

Study 2: Adam & Eve - Genesis 1

Gen 1:1 - “In the beginning, God....”

Heb 11:6 says, “And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.”

Cycle of “evening / day” implies 24-hour days. Used later as an example for mankind to follow.

Hebrew concept of the created order:

1. Above:
 - a. Heaven (sky, outer space)
 - b. Highest heaven (where God’s throne is)
2. Below:
 - a. Land (“earth”)
 - b. Under the land (underground, Sheol [Hades] (place of the dead)
 - c. Under the sea

Genesis uses the literary device of reiteration / recapitulation: General overview first, then details.

Themes set forth in Genesis chapters 1-3:

1. Covenant
 - a. Stipulations
 - b. Blessings
 - c. Cursing / Penalties
2. Federal Headship
 - a. Adam / Christ as representatives
 - b. True of one, true of the other (false of one, false of the other)
 - c. “Original sin”
 - i. Genetic?
 - ii. Proclivity to commit sin?
 - iii. Moral stain?
 - iv. Covenantal – Results of the broken covenant passed from father to son. Virgin birth absolutely necessary in order for Jesus to be born “without sin” (original) – see Rom 5
3. Death
 - a. Spiritual: Separation from God
 - b. Physical: Separation of the spirit from the body (results of being cut off from the Tree of Life)
4. Promise of salvation / redemption
 - a. Savior to come
 - b. Virgin birth implied
 - c. Killed by Satan (or satanic forces / people)
 - d. Resurrection implied
 - e. Victory over sin, death, and Satan (head crushed – see Rom 16:20)

Romans 5:12-21

12 Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people, because all sinned—

13 To be sure, sin was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not charged against anyone's account where there is no law. 14 Nevertheless, death reigned from the time of Adam to the time of Moses, even over those who did not sin by breaking a command, as did Adam, who is a pattern of the one to come.

15 But the gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died by the trespass of the one man, how much more did God's grace and the gift that came by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, overflow to the many! 16 Nor can the gift of God be compared with the result of one man's sin: The judgment followed one sin and brought condemnation, but the gift followed many trespasses and brought justification. 17 For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God's abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ!

18 Consequently, just as one trespass resulted in condemnation for all people, so also one righteous act resulted in justification and life for all people. 19 For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous.

20 The law was brought in so that the trespass might increase. But where sin increased, grace increased all the more, 21 so that, just as sin reigned in death, so also grace might reign through righteousness to bring eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.