

Eden in the East

Genesis 2:4-14

I. Interpretive challenges for the **SECOND** chapter of Genesis. (2:4-6)

A. Some important questions:

1. Who is "LORD GOD?" (2:5, 7, 8, 9, 15, 16)
 - a) The God of MOSES. The God of Israel. (Exodus 3:13-15)
2. What are the "GENERATIONS?" (2:4)
 - a) The offspring of HEAVEN and EARTH.
(1) Genesis 4:1; Genesis 4:25
3. When? Which DAY? (2:5)
 - a) Zoom-in on the SIXTH day.
4. Where in the WORLD? (2:10-14)
 - a) Modern Day IRAQ?

II. The **MAN OF DUST**. (2:7-9)

- A. Man, an amazing CREATION.
- B. Man, a humble CREATURE.

III. A **PARADISE of PLEASURE**. (2:10-17)

- A. A land of many WATERS.
- B. A land of much ABUNDANCE.
- C. A land with a LAW.
- D. A land where GOD meets with Adam.

Assignment:

1. Read Genesis 2. Without question, male and female are made in the image of God. Yet, Genesis 2 would show that there are clear differences in how and why God created man and woman. What are those differences that you see in the Scripture of Genesis 2? What is a man to do? What is a woman to do?

2. Read Revelation 21:1-22:5. How will the New Heavens and the New Earth be a restored Eden?

3. What was the purpose of the Garden of Eden if God wanted Adam and Eve to take dominion over the whole earth, filling it and subduing it? Were they supposed to only ever remain in the Garden of Eden?

4. What do you think God put the two trees right next to each other, and why in the middle of the Garden?