

# BIBLICAL VIEW OF CREATION

## INTERPRETING GENESIS 2-3

### Type of Literature

*Historical Narrative:* the characters are historical figures and the events actually occurred

OR

*Paradigmatic:* a paradigm or allegory written for a theological purpose—not historical

### Evaluation

#### 1. Textual Indicators

- The form is simple, historical narrative
- Only element that may suggest an allegory is the “serpent” (he speaks; called “crafty”)

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### 2. Biblical Authors' Interpretation

#### A. Adam & Eve are historical figures

- Genealogies: Genesis 4:1-2; 5:1-5; Luke 3:23-38
- Parallels between Adam & Jesus: Romans 5:15,17,19; 1 Cor. 15:21-22

#### B. The events are understood as historical

- Matthew 19:3-6
- Romans 5:12
- 1 Corinthians 11:8-9
- 2 Corinthians 11:3
- 1 Timothy 2:13-14

Question: "Can theological truth be based on non-historical events?"