

Genesis 2:4-24 — Foundations Lesson for October 7, 2018

[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.

[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. [8] And the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed. [9] 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 tree of life was in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

[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.

[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 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.”

[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.

Eden and the garden — Israel’s tabernacle and temple:

- **A pleasant, fruitful garden (2:9)** — 1 Kings 6:18, 29, 32, 7:18-26, 42, 49
- **A special tree (2:9; 3:22)** — Exodus 25:31-35
- **A river flows, the source of water and life for all the earth around it (2:10-14)** — Ezekiel 47:1-12
- **A mountain (2:9; rivers flowing out of Eden suggest an elevated height)** — Ex 15:17; Psalm 78:54
- **Noteworthy gold (2:11-12)** — Exodus 25:3, 11-13, 17-18, 24, 28-29, 31, 38-39
- **Onyx (2:12)** — Exodus 25:7; 28:9, 20; 35:9, 27; 39:6, 13; 1 Chronicles 29:2
- **Bdellium (2:12; a fragrant gum resin related to myrrh)** — Numbers 11:7 (Ex 16:31-33; Hebrews 9:4)
- **God assigned a person to “serve it and keep it” (2:15)** — Numbers 3:7
- **God gives his commandment from there (2:16-17)** — Exodus 25:22
- **God is present and walks here (3:8)** — Exodus 25:8; Leviticus 26:11-12; Deut 23:14; 2 Samuel 7:6
- **Entered from the East (3:24)** — Numbers 3:38; Ezekiel 8:16; 41:14; 42:15; 43:4; 47:1
- **Guarded by cherubim (3:24)** — Exodus 25:18-22; 26:31-33; 1 Kings 6:23-35

CONNECTIONS TO TODAY

1. **Life and Freedom** —
2. **Ethics** —
3. **Human Dignity** —
4. **The Human Body** —
5. **Human Equality** —
6. **Work** —
7. **Marriage, Gender, and Sexuality** —
8. **Gender and Sexuality** —
9. **Community** —

GOSPEL CONNECTIONS

1. **Grace** —
2. **Life** — (John 10:10; 11:25-26; 20:22)
3. **Marriage** — (1 Corinthians 7; Ephesians 5:31)
4. **Priesthood** — (Exodus 4:23; 19:5-6; Mark 10:45; Revelation 1:5-6; 5:10; 20:4-6; 22:4-5)
5. **Temple** — (John 2:13-22 | 1 Cor 3:16-17; 6:19-20; 2 Cor 6:16; Eph 2:21 | Rev 21:22)
6. **Church** —
7. **A Better Land** — (Hebrews 11:8-10, 13-16; Revelation 21-22)