

The difference between Creation account of Genesis 1 and 2.

- Ch.1 is a macro view of creation. (flying over on a plane)
 - Chapter 2 is a micro view explaining details of what creation looked like.
- Ch. 1 focuses on God.
 - Ch. 2 focuses more on man.
- Ch. 1 emphasizes the chronology of events.
 - Ch.2 focuses on man, woman and the garden
- Ch. 1:27 says God created (**bara**)—out of nothing.
 - Ch. 2:7 it says that God formed. (**Yatsar**) -from dirt.
 - Man did not become man until God breathed His breath into him. 2:7

- **How is the creation of man different than all the other creation? Try to describe as many differences as you are able to observe.**
- Man is the only creation that was created in God's image. (Gen.1:26,27)
- Man was given dominion over creation. (Gen. 1:26, 28)
- Man's formation is emphasized while other creation is simply stated that God spoke and it was so.
- Man and woman were created in stages.
- Man is the only creation that God said was not good to be alone. (2:18)
- His companion was created from his own flesh.
- **Restriction to not eat of the tree was only given to man.**

- **Genesis 1:27 it says that God created (bara) man. But in 2:7 it says that God formed (Yatsar) man. Bara means to create out of nothing and Yatsar means to form from something. What is the significance of using these two different terms when describing the creation of man?**
 - **Physically, man is no different than an animal.**
 - **What distinguishes is the Spirit of God in us.**

Description of the Garden. V.9

- **Trees were pleasing to the sight.**
- **The trees had food that was good to eat.**
- **Tree of life was in the midst.**
- **Tree of knowledge of good and evil was there.**

- **What was the creation mandate for the man described in 1:26-30? How was it carried out in 2:15-25?**

- **Fruitfulness**

- — multiply and fill the earth with God's image-bearers.

- **Stewardship**

- — subdue the earth and rule as God's representatives.

- **Work**

- — cultivate creation.

- **Obedience**

- — live under God's authority, respecting His boundaries.

- **Community**

- — fulfill the mandate together in relationships and families.

The Garden had four rivers flow out of it. Vs. 10-14

- **Pishon,**
 - Flows around the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold.
 - The gold of the land is Bdelium and onyx stone.
- **Gihon**
 - it flows around the whole land of Cush. (Ethiopia/ Sudan region)
- **Tigris**
 - -it flows east of Assyria. (modern Iraq)
- **Euphrates.**
 - (Major Mesopotamian river)







What is the significance of the Rivers?

1. Life stemmed from the Garden of Eden.
 - Psalm 1:3
 - ³ He will be like a tree *firmly* planted by streams of water,
 - Which yields its fruit in its season
 - And its leaf does not wither;
 - And in whatever he does, he prospers.
2. The Four rivers flowed in all four directions of the earth.
3. Heaven—Rev. 22:1-2 describes the river of the water of life flowing from God's throne with the tree of life on either side.

- Revelation 22:1–2 (NASB 95)
- ¹ Then he showed me a river of the water of life, clear as crystal, coming from the throne of God and of the Lamb, ² in the middle of its street. On either side of the river was the tree of life, bearing twelve *kinds of* fruit, yielding its fruit every month; and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

Warning to Adam

- **2:17 it says if the man eats of the tree of knowledge of good and evil he shall surely die.**
 - If life is His breath in him then death is His breath leaving Him.
 - In the new Covenant we are alive because of the Holy Spirit indwelling in us.
 - 2 Tim. 3:16—All scripture is God breathed.
 - Faith comes from hearing God's word.

- **Romans 8:19–22**
- **¹⁹ For the anxious longing of the creation waits eagerly for the revealing of the sons of God. ²⁰ For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself also will be set free from its slavery to corruption into the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²² For we know that the whole creation groans and suffers the pains of childbirth together until now.**

Creation of woman v.18

- **Not good for man to be alone.**
- **Make is form (Asah) to make from something.**
- **Suitable helper**
 - **She was made to be a compliment and not a supplement.**
 - **She is a helper like the Holy Spirit is a helper in the Trinitarian union.**
- **V.20—again states there was no suitable helper for him.**

- **Deep sleep. V.21**
 - Like an operation
 - Or ratifying a covenant (Gen.15)
 - God put them together let no man separate.
 - God took Adam's rib to form Woman
 - In today's marriage we say two will become one.
 - In creation God took one and made two.
 - Literally she is bone of my bones, flesh of my flesh.
 - These are the first words recorded of Adam.
 - Signifying—**Closeness, similarity, equal in dignity**
 - Woman—
 - Ish is man
 - Ishshah—out of man
 - They were both naked and were not ashamed.
 - No problem understanding each other.

Study Questions for Genesis 3

1. How is the serpent introduced in verse 1? What words are used to describe it?
2. What exactly does the serpent ask the woman? How does he twist God's words?
3. Compare Eve's response in verses 2–3 with God's original command in Genesis 2:16–17. What differences do you notice?
4. In verse 6, what three things does the woman see about the tree?
5. In what way is Genesis 3:15 considered the first promise of the gospel (the "protoevangelium")?
6. How do Adam and Eve respond when God questions them (vv. 9–13)?
7. What judgments does God give to the serpent, the woman, and the man (vv. 14–19)?
8. Why do you think God prevented Adam and Eve from eating from the tree of life after their sin?

Discussion Questions

1. If man's life was given to us by the breath of God and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit is the new life in Christ, how well do you think you understand the role of the Holy Spirit in your life?
2. If God gave the role of cultivating the garden and to rule over creation, how did sin affect this calling?
3. In what practical ways was Eve to be a suitable helper to Adam? How did sin affect this relationship?
4. What areas of your life do you think is not under the submission of God's original intent in creation?