

## THE EPIC OF EDEN VIDEO STUDY

# Session 6—God’s Original Intent

### Two descriptions of the creation event found in Genesis

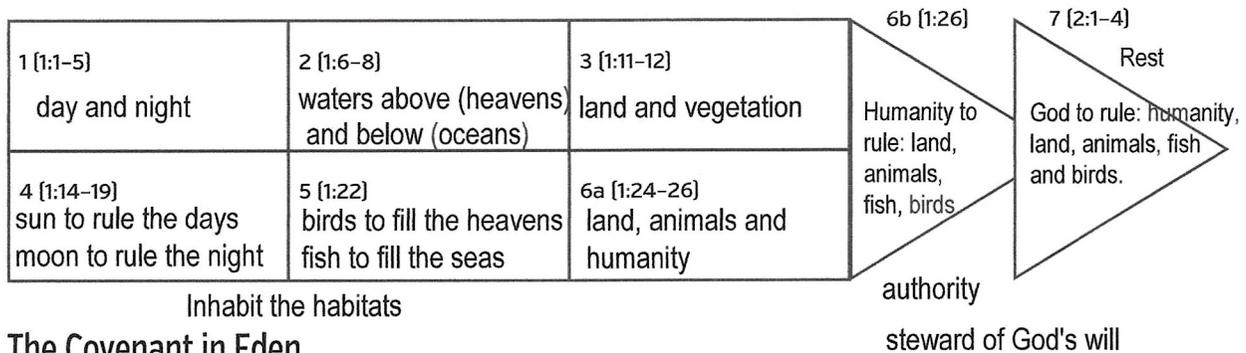
Genesis chapters 2-11 belong to Israel’s oldest, inherited, possibly oral account of this event. Genesis chapter one written specifically as an introduction to the book of Genesis and to the Pentateuch as a whole.

What is the question we have to ask if we care about biblical authority? \_\_\_\_\_  
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 What is on the author's mind when he writes? \_\_\_\_\_

What is on Moses’ mind as he writes? Explaining who their God is and who they are.

The Literary (Framework) Theory

### The Seven Days of Creation



### The Covenant in Eden

The Players? (1:26-31)

- Suzerain Almighty God
- Vassal Adam and Eve

The Setting? (2:8-15) Garden of Eden

The Agreement? (2:15-17) not eat from tree of knowledge of good and evil  
not offered autonomy

The Blessing? everything they could ever imagine

The Curse? you shall surely die

## What Eden was . . .

“The sons of Adam and daughters of Eve building their lives at the feet of God, constructing their ‘city’ in the midst of His Kingdom. A civilization without greed, malice, or envy; progress without pollution; expansion without extinction.”  
(*The Epic of Eden*, 104)

The people of God,  
thriving in the place of God,  
dwelling in the presence of God.

## Fall

Adam and Eve rejected the authority of the Almighty. They embraced their role as leader,  
rejected the 7th day of creation  
but they did not embrace their role as follower.

Questions, comments, aha moments . . .

Not just the removal of blessing, but the reversal of blessing

• blessing -----> curses      • paradise -----> prison      • benefits -----> burdens

### Blessing

### Curse

• Eve      role as lifegiver      (3:16)      pain in childbirth (reality of death)

co-regent of the new kingdom (4:7)      ruled over (position of oppression)

• Adam      rule the land and be fruitful      (3:17-19)      the ground is cursed

anxiety/worry

• Humankind      made in the image of God      (3:22-24)      mortality

loss of Presence

The Seven Days Turned Upside Down (because Adam rebelled against their sovereign God)

• those made in the image of God will now die like animals

• the animal kingdom designed to live under the creative leadership of Adam will now be a threat to Adam as the  
recipient of his abuse

• the earth, designed to serve, will now devour