

Creation – 8 Man & Animals

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Introduction

We are examining how God spoke (inspired) Creation into existence.

God took seven days to create and rest as a teaching ministry to us. There are three primary reasons God took 7 days.

1. God taught us a work cycle and the importance of rest.
2. God shows the progression of our Salvation.
3. God used the days of Creation to teach of Jesus.

Today we continue to look at the Days of Creation.

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Day 6

Genesis 1:24-28

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God created animals to live and reproduce after their own kind. God created many different kinds, bear, canine, cats...

God created each organism with maximum genetic potential. God knew He would send the flood and designed the animals to be able to migrate into the new ecosystems.

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The kinds most likely looked much different than today, and they contained the genetic potential for all we see today. The first cats would contain all the DNA variants to produce lions, tigers, and the house cat.

The term "creeps on the earth" is a term that could include dinosaurs.

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Man was created unique among the animals. God created kinds – "mankind."

In today's culture, it is important to note that God only created two forms of humans - male and female. This is the same for the animals. Mankind was to multiply and fill the earth.

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Here we find our first hint of the Trinity. "Let **US** make man in **OUR** image, according to **OUR** likeness."

Man was created with different attributes than the animals, as we were made in God's image. Man was created to subdue and have dominion over the earth. We think differently – we can evaluate a problem and find solutions. We can plan for the future, have emotions, and were designed to have fellowship with God Himself.

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These verses contain what is known as the "creation mandate". These verses state that man had two primary responsibilities.

The first was to be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth.

The second was that man was to subdue the earth and have dominion over creation.

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I am a conservationist, but not an environmentalist. An environmentalist puts creation over the needs of man. This is an error and like many of Satan's attacks on God's word, flips things backwards.

As a conservationist, I see creation as God's property of which I have been appointed steward. I can use the things of this world to meet my needs, but they should be managed to preserve it for future generations.

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Day 6

Genesis 2:7

And the Lord God formed man *of* the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.

It is important to note how God created Adam. He formed Adam from the elements of the Earth. He knew that Adam would sin and that He would have to step into human history in the form of man (2nd Adam). These bodies must be very special since Jesus designed them knowing He would exist in one.

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Jesus then breathed into Adam the breath of life. Scientists are at a loss to identify life. The best we can do is list the attributes of life. It is important to note that life comes from and belongs to God. This is why each person will stand before God at the end of life and give an account of how that life was used.

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Genesis 2:18-20

And the Lord God said, "*It is* not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him." ¹⁹ Out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the air, and brought *them* to Adam to see what he would call them. And whatever Adam called each living creature, that *was* its name. ²⁰ So Adam gave names to all cattle, to the birds of the air, and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper comparable to him.

Genesis 2 states that God created Adam first. He brought the animals to Adam to name. In naming the animals, Adam was exercising his dominion over them.

Notice that the process was to find a comparable helper for Adam. God knew what He was going to do, but Adam needed to come to a place where he recognized his need for an appropriate helper. This way Adam would value and appreciate the gift of his wife Eve.

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Genesis 2:21-24

And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place. ²² Then the rib which the Lord God had taken from man He made into a woman, and He brought her to the man. ²³ And Adam said: "This *is* now 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 mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.

A note of trivia, Dr James Simpson developed the use of chloroform for putting a person to sleep during surgery. He got the idea from reading these verses in the Bible how God put Adam to sleep before removing a piece of his flesh.

The word rib is not the best translation. It does not mean that women have 1 more rib than men. It simply means that God took a piece of flesh from Adam's side.

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God would have had to rework the DNA as Eve is female. However, the essence of life came Adam. This is the basis for headship, and why Adam was held responsible sin. Eve's life came from Adam. This is important! Hang on to this thought.

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Day 6 - Salvation

Adam was given a job to do, and he walked with God (Jesus) in the cool of the day.

We also have a job to do. Just as Adam was to tend the garden, we are to build the Church.

We do this by being fruitful and multiplying (evangelism) and ministering to each other.

We also should be walking with Jesus!

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Day 6 - Jesus

Jesus is the Second Adam. Jesus replaced the first Adam's disobedience with His own perfect obedience.

1 Corinthians 15:45-49

And so it is written, "The first man Adam became a living being." The last Adam *became* a life-giving spirit.

⁴⁶ However, the spiritual is not first, but the natural, and afterward the spiritual. ⁴⁷ The first man *was* of the earth, *made* of dust; the second Man *is* the Lord from heaven. ⁴⁸ As *was* the *man* of dust, so also *are* those *who are made* of dust; and as *is* the heavenly *Man*, so also *are* those *who are* heavenly. ⁴⁹ And as we have borne the image of the *man* of dust, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly *Man*.

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Day 6 - Jesus

Just as our earthly life is from Adam, so our Eternal Life is from Jesus. Jesus breathed into Adam the breath of life, so Jesus breathed out His Spirit upon the cross birthing us again into His kingdom.

1 Peter 1:3-4

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you.

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Day 6 - Jesus

As the Second Adam, Jesus has the right to reclaim dominion over Creation to Himself.

Matthew 28:18

And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth."

He has the right to rule in heaven as God and the right to rule on Earth as the Perfect Man.

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So What ...

What about You?

Which Adam are you following?

If you do not know Jesus as your
Savior, you need to do this today!

We have no guarantees for
tomorrow...