

Genesis 2:4-24
The Land and the Blessing—1:1-2:24

- 1) The Beginning—1:1
- 2) The preparation of the Land—1:2-2:3
- 3) The gift of the Land—2:4-24 (*toledoth* # 1) [emphasis on God's direct involvement]
 - a) Creation of Humanity—2:4-7 (returns to creation day # 6)
 - i) Pre-human creation on days two and three—2:4-6
 - (1) First use of LORD God (Yahweh Elohim)
 - (a) Found 37 x in OT, 20 of which are in Genesis 2-3.
 - ii) The forming of Adam on day six—2:7
 - (1) Adam's *material* aspect: formed by God from pre-existing material
 - (a) *Ha adam* was formed from *ha adamah*
 - (2) Adam's unique *immaterial* aspect: God breathed directly into Adam's nostrils
 - (a) Including appetites
 - b) Preparation of the Garden—2:8-14
 - i) God planted a garden—2:8-9 (ideal living conditions)
 - (1) Location: East of Israel, on the East side of the land of Eden ("delight")
 - (2) Names: the Garden of Yahweh (Genesis 13:10; Isaiah 51:3), the Garden of God (Ezekiel 28:13; 31:9)
 - (3) Tree of life: providing immortality (cf. 3:22; Revelation 22:2)
 - (4) Tree of the knowledge of good and bad: but short of omniscience (cf. 3:6, 22)
 - ii) The 4 rivers—2:10-14
 - In a post-Flood world, we cannot determine the locations of these rivers.
 - c) Man's Place in the Garden—2:15-24
 - i) Yahweh Elohim caused Adam to rest/be settled in the garden—2:15a
 - ii) Adam's capacity for worshipful service to God in the garden—2:15b
 - (1) Cf. Numbers 3:7-8; Deuteronomy 13:4; 1st Kings 9:6; Jeremiah 16:11
 - iii) Adam's capacity to make moral choices in the garden—2:16-17
 - (1) A super-abundant Yes and a solitary No —2:17
 - (2) The certainty of death for disobedience to the first God-given command.
 - (3) We are to know good and evil based upon God's revelation, not experience.
 - iv) Adam's capacity of speech, wisdom, and fellowship in the garden—2:18-24
 - (1) God's observation of Adam's incompleteness and God's solution—2:18
 - (a) God reveals Himself as a helper: Exodus 18:4; Deuteronomy 33:29; 1st Samuel 7:12; Psalm 10:14; 115:9-11; 124:8; 146:5; Hosea 13:9
 - (b) Thus a wife reflects God's image as she helps her husband (cf. 1:27)
 - (2) The parade of unsuitable animals—2:19-20
 - (a) To demonstrate rule over them; to demonstrate distinction from them
 - (3) God's direct formation of Adam's helper—2:21-22
 - (a) Cf. 1st Corinthians 11:8; 1st Timothy 2:13
 - (4) Adam's response to God's provision—2:23 SIMILARITY and LOYALTY
 - (a) A figure of speech; cf. "bone and flesh" in Genesis 29:14; 2nd Samuel 5:1
 - (5) Moses's commentary on God's provision—2:24 INTIMACY
 - (a) Cf. Matthew 19:5-6; Mark 10:8; 1st Corinthians 6:16; Ephesians 5:31