



# *Genesis - Beginnings and Foundations*

*Chapter 2B*  
**Dec 29, 2024**

**Module 5, Room 1**

# Class Schedule for the next few weeks

- ✓ ***Dec 15, 2024 – Christmas Lesson 1***
- ✓ ***Dec 22, 2024 – Christmas Lesson 2***
- ✓ ***Dec 29, 2024 – Resume Genesis at Ch 2:12***
- ***Jan 5, 2025 - Genesis Ch 3***

# Quick Update .../CYMI

## ***Middle East***

- *Israel pounding the Houthi areas of infrastructure, ports, and weapons*
- *Hostage negotiations with Hamas and returns have stalled. Hamas refuses to give an account of the hostages and their “alive or dead” status.*
- *Israel continues to watch and respond to Hezbollah in Lebanon, and Hamas in Gaza*
- *Israel's consolidation of the Syrian border and friendship with Druze in Syria*
- *Syrian rebels are killing the old Assad regime soldiers and leaders*
- *Turkey is moving in to fill the vacuum and kill Kurds – no UN outrage*

## ***US/World***

- *Trump is preparing to lead and is the defacto president now as Biden avoids any involvement*
- *Lots of skirmishes by the Deep State to protect themselves against Trump's pledge to drain the swamp*
- *World leaders are coming to the table on trade, war negotiations, and getting back in a support role for the US.*
- *Ukraine and Russian war casualties are mounting. .>> 1000 + days of war*
- *Little more than 20 days left to wait for the new US Administration.*

# We ended the first Chapter thoughts at Gen 2:3

*In the remainder of Chapter 2, today we will study:*

## ***The Creation of Man***

- ✓ *The Geography of Eden*
- *Man, and the Animals*
- *God's command to Man*
- *Creation of Woman*
  - *Flesh of my Flesh*

*Then the next chapter begins a more detailed discussion of the key items...*

- *Chapter 3 – The Fall of Man, **The Moral Choice***
- *Chapters 4 & 5 – The Lost World*
- *Chapter 6 – The Nephilim*

# Where we left off on December 2nd

*<sup>8</sup> Now the Lord God had planted a garden in the east, in Eden; and there he put the man he had formed. <sup>9</sup> The Lord God made all kinds of trees grow out of the ground—trees that were pleasing to the eye and good for food. **In the middle of the garden were the Tree of Life and the Tree of the Knowledge of good and evil.***

*<sup>10</sup> A river watering the garden flowed from Eden; **from there**, it was separated into four headwaters. <sup>11</sup> The name of the first is the **Pishon**; it winds through the entire land of Havilah, where there is gold. <sup>12</sup> (The gold of that land is good; aromatic resin and onyx are also there.) <sup>13</sup> The name of the second river is the **Gihon**; it winds through the entire land of Cush. <sup>14</sup> The name of the third river is the **Tigris**; it runs along the east side of Ashur. And the fourth river is the **Euphrates***

# As a reminder...

*v.8 reminds us that God had previously made the plants and trees, and a garden called **Eden** (Garden of God).*

*Compare to **Paradise** in the NT which is a Persian word that means the “Garden of the Gods”.*

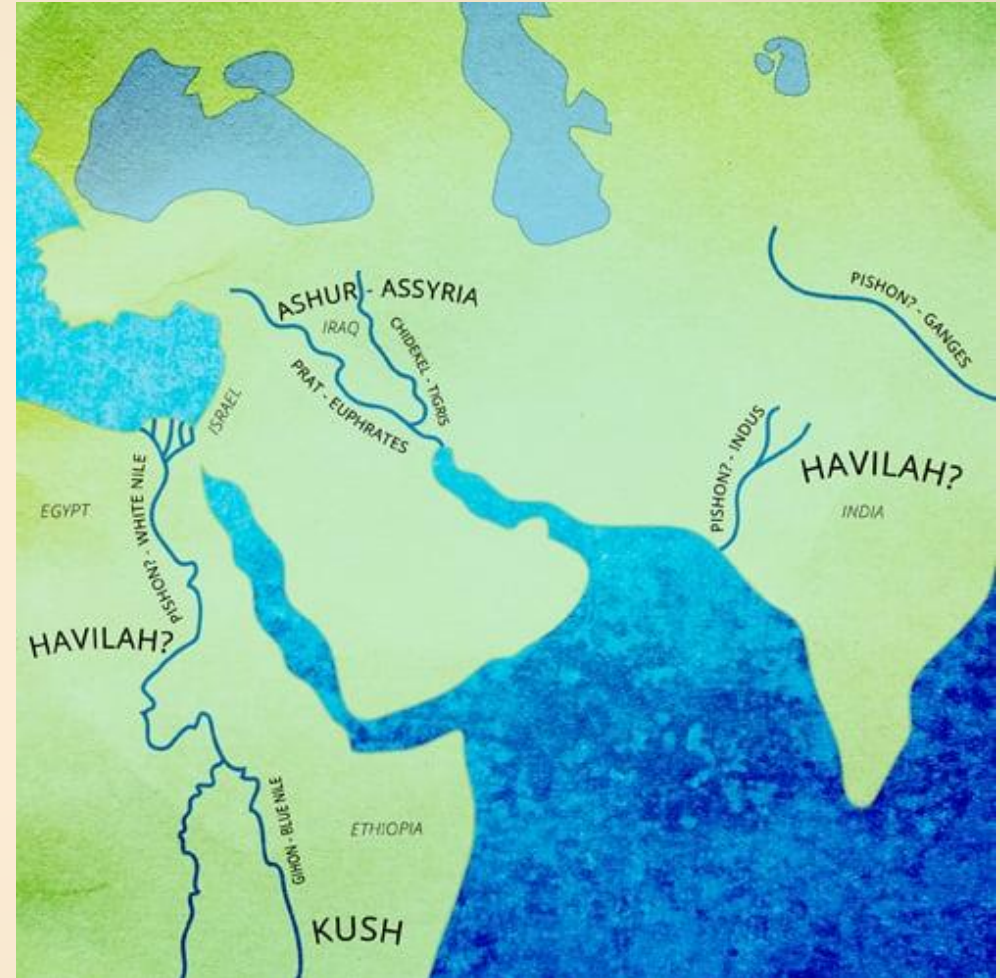
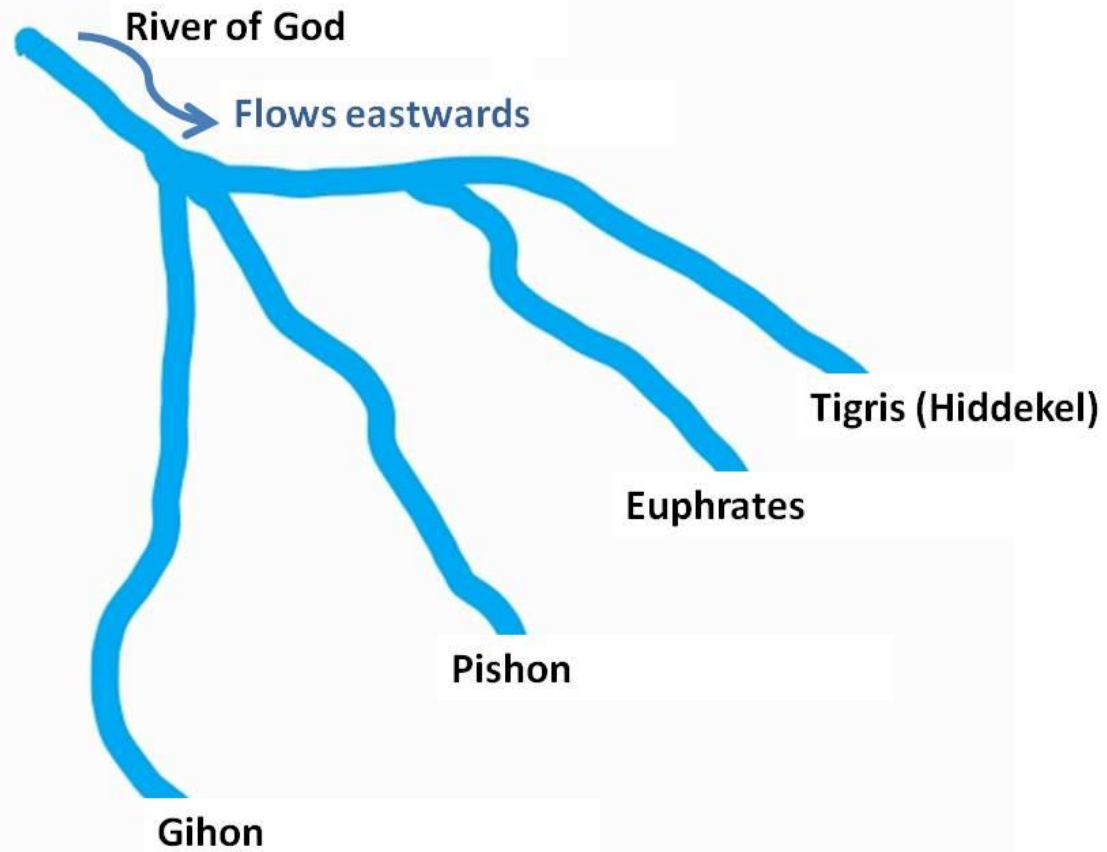
***Tree of Life** and the **Tree of the Knowledge of good and evil***  
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*( \*Heb word Ra = bad, wicked, harmful, unpleasant...  
General word in OT for things that are not good )*

*“What’s Good for you, and bad for you”*



# Rivers in Genesis



*Pishon, Gihan, Euphrates, Tigris*

# Gen 2:15-17 The Man in the Garden

*<sup>15</sup> The Lord God took **the man** and put him in the **Garden of Eden** to **work it and take care of it.***

*<sup>16</sup> And the Lord God commanded the man, “You are free to eat from any tree in the garden;*

*<sup>17</sup> but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die.”*

***Here is where we will begin our discussion for today and we will look at a deeper version of Ch 1 events***



# Deeper Understanding

**V 15** – *Man was put in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. This is before the “fall” and God intended Man to do work and care for the Creation. Work is not a curse of Man; it is only because it has become difficult with the Sin and curse that it is hard. It was not intended to be that way. We will be busy doing the work of the Lord in Heaven Rev 22:3 “His Servants shall serve Him”*

**VV16-17** – *The “**Lord God**” here combines the personal traits of our personal God (Adonai) and the supreme God YHWH. Using them together emphasizes both the personalness of God to us, and His Almighty Nature. God is not an aloof bystander who watches and judges, but our personal God as well*

**God’s command to man** – *You are free to eat from any tree in the Garden except the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil, for if you eat from that tree, you will surely die.*

**Note:** *The Tree of Life is to be eaten from at this point.*

# The Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil

- *There is nothing in the fruit that imparts this understanding*
- *After being specifically forbidden to the man, eating of the fruit would be a rejection of God's command, and therefore open the man to the world of sin and rejection.*
- *If all you know is Good, and you choose to go against God's specific command for you, then you feel the barrier that your actions have created to separate you from God.*
- *The close fellowship between man and God was broken, and death in a spiritual form was instantly there.*
- *Death in a physical form was also to come when man was banished from Eden and could no longer eat from the Tree of Life.*
- *God did not create Evil and have man stumble into it. The Evil here was man's disobedience against God's Word and command. Man had then and now, the ability to choose his path.*

## Gen 2:18-20) - The Man names the animals and birds...

*<sup>18</sup> The Lord God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him.”*

*<sup>19</sup> Now the Lord God had (previously) formed out of the ground all the wild animals and all the birds in the sky. **He brought them to the man to see what he would name them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name.***

*<sup>20</sup> So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds in the sky and all the wild animals.*

*But for Adam(or the man) **no suitable helper was found.***

# Thoughts...

- *God saw that Adam needed a helper or helpmeet because there were none among the animals that were appropriate for him*
- *He had all the animals and birds come to the man to be named. This is an interesting passage because we know the diversity of animals and sometimes wonder how the names were created. Are the names the same as today?*
- *This ordering of the animals by God to appear before man is a small token of the power of God over His creation, not just over mankind.*

# Gen 2: 21-23      Creation of Woman

*<sup>21</sup> So the **Lord God** caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man's ribs (part of his side) and then closed up the place with flesh.*

*<sup>22</sup> Then the Lord God made a **woman** from the rib (part) he had taken out of the man, and he brought **her** to the man.*

*<sup>23</sup> The man said,*

*“This is now bone of my bones  
and flesh of my flesh;  
she shall be called ‘**woman**,’  
for she was taken **out of man**.”*



# What is a Woman?

- *This verse has been systematically taken apart to “prove” many things in the eyes of the student of it. The literalness of the KJV translation has sent many people down rabbit trails ( why doesn’t the man have one less rib, if this is true?)*
- *Let's take a closer look at what it really says.*
- *God took from the man’s side both flesh and bone. It does not say that Adam was made less than the perfect creation before. God closed up the place where the part was taken and then created a female person from it...woman. Rib is the translation in the KJV but the better translation is “side”.*
- *God can take whatever He wants and needs and replace it without comment.*
- *The most critical point here is that God used the actual substance of the man to create the woman. They are just male and female versions of the humankind.*
- *Adam’s Comment shows his joy of a perfect creation for him.*

# Gen 2:24-25

*<sup>24</sup> That is why a man leaves his father and mother and **is united to his wife, and they become one flesh.***

*<sup>25</sup> Adam and **his wife** were both naked, and they felt no shame.*

*God's plan for mankind is for man and woman to reunite as one flesh and fulfill their roles to each other and to God.*

*We will see this is the basis for marriage, and the family, and society.*

*Adam and his wife were in the original state of creation, and all was perfect and normal. Shame was not even a thing at this time, but it soon would be...*

# *Next time, we will Pickup at Gen Ch 3*

- *Pray for the US, Israel, and the Peace of Jerusalem*
- *Pray for the cease-fire to hold, and no new escalations*
- *Pray for our leaders – present and future*
- *Pray for First Redeemer Pastors, staff, teachers, and all who lead*
- *Pray for your family and friends inside and outside the church.*
- *Pray for each other earnestly and often*
- *Be thankful that God has placed you **in this day and time** and  
commit **your** will ...to doing **His** Will.*
- *Pray for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit to fill the land*