

Special Creation

1. This is the eyewitness account of Special Creation

Gen. 2:4a ¶ These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created,

generations (toledote)

Gen 5:1 (eyewitness account)

Job 38:4-7 (of angels???)

Ps 29:1-4 (a story of glory)

2. The specialness of God is seen in matter

Gen 2:4b in the day that the **LORD God** made the **earth and the heavens**.

Lord God YHWH Eloheim

(Gen 1:3 (elohiem = the strong one))

(ex 3:14; 6:2-3 (YHWH = the self-existent one who reveals Himself))

earth and heavens

Rom 1:18-20 (glory of God seen in matter)

3. The specialness of matter is seen in Man

Gen. 2:5 ¶ When no bush of the field was yet in the land and no small plant of the field had yet sprung up—for the LORD God had not caused it to rain on the land, and there was no man to work the ground, **(no adam to work the adama)**

Gen. 2:6 and a mist was going up from the land and was watering the whole face of the ground—

Gen. 2:7 then the LORD God formed the man **of dust from the ground** and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature.

Gen. 2:8 And the LORD God planted a garden in Eden (pleasant place - paradise), in the east **(where the sun rises)**, and there he put the man whom he had formed. **(Adam likely watched)**

Gen. 2:9 And out of the ground the LORD God made to spring up every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. **(mans quest became power not life)**

Gen. 2:10 ¶ A river flowed **(flows present at time of this original writing -NET notes)** out of Eden to water the garden, and there it divided and became four rivers.

Gen. 2:11 The name of the first is the Pishon (??). It is the one that flowed around the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold.

Gen. 2:12 And the gold of that land is good; bdellium and onyx stone are there.

Gen. 2:13 The name of the second river is the Gihon (??). It is the one that flowed around the whole land of Cush.

Gen. 2:14 And the name of the third river is the Tigris, which flows east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates.

Gen. 2:15 ¶ The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it. **(work is a gift not a punishment)**

Gen. 2:16 And the LORD God **commanded the man, saying**, "You may surely eat of every tree of the garden,

Gen. 2:17 but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil **(knowledge of what is considered Good/Evil)** you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."

of dust from ground

1 Cor 15:39-50 (mans redemption is a preview)

Rom 8:18-23 (of creation's redemption)

commanded the Man

(Ps 8 (glory of matter seen in Man))

(sin is not arbitrary rule-breaking but actual rebellion)

- chapter 1 lays out the Word which created everything

- chapter 2 asks Man to obey that same Word

- ch 3 brings this theme to a head)

4. The specialness of Man is seen in Woman

Gen. 2:18 ¶ Then the LORD God said, "It is **not good (highly emphatic negative)** that the man should be alone; I will make him **a helper fit for him.**"

Gen. 2:19 Now out of the ground the LORD God had formed every beast of the field and every bird of the heavens and brought them to the man to see what he would call them. And whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name.

Gen. 2:20 The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper fit for him.

Gen. 2:21 So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his **ribs** (34xs OT = sides) and closed up its place with flesh.

Gen. 2:22 And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man.

Gen. 2:23 Then **the man said**,

"This at last is bone of my bones
and flesh of my flesh;

she shall be **called Woman** (isha),

because she was taken out of **Man** (ish)."

Gen. 2:24 ¶ **Therefore** a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become **one flesh**.

not good

Gen 1:31 (took place before 6th day was over)

a helper (indispensable companion) fit for him

1 Cor 11:7-10 (woman is the glory of man -complete eachother)

(ribs)

(Jn 19:34-36 (34xs translated side))

(woman is picture of church - adams side/Christ's side)

(The man said)

- Adams first and last recorded words before Fall

- The narrator names him by his relation to the ground, but Adam names himself in relation to his wife

therefore one flesh

eph 5:22-33 (glory of old eden - one flesh with Adam)

1 Cor 6:16-17 (glory of new Eden - one spirit with 2nd Adam)

5. The specialness of Woman is seen in Mankind

Gen. 2:25 And the man and his wife were both naked and were **not ashamed**.

not ashamed

1 Cor 11:11-12 (mankind is the glory of woman)

Gen 3:20-21 (woman is the mother of living- shame)

1 Tim 2:13- (from Mankind came -Christ)

6. The specialness of God is seen from one degree of Glory to another

2 Cor 3:7-18 -(From one degree of glory to another)

(can you see the specialness of God in life?)

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Intro:

ps 19:1-6 - the Heavens declare the Glory of God - glory = specialness - video

Problem:

Rom 1:22-25 (exchanged the glory of God for a lie)

“God’s Word isn’t special”

“Creation isn’t special”

“Man isn’t special”

“Marriage isn’t special”

“Sex isn’t special”

“Gender isn’t special”

“babies are not special”

Ps 149:1-5 (we are to exult in specialness)

- Genesis 2:4-25 gives us an eyewitness genealogy of specialness before the Fall

Main Idea:

This is the eyewitness account of Special Creation

The specialness of God is seen in matter

The specialness of matter is seen in Man

The specialness of Man is seen in Woman

The specialness of Woman is seen in Mankind

Implication: 2 Cor 3:7-18

The specialness of God is seen from one degree of Glory to another

Application:

In Christ the veil is removed- can you see the specialness of special creation?

“God’s Word is special”

“Creation is special”

“Man is special”

“Marriage is special”

“Sex is special”

“Gender is special”

“babies are special”

Articles for further study:

<http://www.barabbas.com/glory/>

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