

Genesis 2020 Chapter Two



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Genesis 2:1 Thus the heavens and the earth were **finished**, and all the host of them.

2:2 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. 3 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. ...Repetition is vital to understanding.

The word Shabbat actually means “to cease.” The word "Rest" can be used but only as a by-product of coming to the end of a work. The English term does not fully carry with it the full understanding of what God did that day, and why. Shabbat does not come about by exhaustion or simply putting in your time, or a week’s work. It only comes about by “completion” of work. Shabbat is enjoyment and celebration of accomplishment of work’s end.

...the subtle introduction of “The Law” by way of Decree (i.e. “Let there be” and “God said” and God called”) introduced in Chapter one may miss the casual reader’s attention, but “Shabbat,” or “Rest” cannot be ignored. All of a sudden an important idea emerges; “The Law” has been introduced some 2,260 years before Moses arrives on the scene, signifying extremely important aspects of those things that please God.

1. A few elements of the Law mentioned before The Law of Moses; The Sabbath (Genesis 2), Appointed Feasts (Genesis 2), Sacrifice (Genesis 3), Tithing (Genesis 14), Circumcision (Gen17). Question: How did Noah know which animals were clean & which were not? Not codified until Lev.

HOWEVER

⇒ Jesus healed (worked) on Sabbath, and let others work on the Sabbath: Jn 5:8-9; Mk 2:23, Luke 14.

(note: YAHWEH did not allow the Israelites to go out and gather food in the wilderness on the Sabbath, but Jesus allowed His disciples to do so...we must know “why the change?”)

2. Jesus said He AND His Father was working on the Sabbath.

- John 5:17 “My Father is working until now, and I am working.”

NIV: “My Father is always at his work to this very day, and I too am working.”

— The Father, His Son, and The Spirit no longer rest.

God’s image is now marred, work is required.

— Confirmed in Hebrews 4:9 “So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God.

— God is still at work bringing His people in.

3. Jesus fulfilled the Law (to please His Father).

“For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.” Romans 10:4

4. There is NO command, in particular to the New

Covenant, to keep a Sabbath (rest); or to worship

on a Sabbath (remember...two different things), to

celebrate certain days and feasts, to tithe, or to be circumcised.

...in fact we are heavily cautioned NOT to do so out of obligation.

WHY....?

- Sacrifices: Jesus is our sacrifice.

- Sabbath: our day of rest is in Jesus; every day.

- Tithing: We give out of love and care.

- Circumcision: is of the heart.

- Feasts: We celebrate always, as we like.

- NOW then, what are we to do with commandments?

—Eph 5:10 “discern what is pleasing to the Lord.”

≡ Romans 3:31 Do we, then, nullify the Law by this faith? Certainly not! Instead, we uphold the Law.

Last note: If the Triune God is at work, then we must be about His business as well.

John 9:4 “I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work.”

John 14:10 The Father who dwells in me does his works.

John 4: Jesus explained, “My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me and to finish His work. 35

Do you not say, ‘There are still four months until the harvest’? I tell you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are ripe for harvest. 36 Already the

reaper draws his wages and gathers a crop for eternal

life, so that the sower and the reaper may rejoice

together. 37 For in this case the saying ‘One sows and

another reaps is true. 38 I sent you to reap what you

have not worked for; others have done the hard work,

and now you have taken up their labor.

New Thread: “Teledot” “Generations”

2:4 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.

- The generations of the heavens AND earth consist of 1. a beginning; 2. an end (therefore a length of time and a coming appointment; 3. Blessings: the animals (1:22), the man and women (1:28), and the seventh day (2:3). 4. Cursings: the serpent (animal 3:14), and the ground (man's work 3:17). Therefore blessings and cursings become significant new threads that begin here and run through Scripture.

Gen. 2:4 These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created,
Gen. 5:1 This is the book of the generations of Adam: Gen. 6:9 These are the generations of Noah:
Gen. 10:1 () the sons of Noah, Shem, Ham, and Japheth
Gen. 11:10 () of Shem: Gen. 11:27 () of Terah:
Gen. 25:12 () of Ishmael: Gen. 25:19 () of Isaac:
Gen. 36:1 () of Esau (that is, Edom)
Gen. 37:2 These are the generations of Jacob (Israel).

Introduction: Names (thread). Examples: Adam means "Acre man or Man of the Dust" and his name symbolizes mankind as a whole (both male and female). Eve means Symbiosis (interaction between two different organisms), this without her there is no further human life. She is called the mother of all life (Gen 3:20). Cain means acquired, but Eve says "I have created". It is a play on two words sounding nearly the same in Hebrew (created and acquired). Names will become even more significant.

In Genesis 1 and 2 we find the introduction to the rest of Scripture; the ground work is being laid for the situation that will follow, the blessings, and the curse. We will find that it was by the Word of God that everything lived, and it was disobedience to the Word that everything died. The Logos must come to restore and redeem all that seems impossible.

2:5 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, 6 and a mist was going up from the land and was watering the whole face of the ground— 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 creature (soul).
...in this context "soul" is the whole person (a living creature) as it is in Jewish culture.

1. Structural Change: In stead of Elohim (plural name for God, The Creator God), we are introduced to YAHWEH (Self-existent, Personal, Covenantal Name of God). This emphasizes a One True God who is steeped in the affairs of men (and His creation). Yahweh is also the "Warrior God" who "rides on the clouds." Exodus 15:3/Ps 68:4 He is the personal God of Israel (Ezekiel 20:5).

"God also told Moses, "I appeared to Abraham (17:1), to Isaac (28:3) , and to Jacob (35:11), as God Almighty [El Shaddai], but by my name The LORD (YAHWEH) I did not make myself known to them. "the Existent" must mean "the Self Existent." Ellicott
...I refer you back to page 4 (Yahweh" = I AM...I Always Exist)

What is meant by “By the name Yahweh I did not make myself known to them?”

...the Writer Moses introduces Yahweh here,
and Eve calls Him by name in 4:1...**And**, in
Genesis 15:2 Abraham calls Him
“Lord LORD” (Adonai Yahweh).

Important, we notice in Chapter 2 and 3 of
Genesis that God is ever present. He is dwelling
with and personally interacting with the man and woman...He seems to be “present” as He directs all
things, even through their crisis.

With Abraham, He is El-Shaddai. He acts more as the God who “Sees” and “Oversees” all the events
and bringing things to pass. He makes promises and sees them through. He is the “All Sufficient” God.
However, when Moses shows up, so does God as the personal, present God; “I AM.” He is directly
involved, presently, in the affairs of men. He Covenants and Tabernacles with both Moses and Israel.

...The word for “breath,” used only here is Scripture, is not “ruach” as it is in Gen 6:7, 7:15, and
other places. Therefore it is safe to assume the “breath” is distinct for “human life” and brings with it
more than physical ability (2:7), but also spiritual wisdom (Job 32:8, a “functioning conscience” (Prv
20:27), Power and authority, all which was lost or depraved when Adam fell.

≡ Another very significant thread is furthered here: In Genesis 1 God is at work...and Adam wasn’t
created yet to “work the ground.” Work is very significant. If we do not work, we “don’t eat.” 2 Thes 3:10

...**Ezekiel** 37:3 “Son of man, can these bones live?”
...6 I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh
to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put
breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know
that I am the Lord.”...14 And I will put my Spirit
within you... 24 They shall walk in my rules and be careful to obey my statutes...26 I will set them
in their land and multiply them, and will set my sanctuary in their midst forevermore.”

...**Psalms** 104:29 You hide Your face, they are dismayed; You take away their spirit, they expire
And return to their dust.

...**John** 20:21 Again Jesus said to them, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent Me, so also I am
sending you.” When He had said this, He breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you
forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld.”

2:8 And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden,
in the east, and there he put the man whom he had
formed. 9a And out of the ground the Lord God
made to spring up every tree that is pleasant to
the sight and good for food.

Important point: The Garden is in Eden...but God places the Garden in the East. We will delineate this
further soon but will find out this is an *eternal aspect*.

9.b The tree of life was in the midst of the garden,
and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.
Notice, it was the tree of life, so eating from it
meant life. The other tree was not the tree of
death, it was the knowledge of good and evil which leads to death.

...**Notice**, it was the tree of *life*, so eating from it meant life. The other tree was not the tree of death, it
was the tree of the knowledge of good and evil (knowledge, enlightenment). The death would come
from the breaking of the command (the Word of God) seeking what was not theirs to have.

...Rev 2:7 Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who is victorious, I will give the right to eat from the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.

...Rev. 22:2 Through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

...Rev. 22:14 Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life and that they may enter the city by the gates.

...Rev. 22:19 And if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book.

...Notice, There is no mention of the Tree Of The Knowledge Of Good And Evil.

...Isaiah 51:1 Awaken, awaken, clothe yourself with strength, O Zion! Put on your garments of splendor, O Jerusalem, Holy City! For the uncircumcised and unclean will not again enter you.

...Rev 21:7 Nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

2:10. A river flowed out of Eden to water the garden, and there it divided and became four rivers. 11 The name of the first is the Pishon. It is the one that flowed around the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold. 12 And the gold of that land is good; bdellium and onyx stone are there. 13 The name of the second river is the Gihon. It is the one that flowed around the whole land of Cush. 14 And the name of the third river is the Tigris, which flows east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates.

What's In A Name?

→ Pishon: "A Great Outflowing" or "A Great Dispersion"

⇒ Gihon: "A Great Breaking Into A Valley"

⇒ Haddakel (Tigris): "Sharp Rapids" or "Cuts Joyfully"

⇒ Parat (Euphrates): "Good Bountiful One" or "That Which Makes Fruitful"

Genesis 2:15 The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it. 16 And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, "You (singular) may surely eat of every tree of the garden, 17 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."

Notice...He does not work the "Soil".

"God Made It Grow" 1 Corinthians 3:6

First Negative Decree...the Command is key!

"You are not to eat—You Must Not eat!"



Compare:

Akhol-Tokhol "eat to eat." To eat = Preservation

or

Mut-Tomut "die to die." To eat = Destruction

→ Ps 128:2 Thou shalt eat the labour of thine hands: happy shalt thou be, and it shall be well with thee.

→ Ephesians 4:28 Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him in need.

2:18 Then the Lord God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him.” 19 Now out of the ground the Lord God had 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. 20 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. 21 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. 22 And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. 23 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.”

24 Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. 25 And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed. Bookend #1
Concerning v.24 ...a parenthetical decree by the author, The Holy Spirit.

The word for man in v.22 is Adam. The name Adam become synonymous with ‘man’ as in ‘mankind.’

...The word for man in 23 is Ish, as in “male”.
...The word for woman in 23 is Isha, as in “female.”

→ “Helper” is not derogatory: God is ‘helper’ in Ex. 18:4; Dt. 33:7; 1 Sam. 7:12; Ps. 20:2; 46:1).

Concerning v. 25 They were not self-conscious of their physical nakedness. Their eyes were closed to it. They will be opened when they disobey the decree.

NETBible sn Naked. The motif of nakedness is introduced here and plays an important role in the next chapter. In the Bible nakedness conveys different things. In this context it signifies either innocence or integrity, depending on how those terms are defined. There is no fear of exploitation, no sense of vulnerability. But after the entrance of sin into the race, nakedness takes on a negative sense... usually connected with a sense of vulnerability, shame, exploitation, and exposure (as in “uncovering nakedness;” i.e. sexual exploitation or captivity in war.

NETBible tn Ashamed: The imperfect verb form ...indicating a continuing condition in past time. The meaning of the Hebrew term ‘bosh’ is “to be ashamed; put to shame,” but its meaning is stronger than “to be embarrassed.” The word conveys the fear of exploitation or evil—enemies are put to shame through military victory. It indicates the feeling of shame that approximates a fear of evil.

Important Theme, Nakedness: After the fall, being naked is something to be self-conscious about, and in fact to be ashamed of in almost all instances.

1. Don’t go around naked: Genesis 3:6-7; Rev 3:17
2. Do not uncover anyone’s nakedness other than your spouse Leviticus 18 and 20; 1 Corinthians 7:2-5
3. To be made naked by another is to be made ashamed, in sexual sin or war. Gen 9:22; Hab 2:15-16
4. Don’t show nakedness to anyone except other half. Leviticus 18 and 20

Let's Rehash one other issue: v.24 Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. c.f. Mark 10 _____

- 1. This "Decree" outlaws fornication and adultery. _____
- 2. This "Decree" establishes gender _____
- 3. This "Decree" establishes the family unit. _____
- 4. This "Decrees" forbids in-law disruption of man/wife. _____
- 5. This "Decree" forbids divorce; only a few exceptions _____
- 6. This "Decree" forbids subservient marriages. _____

Bible News Update: 01/02/2021: Sen Pelosi announces House of Representatives Visionary Rules Package for 2021: "In an effort to be inclusive to those who don't identify as a specific gender, the rules package strips all mention of gender-specific pronouns and terms such as "man," "woman," "mother" and "son."

Summary of Genesis 1 and 2 was given to Israel in their escape and renewal: "See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil, in that I command you today to love the LORD your God, to walk in his ways, and to keep his commandments, his statutes, and his judgments, that you may live and multiply; and the LORD your God will bless you in the land you go to possess. But if your heart turns away so that you do not hear, and are drawn away, and worship other gods and serve them, I announce to you today that you shall surely perish; you shall not prolong your days in the land which you cross over Jordan to go in and possess. I call heaven and earth as witnesses today against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; there-fore, choose life, that both you and your descendants may live; that you may love the LORD your God, that you may obey his voice, and that you may cling to him, for he is your life and the length of your days; and that you may dwell in the land which the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give them."

And to us, John 14:21 "He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him." _____

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