

GENESIS
THE BEGINNING AND THE END
ALPHA & OMEGA

1. THE SABBATH

A. GENESIS 2:1-25 THUS THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH WERE COMPLETED IN ALL THEIR VAST ARRAY.[2] BY THE SEVENTH DAY GOD HAD FINISHED THE WORK HE HAD BEEN DOING; SO ON THE SEVENTH DAY HE RESTED FROM ALL HIS WORK. [3] AND GOD BLESSED THE SEVENTH DAY AND MADE IT HOLY, BECAUSE ON IT HE RESTED FROM ALL THE WORK OF CREATING THAT HE HAD DONE.

I. WE HAVE JUST BEEN GIVEN THE TIME LINE OF THE RESTORATION OF THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH.

(1) WE ARE TOLD THAT BY THE SEVENTH DAY GOD HAD FINISHED THE WORK.

(A) SEVENTH - PERFECTION

(I) BE CAUSE IT “WAS VERY GOOD” GOD BLESSED IT.

(II) AND BECAUSE IT “WAS VERY GOOD”

1) AND HE RESTED FROM ALL THE WORK OF CREATING THAT HE HAD DONE

A) HE MADE IT HOLY.

II. THE SEVENTH DAY IS HOLY BECAUSE GOD MADE IT SO.

(1) AND HERE HE TELLS US WHAT A “SABBATH” IS, IT IS A DAY HE RESTED FROM ALL THE WORK HE HAD DONE. HE DID THIS BECAUSE HE HAD FINISHED THE WORK.

2. THE CREATED AGES

A. GENESIS 2:[4] THIS IS THE ACCOUNT OF THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH WHEN THEY WERE CREATED. WHEN THE LORD GOD MADE THE EARTH AND THE HEAVENS—

I. WHAT WE HAD UP TO THIS POINT WAS A TIME LINE OF GOD’S WORK. NOW WE WILL LOOK AT IT AS A TOPIC.

II. LOOK CLOSE - IN THE PREVIOUS VERSES WE SEE GOD - THE ALL POWERFUL - NOW WE WILL SEE SOMETHING DIFFERENT AND LEARN FROM IT. - THE LORD GOD, THE COVENANT GOD.

(1) IN CHAPTER ONE WE LEARNED THAT GOD CREATED MAN IN HIS OWN IMAGE.

(A) MAN WHO IS UNIQUELY AND DIRECTLY CREATED BY GOD IS A HIGHER LEVEL THAN ANIMAL LIFE AND ALL OTHER FORMS OF LIFE.

(2) IN CHAPTER TWO WE WILL BEGIN TO LEARN IN GREATER DETAIL ABOUT THE CREATION AND ESTABLISHMENT OF *THE MAN IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD*.

3. EARTH DESCRIBED BEFORE PLANTS WERE RESTORED IN DAY THREE

A. GENESIS 2:[5] AND NO SHRUB OF THE FIELD HAD YET APPEARED ON THE EARTH AND NO PLANT OF THE FIELD HAD YET SPRUNG UP, FOR THE LORD GOD HAD NOT SENT RAIN ON THE EARTH AND THERE WAS NO MAN TO WORK THE GROUND, [6] BUT STREAMS CAME UP FROM THE EARTH AND WATERED THE WHOLE SURFACE OF THE GROUND—

I. WE ARE NOW GOING TO TAKE A LOOK AT WHAT WE HAVE SEEN AND WILL SEE IN THIS CHAPTER - WE WILL CALL IT - THE ALPHA - WE WILL COMPARE IT TO THE END - THE OMEGA

THE ALPHA	THE OMEGA
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GENESIS 1:4 GOD SAW THAT THE LIGHT WAS GOOD, AND HE SEPARATED THE LIGHT FROM THE DARKNESS.	REVELATIONS 21:25 ON NO DAY WILL ITS GATES EVER BE SHUT, FOR THERE WILL BE NO NIGHT THERE.
GENESIS 1:10 GOD CALLED THE DRY GROUND "LAND," AND THE GATHERED WATERS HE CALLED "SEAS." AND GOD SAW THAT IT WAS GOOD.	REVELATIONS 21:1 THEN I SAW A NEW HEAVEN AND A NEW EARTH, FOR THE FIRST HEAVEN AND THE FIRST EARTH HAD PASSED AWAY, AND THERE WAS NO LONGER ANY SEA.
GENESIS 1:16 GOD MADE TWO GREAT LIGHTS --THE GREATER LIGHT TO GOVERN THE DAY AND THE LESSER LIGHT TO GOVERN THE NIGHT. HE ALSO MADE THE STARS.	REVELATIONS 21:23 THE CITY DOES NOT NEED THE SUN OR THE MOON TO SHINE ON IT, FOR THE GLORY OF GOD GIVES IT LIGHT, AND THE LAMB IS ITS LAMP.
GENESIS 2:8-9 NOW THE LORD GOD HAD PLANTED A GARDEN IN THE EAST,	REVELATIONS 21:2 I SAW THE HOLY CITY, THE NEW JERUSALEM, COMING DOWN OUT OF HEAVEN FROM GOD, PREPARED AS A BRIDE BEAUTIFULLY DRESSED FOR HER HUSBAND.
GENESIS 2:10 A RIVER WATERING THE GARDEN FLOWED FROM EDEN; FROM THERE IT WAS SEPARATED INTO FOUR HEADWATERS.	REVELATIONS 22:1 THEN THE ANGEL SHOWED ME THE RIVER OF THE WATER OF LIFE, AS CLEAR AS CRYSTAL, FLOWING FROM THE THRONE OF GOD AND OF THE LAMB
GENESIS 2:9 AND THE LORD GOD MADE ALL KINDS OF TREES GROW OUT OF THE GROUND--TREES THAT WERE PLEASING TO THE EYE AND GOOD FOR FOOD. IN THE MIDDLE OF THE GARDEN WERE THE TREE OF LIFE AND THE TREE OF THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOOD AND EVIL.	REVELATIONS 22:2 DOWN THE MIDDLE OF THE GREAT STREET OF THE CITY. ON EACH SIDE OF THE RIVER STOOD THE TREE OF LIFE , BEARING TWELVE CROPS OF FRUIT, YIELDING ITS FRUIT EVERY MONTH. AND THE LEAVES OF THE TREE ARE FOR THE HEALING OF THE NATIONS.
GENESIS 2:1-3 FIRST HEAVEN AND EARTH FINISHED	REVELATIONS 21:2 NEW HEAVEN AND EARTH FOREVER
GENESIS 1:27 - MAN IN GOD'S IMAGE	REVELATIONS 21:3 AND I HEARD A LOUD VOICE FROM THE THRONE SAYING, "NOW THE DWELLING OF GOD IS WITH MEN, AND HE WILL LIVE WITH THEM. THEY WILL BE HIS PEOPLE, AND GOD HIMSELF WILL BE WITH THEM AND BE THEIR GOD.

GENESIS 2:9 KNOWLEDGE OF GOOD AND EVIL.	REVELATIONS 20:10 AND THE DEVIL,... THEY WILL BE TORMENTED DAY AND NIGHT FOR EVER AND EVER.
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4. DAY SIX - MAN FORMED AND CREATED

A. GENESIS 2[7] THE LORD GOD FORMED THE MAN FROM THE DUST OF THE GROUND AND BREATHED INTO HIS NOSTRILS THE BREATH OF LIFE, AND THE MAN BECAME A LIVING BEING [SOUL].

I. SEE ABOVE. GRIEF, ANGER, JEALOUSY, HATE, LOVE, PITY, PLEASURE,

(1) GOD FORMED MAN FROM THE EARTH.

(2) HE MADE MAN SO THAT HE COULD COMMUNICATE WITH HIM.

(A) WE WILL SEE LATER THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS.

5. THE FIRST HOME GOD PREPARED FOR MAN

A. GENESIS 2:[8] NOW THE LORD GOD HAD PLANTED A GARDEN IN THE EAST, IN EDEN; AND THERE HE PUT THE MAN HE HAD FORMED. [9] AND THE LORD GOD MADE ALL KINDS OF TREES GROW OUT OF THE GROUND--TREES THAT WERE PLEASING TO THE EYE AND GOOD FOR FOOD. IN THE MIDDLE OF THE GARDEN WERE THE TREE OF LIFE AND THE TREE OF THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOOD AND EVIL.

I. GOD HAD MADE A MAN THAT COULD ENJOY HIS SURROUNDINGS, NOW HE PREPARES A PLACE FOR HIM. TREES THAT WERE PLEASING TO THE EYE AND GOOD FOR FOOD.

II. IN THE MIDDLE HE PLACES THE TREE OF LIFE

(1) THE PROMISE OF ETERNAL LIFE

III. THE TREE OF KNOWLEDGE OF GOOD AND EVIL.

(1) THIS WILL BE THE TREE THAT WILL TEST THE OBEDIENCE OF MAN.

6. THE WATER SYSTEM OF THIS HOME

A. GENESIS 2:[10] A RIVER WATERING THE GARDEN FLOWED FROM EDEN; FROM THERE IT WAS SEPARATED INTO FOUR HEADWATERS. [11] THE NAME OF THE FIRST IS THE PISHON; IT WINDS THROUGH THE ENTIRE LAND OF HAVILAH, WHERE THERE IS **GOLD**. [12] (THE **GOLD** OF THAT LAND IS GOOD; **AROMATIC RESIN** AND **ONYX** ARE ALSO THERE.) [13] THE NAME OF THE SECOND RIVER IS THE GIHON; IT WINDS THROUGH THE ENTIRE LAND OF CUSH. [14] THE NAME OF THE THIRD RIVER IS THE TIGRIS; IT RUNS ALONG THE EAST SIDE OF ASSHUR. AND THE FOURTH RIVER IS THE EUPHRATES.

I. A RIVER IS RUNNING THROUGH THE GARDEN. WE ARE TOLD BY JESUS

(1) JOHN 7:37 ON THE LAST AND GREATEST DAY OF THE FEAST, JESUS STOOD AND SAID IN A LOUD VOICE, "IF ANYONE IS THIRSTY, LET HIM COME TO ME AND DRINK.

(2) 1 COR. 10:4 AND DRANK THE SAME SPIRITUAL DRINK; FOR THEY DRANK FROM THE SPIRITUAL ROCK THAT ACCOMPANIED THEM, AND THAT ROCK WAS CHRIST

II. **GOLD**, = 1 CORINTHIANS 3:11-13 FOR NO ONE CAN LAY ANY FOUNDATION OTHER THAN THE ONE ALREADY LAID, WHICH IS JESUS CHRIST. [12] IF ANY MAN BUILDS ON THIS FOUNDATION USING GOLD, SILVER, COSTLY STONES, WOOD, HAY OR STRAW, [13] HIS WORK WILL BE SHOWN FOR WHAT IT IS, BECAUSE THE DAY WILL BRING IT TO LIGHT. IT WILL BE REVEALED WITH FIRE, AND THE FIRE WILL TEST THE QUALITY OF EACH MAN'S WORK.

(1) 1 PETER 2:5 YOU ALSO, LIKE LIVING STONES, ARE BEING BUILT INTO A SPIRITUAL HOUSE TO BE A HOLY PRIESTHOOD, OFFERING SPIRITUAL SACRIFICES ACCEPTABLE

TO GOD THROUGH JESUS CHRIST.

- (2) REVELATIONS 21:19 THE FOUNDATIONS OF THE CITY WALLS WERE DECORATED WITH EVERY KIND OF PRECIOUS STONE. THE FIRST FOUNDATION WAS JASPER, THE SECOND SAPPHIRE, THE THIRD CHALCEDONY, THE FOURTH EMERALD,

ANTE-DILUVIAN AGE RECREATION TO THE FLOOD

1. FIRST DISPENSATION - INNOCENCE

- A. GENESIS 2:[15] THE LORD GOD TOOK THE MAN AND PUT HIM IN THE GARDEN OF EDEN TO WORK IT AND TAKE CARE OF IT. [16] AND THE LORD GOD COMMANDED THE MAN, "YOU ARE FREE TO EAT FROM ANY TREE IN THE GARDEN; [17] BUT YOU MUST NOT EAT FROM THE TREE OF THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOOD AND EVIL, FOR WHEN YOU EAT OF IT YOU WILL SURELY DIE."
- I. GOD PLACED THE MAN IN THE GARDEN.
- (1) THE COVENANT OF GOD - YOU ARE TO WORK IT AND TAKE CARE OF IT.
- (A) THE SERVANT OF GOD.
- II. THE PROVISIONS OF GOD.
- (1) ARE FREE TO EAT FROM ANY TREE IN THE GARDEN
- (A) SO GOD PROVIDED A PLACE FOR MAN AND THE FOOD HE NEEDED.
- III. WE NOW SEE THE COVENANT MAKING GOD.
- (1) HE PROVIDES THE ABOVE.
- IV. MAN HAS A REQUIREMENT, A RESPONSIBILITY.
- V. IF HE DOES NOT MEET THE RESPONSIBILITY HE WILL PAY A PRICE.
- (1) FOR WHEN YOU EAT OF IT YOU WILL SURELY DIE."

2. GOD'S FORESIGHT FOR MAN

- A. GENESIS 2:[18] THE LORD GOD SAID, "IT IS NOT GOOD FOR THE MAN TO BE ALONE. I WILL MAKE A HELPER SUITABLE FOR HIM."
- I. LET US TAKE A CLOSE LOOK AT WHAT IS HAPPENING HERE.
- II. THE LORD GOD SAID.
- (1) GOD KNOWS
- (A) UNTIL NOW WE SEE 'SINGLES', NOW GOD SAYS IT IS NOT GOOD FOR THE MAN TO BE ALONE.
- (I) JOHN 1:1-3 IN THE BEGINNING WAS THE WORD, AND THE WORD WAS WITH GOD, AND THE WORD WAS GOD. [2] HE WAS WITH GOD IN THE BEGINNING. [3] THROUGH HIM ALL THINGS WERE MADE; WITHOUT HIM NOTHING WAS MADE THAT HAS BEEN MADE.
- (2) GOD KNEW THAT MAN NEEDED SOME ONE WHO WAS LIKE HIM.
- (A) ROMANS 6:5 IF WE HAVE BEEN UNITED WITH HIM LIKE THIS IN HIS DEATH, WE WILL CERTAINLY ALSO BE UNITED WITH HIM IN HIS RESURRECTION.
- (B) ROMANS 6:5 FOR IF WE HAVE BEEN PLANTED TOGETHER IN THE LIKENESS OF HIS DEATH, WE SHALL BE ALSO IN THE LIKENESS OF HIS RESURRECTION:

3. ANIMALS CREATED

- A. GENESIS 2:[19] NOW THE LORD GOD HAD FORMED OUT OF THE GROUND ALL THE BEASTS OF THE FIELD AND ALL THE BIRDS OF THE AIR. HE BROUGHT THEM TO THE MAN TO SEE WHAT HE WOULD NAME THEM; AND WHATEVER THE MAN CALLED EACH LIVING

CREATURE, THAT WAS ITS NAME. [20] SO THE MAN GAVE NAMES TO ALL THE LIVESTOCK, THE BIRDS OF THE AIR AND ALL THE BEASTS OF THE FIELD. BUT FOR ADAM NO SUITABLE HELPER WAS FOUND.

I. ADAM WAS GIVEN A JOB TO DO. AND WHAT A JOB IT WAS. TO NAME ALL THE THINGS UPON THE EARTH.

II. BUT OUT OF ALL THESE, NO SUITABLE HELPER WAS FOUND.

(1) I CONTEND THAT IN ALL CREATION, NO SUITABLE HELPER WAS FOUND ALSO FOR JESUS.

4. WOMAN'S CREATION

A. GENESIS 2:[21] SO THE LORD GOD CAUSED THE MAN TO FALL INTO A DEEP SLEEP; AND WHILE HE WAS SLEEPING, HE TOOK ONE OF THE MAN'S RIBS AND CLOSED UP THE PLACE WITH FLESH. [22] THEN THE LORD GOD MADE A WOMAN FROM THE RIB HE HAD TAKEN OUT OF THE MAN, AND HE BROUGHT HER TO THE MAN.

I. FALL INTO A DEEP SLEEP

(1) FORE SHADOW OF THE DEATH OF JESUS

II. HE TOOK ONE OF THE MAN'S RIBS AND CLOSED UP THE PLACE WITH FLESH.

(1) SHOWS THE BLOOD AND WATER THAT CAME OUT OF THE SIDE OF JESUS.

(A) JOHN 19:34 INSTEAD, ONE OF THE SOLDIERS PIERCED JESUS' SIDE WITH A SPEAR, BRINGING A SUDDEN FLOW OF BLOOD AND WATER.

(B) THIS BLOOD AND WATER VERY IMPORTANT FOR US.

(i) JOHN 3:5 JESUS ANSWERED, "I TELL YOU THE TRUTH, NO ONE CAN ENTER THE KINGDOM OF GOD UNLESS HE IS BORN OF WATER AND THE SPIRIT.

1) THE WATER, THE DEATH OF THE OLD MAN.

A) JESUS DID THIS ON THE CROSS FOR THOSE WHO WILL CALL ON HIM.

5. GALATIANS 6:14 MAY I NEVER BOAST EXCEPT IN THE CROSS OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, THROUGH WHICH THE WORLD HAS BEEN CRUCIFIED TO ME, AND I TO THE WORLD.

6. MATTHEW 3:11 "I BAPTIZE YOU WITH WATER FOR REPENTANCE. BUT AFTER ME WILL COME ONE WHO IS MORE POWERFUL THAN I, WHOSE SANDALS I AM NOT FIT TO CARRY. HE WILL BAPTIZE YOU WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT AND WITH FIRE.

7. DAY SIX - THE FIRST MARRIAGE

A. GENESIS 2: [23] THE MAN SAID, "THIS IS NOW BONE OF MY BONES AND FLESH OF MY FLESH; SHE SHALL BE CALLED 'WOMAN,' FOR SHE WAS TAKEN OUT OF MAN." [24] FOR THIS REASON A MAN WILL LEAVE HIS FATHER AND MOTHER AND BE UNITED TO HIS WIFE, AND THEY WILL BECOME ONE FLESH.

I. AND YOU WILL BECOME!

(A) 2 CORINTHIANS 5:17 THEREFORE, IF ANYONE IS IN CHRIST, HE IS A NEW CREATION; THE OLD HAS GONE, THE NEW HAS COME!

(B) GALATIANS 6:15 NEITHER CIRCUMCISION NOR UNCIRCUMCISION MEANS ANYTHING; WHAT COUNTS IS A NEW CREATION.

(C) EPHESIANS 2:15 BY ABOLISHING IN HIS FLESH THE LAW WITH ITS COMMANDMENTS AND REGULATIONS. HIS PURPOSE WAS TO CREATE IN HIMSELF ONE NEW MAN OUT OF THE TWO, THUS MAKING PEACE,

(D) EPHESIANS 4:24 AND TO PUT ON THE NEW SELF, CREATED TO BE LIKE GOD IN TRUE RIGHTEOUSNESS AND HOLINESS.

(E) COLOSSIANS 3:10 AND HAVE PUT ON THE NEW SELF, WHICH IS BEING RENEWED IN KNOWLEDGE IN THE IMAGE OF ITS CREATOR.

(F) HEBREWS 10:20 BY A NEW AND LIVING WAY OPENED FOR US THROUGH THE

CURTAIN, THAT IS, HIS BODY,

(1) THE RELATIONSHIP THAT JESUS IS LOOKING FOR!

(A) EPHESIANS 5:23-33 FOR THE HUSBAND IS THE HEAD OF THE WIFE AS CHRIST IS THE HEAD OF THE CHURCH, HIS BODY, OF WHICH HE IS THE SAVIOR. [24] NOW AS THE CHURCH SUBMITS TO CHRIST, SO ALSO WIVES SHOULD SUBMIT TO THEIR HUSBANDS IN EVERYTHING. [25] HUSBANDS, LOVE YOUR WIVES, JUST AS CHRIST LOVED THE CHURCH AND GAVE HIMSELF UP FOR HER [26] TO MAKE HER HOLY, CLEANSING HER BY THE WASHING WITH WATER THROUGH THE WORD, [27] AND TO PRESENT HER TO HIMSELF AS A RADIANT CHURCH, WITHOUT STAIN OR WRINKLE OR ANY OTHER BLEMISH, BUT HOLY AND BLAMELESS. [28] IN THIS SAME WAY, HUSBANDS OUGHT TO LOVE THEIR WIVES AS THEIR OWN BODIES. HE WHO LOVES HIS WIFE LOVES HIMSELF. [29] AFTER ALL, NO ONE EVER HATED HIS OWN BODY, BUT HE FEEDS AND CARES FOR IT, JUST AS CHRIST DOES THE CHURCH-- [30] FOR WE ARE MEMBERS OF HIS BODY. [31] "FOR THIS REASON A MAN WILL LEAVE HIS FATHER AND MOTHER AND BE UNITED TO HIS WIFE, AND THE TWO WILL BECOME ONE FLESH." [32] **THIS IS A PROFOUND MYSTERY--BUT I AM TALKING ABOUT CHRIST AND THE CHURCH.** [33] HOWEVER, EACH ONE OF YOU ALSO MUST LOVE HIS WIFE AS HE LOVES HIMSELF, AND THE WIFE MUST RESPECT HER HUSBAND.

8. MAN'S STATE IN INNOCENCE

A. GENESIS 2:[25] THE MAN AND HIS WIFE WERE BOTH NAKED, AND THEY FELT NO SHAME.

I. THE STATE OF INNOCENCE!!!!!!

(1) THE WAY THE NEW CREATION WILL END.