

IN THE BEGINNING...

A Day in God's Word

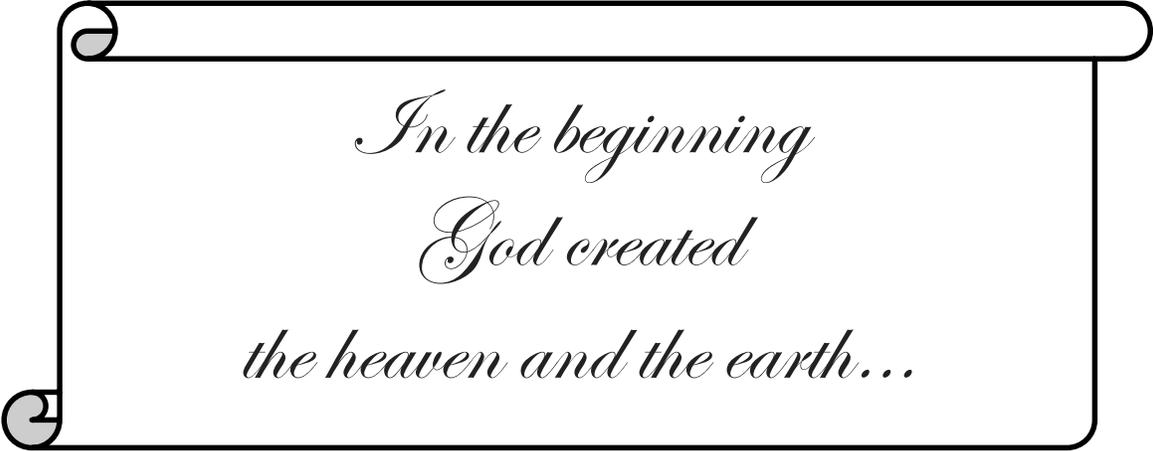


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*In the beginning
God created
the heaven and the earth...*

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Chapter 1 – Sam Pittenger

God, His Power and His Word

Verse 1

Hebrew 11:3

Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.

The beginning: That beginning is explained here as the commencement of creation. The scripture does not tell us how remote of a beginning this is from any age of the world, only that there was a beginning as it relates to the earth.

God (Elohim): The first name used for God. It is used referring to him as God the Creator. In the beginning God created, this is our introduction to Him

The word “God” is used 35 times in these 34 verses. Emphasizing WHO did ALL of these things.

The heavens and the earth:

God created all of these things Himself

Isaiah 48:13 Mine hand also hath laid the foundation of the earth, and my right hand hath spanned the heavens: when I call unto them, they stand up together.

But God Himself is bigger than all of these things

Isaiah 40:12 - 13

12 Who hath measured the waters in the hollow of his hand, and meted out heaven with the span, and comprehended the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in scales, and the hills in a balance?

13 Who hath directed the Spirit of the LORD, or *being* his counsellor hath taught him?”

All the waters of the earth in the hollow of His hand:

326 million trillion gallons of water on the earth

He measures the heavens by the span of His hand:

The universe is at least 156 billion light-years wide.

Man can know God by His creation

Romans 1:19-20

19 Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed *it* unto them.

20 For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, [even] his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse

This is our introduction to Him!

Verse 2

Was (*haw-yah*): to fall out, come to pass, become, be. This word is often translated as “was” OR “became.” This word can be translated here as “became.”

The earth *became* without form and void. God did not originally create it to be without form and void...

Without form (*tohu*): formlessness, confusion, unreality, emptiness, that which is laid to waste, wasteness.

This word is never used with a positive sense, almost always a negative sense in referring to emptiness, waste or false gods. This is *not* a flattering description of the state of the earth.

Void (*bohu*): emptiness, void, waste. It is used only three times, each time in connection with *tohu* and so it is never used in a positive sense.

Isaiah 45:18

For thus saith the LORD that created the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it; he hath established it, he created it not in vain [*tohu*], he formed it to be inhabited: I *am* the LORD; and *there is* none else.

II Peter 3:3 - 7

3 Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts,

4 And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as [they were] from the beginning of the creation.

5 For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water:

6 Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished:

7 But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.

Psalm 104:5 - 7, 9

5 *Who* laid the foundations of the earth, [that] it should not be removed for ever.

6 Thou coveredst it with the deep as *with* a garment: the waters stood above the mountains.

7 At thy rebuke they fled; at the voice of thy thunder they hasted away.

9 Thou hast set a bound that they may not pass over; that they turn not again to cover the earth.

Verses 3 – 6

God uses this moment to compare to when the gospel of Jesus Christ is believed:

2nd Corinthians 4:6

For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to *give* the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Verses 7 – 9

Let there be a firmament: This was something God commanded by His Word. The firmament is an expanse; the waters of the land are separated from the water vapor in the sky. It would divide the waters on the land from the waters *above* the firmament.

Psalm 148:4

Praise him, ye heavens of heavens, and ye waters that *be* above the heavens.

This is to the *praise* of God!

Verses 10 - 11

God did this by His Word

Psalm 33:6 - 9

6 By the word of the LORD were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth *His Words*

7 He gathereth the waters of the sea together as an heap: he layeth up the depth in storehouses.

8 Let all the earth fear the LORD: let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him.

9 For he spake and it was done; he commanded and it stood fast.

Verses 12 – 14

The earth brought forth grass, the herb that yields seed and the tree that yields fruit, whose seed is in itself: The plants were created not as seeds, but as full-grown plants each bearing seeds. They were thus created as mature plants and their seed within themselves to produce more plants of that kind!

According to its kind: This phrase appears ten times in **Genesis 1**. It means God allows variation within a kind, but something of one kind will never develop into something of another kind.

God saw that it was GOOD. He was *not* haphazard in forming these things.

Verse 15

Psalm 19:1-4 NASB

1 The heavens are telling of the glory of God; and their expanse is declaring the work of His hands.

2 Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night reveals knowledge.

3 There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard.

4 Their line has gone out through all the earth, and their utterances to the end of the world. In them He has placed a tent for the sun

Verses 16 – 18

Psalm 147:4 NASB He counts the number of the stars; He gives names to all of them.

This number keeps going up as we get more powerful telescopes, but it is now estimated that there are 100 octillion stars; 100,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000, or a "1" with 29 zeros after it! This is considered to be an underestimation...

That's ten thousand stars for every grain of sand on earth in the *observable* universe.

All of this yet God is mindful of us:

Psalm 8:3 - 4

3 When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained;

4 What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him?

Verses 19 – 22

Psalm 136:4 - 9

4 To him who alone doeth great wonders: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.

5 To him that by wisdom made the heavens: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.

6 To him that stretched out the earth above the waters: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.

7 To him that made great lights: for his mercy *endureth* for ever:

8 The sun to rule by day: for his mercy *endureth* for ever:

9 The moon and stars to rule by night: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.

How did He do all of these things? By the Power of His Word.

Verse 23 – 25

According to their kind: Again, all animal life is created according to its kind. God deliberately structured plenty of variation within a kind, but one kind does not become another. The way that God designed life to propagate was all things after their own kind. He established it with order and wisdom.

The creation serves as a very tangible example of God's power and truth. God continually reminds us throughout His Word that He was the creator of all these things and that there is none like Him.

God's Creation - His Wisdom, Power and Word

Job 38:1-6, 12, 16, 18 NASB

1 Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind and said,

2 "Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?"

3 "Now gird up your loins like a man, and I will ask you, and you instruct Me!"

4 "Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell Me, if you have understanding,

5 Who set its measurements? Since you know. Or who stretched the line on it?

6 "On what were its bases sunk? Or who laid its cornerstone,

7 When the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy?"

12 "Have you ever in your life commanded the morning, and caused the dawn to know its place,

16 "Have you entered into the springs of the sea or walked in the recesses of the deep?"

18 "Have you understood the expanse of the earth? Tell Me, if you know all this.

Psalm 102:25 Of old hast thou laid the foundation of the earth: and the heavens [are] the work of thy hands.

Psalm 135:5 - 6

5 For I know that the LORD *is* great, and *that* our Lord *is* above all gods.

6 Whatsoever the LORD pleased, *that* did he in heaven, and in earth, in the seas, and all deep places.

Jeremiah 51:15 - 19

15 He hath made the earth by his power, he hath established the world by his wisdom, and hath stretched out the heaven by his understanding.

16 When he uttereth *his* voice, *there is* a multitude of waters in the heavens; and he causeth the vapours to ascend from the ends of the earth: he maketh lightnings with rain, and bringeth forth the wind out of his treasures.

17 Every man is brutish by *his* knowledge; every founder is confounded by the graven image: for his molten image *is* falsehood, and *there is* no breath in them.

18 They *are* vanity, the work of errors: in the time of their visitation they shall perish.

19 The portion of Jacob *is* not like them; for he [is] the former of all things: and *Israel is* the rod of his inheritance: the LORD of hosts *is* his name.

Jeremiah 10:11 - 12

11 Thus shall ye say unto them, The gods that have not made the heavens and the earth, *even* they shall perish from the earth, and from under these heavens.

12 He hath made the earth by his power, he hath established the world by his wisdom, and hath stretched out the heavens by his discretion.

Proverbs 3:19 - 21

19 The LORD by wisdom hath founded the earth; by understanding hath he established the heavens.

20 By his knowledge the depths are broken up, and the clouds drop down the dew.

21 My son, let not them depart from thine eyes: keep sound wisdom and discretion:

Proverbs 8:1 - 4, 22 – 35

1 Doth not wisdom cry? and understanding put forth her voice?

2 She standeth in the top of high places, by the way in the places of the paths.

3 She crieth at the gates, at the entry of the city, at the coming in at the doors.

4 Unto you, O men, I call; and my voice [is] to the sons of man. LORD possessed me in the beginning of his way, before his works of old.

23 I was set up from everlasting, from the beginning, or ever the earth was.

24 When [there were] no depths, I was brought forth; when [there were] no fountains abounding with water.

25 Before the mountains were settled, before the hills was I brought forth:

26 While as yet he had not made the earth, nor the fields, nor the highest part of the dust of the world.

27 When he prepared the heavens, I [was] there: when he set a compass upon the face of the depth:

28 When he established the clouds above: when he strengthened the fountains of the deep:

29 When he gave to the sea his decree, that the waters should not pass his commandment: when he appointed the foundations of the earth:

30 Then I was by him, *as* one brought up *with him*: and I was daily *his* delight, rejoicing always before him;

31 Rejoicing in the habitable part of his earth; and my delights *were* with the sons of men.

32 Now therefore hearken unto me, O ye children: for blessed *are they that* keep my ways.

33 Hear instruction, and be wise, and refuse it not.

34 Blessed *is* the man that heareth me, watching daily at my gates, waiting at the posts of my doors.

35 For whoso findeth me findeth life, and shall obtain favour of the LORD.

Psalm 19:1 – 6, 7 - 14

- 1** The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork.
2 Day unto day uttereth [pours forth] speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge.
3 *There is* no speech nor language, [where] their voice is not heard.
4 Their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun,
5 Which [is] as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, [and] rejoiceth as a strong man to run a race.
6 His going forth [is] from the end of the heaven, and his circuit unto the ends of it: and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof...

Psalm 148:13

Let them praise the name of the LORD: for his name alone is excellent; his glory [is] above the earth and heaven.

YET... Psalm 138:2b thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name.

- 7** The law of the LORD [is] perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD [is] sure, making wise the simple.
8 The statutes of the LORD [are] right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the LORD [is] pure, enlightening the eyes.
9 The fear of the LORD [is] clean, enduring for ever: the judgments of the LORD [are] true [and] righteous altogether.
10 More to be desired [are they] than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.
11 Moreover by them is thy servant warned: [and] in keeping of them [there is] great reward.
12 Who can understand [his] errors? cleanse thou me from secret [faults].
13 Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous [sins]; let them not have dominion over me: then shall I be upright, and I shall be innocent from the great transgression.
14 Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O LORD, my strength, and my redeemer.

Hebrews 4:12

For the word of God *is* quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and *is* a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

1st Thessalonians 2:13

For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received *it* not *as* the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe.

God Created Man in His Own Image

Verse 27

Image: What is God's image? Spirit.

John 4:24 NASB

God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.

God made Adam in HIS image, which is spirit. This creating of mankind here is placing the emphasis on God creating spirit life within Adam, *not* God forming Adam from the dust of the ground as in **Genesis 2**.

This spirit gave man a relationship with God, seeing as they were like Him. They intrinsically knew God and were known of God by the spirit that He gave them.

God created man according to His image for His glory. This was a special and unique relationship that had never existed before.

Verses 28 – 30

All were appointed to continue their species according to their own likeness, and all were blessed with fertility; but upon the human race was pronounced the special blessing “be fruitful, and multiply and replenish the earth, and subdue it” so that man's lordship of the creation was a part of his original constitution.

God had designed this entire environment to beautifully suit mankind.

Verses 31 - 2:3

Psalm 115:16 The heaven, *even* the heavens, *are* the LORD'S: but the earth hath he given to the children of men.

What a loving Creator, to see to it that ALL things were good, to set the whole earth in such a way that mankind could subdue it, rule it, be fruitful and multiply within its design.

Chapter 2 – Shawn Weir

The LORD God Made the Earth and the Heavens

Verse 4

Generations (*towlědah*): Meaning descendants, births, family history or genealogy. Translated in the KJV as generations (38x) and birth (1x)

Genesis 5:1 - 3

1 This is the book of the generations of Adam. In the day that God created man, in the likeness of God made he him;

2 Male and female created he them; and blessed them, and called their name Adam, in the day when they were created.

3 And Adam lived an hundred and thirty years, and begat a son in his own likeness, after his image; and called his name Seth

Genesis 11:27 Now these are the generations of Terah: Terah begat Abram, Nahor, and Haran; and Haran begat Lot.

The Hebrew word rendered "generations" (*towlědah*) is a recurring introduction to the various sections of the Book of **Genesis** that follow. The word introduces ten sections of **Genesis**.

The ten generations (*towlědah*) sections in **Genesis**:

1. **Genesis 1:1 - 2:4**, the generations of the heavens and the earth
2. **Genesis 5:1 - 6:8**, the generations of Adam
3. **Genesis 6:9 - 9:29**, the generations of Noah
4. **Genesis 10:1 - 11:9**, the generations of the sons of Noah
5. **Genesis 11:10 - 26**, the generations of the sons of Shem
6. **Genesis 11:27 - 25:11**, the generations of Terah
7. **Genesis 25:12 - 18**, the generations of Ishmael
8. **Genesis 25:19 - 35:29**, the generations of Isaac
9. **Genesis 36:1 - 37:1**, the generations of Esau
10. **Genesis 37:2 - 50:26**, the generations of Jacob

There was a first heaven and earth before and this is the second generation of heaven and earth.

LORD God (*Jehovah Elohim*) the first occurrence of this compound name

1. **Elohim:** the plural of *el* (the generic Hebrew word for God or a god) and is the first name given for God. In the Old Testament, the name Elohim occurs over 2,570 times. *Elohim* is first used in **Genesis 1:1**.
2. **Jehovah:** pronounced “yeh-ho-vaw” and containing *haw-yah*, indicating that God will become whatever His people need Him to be. It is scripturally first used right here in **Genesis 2:4**, but it is not a name revealed unto man until Moses in **Exodus 3**. It always is used in reference to the one true God, His name alone is JEHOVAH.

Exodus 3:10 – 18

10 Come now therefore, and I will send thee unto Pharaoh, that thou mayest bring forth my people the children of Israel out of Egypt.

11 And Moses said unto God, Who am I, that I should go unto Pharaoh, and that I should bring forth the children of Israel out of Egypt?

12 And he said, Certainly I will be with thee; and this shall be a token unto thee, that I have sent thee: When thou hast brought forth the people out of Egypt, ye shall serve God upon this mountain.

13 And Moses said unto God, Behold, when I come unto the children of Israel, and shall say unto them, The God of your fathers hath sent me unto you; and they shall say to me, What is his name? what shall I say unto them?

14 And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you.

15 And God said moreover unto Moses, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, The LORD God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, hath sent me unto you: this is my name for ever, and this is my memorial unto all generations.

16 Go, and gather the elders of Israel together, and say unto them, The LORD God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob, appeared unto me, saying, I have surely visited you, and seen that which is done to you in Egypt:

17 And I have said, I will bring you up out of the affliction of Egypt unto the land of the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites, unto a land flowing with milk and honey.

18 And they shall hearken to thy voice: and thou shalt come, thou and the elders of Israel, unto the king of Egypt, and ye shall say unto him, The LORD God of the Hebrews hath met with us: and now let us go, we beseech thee, three days' journey into the wilderness, that we may sacrifice to the LORD our God.

1st Chronicles 29:11 - 13

11 Thine, O LORD, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine; thine is the kingdom, O LORD, and thou art exalted as head above all.

12 Both riches and honour come of thee, and thou reignest over all; and in thine hand is power and might; and in thine hand it is to make great, and to give strength unto all.

13 Now therefore, our God, we thank thee, and praise thy glorious name.

Psalm 9:9 – 11a

9 The LORD also will be a refuge for the oppressed, a refuge in times of trouble.

10 And they that know thy name will put their trust in thee: for thou, LORD, hast not forsaken them that seek thee.

11a Sing praises to the LORD

Psalm 148:13

Let them praise the name of the LORD: for his name alone is excellent; his glory is above the earth and heaven.

Nehemiah 9: 5b – 7a

5b Stand up and bless the LORD your God for ever and ever: and blessed be thy glorious name, which is exalted above all blessing and praise.

6 Thou, even thou, art LORD alone; thou hast made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth, and all things that are therein, the seas, and all that is therein, and thou preservest them all; and the host of heaven worshippeth thee.

7 Thou art the LORD the God

In the Old Testament, *Jehovah* occurs 6,519 times from **Genesis 2 – Malachi 4**. It occurs 11 times in this chapter. This name is used more than any other name of God. It is often used in a compound form with another descriptive word detail what God will be for man.

Some examples of the compound Jehovah names:

- Jehovah - Rapha – "The Lord That Healeth"
- Jehovah - Ro'i – "The Lord My Shepherd"
- Jehovah - Shalom – "The Lord Our Peace"

> See the Appendix 2 - The Compound Names and Attributes of Jehovah

Praise ye the LORD (*Hallelu-JAH*)

Psalm 150:1 – 6

1 Praise ye the LORD. Praise God in his sanctuary: praise him in the firmament of his power.

2 Praise him for his mighty acts: praise him according to his excellent greatness.

3 Praise him with the sound of the trumpet: praise him with the psaltery and harp.

4 Praise him with the timbrel and dance: praise him with stringed instruments and organs.

5 Praise him upon the loud cymbals: praise him upon the high sounding cymbals.

6 Let every thing that hath breath praise the LORD. Praise ye the LORD.

Jehovah Scripturally is first used here in **Genesis 2** to show His special relationship with man. Out of all of His creation, His relationship with man was distinct and personal. Even though Adam and Eve don't know him by this name yet, the writer did and so do the readers.

> See the Appendix 3 - The Four Occurrences of "JEHOVAH" in the KJV

Made earth and heaven: Uniquely, the earth is mentioned first as our new point of focus for the coming chapter.

Verses 5 -6

These verses have been suggested to be a parenthesis.

Herb (*eh'seb*): herbage, vegetables, from an unused root meaning to glisten (or be green); grass (or any tender shoot) for the food of man and grazing pasture of animals.

Genesis 1:29 - 30

29 And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat.

30 And to every beast of the earth, and to every fowl of the air, and to every thing that creepeth upon the earth, wherein there is life, I have given every green herb for meat: and it was so.

Genesis 3:18b ...thou shalt eat the herb of the field

Here, in the first administration and covenant with man all living souls (*chai nephesh*) were herbivores. This would change after the reordering and new covenant with man after the flood with Noah. At that time, God will order man as an omnivore.

Genesis 9:1 - 3

1 And God blessed Noah and his sons, and said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth.

2 And the fear of you and the dread of you shall be upon every beast of the earth, and upon every fowl of the air, upon all that moveth upon the earth, and upon all the fishes of the sea; into your hand are they delivered.

3 Every moving thing that liveth shall be meat for you; even as the green herb have I given you all things.

The plant life hasn't been watered to grow yet, because there isn't a man yet to till and dress them.

Man (*âdam*): man, mankind or the first man, Adam

The word is used 15 times in **Genesis 2**, it appears only twice in **Genesis 1**.

Mist (*êd*): a fog, cloud, mist or vapor

In the garden of Eden there was no rain, but a mist would come up from the earth and water the soil. Rain isn't mentioned until the time of Noah.

Genesis 7:4

For yet seven days, and I will cause it to rain upon the earth forty days and forty nights; and every living substance that I have made will I destroy from off the face of the earth.

And The LORD God Formed Man of the Dust of the Ground

Verse 7

Dust (*`aphar*): clay, earth, mud, ashes, earth, ground, mortar

God molded man out of the most basic elements of the dust of the ground. There is nothing spectacular in the substances man is made of, only in the way those basic things were organized.

- > See the Appendix 1 – God Formed Man of the Dust of the Ground

Scripturally, dust is often associated with lowliness and humility:

Genesis 18:27

And Abraham answered and said, Behold now, I have taken upon me to speak unto the Lord, which am but dust and ashes

1st Samuel 2:8

He raiseth up the poor out of the dust, and lifteth up the beggar from the dunghill, to set them among princes, and to make them inherit the throne of glory: for the pillars of the earth are the LORD'S, and he hath set the world upon them.

1st Kings 16:2a

Forasmuch as I exalted thee out of the dust, and made thee prince over my people Israel

Psalms 139:14

I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well.

If the body is so admirable, how much more the soul with all its varied faculties and how exceeding still the spirit making man unique and above the animals; in the image of God.

Breath (*něshamah*): to breathe, or blow with force

God personally breathed life into man's body molded from the dust of the earth. The moment He did; man came to life as a living soul (*chai nephesh*). From the very beginning, breath has been linked to life. Life begins with the first breath and ends with the last.

Acts 17: 24 - 25

24 The God Who made the world and all things in it, He, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in handmade sanctuaries,

25 nor is He ministered to by human hands, as if He needed something, since He Himself gives life and breath and all things to everyone.

Something else that God breathed:

2nd Timothy 3:16 WT All Scripture is God-breathed and profitable for teaching [what was taught], for reproof, for correction, for the instruction that is in justness

Man, uniquely a three part being:

The common word for breath in Hebrew is *ruach*. The word pronounced imitates the very sound of breath and is the same word for Spirit. This is also case in both Greek (*pneuma*) and Latin (*spiritus*). God created man by putting His breath, His Spirit, within him.

God specifically created man by breathing some of His own breath into him. This was not done with any of the animals. Man was created unique and above the animals as a three part being with a body, soul and spirit (God's own breath).

1st Thessalonians 5:23

And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Breathing associated with receiving holy spirit at Pentecost:

John 20:22 And when he had said this, he breathed on them[in], and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost

breathed (*emphusao*) only used here in the New Testament, but it also was used in the Septuagint(the Greek Old Testament) in **Genesis 2:7**

Acts 2: 1 – 4 WT

1 Now when the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they [the twelve apostles] were all together with unity of purpose.

2 Then suddenly a sound from heaven as of a rushing, forceful breath came and filled the whole house where they were sitting,

3 and there appeared tongues as of fire, which were distributed to them, and it sat upon each one of them.

4 Then they were all filled with holy spirit, and they began to speak in other tongues, as the Spirit was giving them [the words] to speak out.

Verse 8

Garden (*gan*): a garden or enclosure. Translated in the KJV as garden (42x).

Garden or Paradise?

The Greek word for garden is *paradeisos* and occurs only three times in the New Testament:

Luke 23:43

And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be with me in paradise.

2nd Corinthians 12:2 – 4 WT

2 I know a man in Christ (whether in a body, I do not know, or out of the body, I do not know; God knows), who more than fourteen years ago was caught away unto the time of the third heaven,

3 and I know such a man (whether in a body, or apart from the body, I do not know; God knows),

4 how that he was caught away unto the time of paradise and heard inexpressible words, which is not permitted for a person to speak.

Revelation 2:7

He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God.

In the opening chapters of Genesis, there was the Garden of Eden or the Paradise of Eden. In the next In the time of the third Heaven and Earth, there will be a garden or paradise as well.

Verse 9

The tree of life and **the tree of the knowledge of good and evil**: These two trees were in the middle of the garden of Eden. Eating of the one was for life, eating of the other would result in death.

1. **The tree of life** was to grant (and/or to sustain) eternal life. God again speaks of a tree of life available to the His people in the third Heaven and in Earth in the middle of the main street of the New Jerusalem.

Revelation 2:7 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God.

Revelation 22:1 – 2, 14

1 And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb.

2 In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

14 Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.

2. **The tree of the knowledge of good and evil**: in original God's design all things were good, good, very good. With all that God had made for him, man was not without the knowledge of good, but he didn't know(or need) evil.

Verses 10 – 14

The names of familiar rivers and lands:

Though these river and land names may correspond to the names of lands and rivers known in the modern or ancient world, the flood dramatically changed the earth's landscape and would have erased them.

For example, there is a modern Euphrates river and a land of Ethiopia. Perhaps in the post-flood world some of the landscape and features were named after familiar pre-flood geography by Noah and his sons.

Verse 15

Dress (*`abad*) to work, serve or labor

Keep (*shamar*) to keep, guard, keep watch and ward, protect, save life

Translated in the KJV as keep (283x), observe (46x), heed (35x), keeper (28x), preserve (21x), beware (9x), mark (8x), watchman (8x), wait (7x), watch (7x), regard (5x), save (2x)

It Is Not Good That the Man Should Be Alone

Verses 16 - 17

In these two verses the figure of speech polyptoton is employed with these two phrases. In the figure, two verbs are repeated in two different forms, thereby adding intensity to the meaning.

Thou mayest freely eat (*achol tochel*) Literally, “eating thou mayest eat”

Thou shalt surely die (*moth tamuth*) Literally, “a death thou shalt die” or “dying thou shalt die.”

Verse 18

It is not good: a phrase that has not appeared before

Genesis 1:4 And God saw the light, that **it was good:** and God divided the light from the darkness.

Genesis 1:10 And God called the dry land Earth; and the gathering together of the waters called he Seas: and God saw that **it was good.**

Genesis 1:12 And the earth brought forth grass, and herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed was in itself, after his kind: and God saw that **it was good.**

Genesis 1:18 And to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness: and God saw that **it was good.**

Genesis 1:21 And God created great whales, and every living creature that moveth, which the waters brought forth abundantly, after their kind, and every winged fowl after his kind: and God saw that it was good.

Genesis 1:25 And God made the beast of the earth after his kind, and cattle after their kind, and every thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind: and God saw that it was good.

Genesis 1:31a And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good.

Genesis 2:18 And the LORD God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him.

Help(`êzer): Aid, support, succor

This is not a derogatory word. It is Scripturally most often used of God towards man:

Psalm 33:20

Our soul waiteth for the LORD: he is our help and our shield.

Psalm 121:1 – 2

1 [Shall] I lift up mine eyes to the hills? Whence should my help come?

2 My help *cometh* from the LORD, which made heaven and earth.

Hosea 13:9

O Israel, thou hast destroyed thyself; but in me is thine help.

Exodus 18:4

And the name of the other[Moses' sons] was Eliezer; for the God of my father, said he, was mine help, and delivered me from the sword of Pharaoh

A woman is in good company in this position towards man. As with God, woman as a help to man does not indicate her in a position as less than man.

Verses 21 – 23

She was taken out of Man: Woman is unlike every other creature. Ever other living soul was made out of the ground, but woman was the first to come out of another living creature. She was not formed out of dust, but made out of the rib of man.

There are not two beginnings to the human race: one in Adam and one in Eve. There was one beginning of the human race in Adam.

He took one of his ribs: God took one and only one rib out of Adam. The precedent is set from the first marriage that a man is to be the husband of one wife.

Verse 24

They shall be one flesh

“Two, shall be one flesh,” a commandment of God that has spanned administrations:

Matthew 19:5 – 6

5 And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh?

6 Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.

1st Corinthians 6:16 What? know ye not that he which is joined to an harlot is one body? for two, saith he, shall be one flesh.

Ephesians 5:31 For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh.

Verse 25

Naked and unashamed: before each other and their God. These relationships were personal. This is man and woman designed as God intended, with no sin consciousness and nothing to hide. Man, woman and God are unobstructed to fully share and enjoy the most intimate relationships with one another.

Chapter 3 – Dan Hyder

Now The Serpent Was More Subtil Than Any Beast of the Field

Verses 1 - 2

Verse 1 The serpent questions God's Word.

Verse 2 The woman responded by considering.

Verses 3 – 4

In **verse 3** the woman left out part of God's Word, added to God's Word, and then said, "lest ye die."

What God said from the KJV:

Genesis 2:16 – 17

16 And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat:

17 But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

Literally from the Hebrew, God used the figure *polyptoton*, where in these verses, TWICE does God use a **verb**

repeated in 2 different forms, adding intensity to the meaning:

"Of every tree of the garden **eating** thou mayest **eat**. But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof **dying** thou shalt **die**."

Eve changed what God had said. She changed what God meant.

With his introduction in chapter 3, the serpent is characterized as tempting people to question and subtly twist the Word of God, and then, he contradicts the Word of God:

"**dying** thou shalt not **die**."

The serpent contradicted God's Word, also figuratively, in order to emphasize God as a liar.

Verses 5 -6

The serpent got the woman to change God's Word. Even while she had not yet eaten the fruit from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, she was getting bewitched in continuing to listen to the serpent. He then further stated "ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil."

She was caused to consider that their identity was not "very good," ... it was deficient. We have considered though that in reality and in action, they were like God, they were godly, blessed and possessing authority, everything was very good, none of which the serpent had.

With a lie he vied to take for himself what God had given Adam and his helpmeet. The woman accepted the lie and directly disobeyed God's commandment.

Verses 7 – 13

Fear, the heartbreak of a ruined relationship, and death – that is, the loss of spirit life, surely followed.

Verses 14 – 15

God reveals to the serpent that the seed of the woman - an eventual seed - will come to bring judgment upon him.

Verses 16 – 24

Further instructions to Adam and his woman, referred to as Eve. Not only have they lost spirit-life, they will also physically die.

Additional consequence:

Luke 4:6 And the devil said unto him, All this power will I give thee, and the glory of them: for that is delivered unto me; and to whomsoever I will I give it.

The First Adam and the Last Adam

- **Romans 5:6 – 19**
- **1st Corinthians 15:45 - 58**

Practical Considerations

- **2 Corinthians 11:2-6, 12-15**
 - Staying put on the truth of the Gospel

- **1 Timothy 2:1-15, Ephesians 6:18**
 - Persistent prayer and tranquility

- **Romans 6:4-22**
 - Identification

- **Galatians 5:16 – 26**
 - Walk in the totality of the new nature

Appendix 1 – God Formed Man of the Dust of the Ground

The human body is made up almost entirely of eleven elements all of which are found in the dust of the Earth. Almost 99% of the mass of the human body is made up of six elements: oxygen, carbon, hydrogen, nitrogen, calcium, and phosphorus. About 0.85% is composed of another five elements: potassium, sulfur, sodium, chlorine, and magnesium. All are necessary to live.

Major Elements Found in the Human Body (Chemical Symbol)	Abundances of Elements in the Earth's Crust (Approximate % by weight)
Oxygen (O) 65% Holds a vital role in breathing and metabolism. Nutrient compounds, inside of the cell, are oxidized through complex enzymatic processes.	46.60
Carbon (C) 18.5% Virtually every part of the body is made up of molecules based around carbon chains.	0.030
Hydrogen (H) 9.5% Critical component of water and other hydrogen bonds. Stomach acid (hydrogen and chlorine) allows digestion. Many chemical reactions that make life possible involve the hydrogen ion.	0.140
Nitrogen (N) 3.3% A key component of all proteins and nucleic acids.	0.005
Calcium (Ca) 1.5% Key component of bones and teeth. Triggers muscle contraction.	3.6
Phosphorous (Ph) 1.1% Key component of nucleic acids. Important for energy transfer and rebuilding of red blood cells.	0.13
Potassium (K) .20% Major electrolyte of blood and cellular fluid. Required for maintenance of pH and nervous system. Important in nerve function.	2.6
Sulfur (S) .20% Element of the essential amino acids used to create protein for cells and tissues and for hormones, enzymes, and antibodies.	0.03

<p>Sodium (Na) .14% Major electrolyte of blood and cellular fluid. Required for maintenance of pH and water balance. Vital to the transmission of impulses from our brains to muscles.</p>	<p>2.8</p>
<p>Chlorine (Cl) .12% Major electrolyte of blood and cellular fluid. Balance of pH and water. Used in balancing electrical charges in nervous system.</p>	<p>0.005</p>
<p>Magnesium (Mg) .027% Important in bone structure. Required for energy production, oxidative phosphorylation, and glycolysis.</p>	<p>2.1</p>

Appendix 2 – The Compound Names and Attributes of Jehovah

In the Scriptures, the name Jehovah is combined with ten other words, which form what are known as "the Jehovah Titles."

The Ten Jehovah Titles

1. JEHOVAH-'ELYON = Jehovah Most High.

- **Psalm 7:17**

I will praise the LORD according to his righteousness: and will sing praise to the name of the LORD most high.

2. JEHOVAH-JIREH = Jehovah Will See, Or Provide

- **Genesis 22:14**

And Abraham called the name of that place Jehovahjireh: as it is said to this day, In the mount of the LORD it shall be seen.

3. JEHOVAH-MEKADDISHKEM = Jehovah That Doth Sanctify You

- **Exodus 31:13**

Speak thou also unto the children of Israel, saying, Verily my sabbaths ye shall keep: for it is a sign between me and you throughout your generations; that ye may know that I am the LORD that doth sanctify you.

4. JEHOVAH-NISSI = Jehovah My Banner

- **Exodus 17:15 - 16**

15 And Moses built an altar, and called the name of it Jehovahnissi:

16 For he said, Because the LORD hath sworn that the LORD will have war with Amalek from generation to generation.

5. JEHOVAH-RO'I = Jehovah My Shepherd

- **Psalm 23:1**

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

6. JEHOVAH-ROPHEKA = Jehovah That Healeth Thee

- **Exodus 15:26**

And said, If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the LORD thy God, and wilt do that which is right in his sight, and wilt give ear to his commandments, and keep all his statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I am the LORD that healeth thee.

7. JEHOVAH-SHALOM = Jehovah Sends Peace

- **Judges 6:24**

Then Gideon built an altar there unto the LORD, and called it Jehovahshalom: unto this day it is yet in Ophrah of the Abiezrites.

8. JEHOVAH-SHAMMAH = Jehovah is there

- **Ezekiel 48:35**

It was round about eighteen thousand measures: and the name of the city from that day shall be, The LORD is there.

9. JEHOVAH-ZEBA'OTH = Jehovah of Hosts

- **1st Samuel 1:3**

And this man went up out of his city yearly to worship and to sacrifice unto the LORD of hosts in Shiloh. And the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, the priests of the LORD, were there.

10. JEHOVAH-ZIDKENU = Jehovah Our Righteousness

- **Jeremiah 23:6**

In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely: and this is his name whereby he shall be called, THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.

Other Compound Names and Attributes of Jehovah

Jehovah – The Lord

Exodus 6:2 – 3

2 And God spake unto Moses, and said unto him, I am the LORD:

3 And I appeared unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, by the name of God Almighty, but by my name JEHOVAH was I not known to them.

Adonai Jehovah – The Lord God

Genesis 15:2

And Abram said, Lord GOD, what wilt thou give me, seeing I go childless, and the steward of my house is this Eliezer of Damascus?

Ha-Melech Jehovah - The LORD the King

Psalms 98:6

With trumpets and sound of cornet make a joyful noise before the LORD, the King.

Jehovah Adon Kal Ha'arets – The Lord of All the Earth

Joshua 3:11

Behold, the ark of the covenant of the Lord of all the earth passeth over before you into Jordan.

Jehovah Bara – The Lord Creator

Isaiah 40:28

Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? there is no searching of his understanding.

Jehovah El Elohim - The LORD GOD of GODS

Joshua 22:22

The LORD God of gods, the LORD God of gods, he knoweth, and Israel he shall know; if it be in rebellion, or if in transgression against the LORD, (save us not this day,)

Jehovah El Emeth - The LORD GOD of Truth

Psalms 31:5

Into thine hand I commit my spirit: thou hast redeemed me, O LORD God of truth.

Jehovah El Elyon - The LORD, the Most High GOD

Genesis 14:22

And Abram said to the king of Sodom, I have lift up mine hand unto the LORD, the most high God, the possessor of heaven and earth

Jehovah El Gemuwal - The LORD GOD of Recompenses

Jeremiah 51:56

Because the spoiler is come upon her, even upon Babylon, and her mighty men are taken, every one of their bows is broken: for the LORD God of recompences shall surely requite.

Jehovah Elohe Abothekem - The LORD GOD of Your Fathers

Joshua 18:3

And Joshua said unto the children of Israel, How long are ye slack to go to possess the land, which the LORD God of your fathers hath given you?

Jehovah Elohe Yeshuathi - LORD GOD of My Salvation

Psalms 88:1

O LORD God of my salvation, I have cried day and night before thee

Jehovah Elohe Yisrael - The LORD GOD of Israel

Psalms 41:13

Blessed be the LORD God of Israel from everlasting, and to everlasting. Amen, and Amen.

Jehovah Elohim Tsebaoth - LORD GOD of Hosts

Psalms 59:5

Thou therefore, O LORD God of hosts, the God of Israel, awake to visit all the heathen: be not merciful to any wicked transgressors. Selah.

Jehovah 'Ez-Lami – The Lord My Strength

Psalms 28:7

The LORD is my strength and my shield; my heart trusted in him, and I am helped: therefore my heart greatly rejoiceth; and with my song will I praise him.

Jehovah Gador Milchamah – The Lord Mighty in Battle

Psalms 24:8

Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle.

Jehovah Ganan – The Lord Our Defense

Psalms 89:18

For the LORD is our defence; and the Holy One of Israel is our king.

Jehovah Hashopet – The Lord the Judge

Judges 11:27

Wherefore I have not sinned against thee, but thou doest me wrong to war against me: the LORD the Judge be judge this day between the children of Israel and the children of Ammon.

Jehovah Hoshe'ah – The Lord Who Saves

Psalm 20:9

Save, LORD: let the king hear us when we call.

Jehovah 'Immeku – The Lord Is with you

Judges 6:12

And the angel of the LORD appeared unto him, and said unto him, The LORD is with thee, thou mighty man of valour.

Jehovah 'Izoz Hakaboth – The Lord Strong and Mighty

Psalm 24:8

Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle.

Jehovah Kabodhi – The Lord My Glory

Psalm 3:3

But thou, O LORD, art a shield for me; my glory, and the lifter up of mine head.

Jehovah Kanna Shemo – The Lord Whose Name is Jealous

Exodus 34:14

For thou shalt worship no other god: for the LORD, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God

Jehovah Machsi – The Lord My Refuge

Psalm 91:9

Because thou hast made the LORD, which is my refuge, even the most High, thy habitation

Jehovah Magen Chereb - The LORD the Shield ... and the Sword

Deuteronomy 33:29

Happy art thou, O Israel: who is like unto thee, O people saved by the LORD, the shield of thy help, and who is the sword of thy excellency! and thine enemies shall be found liars unto thee; and thou shalt tread upon their high places.

Jehovah Maginnenu - The LORD Our Defense

Psalm 89:18

For the LORD is our defence; and the Holy One of Israel is our king

Jehovah Ma'oz – The Lord . . . My Fortress

Jeremiah 16:19

O LORD, my strength, and my fortress, and my refuge in the day of affliction, the Gentiles shall come unto thee from the ends of the earth, and shall say, Surely our fathers have inherited lies, vanity, and things wherein there is no profit.

Jehovah Makkeh - The LORD that Smiteth

Ezekiel 7:9

And mine eye shall not spare, neither will I have pity: I will recompense thee according to thy ways and thine abominations that are in the midst of thee; and ye shall know that I am the LORD that smiteth.

Jehovah Mauzzam - The LORD Their Strength

Psalms 37:39

But the salvation of the righteous is of the LORD: he is their strength in the time of trouble.

Jehovah Melech Olam - The LORD King Forever

Psalms 10:16

The LORD is King for ever and ever: the heathen are perished out of his land.

Jehovah Moshiekh Goelekh – The Lord Thy Savior and Thy Redeemer

Isaiah 49:26

And I will feed them that oppress thee with their own flesh; and they shall be drunken with their own blood, as with sweet wine: and all flesh shall know that I the LORD am thy Saviour and thy Redeemer, the mighty One of Jacob.

Jehovah 'Ori – The Lord My Light

Psalms 27:1

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

Jehovah Uzzi – The Lord Their Strength

Psalms 37:39

But the salvation of the righteous is of the LORD: he is their strength in the time of trouble.

The Beginning of Psalm 18

These first few verses uniquely holds several attributes of Jehovah as David by revelation sang thanks and praise to the many qualities of deliverance he knew His God to be for him.

Psalm 18:1 - 3

1 To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David, the servant of the LORD, who spake unto the LORD the words of this song in the day that the LORD delivered him from the hand of all his enemies, and from the hand of Saul:

And he said, I will love thee, O LORD, my strength.

2 The LORD is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower.

3 I will call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised

- 1. Jehovah Chezeq – The Lord My Strength**
- 2. Jehovah Sali - The LORD My Rock**
- 3. Jehovah Metsodhathi – The Lord My Fortress**
- 4. Jehovah Mephalti – The Lord My Deliverer**
- 5. Jehovah Eli - The LORD My GOD**
- 6. Jehovah Tsori – The LORD My Strength (Cliff or Refuge)**
- 7. Jehovah Mawgane' – The LORD My Buckler (Shield)**
- 8. Jehovah Keren-Yish'i – The Lord the Horn of My Salvation**
- 9. Jehovah Misqabbi – The Lord My High Tower**
- 10. Jehovah – The Becoming God, The God Who Will Be Whatever His People Need Him To Be**

Appendix 3 – The Four Occurrences of “JEHOVAH” in the KJV

There are four places in the KJV where the translators choose to keep JEHOVAH in the text

1. Exodus 6:2 - 3

2 And God spake unto Moses, and said unto him, I am the LORD:

3 And I appeared unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, by the name of God Almighty, but by my name **JEHOVAH** was I not known to them.

2. Psalm 83:18

That men may know that thou, whose name alone is **JEHOVAH**, art the most high over all the earth.

3. Isaiah 12:2 - 3

2 Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid: for the LORD **JEHOVAH** is my strength and my song; he also is become my salvation.

3 Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation.

4 And in that day shall ye say, Praise the LORD, call upon his name, declare his doings among the people, make mention that his name is exalted.

4. Isaiah 26:3 - 4

3 Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.

4 Trust ye in the LORD for ever: for in the LORD **JEHOVAH** is everlasting strength