

Steve Greenberg's Handout, Wednesday 7pm, January 21, 2025

Week 03 Jan 21: Gen 2:4-25 No Helper Comparable To Adam

Genesis 2:4-7 Creation of Man

Gen 2:4 This is the history (**account, origin**) of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day (**days of creation, six days and then rested on the seventh**) that the LORD (**LORD All Capitals, Heb YHWH, Yahweh**) God made the earth and the heavens,

LORD: **LORD All Capitals or Lord in some versions, Heb YHWH (Yahweh) a form of I AM WHO I AM, cf. Exo 3:14 And God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And He said, "Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.' "**

Gen 5:1 This is the book of the genealogy of Adam. In the day that God created man, He(God) made him(man) in the likeness of God.

Psa 90:2 Before the mountains were brought forth, Or ever You had formed the earth and the world, Even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God.

Gen 2:5 before any plant (**wild shrubs or small plant had sprung up**) of the field was in the earth, and before any herb (**grains**) of the field had grown (**or sprouted,**). For the LORD God had not caused it to rain on the earth (**to water from clouds above**), and there was no man to till (**cultivate, serve or work**) the ground (**When God first created vegetation (on the third day of creation, Genesis 1:11-13), man had not yet been created to care for the vegetation of the earth;**

Psa 135:7 He causes the vapors to ascend from the ends of the earth; ...

Gen 2:6 but a mist (**springs, moisture, dew, fog, and or vapor**) went up from the earth and watered the whole face of the ground (**entire surface of the earth and ground**).

Gen 2:7 And the LORD God formed (**created the body, non-spiritual part of**) man of the dust (**dirt, earths soil**) of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being (**complete man body and spirit, Lit soul**).

The word here is "formed" (**Heb yatsar has the idea: hands-on, skillful design, molded shaped by God's own hands**), but in Gen 1:26, 27 the action is described with the Hebrew word "created" (**Heb bara**).

It has been scientifically confirmed that the human body is composed of the same basic chemical elements found in the Earth's soil and crust. While the proportions of these elements differ significantly between a living person and inorganic dirt, the "building blocks" are identical. About 99% of the human body is made up of just six elements—oxygen, carbon, hydrogen, nitrogen, calcium, and phosphorus—all of which are common in soil and the Earth's crust.

Why did science (**man**) take so long to discover this biblical truth? The Bible stated this truth, thousands of years ago, science required specific inventions and technology to discover it in processes between 1940-2023. Today 2026 it is considered a basic fact of biogeochemistry.

Quote from David Guzik on Blue Letter Bible

The word for **breath** in Hebrew is *ruach* — the word imitates the very sound of breath — is the same word for *Spirit*, as is the case in both ancient Greek (*pneuma*) and Latin (*spiritus*). God created man by putting His *breath*, His *Spirit*, within him.

ii. “The implication, readily seen by any Hebrew reader, [is] that man was specially created by God’s breathing some of His own breath into him.” (Boice)

iii. The King James Version reads: *man became a living soul*. This makes some wonder if man *is* a soul, or if man *has* a soul. This passage seems to indicate that man *is* a soul, while passages like [1 Thessalonians 5:23](#) and [Hebrews 4:12](#) seem to indicate that man *has* a soul. It seems that the Scripture speaks in both ways, and uses the term in different ways and in different contexts.

Genesis 2:8-18 Life in God’s Garden (Orchid)

Gen 2:8 The **LORD** God planted (**not a reference to the creation of plant life but additional plants for**) a garden (**special orchard, oasis**) eastward in **Eden**, and there He(**God**) put the man (**Adam**), whom He had formed (**created**) there.

Eden: suggests a large region of beauty, pleasant and paradise
Adam and Eve lived initially in Eden

Gen 3:24 So He(**God**) drove out the man; and He(**God**) placed cherubim at the east of the garden of Eden, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to guard the way to the tree of life.

Eze 28:13 You were in Eden, the garden of God; Every precious stone was your covering: The sardius, topaz, and diamond, Beryl, onyx, and jasper, Sapphire, turquoise, and emerald with gold. The workmanship of your timbrels and pipes Was prepared for you on the day you were created.

Gen 2:9 And out of the ground the **LORD** God made every tree grow that is pleasant to the sight (**beautiful in appearance**), and good (**pleasant, delicious fruit**) for food. The **tree of life** (**eternal life Gen 3:22, available Rev 2:7 & 22:2**) was also in the midst (**middle**) of the garden (**or orchid**), and the **tree of the knowledge** (**recognition & experiential knowledge**) of good and evil (**possible so God could test good and evil in man**).

Eze 47:12 "Along the bank of the river, on this side and that, will grow all kinds of trees used for food; their leaves will not wither, and their fruit will not fail. They will bear fruit every month, because their water flows from the sanctuary. Their fruit will be for food, and their leaves for medicine."

Rev 2:7 "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes I will give to eat from the tree of life, which is in the midst of the Paradise of God." '

Rev 22:2 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.

Rev 22:14 Blessed are those who do His commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city.

Gen 2:10 Now a river went out of Eden to water the garden, and from there it parted and became four riverheads (**divided into four branching rivers**).

Eden's location remains a mystery even with all the details.

Gen 2:11 The name of the first (river) is Pishon; it is the one which skirts (**flows through, Lit surrounds**) the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold.

Gen 2:12 And the gold of that land is good (**pure**). Bdelium (**debated: semi-transparent gum resin use in perfumes, incense, and medicine or a precious stone like crystal or even a pearl; pale, yellowish-white, or pear in color**) and the onyx stone (translucent, quartz gemstone) are there.

Num 11:7 Now the manna was like coriander seed, and its color like the color of bdellium.

Exo 28:20 "and the fourth row, a beryl, an onyx, and a jasper. They shall be set in gold settings.

It is often difficult to match the names or descriptions of ancient gems and other ancient materials with their contemporary equivalents

Gen 2:13 The name of the second river is Gihon; it is the one which goes (**flows**) around the whole land of Cush (**Mesopotamia**).

Gen 2:14 The name of the third river is Hiddekel (**Tigris**); it is the one which goes (**flows**) toward the east of Assyria (**Ashur**). The fourth river is the Euphrates.

Gen 25:18 (life of Ishmael) (They dwelt from Havilah as far as Shur, which is east of Egypt as you go toward Assyria.) He died in the presence of all his brethren.

Gen 15:18 On the same day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying: "To your descendants I have given this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the River Euphrates--

Gen 2:15 Then the LORD God, took the man (**He had made, Adam**) and put him in (**settled him down at**) the garden (**or orchard**) of Eden, to tend (**work, take care & cultivate**) and keep it (**watch over and maintain**).

God gave the man responsibility to care, to work, protect, and rule over all of creation and this special garden

Gen 2:16 And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "Of every tree of the garden (**or orchard**) you may freely eat (**of its food, or fruit**);

Gen 2:17 "**but (or except)** of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall **not** eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die (**death both spiritually and ultimately physically because of disobedience to God Word**)."

Adam disobedience to God Word, as he chooses to eat the fruit of this tree which God said not to eat, and Adam will come to know evil by experience.

1Sam 15:3 'Now go and attack Amalek, and utterly destroy all that they have, and do not spare them. But kill both man and woman, infant and nursing child, ox and sheep, camel and donkey.' "

1Sam 15:9 But Saul and the people spared Agag and the best of the sheep, the oxen, the fatlings, the lambs, and all that was good, and were unwilling to utterly destroy them. But everything despised and worthless, that they utterly destroyed.

1Sam 15:20 And Saul said to Samuel, "But I have obeyed the voice of the LORD, and gone on the mission on which the LORD sent me, and brought back Agag king of Amalek; I have utterly destroyed the Amalekites.

1Sam 15:21 "But the people took of the plunder, sheep and oxen, the best of the things which should have been utterly destroyed, to sacrifice to the LORD your God in Gilgal."

1Sam 15:22 So Samuel said: "Has the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, As in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, And to heed (the Lord) than the fat of rams.

Gen 2:18 And the LORD God said, "It is **not** good (**beneficial**) that man should be alone; I will make him a helper (**one who will complement, a counterpart who is**) comparable (**suitable**) to him."

A helper is one who supplies strength in the other person's weaknesses. God gives to man the responsibility (and the accountability) to be the leader in the home and gives to the woman the responsibility and the accountability to help him.

Genesis 2:19-25 No helper comparable to Adam so God made a woman (Eve) from his rib (or side)

Gen 2:19 Out of the ground the **LORD** God formed every beast (**every living animal**) of the field and every bird of the air (**sky, Lit heavens**), and brought them to Adam to see what he would call them (**or name them**). And whatever Adam called each living creature that was its name.

Gen 2:20 So Adam gave names to all cattle (**animals, livestock**), to the birds of the air, and to every beast (**wild animals**) of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper comparable (**suitable**) to him.

Adam named the animals, and demonstrated his authority over all the other creatures

Gen 2:21 And the **LORD** God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept (**or while he slept**); and He(**LORD God**) took one of his ribs (or **part of the man's side**), and closed up the flesh in its place.

Gen 2:22 Then the rib (**part from his side**) which the **LORD** God had taken from man, He made (**fashioned, formed, Lit built**) into a woman, and He(**God**) brought (**presented**) her to the man(**Adam**).

Gen 2:23 And Adam said: "This is now bone of my bones And flesh of my flesh; She shall be called Woman, Because she was taken out of Man."

Marriage is designed to be the closest of all human relationships.

Eph 5:28 So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself.

Eph 5:29 For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as the Lord does the church.

1Pet 3:7 Husbands, likewise, dwell with them with understanding, giving honor to the wife, as to the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life, that your prayers may not be hindered.

Gen 2:24 Therefore (**for this reason**) a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh (**two are united into one, making a new family**). (**Husband and wife relationship, see Eph 5:22–33**)

Mat 19:9 (Jesus said)"And I say to you, whoever divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, and marries another, commits adultery; and whoever marries her who is divorced commits adultery."

Mar 10:6 "But from the beginning of the creation, God 'made them male and female.'

Mar 10:7 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife,

Mar 10:8 'and the two shall become one flesh'; so then they are no longer two, but one flesh.

Mar 10:9 "Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate."

Gen 2:25 And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed (or embarrassed, innocent and of wellbeing).

Gen 3:7 Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings.

Gen 3:10 So he(Adam) said, "I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself."

Gen 3:11 And He(God) said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you that you should not eat?

(Adam told God, it was the women you gave it to me, and the woman said it was the serpent who deceived me?)

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