

GENESIS –Lesson 8

Learn: And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb. In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruit, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

Revelation 22:1-2

Read: Genesis 2:4-17

The second chapter of Genesis describes in greater detail certain of the events of the sixth day of creation, especially the formation of the first man and woman. It does not in any respect contradict the first chapter, but instead is complementary to it. The vocabularies in the two chapters are somewhat different, reflecting the different emphases as well as the human authorship of the second chapter. The section from Genesis 2:4b through Genesis 5:1 was probably written originally by Adam himself, and was from his perspective.

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1. In Genesis 2:4 the word “day” is used. What is the meaning of day in this context?
2. Does the usage of “day” in verse 4 affect how “day” is used in Genesis chapter 1? Explain your answer.
3. At the beginning there was no rain, so how were the plants and trees watered? vv 5, 6
4. Today, we have a different system of watering the earth. God brought this change at the time of the flood. Use the following passages to explain God’s method of watering the earth today. Ecclesiastes 1:6-7; Isaiah 55:10-11; Job 28:24-26; Job36:26-29; Psalm 135:6-7

Verse 7 tells not of the creation of man (as in Genesis 1:27), but of the formation and energizing of his body.

5. What did God use to form man? v 7

6. How is man described in I Corinthians 15:47a

It may not seem that man is actually of the earth upon superficial examination (rocks seem to all appearances to be composed of totally different substances than human flesh), but it is nevertheless been verified by modern science. –Henry Morris

7. How did man get his life, once he had been formed? v 7

Life can only come from life, and the living God is the only self-existent Being, so it must ultimately come from Him. Especially to stress the unique relationship of human life to the divine life, this Scripture verse tells us that God Himself directly imparted life and breath to man.

At this point, man became a “living soul.” This refers to the consciousness principle, the realm of mind and emotions.

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8. We can see then that man did not arrive at this stage by a long process of evolution. What does I Corinthians 15:45 tell us?

9. The whole world was placed under man’s dominion, and it was all good in every way. But there was a particular region prepared where man was to make his first home.

What was this place named? v 8

What was it like? v 9

10. Who planted this special garden?

11. What two especially important trees were planted in the garden? v 9

12. What did the “tree of life” provide to man if eaten regularly? Genesis 3:22

13. What do we learn about the “tree of life” as seen in the New Jerusalem?
Revelation 22:1-2

14. The river system that came out of Eden really can't be identified today, though some of the names mentioned in this passage, such as Euphrates, Ethiopia, and Assyria are familiar to us.

Why can't they be found? II Peter 3:6

The names which seem to be postdiluvian (after the Flood) were originally antediluvian (before the Flood) names. The names were remembered by the survivors of the Flood and then given to places and people in the postdiluvian world. All that earlier world was completely obliterated by the Flood.

15. How is the land of Havilah described? vv 11, 12

16. What did God expect man to do in the garden? v 15

17. What does this tell us about a life of leisure, versus work? v 15

18. What command did God give to the man? vv 16, 17

19. What did the restraint from partaking of this tree test?