

Gleanings from the Pentateuch

Man, Woman, & Eden
(Genesis 2:4-25)

Part One: Genesis

- Genesis 12-50: Patriarchal History
- Genesis 1-11: Primeval History
 - The original kingdom
 - The kingdom lost

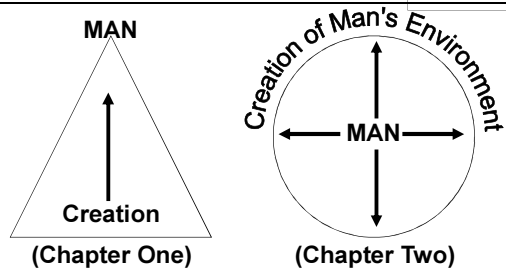
Creation of the Cosmos

1. God (Elohim) is the author of creation
2. Earth/land is the focus of creation
3. Man is the pinnacle of creation
4. Rest is the goal of creation

Man: The Center

- *Relationship of chapters 1 & 2*
 - Chapter 1 – creation of the entire cosmos with man as the apex
 - Chapter 2 – creation of man as the focal point (more descriptive)

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1. Creation of Man
 - Connection of man ('adam) and the land ('adama)
 - The "breath of life" from God is what causes man to live

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2. Creation of the Garden

- An earthly paradise intended for man's pleasure and benefit
- An earthly sanctuary – foreshadows later sanctuaries (e.g. temple)
- Man's place – to serve under the rule and blessing of God

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3. Creation of Woman

- Man's uniqueness and need were revealed in his naming the animals
- Woman "corresponds to" man – equality and distinction
- Marriage ("one-flesh" relationship) is God's good gift to man

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3. Creation of Woman

The gift of marriage directs us forward to its fulfillment in Christ

Conclusion

Genesis 1 & 2 answers...

- What is the origin of life?
- What is the meaning of life?