

# The Book of Genesis

## Introducing the Story

### Creation - 2

Wednesday 02 June 2021

6:30 PM-8:00 PM

#### Opening Prayer

#### Reading Assignment – Genesis Chapters 1 and 2

#### Background

“Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So, God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.” Genesis 2:1-3 NRSV

It would seem that the work of creation was complete as Chapter 2 Verse 1 states that the work was finished. Having done a good job, God takes a rest. But, no. The story of creation continues, and is told in another way. The process seems different, and so does God. We this week look more closely at this second creation story, compare the two stories, and attempt to understand why there are two stories and what we can learn from this fact.

#### Questions to Consider

1. Explain why an all-powerful God needs rest “from all the work he had done.”
2. How does God cause creation in the first story? In the second story?
3. What are some of the ways these two creation stories are dissimilar?
4. What are some ways these two creation stories are alike?

5. Why would there be two different stories of creation? Do we need both?  
Why?
6. What is the point of Genesis 2:10-14?
7. Are all naked people ashamed? Why is being naked equated with being  
ashamed in Genesis 2:25?
8. How does Genesis 2 see mankind vs. Genesis 1?

## **Closing Prayer**

