

Genesis

Chapter 2:5-25

The Account Of Adam

Genesis 2:5-6

“before any plant of the field was in the earth and before any herb of the field had grown. For the LORD God had not caused it to rain on the earth, and there was no man to till the ground;

but a mist went up from the earth and watered the whole face of the ground. And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.”

Genesis Chapter Two Controversy

- Some believe that there were two accounts of creation, Genesis 1:1-4, is the first creative act. Genesis 2:4-25 is the second creative act.
- There are not two creation accounts. Genesis 1:26, is a general overview about the making of man.
- Genesis 2:7, is the specific account of man's creation.
- This moving from general to specific also occurs in Genesis 10 and Genesis 11.
- There are four accounts of the Gospel message but they are not different accounts but are unified in the message highlighting particular details as they witnessed the work of Jesus.

- "We don't have divergent accounts of creation. Genesis 2 is supplementary , and obviously furnishing details that would not be in accord with the structure and design of Genesis 1."-Murray
- "You are worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and by Your will they exist and were created."-**Revelation 4:11**

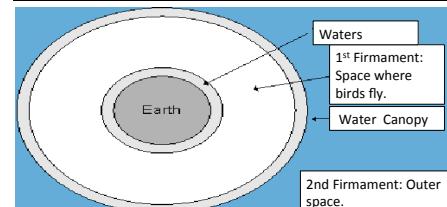
Importance Of Historical Adam

- Those who try to deny the historicity of the Genesis account of the creation of Adam jeopardize any study of Genesis to be reliable.
- They turn Adam into a myth, legend, or symbolic figure in poetic prose of how God created humanity.
- The importance of a historical Adam solidifies him as the Father of global humanity. It recognizes the divine blessing of God upon man, the Fall into sin, and finally the redemptive purpose of God in redeeming man from sin which is the main theme of Scripture.

No Rain Yet

- Definitely a different watering cycle than we have today.
- The earth was being watered by a mist and may have been created by a greenhouse effect.
- The earth it seems based on Scripture was covered with a water-vapor canopy (Gen. 1:6,7)
- God did not cause it to rain until Gen. 7:4, which was at the beginning of the great flood and destruction of mankind.

Waters Above the Firmament



"The 'waters above the firmament' thus probably constituted a vast blanket of water vapor...They could not have been the clouds of water droplets which now float in the atmosphere, because the Scripture says they were 'above the firmament'. Furthermore, there was no 'rain upon the earth' in those days (Genesis 2:5)." -Morris

No Man To Till The Ground

- This is the one of the reasons for this account man is needed for working the earth. The other reason is for the filling of the earth.
- Notice that we do work the earth before the fall. Man in the image of God who works, so man works the earth.
- God did not create the earth in vain but created it to be a home for man to live in relationship.
- The vegetation was created on the 3rd day, man on the sixth.
- Man has an important task to care for God's provision of the plants and animals which were provided by God prior to the creation of man.
- God's provision is an important theme in Scripture culminating in His providing salvation for mankind.

The Creation Of Man

- This is Adam's account of his creation and he calls God: "the Lord God..." i.e., *Jehovah-Elohim*. This name for God is personal in His ability to relate to man

	Genesis 1-2:4	Genesis 2:5-25
Name of God	Elohim (the Supreme God)	Jehovah-Elohim (the God Who walks with man)
Reason	Facts of Creation	Engages in Covenant With Man
Emphasis	The World Generally	Mankind Specifically

Man Was Formed By God

- "Formed" is "yatsar" in the original and literally means to squeeze into a mold.
- The body of man is made of the basic elements of the earth. Adam literally means "red dirt".
- "The dust of the ground" is humus; human ; humility; our bodies are made of dirt, and to the dirt we will return.
- The spirit is breathed into man by God, and will return to God or be separated from God.
- "Your hands have made me and fashioned me, an intricate unity...Remember, I pray, that You have made me like clay."-Job 10:8-9

The Breath Of Life

- Breathed is "naphach" which means "to inflate or blow hard".
- Breath is "ruach" which means "wind or spirit" The Spirit of God was breathed into man giving life.
- This distinguishes man from the animals. Man was specially created by God breathing some of His own breath into man.

- Animals though living are not created in the image of God as man.
- Genesis 2:7 says that God made man and then added the breath of life resulting in man becoming a living being.
- The thought that God made man through evolution by creating only the body of man is in direct contrast to the Scriptural truth.

Adams Distinctiveness

Aspect	Text	Biblical Statement
Unique Product of God's Counsel	Gen. 1:26	"Let us make man"-not like "Let there be light" (1:3) or "Let the earth bring forth"(1:11) or "Let the waters abound"(1:20)
Unique Pattern of God's endowment	Gen. 1:26	"in Our image, according to Our likeness"
Unique Potential in God's program	Gen 1:27	"Let them rule over" all the creatures of the earth
Unique Procedure in God's Creative Act	Gen 2:27	"the Lord God...breathed into the nostrils the breath of life"

Chart by William D. Barrick

Genesis 2:8-9

"The LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden, and there He put the man whom He had formed. And out of the ground the LORD God made every tree grow that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil."

Where is Eden?

- The text says Eastward of where Adam must have been located since he describes it as being East of him.
- Probably around the Eridu region of the Euphrates River.
- According to the Sumerians Eridu was the first city in the world.

Eridu The First City?



The map illustrates the geographical context of Eridu. The Euphrates and Tigris rivers converge in the south, with the Tigris flowing into the Persian Gulf. The Zagros Mountains are to the west. Several city-states are marked: Babylon, Borsippa, Akkad, Sumer, and Eridu. A red arrow points to Eridu, which is located 12 miles from the city of Ur.

- A group of mounds 12 miles from the city of Ur.
- It was the home of “Adapa”, the Babylonian Adam.
- An ancient Babylonian inscription says: “Near Eridu was a garden. In which was a mysterious sacred tree, a tree of life, planted by the gods, whose roots were deep, while its branches reached to heaven, protected by guardian spirits, and no man enters.”

Garden Story Is Deeply Rooted In Various Cultures

- **Persian:** Our first parents, innocent, virtuous, and happy, lived in a garden, where there was a tree of immortality, till an evil spirit in the form of a serpent appeared.
- **Hindu:** In the first age, man was free from evil and disease, had all his wishes and lived long.
- **Greek:** The first men, in the golden age, were naked, free from evil and trouble, enjoyed communion with the gods.
- **Chinese:** They had a tradition of a happy age, when men had an abundance of food, surrounded by peaceful animals.
- The original story of the garden was probably recorded by Adam and then could have been passed on down the line to other generations.

Chinese Writings

囗 + 八 + 舟 = 船

Person Eight Boat Large ship

古 + 苦 = 苦

Ancient Weeds Sorrow

疋 + 木木 = 楚

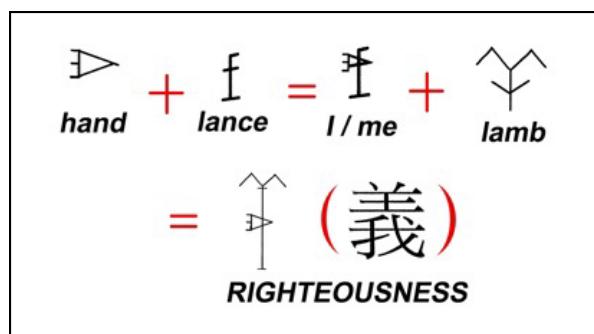
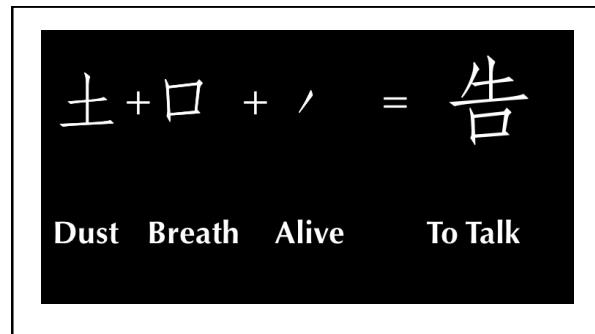
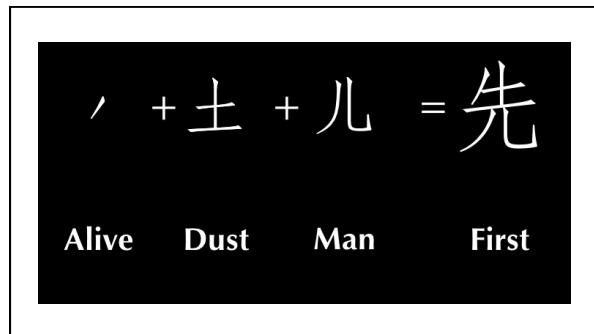
A Piece Two Trees Pain

木木 + 女 = 妒

Two Trees Woman To covet,
desire

宀 + 一 + 口 + 田 = 福

God one Man garden happiness



"It is the purpose of this book to propose, therefore, that the ancient Chinese people were quite familiar with the same record which the Hebrew Moses is popularly given credit for writing some 700 to 1,000 years later. Imagine this information being stored in special characters that were in use hundreds of years before the first page of the Bible was written! Moreover we believe that the Chinese actually employed this historical knowledge as one small facet in the process of building their written language. The significance of this claim is broad. But most important, it appears to us to give support and added acceptance to the often-slandered account of the Biblical Genesis." -Kang and Nelson, The Discovery of Genesis

Noah And Nuwah

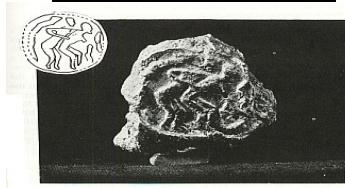
- “Chinese hero [of the flood] escapes destruction with his wife, three sons and three daughters...additional legends found on the mainland of China contend that all Chinese are direct descendants of an ancient ancestor called Nu-wah, who was known for having overcome a great flood”. A fascinating aspect in connection with this Chinese flood story is that ancient Chinese writing contains words that can be traced only to “Nu-wah” and the Flood”- Rene’ Noorberger, Secrets of the Lost Races

Temptation Seal



Found among the ancient Babylonian ruins

The Adam Eve Seal



The "Adam and Eve" seal found in 1932 by E.A. Speiser at the bottom of the Tepe Gawra mound, twelve miles north of Nineveh. In the seal, a naked man and woman appear to be bent over in a position of shame, with a serpent behind them. Speiser dated the seal at about 3500 B.C.

The Two Trees



The Tree Of Life

Represents Obedience To His Holy Way
Brings Life And Blessing

The Tree Of The Knowledge Of Good And Evil

Represents Mixing the Holy With the Profane
Brings Death And Curses

<u>The Two Trees</u>	
	
The Tree Of Life	The Tree Of The Knowledge Of Good And Evil
Represents freedom in relationship With God Represents peace and harmony in all things	Represent a universe separated from God This tree also represents the way that seems right to man but in the end leads to death.(Pro.14:12)

Genesis 2: 10-14

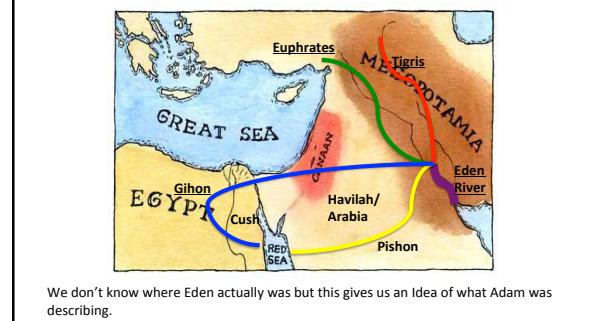
“Now a river went out of Eden to water the garden, and from there it parted and became four riverheads. The name of the first is Pishon; it is the one which skirts the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold.

And the gold of that land is good. Bdellium and the onyx stone are there. The name of the second river is Gihon; it is the one which goes around the whole land of Cush. The name of the third river is Hiddekel; it is the one which goes toward the east of Assyria. The fourth river is the Euphrates.”

One River Becomes Four

- There was one river that went out of Eden the split into four rivers.
- The purpose of the river was “to water the garden”.
- **The Four Rivers:**
 1. The Pishon: land of Havilah, Arabia
 2. Gihon: land of Cush, Today Northern Sudan

- 3. Hiddekel/Tigris: East of Assyria
- 4. Euphrates: Perhaps through the land of Turkey and Chaldea
- Since the whole region would have been altered by the Flood of Noah the context seems to indicate a person who actually was there describing these rivers.
- This eye-witness account was probably written by Adam.



Genesis 2:15-17

“Then the LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, saying,

“Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; but 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.”

The Commission Of Man

- The original man was put in the garden by God for the purpose of tending and keeping it.
- God planted the garden and provided for man through the vegetation and the animals.
- Adam is to tend or cultivate the garden that God has provided.

Guarding The Garden

- The original word for “Keep” is “*shamar*” which means to “hedge about, guard, or protect”.
- Man is given the assignment by God to “protect” that which was provided to him.
- When the serpent enters the picture later in Genesis 3, man fails to protect God’s provision.
- The results of Adam’s sin and disobedience to God fell on us all. (Rom. 5:12-21)

The Commandment

- The Lord gave Adam the commandment, “...you shall not eat...”, but he didn’t give him the reason for the commandment.
- However, when the serpent shows up he gives a reason, “For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”- **Genesis 3:5**
- God simply desires for us to trust Him and His provision.
- “Whenever I am afraid, I will trust in You. In God (I will praise His word), In God I have put my trust; I will not fear.”-**Psalm 56:3-4**

The Test Man’s Obedience To Him

- Man was given freedom but with a prohibition by his Creator with regard to the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.
- Man is not a god himself but is subject to the authority of God’s conditions.
- Man’s condition was innocent in a perfect environment.
- The test was perfect obedience to God’s Word.
- The failure was **disobedience in believing God’s Word**
- The judgment was spiritual and physical death.
- The way of salvation was through the slaying of a lamb or some animal provided by God Himself.

The Same Is True Today

- The condition is that man is to believe God's Word that all have sinned.-(Romans 3:23)
- The test for man is to accept Jesus as Savior.-(Romans 10:9)
- The failure of man is unbelief resulting in rejecting Christ.-(1 John 5)
- The judgment is spiritual death, the Great Tribulation, and Eternal punishment.-(John 3:17-18;Revelation 20)
- The only way of salvation is through Jesus 'death on the Cross by faith.-John 14:6;John 3:16)

God's Provision Of Salvation

- "...who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began, but has now been revealed by the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who has abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel..."-2 TIMOTHY 1:9-10

Genesis 2:18-20

"And the LORD God said, "It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him."

Out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to Adam to see what he would call them.

And whatever Adam called each living creature, that was its name. So Adam gave names to all cattle, to the birds of the air, and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper comparable to him."

Something Is Not Good

- This is the first time God has said that something in His creation is "not good".
- It is "not good" that man is alone.
- Only the sole existence of Adam at this time in the Biblical account makes any sense of this statement.

A Helper

- God's blueprint for creating the woman for Adam is to make a helper comparable to him for the purpose of filling the earth.
- Man and woman together are comparable and dependent upon each other to fulfill the mission of ruling, working, and filling the earth.
- The Hebrew word for "helper" conveys the idea of fit to associate with, to stand side-by-side, and to support.

Uniqueness Of Man

- The uniqueness of man lies in his having been created in the image of God.
- Man rules over creation with the authority delegated by God.
- Mankind was created man and woman which together bear the image of God.

- Man was commanded to fill the earth through the bearing of children.
- Man has the joy of sharing in the creative process with God, i.e. naming the animals that God created.
- Man is able to think, reason, act, interact, make decisions, create all of which reflect aspects of God, Who is the ultimate Creator.

- Man has the unique position in God's creation of being accountable to Him for what they do.
- God gave man the ability to work and exist as participants in both secular and redemptive history.
- Man is unique in that when God became a man He came "...in the likeness of men"(Php. 2:2) and "...born of a woman..." .(Gal. 4:4)
- All of these characteristics set man apart from the animals and the rest of God's creation.

Genesis 2:21-25

"And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place.

Then the rib which the LORD God had taken from man He made into a woman, and He brought her to the man. 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."

Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed."

Marriage

- Marriage is the first institute given to man by God.
- Jesus based His teaching about marriage on the Genesis record.
- "But from the beginning of the creation, God 'made them male and female. For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh'; so then they are no longer two, but one flesh."-**Mark 10:6-8**
- "And He answered and said to them, "**Have you not read** that He who made them at the beginning 'made them male and female,' and said, 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh'?"-**Matthew 19:4-5**

Black And White Twins



- "So if Adam and Eve had a middle-brown complexion due to a mixture of 'light' and 'dark' genetic information, similar to Remee and Kian's parents, all shades from the darkest through to the lightest could be accounted for in their children and future generations." -creation.com

- At the moment of conception, a fertilized human egg is about the size of a pin head. Yet, it contains information equivalent to about six billion “chemical letters.” This is enough information to fill 1000 books, 500 pages thick with print so small you would need a microscope to read it. If all the DNA chemical letters in the human body were printed in books, it is estimated they would fill the Grand Canyon Fifty times!” (Dr. Mark Eastman MD, Creator Beyond Time and Space...)

Mitochondrial DNA

What exactly is Mitochondrial Eve Theory?



- This also refers to the Mitochondrial DNA:
 - Mitochondria have double-stranded DNA, this is passed on and the mitochondrial DNA is independent of the DNA replication in the nucleus.
 - Only Women can pass on Mitochondria.

Mitochondrial Eve Theory

- The University of California Berkeley used restriction enzymes to track the lineage of women from around the world.
- From the findings of scientists it suggested that there were 2 common, but separate groups, such as Sub-Saharan Africans and Asian Africans.
- The information from these studies was then used to come up with a mutation rate for Mitochondrial DNA to trace back to the common ancestor.

Mitochondrial Eve Theory

Eve Theory

- Was thought up by Rebecca Cann, Mark Stoneking, and Allan Wilson in 1987.
- Mitochondrial Eve Theory
 - States that the mitochondrial DNA in all humans is inherited from one common female ancestor.