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*Acts 17:11 (ESV)*

Now these (Berean) Jews were more noble than those in Thessalonica; they received the word with all eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so.

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Blessing for Torah Study

Blessed are you, LORD God, King of the universe who sanctifies us and commanded us to immerse ourselves in the words of Torah. Sweeten the words of your Torah in our mouths. Blessed are you Lord, giver of the Torah. אמן!



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Roadmap

Gen 2:1-3 – Shabbat Rest

Gen 2:4-8 – Details on Creation of Man

Gen 2:9-15 – “Gan Eden”

Gen 2:16-17 – Warning about a Tree

Gen 2:18:24 – Not Good to be Alone

Gen 2:25 – Naked pleasure and delight



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<b><i>Genesis 2:1</i></b>	<b><i>References</i></b>
<p>Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them.</p>	<p>Rev 10:6 and swore by him who lives forever and ever, who created heaven and what is in it, the earth and what is in it, and the sea and what is in it, that there would be no more delay,</p> <p>Rev 21:1 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.</p> <p>Joh 19:30 When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, "It is finished,"</p>




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<b><i>Genesis 2:2-3</i></b>	<b><i>References</i></b>
<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>Rev 21:6 And he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment.</p>



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<b>Genesis 2:4-6 Creation of Man</b>	<b>References</b>
<p>These are the <b>generations</b> of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens. 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 <b>work the ground</b>, and a mist was going up from the land and was watering the whole face of the ground—</p>	

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<i>The Bible anticipates “Higher Criticism”</i>		
<b>Authorship</b>	<b>Skeptics/critics</b>	<b>Jesus</b>
Moses	<i>Documentary Hypothesis:</i> E, J, D, P sources. Moses	Mark 10:3-8 – quotes from Gen 1:17 and 2:24.
<p style="text-align: center;">“If you believe Jesus, you’ve got no problem with the authorship of Genesis. If you don’t believe in Jesus, you’ve got much bigger problems than the authorship of Genesis.” —Chuck Missler</p>		

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**Genesis 2:7-8**

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 soul**. And the LORD God planted a garden in **Eden**, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed.

**References**

<sup>1</sup>Ti 2:13-14 For Adam was formed first, then Eve; and Adam was not deceived, but the woman was deceived and became a transgressor.



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**Walking in His Dust**


**Being a “Living Soul” means guarding the tongue**



“Man is elevated above all animals, for God has given him the ability to speak. **However, this faculty elevates man only when he uses it for worthy purposes.** Someone who misuses his speech by speaking against others is considered lower than a beast. A beast cannot destroy through talk, whereas man can slay with his tongue. --Rabbi Pliskin




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<i>Genesis 2:9 Garden</i>	<i>References</i>
<p>And out of the ground the LORD God made to spring up every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The <b>tree of life</b> was in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.</p>	<p>Rev 2:7 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who conquers I will grant to eat of the <b>tree of life</b>, which is in the paradise of God.’</p> <p>Rev 22:14 Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the <b>tree of life</b> and that they may enter the city by the gates.</p> 

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<i>Trees in Genesis 2</i>			
אשל	Tamarisk (2)	רמון	Pomegranate (8)
אלה	Terebinth, (-2)	גפר	Gopherwood or fir (8)
עבת	Thicket (or Dense forest) (-3)	סנה	Thornbush [ <i>Crataegus</i> ] (9)
הדר	<p><b>Rips explained that each code is a case of adding every fourth letter to form a word.</b></p>		(-9)
שטה			hio Nut (13)
שקד			(-13)
חטה			4)
תמר			/ (-15)
ארז		7)	(-18)
אהלים	Aloe (ס)	שערה	Barley (-28)
ענב	Grape (-6)	ערמו	Chestnut (44)
אטד	Boxthorn or Bramble (7)	לבנה	Poplar (-85)
קדה	Cassia (7)		



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<p><b>Genesis 2:10-12 Four Rivers</b></p>	<p><b>References</b></p>
<p>A river flowed out of Eden to water the garden, and <b>there it divided and became four rivers.</b> The name of the first is the <b>Pishon</b>. It is the one that flowed around the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold. And the gold of that land is good; bdellium and onyx stone are there.</p>	<p>Rev 22:1-2 Then the angel showed me the <b>river of the water of life</b>, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb 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.</p>

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<p><b>Genesis 2:13-14 Four Rivers</b></p>	<p><b>References</b></p>
<p>The name of the second river is the <b>Gihon</b>, one that flows around the whole land of Cush. And the name of the third river is the <b>Tigris</b>, which flows east of Eden. The fourth is the <b>Euphrate</b>.</p>	

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<b><i>Genesis 2:15</i></b>	<b><i>References</i></b>
<p>The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it.</p>	

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<b><i>Genesis 2:15</i></b>	<b><i>References</i></b>
<p>And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, “You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, 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.”</p>	

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*Walking In His Dust:*

**Make a moment by moment choice for Him**

Deu 30:19 I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live,




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***Genesis 2:18-20 Not Good***


Then the LORD God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him.” 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. 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.



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<p><b><i>Genesis 2:21-22 Eve</i></b></p> <p>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. And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man.</p>	<p><b><i>References</i></b></p> <p>Eph 2:19-22 So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.</p> 
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<p><b><i>Genesis 2:23</i></b></p> <p>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.”</p>	<p><b><i>References</i></b></p> <p>Eph 5:29-32 For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, because we are members of his body. “Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.” <b>This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church.</b></p> 
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Man *איש* and Woman *אשה*

*אשה* and *איש* makes *יה*

Removing God leaves *אש* fire



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### ***Genesis 2:24***

Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become **one flesh**.

### ***References***

Mar 10:6-9/Mat 19:5 But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' 'Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate."



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*Walking In His Dust*

**One Flesh – besar echad – on earth as it is in heaven**



1Co 6:15 Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never!



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***Genesis 2:25***

And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

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Heb 13:4 Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous.



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