

In the Beginning

Studies in the Book of Genesis

WEEK FOUR – DAYS 7 AND 6; GENESIS 1:14-2:3

Genesis 2:1-3 – Day Seven: Rest

1. Reverence – Exodus 20:8-11
2. Why now Sunday?
 - a. Reasons: Resurrection on Sunday (Luke 24:1), Pentecost on Sunday (Leviticus 23:16)
 - b. Evidences: Paul gathering at Troas (Acts 20:7), offerings (I Corinthians 16:2), Church Fathers as early as AD 100.

Genesis 2:4, Next Section Begins (1st occurrence of Jehovah Elohim)

Genesis 5-6 Before man raised crops, before rain

Genesis 2:7-17 Details regarding Day 6

7 Creation of Adam from 1) dirt, and 2) breath of God

8-14

See maps

Harold Helmuth – Bdelium probably opal

15-17

The prohibition of the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil

Comparison to Tree of Life, Genesis 3:22, Revelation 22:2

Genesis 2:18-25 The love story

vs 18 – something “not good”, vs 19-20 in the context of vs 18 – God teaching Adam

vs 21 – took of his side – not “one of his ribs”, more likely multiple ribs, muscle, maybe a lung and a kidney, a rope of intestines – but whether small or large it is God teaching Adam

“made of a rib out of the side of Adam; not made out of his head to rule over him, nor out of his feet to be trampled upon by him, but out of his side to be equal with him, under his arm to be protected, and near his heart to be beloved.” – Matthew Henry

vs 23 – understood as 1st marriage covenant

vs 24 – separation from parents to wife

vs 24c – shall become one flesh, cf 1:28 – no prohibition against sex

vs 25 – naked without shame due to no sin

The subordinate responsibility of woman

Predates the fall and resultant curse in chapter 3

1. God made man first
2. God showed man that he needed a mate, i.e. a helper
Woman is made as a helper to man
3. God made woman from the flesh and bone of the man
 - a. Showing oneness, belonging to man
mitigating domination of weaker partner
 - b. Showing preeminence to woman
4. Man names woman, as he named all the birds and animals

Reinforced at the fall (3:16-17)

1. Man held responsible
 - a. Woman is cursed for listening to the serpent
 - b. Man is cursed for disobeying God
2. Subordination mandated

Reinforced in the New Testament (Ephesians 5:21-25 (1 Corinthians 1 Timothy, Titus, 1Peter, etc.)

Next Week: The Fall Genesis 3 (all)