If not, then No.
 - i. Whatever it was contained bone and flesh (v. 23).
 - ii. "The life of the flesh is in the blood," (Gen. 9:4; Lev. 17:11) thus it could have been a blood transfusion.
 - a. Cf. [John 19:33-34](#) - "*But when they came to Jesus, and saw that he was dead already, they brake*

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not his legs: But one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and forthwith came there out blood and water."

iii. **NOTE:** Out of his side came a bride, and it was through his blood!

iv. **KEY:** **We are the bride of Christ (2 Cor. 11:2) and receive life by His blood! (John 6:54-56)**

3) **Q** = The question that usually follows is, "Do all men have one fewer ribs than women?"

a) Acquired Characteristics are Not Hereditary!

i. **Illust.** – My dad had a head injury before I was born, so does that mean I have a head injury?... I guess it depends on who you ask!

b) The instructions for how we are constructed are contained in the DNA in the nucleus of our cells—in our genes. When God took part of Adam to make Eve, He didn't change Adam's genes. All the information in Adam's genes was still there.

D.Q = What were Adam and Eve like?...

1. Did they have a belly button?... No.

a. Your navel is really a scar formed from the attachment via the umbilical cord to your mother. After birth, the cord was cut, and where it was attached to your body it shriveled up and formed a scar known as your belly button.

2. How Old were they?... 1 Day old!

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- a. Yet, they had fully mature bodies (full set of teeth, muscles, etc.)
- b. They were built fully mature, probably around 20-30 years old, yet were only 1 day old!

3. Adam had the 1st Operation. (v. 21-22)

4. They were the 1st Couple to get Married!

- a. Adam was the 1st Husband and Eve was the 1st Wife!
 - 1) If you saw them walking down the street, people would say...
 - a) It's as if they were made for each other!
 - b) They're the perfect couple!
 - c) That's a match made in heaven!
 - d) Where' their belly buttons?
 - 2) **Q** = You know why they had the perfect marriage?... He didn't have to hear about all the men she could have married, and she didn't have to hear how his mother cooked!!! :)

5. They must have been BRILLIANT!

- a. Adam was the 1st Linguist.
 - 1) He must have had a complex language right from the start. He didn't have to learn like we did.
- b. Adam was the 1st Taxonomist. (v. 19-20)
 - 1) Scientists who give names to the different animals and plants are called taxonomists. Anyone who studies taxonomy knows how hard it is to remember any of those names. Adam would not have had this problem because he was made

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perfect - he would have been as intelligent as man could ever be.

- c. I think we can get a glimpse of what Adam was like when you see brilliant people.
 - 1) People with photographic memories.
 - 2) People who are brilliant artists.
 - 3) People who can play musical instruments brilliantly from a very young age, such as Mozart.
 - 4) Others can do extremely complex mathematical computations in their head which even advanced computers take time to accomplish.
- d. If we put all these talents, plus much more, into one person, I think we are getting close to what Adam was like. Almost makes you feel depressed, doesn't it?
- e. Adam was of the "Genius" capacity, and he had 900 years to develop his brain.
 - 1) **NOTE:** We think of early man living in caves, and pulling their women by the hair, wearing a tiger skin, and carrying a club, but that's a false picture.

6. What was their **SKIN COLOR**...

- a. Probably a middle-brown skin color.
 - 1) All humans have the same skin color. We have a pigment called *melanin*. If we have a lot of this pigment we are very dark (even black). If we don't have much of this pigment we are very fair (white).
 - a) In Ken Ham's *The Answers Book*, it is explained that from two people having the right mix of dominant and recessive genes for the amount of melanin, all shades of color in humans could arise. Thus, if Adam and Eve were both a middle-brown color, all shades

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from black through to white could be accounted for in their children and future generations.

- 2) For the same reason, Adam and Eve probably had brown eyes and dark hair.
- 3) In a similar sort of way, if Adam had blood group 'A', and Eve had blood group 'B', all of the 'ABO' blood groups (A, AS, B, O) could arise.