


GENESIS									
	Creation	Fall	Flood	Nations		Abraham	Isaac	Jacob	Joseph
	CHAPTERS 1-2	CHAPTERS 3-5	CHAPTERS 6-9	CHAPTERS 10-11		CHAPTERS 12-25	CHAPTERS 26-27	CHAPTERS 28-36	CHAPTERS 37-50
Beginnings	Beginning of the human race					Beginning of the chosen race			
Result	Confusion and scattering					Bondage in Egypt			
History	Primeval history					Patriarchal history			
Chronology	Over 2,000 years					Approximately 300 years			
Emphasis	Four major events					Four important people			
Key Words and Phrases	“In the beginning” (1:1) “Generations” (5:1; 6:9; 10:1; 11:10; 11:27; 25:12; 25:19; 36:1; 37:2)								
Theme	God promises to redeem and bless His people.								
Key Verses	3:15; 12:3								
Christ in Genesis	Pictured in the seed of the woman (3:15); Melchizedek, the high priest (14:18); the humiliation and exaltation of Joseph (chapters 37-50)								

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Chapter 2

Verse 1- *And so the heavens and the earth were completed, and all their heavenly lights.*

were completed- God's creation was created in such a way that He was completely finished and would not need to create again.

and all their heavenly lights- The sun, moon, and stars are mentioned to show the scope of the completed creation. The natural reaction of God towards His creation is to rest, not because He is tired, but because His work is complete. The completion of the universe relates directly to the statement "it was very good" in the previous verse (1:31).

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Verse 2- *By the seventh day God completed His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done.*

rested on the seventh day- God did not need to renew His strength. He rested (*shabath*) in the sense that He ceased to work because He accomplished everything He desired to do perfectly. He would not have to work again until the fall of man in the next chapter.

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Verse 3- *Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because on it He rested from all His work which God had created and made.*

blessed the seventh day- The seventh day is special. God blessed the day and set it apart for people to rest (in a different way than He did) from labor so as to worship Him. Sabbatharians recognize that God set a pattern in Genesis that would become His law in Exodus 31:12-17:

*Now the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, "Now as for you, speak to the sons of Israel, saying, 'You must keep My Sabbaths; for this is a sign between Me and you throughout your generations, so that you may know that I am the Lord who sanctifies you. Therefore, **you are to keep the Sabbath, for it is holy to you.** Everyone who profanes it must be put to death; for whoever does any work on it, that person shall be cut off from among his people. For six days work may be done, but on the seventh day there is a Sabbath of complete rest, holy to the Lord; whoever does any work on the Sabbath day must be put to death. So the sons of Israel shall keep the Sabbath, to celebrate the Sabbath throughout their generations as a permanent covenant.' It is a sign between Me and the sons of Israel forever; for in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, but on the seventh day He ceased from labor, and was refreshed."*

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Verse 4- *This is the account of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the Lord God made earth and heaven.*

This is the account- (tōlēdōt) This account (2:4-9) begins to describe additional details about the creation of man and woman, starting with the creation of the first man, Adam. Man is "formed" out of existing matter, the dust of the earth, into which God breathes life. God plants the garden in Eden and places the newly-created man there. Among the many trees in the garden are two of special significance: the Tree of Life and the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil.

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Verse 5- *Now no shrub of the field was yet on the earth, and no plant of the field had yet sprouted, for the LORD God had not sent rain upon the earth, and there was no man to cultivate the ground.*

no shrub of the field was yet on the earth- Shrubs and plants have not yet sprung up because it hadn't rained yet. God would not cause it to rain on the earth for another 1600 years.

cultivate the ground- To tend to it. Man had not yet been created yet.

LORD God- This is the first use of the Divine name "Yahweh," God's covenantal name with his people.

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Verse 6- *But a mist used to rise from the earth and water the whole surface of the ground.*

But a mist used to rise from the earth- Apparently, as an answer to the previous verse, there was an underground source of water (rivers?) that would water the plants over the entire surface of the earth.

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Verse 7- *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 person.*

dust from the ground- Adam – *hadam-* ground

breathed into his nostrils the breath of life- We are a special creation, unlike the animals, God breathed His own breath into Adam.

a living person- (*nepeš ḥayyâ*)

Greeks- The soul was first the inner man, then viewed as separate from the body (Plato)

Jews- *nepeš* has the idea of “breathe” or “breath.” God gives animals *nepeš*, but He breathes life into man Himself.

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Verse 8- *The Lord God planted a garden toward the east, in Eden; and there He placed the man whom He had formed.*

planted a garden- After God creates man, He provides a place for him to live.

toward the east- East of Canaan

in Eden- The garden itself was not Eden; the garden was in Eden. Eden (*delight, place of pleasure*) is the geographical name of the land or region where the garden was located, whose location is unknown today.



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Verse 9- *Out of the ground the Lord God caused every tree to grow that is pleasing to the sight and good for food; the tree of life was also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.*

pleasing to the sight and good for food- These trees were beautiful in form and color, more so than the other trees God created.

in the midst of the garden- The thought is that it was in the center of the garden or in a prominent place.

tree of life- It was an actual tree, and it stood for eternal life which God would give to Adam and Eve, and their descendants, if they would be obedient to Him. They were permitted to eat of any tree in the Garden except the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil.

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