

Genesis 2

Vs 1 Vast array - we are getting a glimpse of what that means in this generation. We have not yet cataloged all the species of plants or insects, numbered the galaxies with their millions of stars.

Vs 2 The word rested can also be translated ceased.

Vs 3 This is the foundation for the Sabbath. The spirit behind the act is that we need a weekly time of inactivity to set aside for the Lord. Holy means dedicated to God, for His purposes. It is a day dedicated to God. See Romans 14:5

Vs 4-7 Ground is adamah - man is adam. We are a combination of elements found in the ground assembled in a marvelous way but the wonder of all is God breathed into us so that this earth became a conscious being.

Vs 8 A place was prepared for Adam. God plans our circumstances.

Vs 9 The tree of life is a foreshadow of Jesus in our midst. He is the most accessible place to all. But there is a choice. For there also is the freedom to rebel if you would choose to disobey God. Eve saw many trees that were pleasing to the eye and good for food. God blesses us richly with every good thing. It is the folly of man to think the things God has forbidden are equally or in a greater way satisfying than the things He has forbidden. It is his goodness that forbids us to partake of them.

In the heavenly city there is a tree also with leaves for the healing of the nations and twelve kinds of fruit..

Vs 10,11 pee-shone' = increase Jesus is our river of increase and hidden in Him are all the treasures of the Godhead.

Vs 12 The heavenly city is made of gold, precious stones (onyx) and pearl (another translation for aromatic resin).

Vs 13 Gihon = bursting forth

Vs 14 Hiddekel or Tigris = rapid Euphrates = fruitfulness

Vs 15 ay'-den = pleasure God's intention for man was a pleasurable condition - work but work he would enjoy.

Vs 16 God give man his first instruction. Eve is not yet created. He must pass down to her God's direction. Everything was made for his pleasure which gave God pleasure.

Vs 17 Everything that is with one exception. He is given an alternative to enjoying the goodness of God. He can choose to rebel against that goodness, doubt God's veracity. But God has given a most severe warning. When you eat - you will die.

Vs 18 Man was not meant to be a hermit. A solitary condition is not good. God designed Eve as a helper suitable for him.

Vs 19 Adam was a co-worker with the Creator. He was given the task of naming each creature. God brought each one to him - perhaps to see what was not the best company so he would appreciate the one made for him.

Vs 20 No creature was suitable to be a helper. Dogs? Horses? Nice but not even close to what God had in mind.

Vs 21 Not the head to rule over, the foot be under, but the side to be a companion and equal with a different task - suitable helper. They are part of one another.

Vs 22,23 Man - ish Woman - ishshah Jah - Lord???

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