

Genesis

"God and Man"

Genesis tells how everything came to be
as relevant to man from God's perspective

It's important to read Genesis as it is, the truthful telling of God what man needs to know

We saw creation

No reconciliation here with wordly theories (religions) - who do I believe? God.

Tonight? "The LORD God Made..."

[2:1-3]

1-3 could really be a part of ch 1 in a way

Creation finished - to be complete, be at an end

That should tell us right there that macro evolution is false. All creature kinds that will exist have already existed

Don't like it? Take it up with God.

God ended his work - all work should have an end. Days/nights/weekend/sabbath.
 There needs to be rest.

Scientists still not sure *why* we need rest. Because we do! Things wear out. We need to recharge. We're not infinite. If God rested, so do we. (God doesn't slumber or sleep), but there's a time for everything.

The culture today is about work work work

Go crazy Stay up all night every night
 Work with no end. Start earlier. Stay later. Work longer.
 It doesn't work.

You'll burn out. Or Your relationships will fail. Eventually both.
 There has to be rest.

Crops/social studies/rotating the crops

God commanded the Israelites to let the land rest every 7 years, they didn't, they ended up in captivity in Babylon and God gave the land rest.

Sanctified

To be set apart, be consecrated

Hallowed

Honored

Holy

Treated as sacred

Observe

To show oneself sacred or majestic

God resting shows his holiness. It exposes his majesty.

Our resting reveals our need for him.

Need a separation, a work life balance

But even more than that

We should keep the sabbath holy - every day is a sabbath in Jesus

But we need to make priorities, keep them, and evaluate them, and make sure rest, quiet time, vacation, family time and God-time are regularly attended to and given importance

[4-7]

We got a play-by-play of God creating in chapter one

Now we're zooming in on the personal story of YHWH creating, specifically man

YHWH elohim

the existing One"

the proper name of the one true God

In chapter one we see God's title...God - maker and ruler of everything

In chapter two, we learn God's name - we meet Him personally

Moses, I AM that I AM sent you

Jesus in the garden, I AM

We learn the water cycle was different at this time.

Waters above, sky, waters and earth below

Mist, dew perhaps a modern-day remnant

The flood - a lot of water came from somewhere - above and below

This isn't falsification - the Bible clearly describes the water cycle after the flood as well

[Ecc 1:7 KJV] 7 All the rivers run into the sea; yet the sea [is] not full; unto the place from whence the rivers come, thither they return again.

We see "The Lord God... over and over here

The LORD God made (4)

...not caused it to rain (5) - his is the cause of the rain (interesting people are still so afraid of water, I think because underneath it all they're afraid of God because of rampant sin)

7...formed man

So on and so on we'll read

Formed man - fashioned/formed adam

His name is who he is...a man

Like God's name is who He is ... God

Dust of the ground (adamah)

Dry loose earth, rubbish, mortar - mud bricks, interesting what the captive Israelites in Egypt had to make

Jesus was a carpenter...but the word is builder...a contractor - he very well could have been a brick or stone mason...just thinking again

God likes to make stuff.

He spoke all these things to be, but here, I get the sense that there was physical formation going on

[Eph 2:10 KJV] 10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

Breathed into his nostrils

Intimate contact. CPR of sorts.

The man became a living being...the dirt became a living being

Ezekiel...dry bones

[Jhn 20:21-22 KJV] 21 Then said Jesus to them again, Peace [be] unto you: as [my] Father hath sent me, even so send I you. 22 And when he had said this, he breathed on [them], and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost:

A living being...it isn't until we receive the holy ghost that we become a living being spiritually
We're born physically, but we must be born again spiritually

Salvation is intimate...did we not respond to a loving God who showed up to us personally?
Or was it just a call to stand, or pray, or react?
Was it not being dead and being raised to life?

[8-14]

God planted a garden eastward in Eden
So was the garden Eden or was it *in* Eden
We call it the garden of Eden, and either way, i think you're right

Jesus loved going to the garden to pray

God made a garden. He made the whole earth a garden in a sense, but he also made a special place for man to live and meet with Him

Can't you picture it? God makes a garden, brings Adam there, walks through, causes hand-picked plants to grow -

Pleasant to the sight
Good for food

Those go hand in hand most of the time, unless you like escargot!

Tree of life
Tree of knowledge of good and evil

Pre-resurrection spiritual things are manifest in very physical ways
Burning bush, certain miracles
A picture of a deep relationship with God

After resurrection, things are a differently displayed because the fullest physical picture (Jesus) was already presented

[Jhn 4:23-24 NKJV] 23 "But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. 24 "God [is] Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."

**We don't need to be in an actual garden to worship Jesus, or temple, but the place we meet with him in our lives will become a spiritual garden
Bringing forth all kinds of fruit pleasant to the eye and good for food**

Fruit of the spirit
Fresh water from a fresh spring
Words of life

Same word Tree here...an actual tree

Again, a picture of the future creation, new heavens and earth

[Rev 22:1-2 NKJV] 1 And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God and of the Lamb. 2 In the middle of its street, and on either side of the river, [was] the tree of life, which bore twelve fruits, each [tree] yielding its fruit every month. The leaves of the tree [were] for the healing of the nations.

Actual trees, actual rivers
Washed out by the flood

But Adam saw these, passed them down, and even today there is a river Euphrates in the middle east. Not the same river, but a remembrance (New York, New Jersey, New England...)

New Euphrates

This is awesome stuff, this land in a time gone by, inaccessible, forgotten, washed away, the beginning

What a wondrous sight it must have been

I think the desire to go there is in some part why people love stories like LOTR so much, it evokes the same sense of wonder and desire for a land forgotten, with clear good and evil, a time gone by

[15-20]

God puts Adam there with purpose

To tend and to keep

Dress ,work/serve (God) by caring for it, give heed, watch
A steward

Who does Mary think Jesus is after the resurrection?

The Gardiner

I know God has a holy, sweet, sense of humor in a way that He depicts these things and carries them out through scripture and time

Jesus loved being called the Son of Man...he loved being intimate and a part of humanity

God gives Adam a specific general purpose**Then he gives him a personal command**

Eat anything, just don't eat from that one tree...because you will die

That day - specific day (24h) but also a time period

Funny that we'll see that spiritual death came immediately, but physical death would take time

18 - God already knows that it's not good for man to be alone. He knew it all along. But it wasn't time yet. Adam had to see for himself.

A helper comparable to him

One who helps

But also comparable...men and women are comparable, compatible, both sides of the coin

God knows what he's going to do. I see a smile on his face here just thinking about it.

V19 - brought the animals to Adam to see what he would call them

God knew, he's omniscient, but there's this relationship here, like i kind of just see a smile again, like let me see what Adam will call them.

It's a way to get t know someone and what's going on inside them, for them to know you, etc.

Going on a date with my daughter

Asking her things just to see what she would say or name her dolls or pets, etc

Even if i know they have another name or someone else would say that name isn't right or silly, i like the name because i get to see my daughter through it

Whatever Adam called them, they were called

A purpose, a way to have a relationship, a special thing for Adam to do, and a picture of man's authority over creation - tending the garden, naming the animals

In all of this, in this line-up, Eve wasn't at the end. She wasn't even there.

Do you and I get this picture sometimes in our lives?

Like Samuel looking for the king to succeed saul, at Jesse's house, all of the boys lined up, but none of them are it....do you have any other sons? Oh yeah, David, out in the field, but he can't be it...

So often in our lives, all things get lined up, possible answers, possible solutions, possible wives...but none of them add up, things seem empty, hopeless...

But God has something greater in store, he's known about it before you got to getting around to naming all the options

[21-25]

It's now that God puts Adam in a deep sleep

Interesting that anesthesia is like that

I love how simple - God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam...and he slept...

Us guys have no problem sleeping, no need to wake me!

Don't awaken love before it's time

SoS 8:4 (NLT)

**Promise me, O women of Jerusalem,
not to awaken love until the time is right.**

Imagine getting up from surgery while they're still working

C sectino

When God is doing something, just let him do it, go to sleep

One of his ribs, closed up the flesh - an intimacy here, the side

Adam had less ribs, but now we have more - just because i loose an arm doesn't mean my kids will

Interesting though, XY and XX chromosomes...almost as if the male is missing a rib

God made her
 God brought her

That's the BEST relationship advice out there

You can't make her
 You can't force her
 You can't change her

God will bring her
 Or bring you to him

Intimacy - picture of one flesh

God made them and brought them together

[Mar 10:6-9 NKJV] 6 "But from the beginning of the creation, God 'made them male and female.' 7 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, 8 'and the two shall become one flesh'; so then they are no longer two, but one flesh. 9 "Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate."

Both naked and not ashamed
 Purity, Intimacy
 Bare - physically, emotionally, spiritually

Real relationship. Not surface. The world tries to get intimacy through getting bare and then tries to get rid of shame by saying it shouldn't be there
 But they can't find either, because God made it to be this way - holy, sanctified,

The LORD God made it

Find intimacy with Jesus tonight
Find intimacy with others by being open and honest
Bare your soul to him
Share it with your helpmate...how important it is to share our struggles and joys with our spouse