

# Genesis Pre-History

## Introduction and Background

# How to Think?

“Let us reason together says the Lord” [Isaiah 1:18]

Scripture	Reason
Tradition	Experience

- I. Biases
  - A. Isagesis – Inserting unsupported meaning or doctrine into a passage of Scripture
- II. Exegesis – What does the biblical text actually say?
- III. Bias Assumptions
  - A. Scripture is true and reliable.
  - B. Reason is valuable and necessary to understand the Scriptures
- IV. Tradition and Experience are valuable, but not necessarily reliable

# Background

## Genesis Creation Narrative

# Structure of the Pentateuch/Torah

## I. Genesis

### A. Pre-History

1. Chapter 1: Origin of the World
2. Chapters 2-11: Origins of the Nations

### B. Chapters 12-50: Origins of Israel

## II. Exodus

## III. Leviticus

## IV. Numbers

## V. Deuteronomy

# Structure of Genesis

## 10 History Narrative

Genesis is a narrative consisting of a prologue and 10 histories carefully organized and introduced by the phrase: “This is the (family) history of.”

Prologue	1:1 – 2:3
1. History of Heaven and Earth	2:4 – 4:26
2. Family History of Adam	5:1 – 6:8
3. Family History of Noah	6:9 – 9:29
4. Family History of Noah’s Sons	10:1 – 11:9
5. Family History of Shem	11:10 – 26
6. Family History of Terah	11:27 – 25:11
7. Family History of Ishmael	25:12 – 18
8. Family History of Isaac	25:19 – 35:29
9. Family History of Esau	36:1 – 37:1
10. Family History of Jacob	37:2 – 50:26

# Pagan Creation Myths

## General Examples of Genesis Contemporaries

- I. Sumerian Flood Story
- II. Memphite Theology of Creation
- III. Hymn to Ra
- IV. Pandora's Box

# Sumerian Flood Story

## Parallel to Genesis 1:1 – 9:29

Lines	Sumerian Flood Story (Circa 1600 BC)	Genesis
1-36 (lost)	Creation of man and the animals, man's sad plight, no irrigation, no clothes, no fear of wild animals, ie- snakes.	Chapter 1 Chapter 2-3
37-50	Plan of the goddess Nintur (mother of mankind) to end man's nomadic existence.	3:20; 4:1 4:1-16
51-85 (lost)	Failure of Nintur's plan. The establishment of kingship.	
86-100	Building of first cities, including Eridu. Establishment of worship.	4:17-18 4:26
101-134 (lost)	List of antediluvian kings. Man's noise.	Chapter 5 6:1-8
135-260	The Flood.	6:9-9:29

# Sumerian Flood Story (Cont)

Circa ~1600 BC

- 47. After Anu, Enlil, Enki, and Ninhursag
- 48. had fashioned the black-headed (people),
- 49. Vegetation luxuriated from the earth,
- 50. Animals, four-legged (creatures) of the plain, were brought artfully into existence

*[Next 37 lines are unreadable]*

## I. Similarities to Genesis

- A. Very similar narrative structure to Genesis 1 – 9
- B. Story retold from multiple viewpoints, like Genesis 1:1-2:7
- C. Fallen Material World

## II. Differences from Genesis

- A. Reverse Creation Theology
  - 1. Humans created first, but “lower” in the creation order
    - a. Plants and animals described as luxurious and artful.
    - b. Humans in a sad state
  - 2. Humans needed to serve in the various cults to “feed” the gods
- B. Reason for the Fall: Gods are to blame for humanity’s and the world’s woes.

# Memphite Theology of Creation

## Hymn to Ptah Circa ~710 BC (~2500 BC)

Ptah gave life to every member of the Ennead and to the soul (Egyptian: ka) of each. Each came into being through the thoughts of his heart and the words on his tongue. Thoth came forth from the thoughts in his heart and the words on his tongue. Horus came forth, and Thoth came forth from the thoughts in the heart of Ptah and the words on the tongue of Ptah. The thoughts of the heart of Ptah and the words on the tongue of Ptah guide all the thoughts and all the words of the Ennead, and all the thoughts and all the words of humans, and all life. Ptah creates the Ennead with only teeth and lips...

Ptah is the creator of all and the ruler of the Ennead. Ptah gave birth to the Ennead and from Ptah comes forth all things. Ptah is the ruler of the Ennead. Having done all these things, Ptah rested content with his work.

- I. Ptah thought of and created by speech
  - Transmitted his divine power to all other gods.
- II. Presents creation as an intellectual exercise
  - Ptah conceives in his heart or mind
  - Ptah brings into being through his speech
- III. This infers a logos-like doctrine of creation
  - John 1:1 – “In the beginning was the Word...”
  - God said, “let there be...”

# Hymn to Ra

Circa ~400 BC (~2500 BC)

As the sun dawned, Ra spoke: I am Khepri the beetle. When I come, the day begins, When the almighty speaks, all else comes to life. There were no heavens and no earth, There was no dry land and there were no reptiles in the land. Then, I spoke and living creatures appeared. I put them to sleep in Nun the sea, until there was land where I could stand. When I first began to create, when I alone was planning and designing every creature, I had not exhaled Shu the wind, I had not spat Tefnut the rain. There was not a single living creature. I planned a multitude of living creatures. All were in my heart, and their children, and their grandchildren. Then I copulated with my own fist. I masturbated with my own hand. I ejaculated into my own mouth. I exhaled Shu the wind, I spat Tefnut the rain... I wept and human beings appeared.

- I. Genesis Similarities
  - A. The divinity Ra thought of and created all things
  - B. He speaks and living creatures appear.
- II. Genesis Differences
  - A. World is created through self-sexual acts
  - B. Human beings created as some sort of an afterthought.
  - C. Multiple races of humans born from unions of multiple gods.
    1. Inherent racism

# In Contrast to Pagan Mythology...

## Theology of Genesis 1-11

### I. God

- A. Eternal: Not created nor formed from some pre-existing reality
- B. One: One God
- C. All-Powerful: Supreme over all things
- D. Creator: By His Word, He creates the Heavens, Earth, etc.
- E. Loving: Humanity in His image, plants for food, etc.
- F. Righteous: God is blameless and without moral defect
- G. Just: God plays no favorites, whether animal, angel, or human.
- H. Merciful: God is mercifully working a plan of redemption

### II. Humanity

- A. Made: In the Image of God with the Spirit of God
- B. Dependent: Humanity needs God desperately, not only for food, shelter, and clothing, but also for morality, divine justice, and salvation
- C. Fallen: Full of sin (as a result of the Fall)

### III. God will redeem a certain people...

- A. Through Eve and her Seed

# Creation and Controversy

Genesis 1:1-2:7

# Creation Formula

## Genesis 1:3-5

- I. Announcement: God said...
  - 10x: v3, 6, 9, 11, 14, 20, 24, 26, 28, 29
- II. Command: Let there be...
  - In all cases except for v26, “Let us create Humanity in our image”
- III. Fulfillment: ... It was so
- IV. Execution: i.e. – Light
- V. Approval: God saw it was ... good
  - 7x: v4, 10, 12, 18, 21, 25, 31
- VI. Subsequent Word: God called...
  - 5x Naming: v5 (x2), 8, 10 (x2)
  - 2x Blessing: v22, 28
- VII. Conclusion and Numbering
  - “There was evening and there was morning” X<sup>th</sup> Day
  - No conclusion for the 7<sup>th</sup> day

# 1<sup>st</sup> Day

## Genesis 1:3-5 [ESV]

<sup>3</sup> And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. <sup>4</sup> And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup> God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Day

## Genesis 1:6-8 [ESV]

<sup>6</sup> And God said, “Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” <sup>7</sup> And God made the expanse and separated the waters that were under the expanse from the waters that were above the expanse. And it was so. <sup>8</sup> And God called the expanse Heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

# 3<sup>rd</sup> Day

## Genesis 1:9-13 [ESV]

<sup>9</sup> And God said, “Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. <sup>10</sup> God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. <sup>11</sup> And God said, “Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, on the earth.” And it was so. <sup>12</sup> The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed according to their own kinds, and trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. <sup>13</sup> And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

# 4<sup>th</sup> Day

## Genesis 1:14-19 [ESV]

<sup>14</sup> And God said, “Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and years, <sup>15</sup> and let them be lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. <sup>16</sup> And God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. <sup>17</sup> And God set them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth, <sup>18</sup> to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. <sup>19</sup> And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

# 5<sup>th</sup> Day

## Genesis 1:20-23 [ESV]

<sup>20</sup> And God said, “Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the heavens.” <sup>21</sup> So God created the great sea creatures and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. <sup>22</sup> And God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” <sup>23</sup> And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day

# 6<sup>th</sup> Day

## Genesis 1:24-31 [ESV]

<sup>24</sup> And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds—livestock and creeping things and beasts of the earth according to their kinds.” And it was so. <sup>25</sup> And God made the beasts of the earth according to their kinds and the livestock according to their kinds, and everything that creeps on the ground according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. <sup>26</sup> Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” <sup>27</sup> So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. <sup>28</sup> And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.” <sup>29</sup> And God said, “Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food. <sup>30</sup> And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. <sup>31</sup> And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

# 7<sup>th</sup> Day

## Genesis 2:1-3 [ESV]

<sup>1</sup> Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. <sup>2</sup> And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done. <sup>3</sup> So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation.

# Repetitive Creation Account

## Genesis 2:4-7 [ESV]

<sup>4</sup>These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens. <sup>5</sup>When no bush of the field was yet in the land and no small plant of the field had yet sprung up—for the Lord God had not caused it to rain on the land, and there was no man to work the ground, <sup>6</sup>and a mist was going up from the land and was watering the whole face of the ground— <sup>7</sup>then the Lord God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature.

# Major Creation Theories

## Overview

- I. Fundamental View
- II. Fictional View
- III. Period View
- IV. Metaphorical View
- V. Theocentric View

# Major Creation Theories

## Fundamental View

Thesis: God created the heavens and earth in six 24-hour days

- A. Sometimes called the “**Young Earth**” View or 24 Hour View
- B. Oldest known, and until recently, the most prevalent view
  1. Came under tremendous attack in the late nineteenth century as Darwinism won acceptance in the scientific communities
  2. After the famous Scopes Monkey Trial, the general public also began to reject the Fundamental View
  3. Rejection accelerated as apostate scholars began critical attacks on Scripture. In general, liberal scholars took the view that the Bible “evolved” from various source materials, authors, and editors.
  4. The rapid rise of Secularism, Atheism, and their political expressions (Communism, Marxism, etc.) was inversely related to the rejection of the Fundamental Viewpoint
- C. Proponents have difficulty convincing the scientific community of this view due to fossil and other hard evidence

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## Fictional View

Thesis: The Creation narrative is a myth, fabricated long ago

- A. Fossil evidence, the Big-bang Theory, and the Theory of Evolution refute Genesis 1:1 – 2:3
- B. Although there may be a God, Genesis, along with the rest of the Bible, has little theological value
- C. Documentary Hypothesis caused enormous damage in both Christian and Jewish religions
  - 1. Liberal Christianity hijacked the “pastoral power” of the Bible but rejected its authority, creating an unstable synthesis
  - 2. Certain Jewish splits mirrored the same controversies in the Church
- D. Unfortunately, the Fictional View is the most common view today, both inside and outside of the Visible Church

# Major Creation Theories

## Period View

Thesis: Argues that the Hebrew word “day” is best interpreted as a period of time or eon

- A. Consequently, Creation occurred over six periods
  - 1. The length of each period or eon is indeterminable
- B. Also called the **“Old Earth”** View
- C. Two key arguments in favor of this view:
  - 1. God didn’t create the 24-hour daily cycle until the 4th Day when he put the sun, moon, and stars in orbit with the earth
  - 2. Allows for a synthesis between Scripture and scientific knowledge
    - a. “Let there be light” could translate to the “Big Bang”
    - b. If God created over a long periods of time, certain proponents allow room for evolution, at least for all creatures other than Humanity
- D. Weaknesses against this View
  - 1. Issue of order: plants before the sun... [Gen 1:11-12]

# Major Creation Theories

## Metaphorical View

Thesis: The Creation narrative isn't Literal; it's Literary

- A. The Metaphorical View credits God for Creation
  - 1. Proponents argue Gen 1:1 – 2:7 is an allegory designed to make some sort of point
  - 2. Any theory of how God created is speculation
- B. Meredith Kline proposed the following Kingdoms/King framework:

	<b><i>Time/Space</i></b>	<b><i>Sea and Sky</i></b>	<b><i>Earth</i></b>
<b><i>Kingdoms (inhabitable)</i></b>	Day 1  Light	Day 2  Air and Ocean	Day 3  Dry Land/Vegetation
<b><i>Kings (inhabited)</i></b>	Day 4  Sun, Moon, Stars	Day 5  Birds and Fish	Day 6  Animals and Humanity

*“In the beginning of God’s creating of the heavens and the earth – in particular, when the earth was uninhabitable and uninhabited ...” (Gordon Hugenberger)*

# Major Creation Theories

## Theocentric View

Thesis: Creation should be understood from the Creator's point of view, not Creation's

- A. The Theocentric View holds that the days of Creation are not within the context of time as we know it, but from God's frame of reference
  - 1. Each "day" of Creation could be of any length of time and in any sequence. In this view, the Earth could be billions of years old.
- B. Within Creation's timeframe, the days of Creation could even overlap and jump around
  - 1. For example, the 4th day could occur simultaneously with the 2nd and 3rd days of Creation, from Creation's perspective
- C. Certain days could be completely invisible to Creation
- D. Anthropocentric time begins after the creation of Adam

# Major Creation Theories

## Analysis Methodology

- I. Assume that all Scripture is true, reliable, inspired, and sufficient
- II. All Biblical data must fit in order to develop a credible hypothesis and theological framework
  - A. Genesis Text
  - B. Pentateuch and the Rest of the Old Testament
  - C. New Testament
- III. Knowledge revealed through general revelation is also valid and should not be dismissed
  - A. Filter speculation and theories from knowledge

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## Relevant Scriptural Data

### I. Shem's Descendants

A. Gen 11:10-26

B. Luke 3:36

### II. New Testament Sabbath Observance

A. John 5:10-18

B. Heb 4:1-10

### III. 8<sup>th</sup> Day as a Diachronic Biblical Theme

### IV. Genesis 2:17 Textual Problem

# Shem's Descendants

## Genesis 11:10-26 [ESV]

<sup>10</sup> ... **When Shem was 100 years old, he fathered Arpachshad two years after the flood.** <sup>11</sup> And Shem lived after he fathered Arpachshad 500 years and had other sons and daughters.

<sup>12</sup> **When Arpachshad had lived 35 years,** he fathered Shelah. <sup>13</sup> And Arpachshad lived after he fathered Shelah 403 years and had other sons and daughters.

<sup>14</sup> **When Shelah had lived 30 years,** he fathered Eber. <sup>15</sup> And Shelah lived after he fathered Eber 403 years and had other sons and daughters.

<sup>16</sup> **When Eber had lived 34 years,** he fathered Peleg. <sup>17</sup> And Eber lived after he fathered Peleg 430 years and had other sons and daughters.

<sup>18</sup> **When Peleg had lived 30 years,** he fathered Reu. <sup>19</sup> And Peleg lived after he fathered Reu 209 years and had other sons and daughters.

<sup>20</sup> **When Reu had lived 32 years,** he fathered Serug. <sup>21</sup> And Reu lived after he fathered Serug 207 years and had other sons and daughters.

<sup>22</sup> **When Serug had lived 30 years,** he fathered Nahor. <sup>23</sup> And Serug lived after he fathered Nahor 200 years and had other sons and daughters.

<sup>24</sup> **When Nahor had lived 29 years,** he fathered Terah. <sup>25</sup> And Nahor lived after he fathered Terah 119 years and had other sons and daughters.

<sup>26</sup> **When Terah had lived 70 years,** he fathered Abram, Nahor, and Haran.

# Shem's Descendants

## Luke 3:23-38 [ESV]

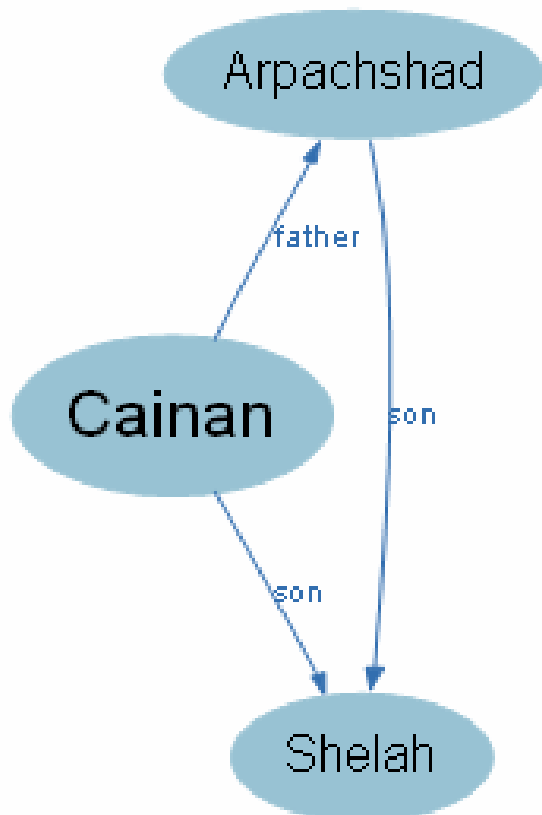
<sup>23</sup> Jesus, when he began his ministry, was about thirty years of age, being the son (as was supposed) of Joseph, the son of Heli ... <sup>33</sup> ... the son of David, <sup>32</sup> the son of Jesse, the son of Obed, the son of Boaz, the son of Sala, the son of Nahshon, <sup>33</sup> the son of Amminadab, the son of Admin, the son of Arni, the son of Hezron, the son of Perez, the son of Judah, <sup>34</sup> the son of Jacob, the son of Isaac, the son of Abraham, the son of Terah, the son of Nahor,

<sup>35</sup> the son of Serug, the son of Reu, the son of Peleg, the son of Eber, the son of Shelah, <sup>36</sup> **the son of Cainan, the son of Arphaxad, the son of Shem,**

... the son of Noah, the son of Lamech, <sup>37</sup> the son of Methuselah, the son of Enoch, the son of Jared, the son of Mahalaleel, the son of Cainan, <sup>38</sup> the son of Enos, the son of Seth, the son of Adam, the son of God.

# Shem's Descendants

## Interpretative Inconsistencies



Genesis Account <sup>10</sup> ... **When Shem was 100 years old, he fathered Arpachshad two years after the flood.** <sup>11</sup> And Shem lived after he fathered Arpachshad 500 years and had other sons and daughters.

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Luke's Account <sup>35</sup> the son of Serug, the son of Reu, the son of Peleg, the son of Eber, the son of Shelah, <sup>36</sup> **the son of Cainan, the son of Arphaxad, the son of Shem,**

# Shem's Descendants

## Exegetical Analysis and Explanation

<sup>12</sup> When Arpachshad had lived 35 years, **he caused to father** Shelah. <sup>13</sup> And Arpachshad lived 403 years after **he caused to father** Shelah and had other sons and daughters.

<sup>14</sup> When Shelah had lived 30 years, **he caused to father** Eber.

<sup>15</sup> And Shelah lived 403 years **he caused to father** Eber and had other sons and daughters.

- I. Hebrew Hiphil Verb
  - A. Causative – “to cause”
    - “he caused to kill”
    - “she caused to run”
  - B. Simple Action – Generally used for verbs found primarily in the Hiphil case
    - “he killed”
    - “she ran”
  - C. Declarative
  - D. Factitive – Transitive Use
- II. Hiphil used in the Genesis 5 and 11 genealogies
  - A. Qal form used later in Genesis for the patriarchs, etc.
- III. Implications
  - A. The Bible does not limit the age of Humanity
  - B. Humanity could be hundreds of thousands of years old! (or older!)

# New Testament Sabbath Observance

## John 5:10-18 [ESV]

<sup>10</sup> So the Jews said to the man who had been healed, “It is the Sabbath, and it is not lawful for you to take up your bed.” <sup>11</sup> But he answered them, “The man who healed me, that man said to me, ‘Take up your bed, and walk.’” <sup>12</sup> They asked him, “Who is the man who said to you, ‘Take up your bed and walk?’” <sup>13</sup> Now the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, as there was a crowd in the place. <sup>14</sup> Afterward Jesus found him in the temple and said to him, “See, you are well! Sin no more, that nothing worse may happen to you.” <sup>15</sup> The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had healed him. **<sup>16</sup> And this was why the Jews were persecuting Jesus, because he was doing these things on the Sabbath. <sup>17</sup> But Jesus answered them, “My Father is working until now, and I am working.”** <sup>18</sup> This was why the Jews were seeking all the more to kill him, because not only was he breaking the Sabbath, but he was even calling God his own Father, making himself equal with God.

# New Testament Sabbath Observance

## Hebrews 4:1–10 [ESV]

<sup>1</sup> Therefore, while the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us fear lest any of you should seem to have failed to reach it. <sup>2</sup> For good news came to us just as to them, but the message they heard did not benefit them, because they were not united by faith with those who listened. <sup>3</sup> For we who have believed enter that rest, as he has said, “As I swore in my wrath, ‘They shall not enter my rest,’ ” although his works were finished from the foundation of the world. <sup>4</sup> For he has somewhere spoken of the seventh day in this way: **“And God rested on the seventh day from all his works.”** <sup>5</sup> And again in this passage he said, “They shall not enter my rest.” <sup>6</sup> Since therefore it remains for some to enter it, and those who formerly received the good news failed to enter because of disobedience, <sup>7</sup> again he appoints a certain day, “Today,” saying through David so long afterward, in the words already quoted, “Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts.” <sup>8</sup> For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not have spoken of another day later on. **<sup>9</sup> So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God,** <sup>10</sup> for whoever has entered God’s rest has also rested from his works as God did from his.

# 8<sup>th</sup> Day Observations

## Diachronic Data Points

- I. Circumcision – Gen 17:12
- II. Feast of Weeks - Lev 23:15-16, Rev 14:14-20
- III. Feast of First Fruits - Leviticus 23:9-11
- IV. Feast of Trumpets - Numbers 29:1
- V. Feast of Tabernacles - Leviticus 23:39
- VI. Re-dedication of the Temple – Ezra 3:6
- VII. Reading of the Law – Nehemiah 8:2-18
- VIII. Hanukkah
- IX. Resurrection – Mat 28:1, Mar 16:2, Luke 24:1, John 20:1
- X. Pentecost - Acts 2:1

# 8<sup>th</sup> Day Observations

## Epistle of Barnabus, Chapter XV

Further, also, it is written concerning the Sabbath in the Decalogue which [the Lord] spoke, face to face, to Moses on Mount Sinai, "And sanctify ye the Sabbath of the Lord with clean hands and a pure heart." And He says in another place, "If my sons keep the Sabbath, then will I cause my mercy to rest upon them." The Sabbath is mentioned at the beginning of the creation [thus]: "And God made in six days the works of His hands, and made an end on the seventh day, and rested on it, and sanctified it." Attend, my children, to the meaning of this expression, "He finished in six days." This implieth that the Lord will finish all things in six thousand years, for a day is with Him a thousand years. And He Himself testifieth, saying, "Behold, to-day will be as a thousand years." Therefore, my children, in six days, that is, in six thousand years, all things will be finished. "And He rested on the seventh day." This meaneth: when His Son, coming [again], shall destroy the time of the wicked man, and judge the ungodly, and change the-sun, and the moon, and the stars, then shall He truly rest on the seventh day. Moreover, He says, "Thou shalt sanctify it with pure hands and a pure heart." If, therefore, any one can now sanctify the day which God hath sanctified, except he is pure in heart in all things, we are deceived. Behold, therefore: certainly then one properly resting sanctifies it, when we ourselves, having received the promise, wickedness no longer existing, and all things having been made new by the Lord, shall be able to work righteousness. Then we shall be able to sanctify it, having been first sanctified ourselves. Further, He says to them, "Your new moons and your Sabbath I cannot endure." Ye perceive how He speaks: Your present Sabbaths are not acceptable to Me, but that is which I have made, [namely this,] when, giving rest to all things, **I shall make a beginning of the eighth day, that is, a beginning of another world. Wherefore, also, we keep the eighth day with joyfulness, the day also on which Jesus rose again from the dead. And when He had manifested Himself, He ascended into the heavens.**

# Genesis 2:17 Textual Problem

## In the Day...

**Genesis 2:16-17** <sup>16</sup> And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, “You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, <sup>17</sup> 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.*”

**Genesis 3:3-5** <sup>3</sup> but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.’ ” <sup>4</sup> But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. <sup>5</sup> For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

**Genesis 3:6-7** <sup>6</sup> ... she [the woman] took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. <sup>7</sup> Then the eyes of both were opened...

**Genesis 5:5** <sup>5</sup> Thus *all the days that Adam lived were 930 years*, and he died.

***God tells Adam that he would die the day he ate of the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil (2:17). Satan tells Eve (and Adam who is with her) that she will not die. Adam lives for centuries after eating the fruit. How would you explain the apparent contradiction using the various views of Creation?***

# Genesis 2:17 Textual Problem

## Various Interpretations

Hebrew:

וַיִּצְוֵה יְהוָה אֱלֹהִים עַל־הָאָדָם לֵאמֹר מִכָּל עֵץ־הַגָּן אָכַל תֹּאכַל:  
וּמִעֵץ הַדַּעַת טוֹב וְרָע לֹא תֹאכַל מִמֶּנּוּ כִּי בַיּוֹם אָכַלְתָּ מִמֶּנּוּ מוֹת תָּמוּת

LXX:

μ

μ [in the day]

NIV: And the LORD God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for **when** you eat of it you will surely die."

Message: God commanded the Man, "You can eat from any tree in the garden, except from the Tree-of-Knowledge-of-Good-and-Evil. Don't eat from it. **The moment** you eat from that tree, you're dead."

KJV: And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for **in the day** that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

ESV: And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, "You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, 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."

# General Conclusions/Observations

## Issues to Ponder

- I. At some point in the 7<sup>th</sup> Day, Adam will die [Gen 2:17]
- II. The original Adam does not die in a literal 24 hour period [Gen 5:5]
  - A. Adam is still dying [1Cor 15:22]... implying the 7<sup>th</sup> day may not be over
- III. Very possibly, the current era is still in the 7<sup>th</sup> day
  - A. God is still working [John 5:17]... inferring God is in His Sabbath
  - B. But God has rested from His works – i.e. “common grace” [Heb 4:4]
- IV. Another Sabbath remains [Heb 4:9]
- V. The 8<sup>th</sup> Day is a recurrent biblical theme
  - A. Resurrection, “Day after” the harvest, giving of life/spirit/torah
  - B. The 6<sup>th</sup> day is “very good” ... does the 8<sup>th</sup> day reflect “perfection”?
- VI. The early church was thinking about these issues, but it was an eschatological issue, rather than a Creation issue. (Epistle of Barnabus)
  - A. Principle of Dissimilarity (NT Wright’s Jesus Research Methodology)

# Man and Woman as the Image of God

Genesis 1:27, 2:8 – 2:23

# *Imagio Dei* – “Image of God”

## Theological Issues

- I. Man
- II. Woman
- III. Humanity
- IV. Marriage
- V. Faith Community
  - A. Israel
  - B. Body of Christ (ie – Church)

# Observations About the Trinity

## Theological Issues

### I. Unity

- A. Unique
- B. Distinct
- C. Inseparable

### II. Plurality

- A. Individual Personalities
- B. Complementary
- C. Non-conflicting

# Image of God

## Genesis 1:26-28 [ESV]

<sup>26</sup> Then God said, “Let us make **Adam** in our image, after our likeness. And let **them** have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”

*<sup>27</sup> So God created “**the**” **Adam [Humanity]** in his own image, in the image of God he created **him**; male and female he created **them**.*

<sup>28</sup> **And God blessed them**. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”

# Image of God Reaffirmed

## Genesis 5:1-5 [ESV]

<sup>1</sup> This is the book of the generations of Adam. When **[In the Day]** God created man, **he made him in the likeness of God.**

<sup>2</sup> Male and female he created them, and he blessed them and named them Man when **[In the Day]** they were created.

<sup>3</sup> When Adam had lived 130 years, **he fathered a son in his own likeness, after his image,** and named him Seth.

<sup>4</sup> The days of Adam after he fathered Seth were 800 years; and he had other sons and daughters.

<sup>5</sup> Thus all the days that Adam lived were 930 years, and he died.

# Image of God

## Some Basic Observations about Human Beings

- I. Intelligence
- II. Creative Ability
- III. Moral Sense
- IV. Empathy
- V. Conscience
- VI. Authority
- VII. Talents

# Image of God

## Key Texts to Be Examined

1. Genesis 9:5-7
2. Psalm 51:1-19
3. James 3:6-12
4. Luke 7:36-50
5. Matthew 25:31-47
6. Luke 23:32-43
7. Mark 12:28-34
8. John 13:34-35

# Post-Flood

## Genesis 9:5-7 [ESV]

<sup>5</sup> And for your lifeblood I will require a reckoning: from every beast I will require it and from man. From his fellow man I will require a reckoning for the life of man. <sup>6</sup> **"Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed, for God made man in his own image.** <sup>7</sup> And you, be fruitful and multiply, teem on the earth and multiply in it."

# Chiasmus or Chiasm

I. A B C

II. C B A

III. Ask not what your country can do for you

IV. But what you can do for your country

# Davidic Psalm

## Psalm 51: 1-12 [ESV]

<sup>1</sup> Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. <sup>2</sup> Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! <sup>3</sup> For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. <sup>4</sup> **Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.** <sup>5</sup> Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me. <sup>6</sup> Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart. <sup>7</sup> Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. <sup>8</sup> Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken rejoice. <sup>9</sup> Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. <sup>10</sup> Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. <sup>11</sup> Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. <sup>12</sup> Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.

# The Tongue

## James 3:6-12 [ESV]

<sup>6</sup> And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell. <sup>7</sup> For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind, <sup>8</sup> but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. <sup>9</sup> **With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God.** <sup>10</sup> From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so. <sup>11</sup> Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and salt water? <sup>12</sup> Can a fig tree, my brothers, bear olives, or a grapevine produce figs? Neither can a salt pond yield fresh water.

# Sinful Woman Forgiven I

## Luke 7:36-40 [ESV]

<sup>36</sup> One of the Pharisees asked him to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee's house and took his place at the table. <sup>37</sup> And behold, a woman of the city, who was a sinner, when she learned that he was reclining at table in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster flask of ointment, <sup>38</sup> and standing behind him at his feet, weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears and wiped them with the hair of her head and kissed his feet and anointed them with the ointment. <sup>39</sup> Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what sort of woman this is who is touching him, for she is a sinner." <sup>40</sup> And Jesus answering said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." And he answered, "Say it, Teacher."

# Sinful Woman Forgiven II

## Luke 7:41-50 [ESV]

<sup>41</sup> “A certain moneylender had two debtors. One owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. <sup>42</sup> When they could not pay, he cancelled the debt of both. Now which of them will love him more?” <sup>43</sup> Simon answered, “The one, I suppose, for whom he cancelled the larger debt.” And he said to him, “You have judged rightly.” <sup>44</sup> Then turning toward the woman he said to Simon, “Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. <sup>45</sup> You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not ceased to kiss my feet. <sup>46</sup> You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. <sup>47</sup>

**Therefore I tell you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven—for she loved much. But he who is forgiven little, loves little.”** <sup>48</sup> And he said to her, “Your sins are forgiven.” <sup>49</sup> Then those who were at table with him began to say among themselves, “Who is this, who even forgives sins?” <sup>50</sup> And he said to the woman, “Your faith has saved you; go in peace.”

# Final Judgment I

## Matthew 25:31-40 [ESV]

<sup>31</sup> “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. <sup>32</sup> Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. <sup>33</sup> And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. <sup>34</sup> Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. <sup>35</sup> **For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, <sup>36</sup> I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.’ <sup>37</sup> Then the righteous will answer him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? <sup>38</sup> And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? <sup>39</sup> And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?’ <sup>40</sup> And the King will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.’**

# Final Judgment II

## Matthew 25:41-46 [ESV]

<sup>41</sup> “Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. <sup>42</sup> For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, <sup>43</sup> I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ <sup>44</sup> **Then they also will answer, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?’** <sup>45</sup> **Then he will answer them, saying, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’** <sup>46</sup> And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

# Two Criminals on Crosses

## Luke 23:32-43 [ESV]

<sup>32</sup> Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. <sup>33</sup> And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. <sup>34</sup> **And Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.”** And they cast lots to divide his garments. <sup>35</sup> And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!” <sup>36</sup> The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine <sup>37</sup> and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” <sup>38</sup> There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.” <sup>39</sup> One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, “Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!” <sup>40</sup> But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? <sup>41</sup> And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong.” <sup>42</sup> And he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” <sup>43</sup> And he said to him, “Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”

# Greatest Commandments

## Mark 12:28-34 [ESV]

<sup>28</sup> And one of the scribes came up and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, asked him, “Which commandment is the most important of all?” <sup>29</sup> Jesus answered, **“The most important is, ‘Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. <sup>30</sup> And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’ <sup>31</sup> The second is this: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.”** <sup>32</sup> And the scribe said to him, “You are right, Teacher. You have truly said that he is one, and there is no other besides him. <sup>33</sup> And to love him with all the heart and with all the understanding and with all the strength, and to love one’s neighbor as oneself, is much more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.” <sup>34</sup> And when Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, **“You are not far from the kingdom of God.”** And after that no one dared to ask him any more questions.

# A New Commandment

## John 13:34-35 [ESV]

<sup>34</sup> A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. <sup>35</sup> By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

# Woman

## As an Image of God

I. Note that Eve, the “Mother of all the Living,” is not named until Genesis 3:20

A. Direct inference that she also has the “breath of life”

## II. Image of God

A. “male and female He created them” and “He named them Man/Humanity”

1. Genesis 5:1-2

B. Wisdom (“God”) personified as a Woman

C. Israel/Church Personified as a Woman

1. God/Christ the husband (one flesh principle)

## III. “Made for Man”

A. Although now “Man born from Woman”

1. Literally

2. Spiritually – “seed of the Woman”

# Creation of Eve

## Genesis 2:18-23 [ESV]

<sup>18</sup> Then the Lord God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him.” <sup>19</sup> So out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the heavens and brought them to the man to see what he would call them. And whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. <sup>20</sup> The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper fit for him.

<sup>21</sup> So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. <sup>22</sup> And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. <sup>23</sup> Then the man said, “This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.”

# Image of God Summary

## Overview of Key Biblical Texts

1. Genesis 9:5-7
  - Murdering a Human is like Murdering God
2. Psalm 51:1-19
  - All Sin is against God
  - Therefore, God has authority to forgive all sins
3. James 3:6-12
  - Cursing Man is like cursing God
4. Luke 7:36-50
  - Jesus (God) can forgive sins (Jesus is God – John 1:1)
5. Matthew 25:31-47
  - How you love (or hate) people says a lot about how you love (or hate) God
6. Luke 23:32-43
  - Christ and the saints ask God to forgive others for sins against them!
  - Believers should not take persecution personally!
7. Mark 12:28-34 and John 13:34-35
  - The greatest commandments... perfected!
  - Love one another as I have loved you!

# Marriage as an Image of God

Genesis 2:24 – 2:25

# Institution of Marriage

## Genesis 2:24-25

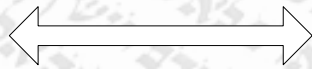
<sup>24</sup> Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. <sup>25</sup> And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

# A Definition of Marriage

## American Heritage Dictionary

Government  
(Witness)

Man  
(Husband)



Woman  
(Wife)

Marital Relationship

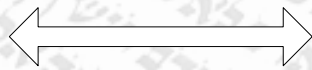
- I. The legal union of a man and woman as husband and wife.
- II. The state of being married; wedlock.
- III. A common-law marriage.
- IV. A union between two persons having the customary but usually not the legal force of marriage: *a same-sex marriage*.
- V. A wedding.
- VI. A close union: “the most successful marriage of beauty and blood in mainstream comics” (Lloyd Rose).
- VII. The combination of the king and queen of the same suit, as in pinochle.

# Mainstream Evangelical Thinking

## Excerpts of President Bush's 2/24/04 Speech

Government  
(Witness)

Man  
(Husband)



Marital Relationship

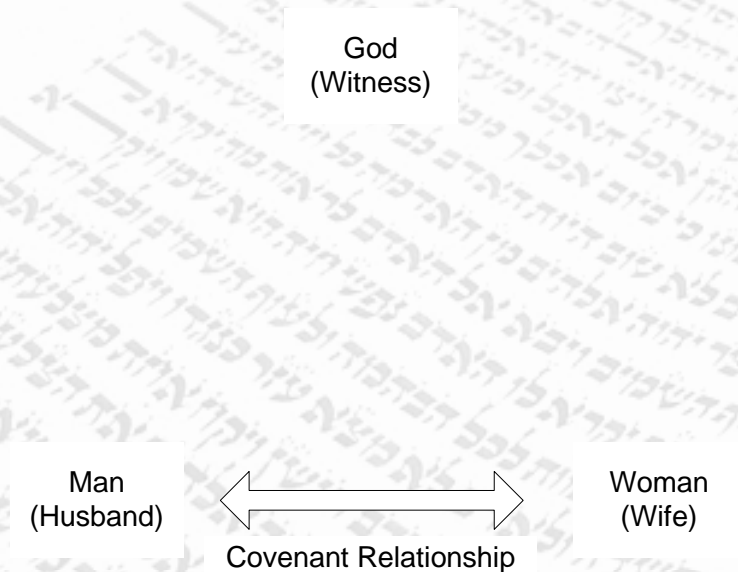
Woman  
(Wife)

- I. “Eight years ago, Congress passed, and President Clinton signed, the Defense of Marriage Act, which **defined marriage ... as the legal union between one man and one woman as husband and wife.**”
- II. “The union of a man and woman is the most **enduring human institution**, honoring -- honored and encouraged in all cultures and by every religious faith.
- III. Ages of experience have taught humanity that the **commitment of a husband and wife to love and to serve one another** promotes the welfare of children and the stability of society.”

# Marriage as an Image of God

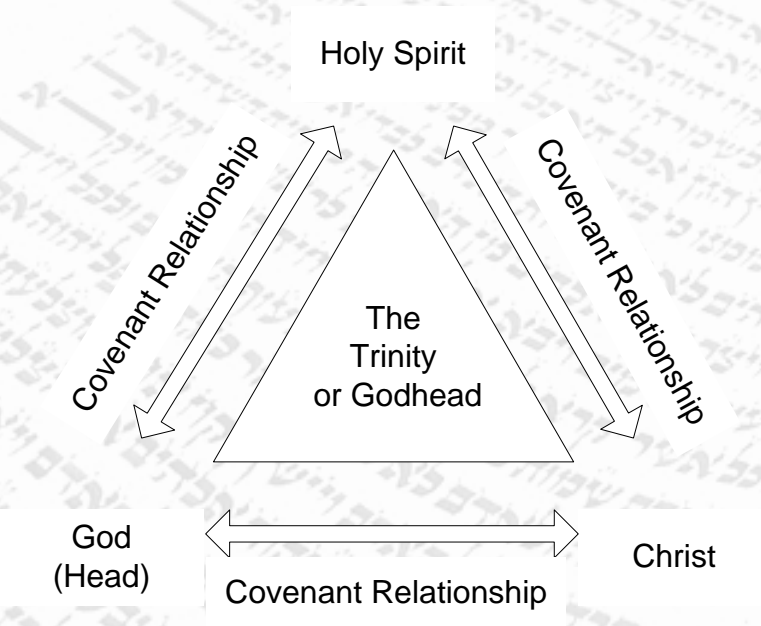
## General Evangelical Viewpoint

- I. Genesis 2:24-25 is the original basis of Marriage
- II. Marriage is a covenant between a man and a woman
- III. Since Marriage was instituted before the Fall and reaffirmed after the Fall, it continues today
- IV. God is the covenant witness or mediator for Marriage, regardless of government, religion, culture, etc.
- V. In other words, God will hold all people accountable for their esteem of Marriage



# Marriage as an Image of God

## A Reformed Viewpoint



### I. Marriage

#### A. Trinitarian Expression of the Triune God

1. Man
2. Woman
3. And most importantly, God [Holy Spirit]

#### B. "One Man One Woman" is insufficient!

### II. Adultery

#### A. Non-Trinitarian sexual relationships

#### B. Attack on Marriage as an Image of God

1. Helps explain why adultery is a capital offense

#### C. Hardening of Heart – "Rejection of the Holy Spirit"

1. Unforgivable Sin...

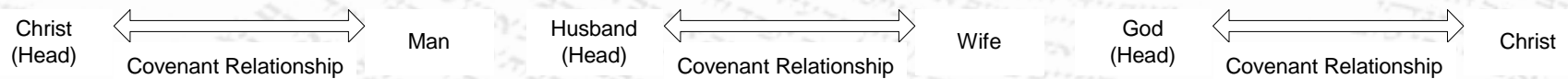
# Pauline Feminist Controversy

## 1 Corinthians 11:2-16 [ESV]

<sup>2</sup> Now I commend you because you remember me in everything and maintain the traditions even as I delivered them to you. <sup>3</sup> **But I want you to understand that the head of every man is Christ, the head of a wife is her husband, and the head of Christ is God.** <sup>4</sup> Every man who prays or prophesies with his head covered dishonors his head, <sup>5</sup> but every wife who prays or prophesies with her head uncovered dishonors her head—it is the same as if her head were shaven. <sup>6</sup> For if a wife will not cover her head, then she should cut her hair short. But since it is disgraceful for a wife to cut off her hair or shave her head, let her cover her head. <sup>7</sup> **For a man ought not to cover his head, since he is the image and glory of God, but woman is the glory of man.** <sup>8</sup> **For man was not made from woman, but woman from man.** <sup>9</sup> **Neither was man created for woman, but woman for man.** <sup>10</sup> That is why a wife ought to have a symbol of authority on her head, because of the angels. <sup>11</sup> Nevertheless, **in the Lord woman is not independent of man nor man of woman;** <sup>12</sup> **for as woman was made from man, so man is now born of woman. And all things are from God.** <sup>13</sup> Judge for yourselves: is it proper for a wife to pray to God with her head uncovered? <sup>14</sup> Does not nature itself teach you that if a man wears long hair it is a disgrace for him, <sup>15</sup> but if a woman has long hair, it is her glory? For her hair is given to her for a covering. <sup>16</sup> **If anyone is inclined to be contentious, we have no such practice, nor do the churches of God.**

# 1 Corinthians 11:2-16

## Analysis of the Passage



### I. Paul argues...

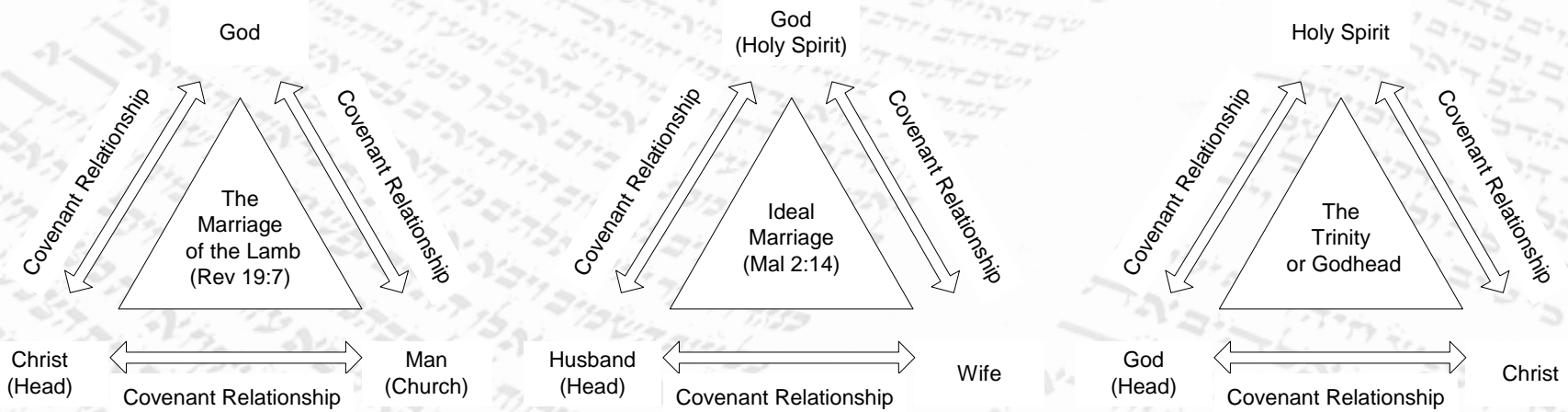
- A. God is the Head of Christ
- B. Christ is the Head of Man
- C. Husband is the Head of the Wife

### II. What's missing? The Holy Spirit!

- A. Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
- B. Christ, the Church, and the Holy Spirit
- C. Husband, Wife, and Holy Spirit

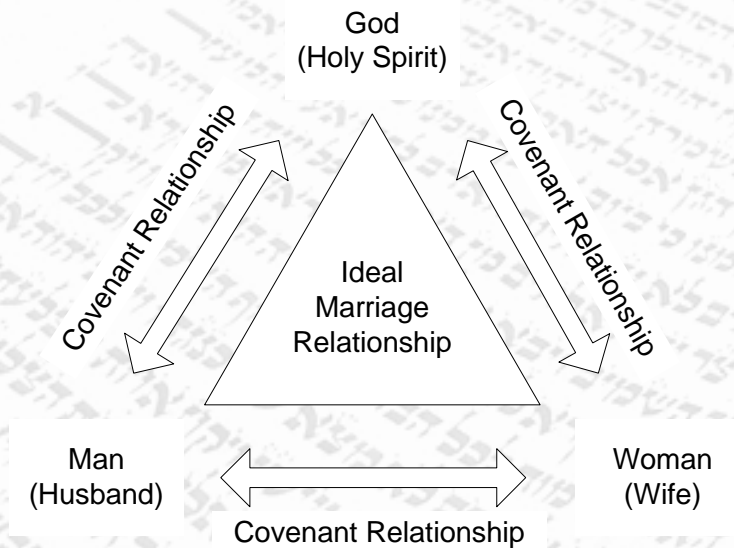
# 1 Corinthians 11:2-16

## Analysis of the Passage



# Marriage In the Spirit

Malachi 2:13-16 [ESV]



<sup>13</sup> And this second thing you do. You cover the Lord's altar with tears, with weeping and groaning because he no longer regards the offering or accepts it with favor from your hand. <sup>14</sup> But you say, "Why does he not?" Because the Lord was witness between you and the wife of your youth, to whom you have been faithless, though she is your companion and your wife by covenant. <sup>15</sup> **Did he not make them one, with a portion of the Spirit in their union? And what was the one God seeking? Godly offspring. So guard yourselves in your spirit, and let none of you be faithless to the wife of your youth.** <sup>16</sup> "For the man who hates and divorces, says the Lord, the God of Israel, covers his garment with violence, says the Lord of hosts. So guard yourselves in your spirit, and do not be faithless."

# Paul's Teaching on Marriage

## Ephesians 5:22-33

<sup>22</sup> Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. **<sup>23</sup> For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior.** <sup>24</sup> Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands. <sup>25</sup> Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, <sup>26</sup> that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, <sup>27</sup> so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. **<sup>28</sup> In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. <sup>29</sup> For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, <sup>30</sup> because we are members of his body.** <sup>31</sup> "Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." <sup>32</sup> This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. <sup>33</sup> However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

# The Holy Spirit

- I. Enables the One Flesh Relationship
  - A. Father and Son
  - B. Christ and the Church
  - C. Husband and Wife

# Divorce Law

## Deuteronomy 24:1-4 [ESV]

<sup>1</sup> “When a man takes a wife and marries her, if then she finds no favor in his eyes because **he has found some indecency in her**, and he writes her a certificate of divorce and puts it in her hand and sends her out of his house, and she departs out of his house, <sup>2</sup> and if she goes and becomes another man’s wife, <sup>3</sup> and the latter man hates her and writes her a certificate of divorce and puts it in her hand and sends her out of his house, or if the latter man dies, who took her to be his wife, <sup>4</sup> then her former husband, who sent her away, may not take her again to be his wife, after she has been defiled, for that is an abomination before the Lord. And you shall not bring sin upon the land that the Lord your God is giving you for an inheritance.

### Key Questions

1. **What sort of indecency?**

# The Un-Holy Spirit

## The Indecency!

- I. Masquerades as the Holy Spirit!
  - A. False love
  - B. Full of the antithesis of love
    1. Resentment, rejection, abuse, selfishness, etc.
- II. Prevents One Flesh relationship with God
  - A. Causes adulterous relationships!
- III. Facilitates a One Flesh relationship with Satan
- IV. Prevalent in most relationships today!

# Jesus' Teaching on Discipline

## Matthew 18:15-20 [ESV]

<sup>15</sup> “If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. <sup>16</sup> But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. <sup>17</sup> If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. <sup>18</sup> Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. <sup>19</sup> Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. <sup>20</sup> For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.”

**Note the proximity to the teachings on marriage!**

# Jesus Exegesis on Divorce

## Matthew 19:3-12 [ESV]

<sup>3</sup> And Pharisees came up to him and tested him by asking, “Is it lawful to divorce one’s wife for any cause?” <sup>4</sup> He answered, **“Have you not read that he who created them from the beginning made them male and female, <sup>5</sup> and said, ‘Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh’? <sup>6</sup> So they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate.”** <sup>7</sup> They said to him, “Why then did Moses command one to give a certificate of divorce and to send her away?” <sup>8</sup> He said to them, **“Because of your hardness of heart Moses allowed you to divorce your wives, but from the beginning it was not so. <sup>9</sup> And I say to you: whoever divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, and marries another, commits adultery.”** <sup>10</sup> The disciples said to him, “If such is the case of a man with his wife, it is better not to marry.” <sup>11</sup> But he said to them, “Not everyone can receive this saying, but only those to whom it is given. <sup>12</sup> For there are eunuchs who have been so from birth, and there are eunuchs who have been made eunuchs by men, and there are eunuchs who have made themselves eunuchs for the sake of the kingdom of heaven. Let the one who is able to receive this receive it.”

# The Unforgivable Sin

## Mark 3:28-29 [ESV]

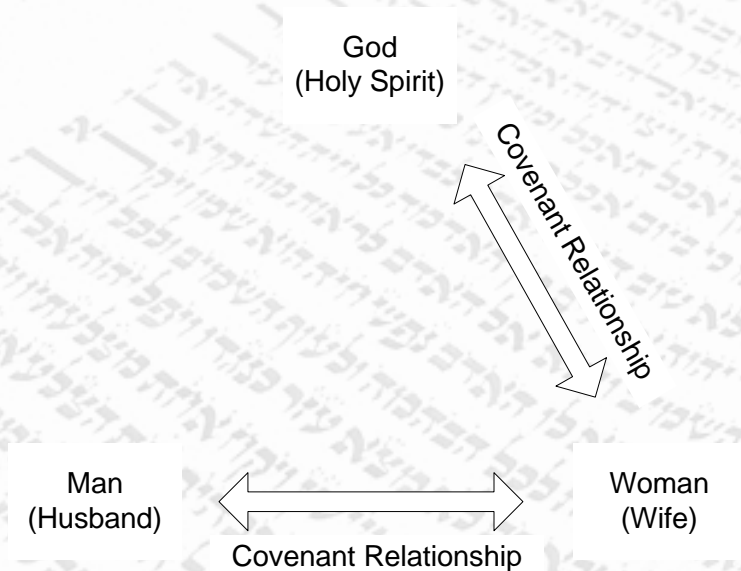
<sup>28</sup> "Truly, I say to you, all sins will be forgiven the children of man, and whatever blasphemies they utter, <sup>29</sup> but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin"

### Key Questions

1. What is the unforgivable sin?
2. Is divorce ever permissible?

# Paul's Teaching on Divorce

## 1 Corinthians 7:10-16 [ESV]



**What are the implications of a believing spouse making the unbelieving spouse Holy? How can that possibly work?**

<sup>10</sup>To the married I give this charge (**not I, but the Lord**): the wife should not separate from her husband <sup>11</sup>(but if she does, she should remain unmarried or else be reconciled to her husband), and the husband should not divorce his wife. <sup>12</sup>To the rest I say (**I, not the Lord**) that if any brother has a wife who is an unbeliever, and she consents to live with him, he should not divorce her. <sup>13</sup>If any woman has a husband who is an unbeliever, and he consents to live with her, she should not divorce him. <sup>14</sup>**For the unbelieving husband is made holy because of his wife, and the unbelieving wife is made holy because of her husband. Otherwise your children would be unclean, but as it is, they are holy.** <sup>15</sup>But if the unbelieving partner separates, let it be so. In such cases the brother or sister is not enslaved. God has called you to peace. <sup>16</sup>Wife, how do you know whether you will save your husband? Husband, how do you know whether you will save your wife?

# Paul on Homosexuality I

## Romans 1:18-27 [ESV]

<sup>18</sup> For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. <sup>19</sup> For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. <sup>20</sup> For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse. <sup>21</sup> For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. <sup>22</sup> Claiming to be wise, they became fools, <sup>23</sup> and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and reptiles. **<sup>24</sup> Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves, <sup>25</sup> because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen. <sup>26</sup> For this reason God gave them up to dishonorable passions. For their women exchanged natural relations for those that are contrary to nature; <sup>27</sup> and the men likewise gave up natural relations with women and were consumed with passion for one another, men committing shameless acts with men and receiving in themselves the due penalty for their error.**

# Paul on Homosexuality II

## Romans 1:28-32 [ESV]

<sup>28</sup> And since they did not see fit to acknowledge God, God gave them up to a debased mind to do what ought not to be done. <sup>29</sup> **They were filled with all manner of unrighteousness, evil, covetousness, malice. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, maliciousness. They are gossips, <sup>30</sup> slanderers, haters of God, insolent, haughty, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, <sup>31</sup> foolish, faithless, heartless, ruthless.** <sup>32</sup> Though they know God's decree that those who practice such things deserve to die, they not only do them but give approval to those who practice them.

# Romans 1:18-32

## Analysis

- I. Why are people given over to their passions?
- II. What does Paul mean “receiving in themselves the due penalty for their error.” What do they receive??
- III. Paul writes, “They were filled with all manner of unrighteousness, evil, covetousness, malice. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, maliciousness. They are gossips, slanderers, haters of God, insolent, haughty, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, foolish, faithless, heartless, ruthless.”
  - A. What does Paul mean ... “They were filled...”

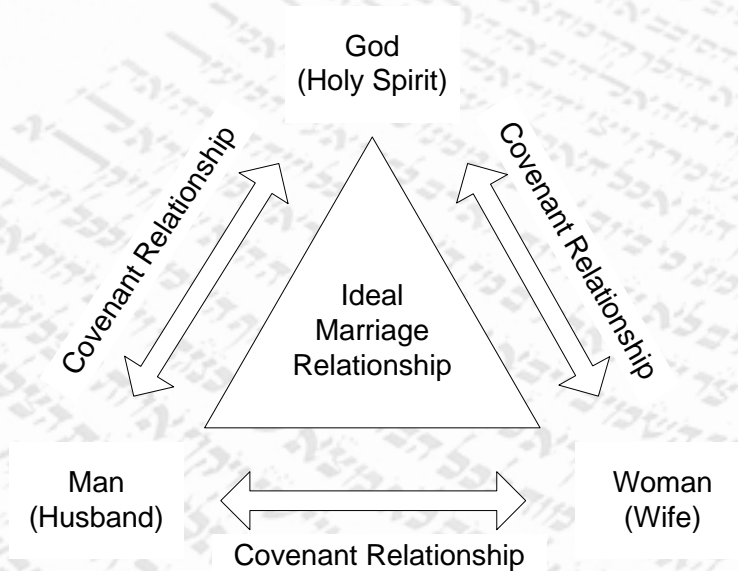
# Marriage as the Image of God

## Conclusions

- I. Attacking a Marriage is like attacking God
  - A. This is why adultery is punishable by death!
- II. The Holy Spirit is necessary to realize the Image of God
- III. Rejection of the Holy Spirit in any relationship, even a monogamous, legal marriage, is adulterous
  - A. Divorce is never an option with the Holy Spirit
  - B. Infidelity is NOT grounds for a Christian divorce
    1. Rejection of the Holy Spirit is...
- IV. If we reject the Holy Spirit, the Unholy Spirit is at work in our relationships!
- V. God gives us over to the Unholy Spirit if we reject Him!
  - A. Demon possession, the “fruits of the Unholy Spirit,” etc.
- VI. Due to the One Flesh Relationship, a believing Spirit filled spouse makes the unbelieving spouse Holy!!!

# Marriage as the Image of God

## Genesis 2:24 Marriage Defined



- I. “One Man One Woman” is an insufficient definition of marriage.
- II. Marriage is an exclusive Union between
  - A. One Man
  - B. One Woman
  - C. One God
    1. 1<sup>st</sup> Commandment
    2. 7<sup>th</sup> Commandment

# The Fall

Genesis 3:1 – 3:24

# The Fall

## Genesis 3:1-7 [ESV]

<sup>1</sup> Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God actually say, ‘You shall not eat of any tree in the garden?’” <sup>2</sup> And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, <sup>3</sup> but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.’ ” <sup>4</sup> But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. <sup>5</sup> For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” <sup>6</sup> So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. <sup>7</sup> Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

# The Fall

## Genesis 3:8-13 [ESV]

<sup>8</sup> And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. <sup>9</sup> But the Lord God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?” <sup>10</sup> And he said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself.” <sup>11</sup> He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” <sup>12</sup> The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate.” <sup>13</sup> Then the Lord God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

# The Fall

## Genesis 3:14-19 [ESV]

<sup>14</sup> The Lord God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. <sup>15</sup> I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.” <sup>16</sup> To the woman he said, “I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children. Your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you.” <sup>17</sup> And to Adam he said, “Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, ‘You shall not eat of it,’ cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; <sup>18</sup> thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. <sup>19</sup> By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”

# The Fall

## Genesis 3:20-24 [ESV]

<sup>20</sup> The man called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. <sup>21</sup> And the Lord God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them. <sup>22</sup> Then the Lord God said, "Behold, the man has become like one of us in knowing good and evil. Now, lest he reach out his hand and take also of the tree of life and eat, and live forever—" <sup>23</sup> therefore the Lord God sent him out from the garden of Eden to work the ground from which he was taken. <sup>24</sup> He drove out the man, and at the east of the garden of Eden he placed the cherubim and a flaming sword that turned every way to guard the way to the tree of life.

# Satan

## Biblical Overview

# Satan

## Biblical Data

I. The Evil One [1 John 5:19]

II. Satan's Forms

A. Serpent [Gen 3:1]

B. Dragon [Rev 12:7]

C. Angel of light [2Cor 11:14]

D. Strong man [Matt 12:29]

E. The Evil One [1 John 5:19, Matt 6:13]

III. Also called...

A. Accuser

B. Father of Lies

C. Deceiver

D. Etc.

# Satan as the Evil One

## Matthew 6:7-15 [ESV]

<sup>7</sup> “And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words. <sup>8</sup> Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. <sup>9</sup> Pray then like this:

“Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.

<sup>10</sup> Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

<sup>11</sup> Give us this day our daily bread,

<sup>12</sup> and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.

<sup>13</sup> And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from...

[“**the Evil One**”, ]

<sup>14</sup> For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, <sup>15</sup> but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

# Satan as a Dragon

## Revelation 12:3-9 [ESV]

<sup>3</sup> And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, **a great red dragon, with seven heads and ten horns, and on his heads seven diadems.** <sup>4</sup> **His tail swept down a third of the stars of heaven and cast them to the earth.** And the dragon stood before the woman who was about to give birth, so that when she bore her child he might devour it. <sup>5</sup> She gave birth to a male child, one who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron, but her child was caught up to God and to his throne, <sup>6</sup> and the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, in which she is to be nourished for 1,260 days. <sup>7</sup> Now war arose in heaven, Michael and his angels fighting against the dragon. And the dragon and his angels fought back, <sup>8</sup> but he was defeated and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. <sup>9</sup> **And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.**

# Satan as an Angel of Light

## 2 Corinthians 11:1-15 [ESV]

<sup>1</sup> I wish you would bear with me in a little foolishness. Do bear with me! <sup>2</sup> I feel a divine jealousy for you, for I betrothed you to one husband, to present you as a pure virgin to Christ. <sup>3</sup> **But I am afraid that as the serpent deceived Eve by his cunning,** your thoughts will be led astray from a sincere and pure devotion to Christ. <sup>4</sup> For if someone comes and proclaims another Jesus than the one we proclaimed, or if you receive a different spirit from the one you received, or if you accept a different gospel from the one you accepted, you put up with it readily enough. <sup>5</sup> I consider that I am not in the least inferior to these super-apostles ... <sup>13</sup> For such men are false apostles, deceitful workmen, disguising themselves as apostles of Christ. <sup>14</sup> And no wonder, for even **Satan disguises himself as an angel of light.** <sup>15</sup> So it is no surprise if his servants, also, disguise themselves as servants of righteousness. Their end will correspond to their deeds.

# Satan as a Strong Man

## Matthew 12:22-29 [ESV]

<sup>22</sup> Then a demon-oppressed man who was blind and mute was brought to him, and he healed him, so that the man spoke and saw. <sup>23</sup> And all the people were amazed, and said, “Can this be the Son of David?” <sup>24</sup> But when the Pharisees heard it, they said, “It is only by Beelzebul, the prince of demons, that this man casts out demons.” <sup>25</sup> Knowing their thoughts, he said to them, “Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste, and no city or house divided against itself will stand. <sup>26</sup> **And if Satan casts out Satan, he is divided against himself. How then will his kingdom stand?** <sup>27</sup> **And if I cast out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges.** <sup>28</sup> **But if it is by the Spirit of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.** <sup>29</sup> **Or how can someone enter a strong man’s house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man?** Then indeed he may plunder his house.

# The Fall

## Biblical Analysis

# The Fall

## Some Key Questions and Issues

1. What were God's instructions concerning the Forbidden Tree?
2. What was Eve's understanding of God's instructions?
3. What was the purpose of the Forbidden Tree?
4. What was Satan doing in the Garden?
5. What did Satan do to Adam and Eve?
6. Who did Adam blame?
7. Who was repentant?
8. Who confessed the truth?
9. What offenses was Satan guilty of? What about Adam?
10. What should Adam have done to Satan?
11. What is the nature of the Curses?
12. Eschatology: Who is "in-charge" now? How will he be overthrown?
13. Was the "Theology of the Cross" present in the Garden of Eden?

# What Were God's Instructions?

## Genesis 2:15-17 [ESV]

<sup>15</sup> The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it. <sup>16</sup> And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, "You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, <sup>17</sup> 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."

# What Was Eve's Understanding?

## Genesis 3:2-3 [ESV]

<sup>2</sup> And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, <sup>3</sup> but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.’ ”

### Key Questions

1. What is the flaw in Eve's understanding?
2. Where did this come from?
3. Why wasn't it corrected?

# What Was The Purpose of the Forbidden Tree?

## Genesis 1:22-23

<sup>5</sup> For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and **you will be like God, knowing good and evil.**” – Satan [Gen 1:5]

<sup>22</sup> Then the Lord God said, **“Behold, the man has become like one from amongst us knowing good and evil...”** – God [Gen 1:22]

### Key Questions

1. **Did the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil impart the Knowledge of Good and Evil?**
2. **Was Satan right? Did the Man become “like” God?**

# What Was Satan Doing In the Garden?

## Genesis 1:28 and 2:19-20 [ESV]

Genesis 1:28: <sup>28</sup> And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”

Genesis 2:19-20: <sup>19</sup> So out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the heavens and brought them to the man to see what he would call them. And whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. <sup>20</sup> The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper fit for him.

### Key Questions

1. **Did Adam have authority over Satan?**

# What Did Satan Do to Adam and Eve?

## John 8:44 [ESV]

... He [Satan] was a murderer from the beginning, and has nothing to do with the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies.

### Key Questions

1. Why does Jesus call Satan a murderer from the beginning?
2. What was Satan's MURDER WEAPON?
3. Did Satan succeed in his murder?
4. Did Satan have an accomplice?

# Who Was Repentant?

## Analysis of Adam, Eve, or the Serpent?

I. Is the Serpent repentant?

II. Is Eve repentant? (Gen 3:13)

<sup>13</sup> Then the Lord God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “**The serpent deceived me, and I ate.**”

III. Is Adam repentant? (Gen 3:12)

<sup>10</sup> And he said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself.” <sup>11</sup> He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” <sup>12</sup> The man said, “**The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate.**”

# Who Did Adam Blame?

## Matthew 5:37

ESV: Let what you say be simply 'Yes' or 'No'; anything more than this comes from evil.

NET: Let your word be 'Yes, yes' or 'No, no.' More than this is from **the evil one**.

GNT: ἔστω δὲ ὁ λόγος ὑμῶν ναὶ ναί, οὐ οὐ· τὸ δὲ περισσὸν τούτων ἐκ **τοῦ πονηροῦ** ἐστίν.

### Key Questions

1. Why didn't Adam answer God with a simple "Yes?"
2. Who did Adam blame for the Fall?

**"The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate."**

# Who Confessed the Truth?

## 1 Timothy 2:9-14 [ESV]

<sup>9</sup> ... women should adorn themselves in respectable apparel, with modesty and self-control, not with braided hair and gold or pearls or costly attire, <sup>10</sup> but with what is proper for women who profess godliness—with good works. <sup>11</sup> Let a woman learn quietly with all submissiveness. <sup>12</sup> I do not permit a woman to teach or to exercise authority over a man; rather, she is to remain quiet. **<sup>13</sup> For Adam was formed first, then Eve; <sup>14</sup> and Adam was not deceived, but the woman was deceived and became a transgressor.**

### Key Questions

- 1. Was Adam deceived?**
- 2. Was Eve deceived?**

# What Offenses Was Satan Guilty Of?

1. Blasphemy
2. Idolatry
3. Profaning God's Name
4. Profaning the Sabbath
5. Dishonoring Humanity's Parent
6. Murder
7. Adultery
8. Theft
9. Bearing False Witness
10. Coveting

**What are these?**

**Who else was guilty of all of these offenses too?**

# What should Adam have done to Satan?

## The Nature of the Forbidden Tree

- I. What should Adam have done to the serpent?
- II. What should Adam have done to Eve?
  - A. Remember: Marriage as an Image of God
- III. What did Adam do? (Genesis 3:6)

<sup>6</sup> So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate.

**Did Adam have to eat of the Forbidden Tree to acquire the Knowledge of Good and Evil?**

# What is the Nature of the Curses?

## Genesis 3:14-19 [ESV]

<sup>14</sup> The Lord God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and **dust you shall eat all the days of your life.** <sup>15</sup> **I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.”**

<sup>16</sup> To the woman he said, **“I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children. Your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you.”**

<sup>17</sup> And to Adam he said, “Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, ‘You shall not eat of it,’ cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; <sup>18</sup> thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. <sup>19</sup> By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; **for you are dust, and to dust you shall return.**”

# Adam's Curse

## Various References

- I. Genesis 18:27 <sup>27</sup> Abraham answered and said, “Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord, **I who am but dust and ashes.**
- II. 1 Peter 5:7 <sup>8</sup> Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, **seeking someone to devour.**
- III. 1 Corinthians 15:45-49 <sup>45</sup> Thus it is written, “The first man Adam became a living being”; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. <sup>46</sup> But it is not the spiritual that is first but the natural, and then the spiritual. <sup>47</sup> The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. <sup>48</sup> **As was the man of dust, so also are those who are of the dust,** and as is the man of heaven, so also are those who are of heaven. <sup>49</sup> Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the man of heaven.

# Eschatological Implications

## Satan as the Devourer

- I. Mark 9:47-49 <sup>47</sup> And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into hell, <sup>48</sup> 'where their worm does not die and the fire is not quenched.' <sup>49</sup> For everyone will be salted with fire.
- II. 1 Peter 5:8-9 <sup>8</sup> Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. <sup>9</sup> Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world.
- III. Malachi 3:11 <sup>11</sup> I will rebuke the devourer for you, so that it will not destroy the fruits of your soil, and your vine in the field shall not fail to bear, says the Lord of hosts.

# Eschatological Implications

## In the Day...

Genesis 2:16-17 <sup>16</sup> And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, “You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, <sup>17</sup> 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.*”

Genesis 3:3-5 <sup>3</sup> but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.’ ” <sup>4</sup> But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. <sup>5</sup> For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

Genesis 3:6-7 <sup>6</sup> ... she [the woman] took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. <sup>7</sup> Then the eyes of both were opened...

Genesis 5:5 <sup>5</sup> Thus *all the days that Adam lived were 930 years*, and he died.

***What does this have to do with the curses in Genesis 3: 14-19***

# Eschatological Implications

## The Woman, Her Seed and Her Other Children

- I. Genesis 3:20 <sup>20</sup> The man called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living.
- II. Revelation 12:13-17 <sup>13</sup> And when the dragon saw that he had been thrown down to the earth, he pursued the woman who had given birth to the male child. <sup>14</sup> But the woman was given the two wings of the great eagle so that she might fly from the serpent into the wilderness, to the place where she is to be nourished for a time, and times, and half a time. <sup>15</sup> The serpent poured water like a river out of his mouth after the woman, to sweep her away with a flood. <sup>16</sup> But the earth came to the help of the woman, and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed the river that the dragon had poured from his mouth. <sup>17</sup> Then the dragon became furious with the woman and went off to make war on the rest of her offspring, on those who keep the commandments of God and hold to the testimony of Jesus. And he stood on the sand of the sea.
- III. Romans 16:20 <sup>20</sup> The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet

# Eschatological Implications

## Defeat of Satan

- I. Revelation 12:7-9 <sup>7</sup> Now war arose in heaven, Michael and his angels fighting against the dragon. And the dragon and his angels fought back, <sup>8</sup> but he was defeated and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. <sup>9</sup> And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.
- II. Luke 10:17-20 <sup>17</sup> The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, “Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name!” <sup>18</sup> And he said to them, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. <sup>19</sup> Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall hurt you. <sup>20</sup> Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”
- III. 1 Corinthians 6:3 <sup>3</sup> Do you not know that we are to judge angels? How much more, then, matters pertaining to this life!
- IV. Romans 16:20 <sup>20</sup> The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet

# Final Thoughts

## The Theology of the Cross

1. God's intention was to give Humanity the Knowledge of Good and Evil by introducing the Forbidden Tree into the Garden
2. To receive such knowledge, all Humanity need do was judge Satan
3. God gave Adam and Eve authority over Satan
4. Using the Forbidden Tree, Satan blasphemed God and attempted to murder Adam and Eve
5. For Satan's crime, Adam should have hung or crucified Satan against the Forbidden Tree (using Satan's own weapon against him)
6. By judging Satan, Man would have the Knowledge of Good and Evil
7. Unfortunately, Adam becomes Satan's accomplice, thus meriting the same punishment as Satan
8. For their crimes, God judges Satan and Adam
9. Instead of Satan and Adam justly crucified, Christ is unjustly crucified
10. Christ, Eve's Seed, pays Adam's penalty in full through the Cross...