

Genesis 1,2

1 In the beginning when God created^{*} the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God^{*} swept over the face of the waters. ³Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

⁶ And God said, 'Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.' ⁷So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. ⁸God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

⁹ And God said, 'Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.' And it was so. ¹⁰God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. ¹¹Then God said, 'Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.' And it was so. ¹²The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. ¹³And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

¹⁴ And God said, 'Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, ¹⁵and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.' And it was so. ¹⁶God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. ¹⁷God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, ¹⁸to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

²⁰ And God said, 'Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.' ²¹So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. ²²God blessed them, saying, 'Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.' ²³And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

²⁴ And God said, 'Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.' And it was so. ²⁵God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

²⁶ Then God said, 'Let us make humankind^{*} in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth,^{*} and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.' ²⁷So God created humankind^{*} in his image, in the image of God he created them;^{*} male and female he created them. ²⁸God blessed them, and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.' ²⁹God said, 'See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food.' ³⁰And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.' And it was so. ³¹God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

2 Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. ²And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. ³So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

⁴ These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

In the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens, ⁵when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no herb of the field had yet sprung up—for the LORD God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground; ⁶but a stream would rise from the earth, and water the whole face of the ground—⁷then the LORD God formed man from the dust of the ground, ⁸and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being. ⁸And the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there he put the man whom he had formed. ⁹Out of the ground the LORD God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

¹⁰ A river flows out of Eden to water the garden, and from there it divides and becomes four branches. ¹¹The name of the first is Pishon; it is the one that flows around the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold; ¹²and the gold of that land is good; bdellium and onyx stone are there. ¹³The name of the second river is Gihon; it is the one that flows around the whole land of Cush. ¹⁴The name of the third river is Tigris, which flows east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates.

¹⁵ The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. ¹⁶And the LORD God commanded the man, 'You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; ¹⁷but 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 die.'

¹⁸ Then the LORD God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.' ¹⁹So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. ²⁰The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man ^{*} there was not found a helper as his partner. ²¹So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. ²²And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. ²³Then the man said, 'This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, ^{*} for out of Man ^{*} this one was taken.' ²⁴Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh. ²⁵And the man and his wife were both naked, and were not ashamed.

Genesis 3

3 Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, 'Did God say, "You shall not eat from any tree in the garden"?' ²The woman said to the serpent, 'We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; ³but God said, "You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die."' ⁴But the serpent said to the woman, 'You will not die; ⁵for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God,* knowing good and evil.' ⁶So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. ⁷Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

⁸ They heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. ⁹But the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, 'Where are you?' ¹⁰He said, 'I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.' ¹¹He said, 'Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?' ¹²The man said, 'The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate.' ¹³Then the LORD God said to the woman, 'What is this that you have done?' The woman said, 'The serpent tricked me, and I ate.' ¹⁴The LORD God said to the serpent, 'Because you have done this, ~~cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and~~ dust you shall eat all the days of your life. ¹⁵I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel.' ¹⁶To the woman he said, 'I will greatly increase your pangs in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children, yet your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you.' ¹⁷And to the man* he said, 'Because you have listened to the voice of your wife, and have eaten of the tree about which I commanded you, "You shall not eat of it", cursed is the ground because of you; in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life; ¹⁸thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. ¹⁹By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread until you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; you are dust, and to dust you shall return.'

²⁰ The man named his wife Eve,* because she was the mother of all who live. ²¹And the LORD God made garments of skins for the man* and for his wife, and clothed them.

²² Then the LORD God said, 'See, the man has become like one of us, knowing good and evil; and now, he might reach out his hand and take also from the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever'—²³therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from which he was taken. ²⁴He drove out the man; and at the east of the garden of Eden he placed the cherubim, and a sword flaming and turning to guard the way to the tree of life.

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Genesis 3 - Creation of Sin

1. What is false in the question that the serpent asks the women in Gen 3:1b?
 2. What is false in the reply that the woman makes to the serpent in Gen 3:3b?
 3. As a result of these lies, what is the mood between the serpent and the woman?
 4. What does the snake say eating the fruit will do for the woman?
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5. How do you think the snake knows this?
 6. When the woman looks at the fruit on the tree it has 3 qualities:
 - a)
 - b)
 - c)
 7. What was the immediate discovery by the man and woman after they ate the fruit?
 8. When, during the day, did the Lord God come looking for the man and woman?
 9. Why did the man and woman hide themselves from God?
 10. Do you think that they had hid themselves before? Why?
 11. What are 2 punishments given to the woman for eating the fruit?
 - a)
 - b)

12. What are the 2 punishments given to the man for eating the fruit?

a)

b)

13. Why is the woman called Eve?

Genesis 4

4 Now the man knew his wife Eve, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, 'I have produced* a man with the help of the LORD.' ²Next she bore his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, and Cain a tiller of the ground. ³In the course of time Cain brought to the LORD an offering of the fruit of the ground, ⁴and Abel for his part brought of the firstlings of his flock, their fat portions. And the LORD had regard for Abel and his offering, ⁵but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his countenance fell. ⁶The LORD said to Cain, 'Why are you angry, and why has your countenance fallen? ⁷If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is lurking at the door; its desire is for you, but you must master it.'

⁸Cain said to his brother Abel, 'Let us go out to the field.*' And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him. ⁹Then the LORD said to Cain, 'Where is your brother Abel?' He said, 'I do not know; am I my brother's keeper?' ¹⁰And the LORD said, 'What have you done? Listen; your brother's blood is crying out to me from the ground! ¹¹And now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. ¹²When you till the ground, it will no longer yield to you its strength; you will be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth.' ¹³Cain said to the LORD, 'My punishment is greater than I can bear! ¹⁴Today you have driven me away from the soil, and I shall be hidden from your face; I shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth, and anyone who meets me may kill me.' ¹⁵Then the LORD said to him, 'Not so!* Whoever kills Cain will suffer a sevenfold vengeance.' And the LORD put a mark on Cain, so that no one who came upon him would kill him. ¹⁶Then Cain went away from the presence of the LORD, and settled in the land of Nod,* east of Eden.

¹⁷Cain knew his wife, and she conceived and bore Enoch; and he built a city, and named it Enoch after his son Enoch. ¹⁸To Enoch was born Irad; and Irad was the father of Mehujael, and Mehujael the father of Methushael, and Methushael the father of Lamech. ¹⁹Lamech took two wives; the name of one was Adah, and the name of the other Zillah. ²⁰Adah bore Jabel; he was the ancestor of those who live in tents and have livestock. ²¹His brother's name was Jubal; he was the ancestor of all those who play the lyre and pipe. ²²Zillah bore Tubal-cain, who made all kinds of bronze and iron tools. The sister of Tubal-cain was Naamah.

²³Lamech said to his wives: 'Adah and Zillah, hear my voice; you wives of Lamech, listen to what I say: I have killed a man for wounding me, a young man for striking me. ²⁴If Cain is avenged sevenfold, truly Lamech seventy-sevenfold.'

²⁵Adam knew his wife again, and she bore a son and named him Seth, for she said, 'God has appointed* for me another child instead of Abel, because Cain killed him.' ²⁶To Seth also a son was born, and he named him Enosh. At that time people began to invoke the name of the LORD.

De-creation: The Second Sin and Its Punishment
Genesis: Chapter 4

1. What are the names of Eve's first two sons?
2. What work do they do? (Gen 4:2)
3. What gifts were given to God by the brothers? Explain how God's reaction affected one of the brothers. (Gen 4: 3-5)

4. Both gifts given by the brothers seem perfectly fine. The reason why God rejected one gift over the other must be for reasons beyond the material possession.
 - a) What makes a gift significant?
 - b) What could be the reason that the gift was rejected?
5. Genesis 4:7. God says "If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is lurking at the door: its desire is for you, but you must master it. What is God warning about? What is the message for all of us in this quote?
6. When Cain murders Abel, his response to God is "...am I my brother's keeper?" (Gen 4:9) How is this further sin in the eyes of God?
7. What is the punishment for the murder? (Gen 4:12)
8. What is Cain's reaction for his punishment?' (Gen 4:13-14)

9. Do you think he shows remorse for his actions? Explain.
10. Despite Cain's sins God still offers him a protective mark. What is it? (Gen 4:15)
11. What do you think God hopes for by still protecting Cain, even though he is in sin?
12. Adam and Eve's sin alienates them from _____. Cain's sin causes even more alienation.
How?
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Re-Creation

Thousands of years ago, the world was in a hopeless situation. Sin was destroying everything. Nevertheless, God had a plan to save the world, and that is the Bible's message.

We can think of the Book of Genesis and its fifty chapters as being like a three act play:

Act 1: Creation	God creates (1-2)
Act 2: De-Creation	Sin Destroys (3-11)
Act 3: Re-Creation	God saves us (12-50)

This brings us to "Act 3" and Abram. With Abram's arrival, the Book of Genesis changes sharply in content and style.

The content of Act 1 and Act 2 deals with prehistory (origin of the world and the life on it). The style used to narrate this content is to present the reader with easy to remember symbol stories.

"Act 3" begins with Abram and his wife, Sarai, migrating from their birthplace in Ur to the city of Haran in the north. While in this city, Abram experienced a "call from God."

This call initiates a pattern that repeats itself over and over in biblical history. Certain people experience an "inner call" from God to leave everything behind and to go forth on an unknown mission that God shows to them only gradually.

Christian Ethics 9 – Genesis Review

Answer the following questions to the best of your ability. You can use point form where needed.

The word Genesis means _____.

What was created on the 2nd day?

What was created on the 5th day? (1)

Adam and Eve's first two children were called _____ and _____.

What is the deeper understanding of why Adam and Eve violated God's command (beyond just eating the fruit)?

Eve was created from Adam's _____.

Explain the difference between a literalist and a contextualist.

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Explain how Genesis is like a three act play.

What are two ways Cain sinned?

List three ways sin alienates, and provide an example.
