

Introduction: *This is the detailed account of the details of the creation of man. The first chapter of Genesis starts with an overview verse, and then the explanation of the details. Chapter 2 continues the dialogue with more details including the forbidden trees, the naming of the animals, the creation of woman, and the institution of marriage.*

¹Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them¹.

²And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made.

³And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made².

⁴These are the generations of the heavens and of the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens,

⁵And every plant of the field before it was in the earth, and every herb of the field before it grew: for the LORD God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was not a man to till the ground³.

⁶But there went up a mist from the earth, and watered the whole face of the ground.

⁷And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.⁴

⁸And the LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there he put the man whom he had formed.

⁹And out of the ground made the LORD God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil.

¹ The host of them implies that everything God created was under his authority and command, and could be used in battle against his enemies. The phrase "Lord of hosts" is the title of God the Father and is applied whenever God or his children are threatened.

² God rested from his work for two reasons, He was finished and the earth and all in it were perfect, and God also set the example for us to set a day of rest on the Sabbath. Ecclesiastes 3:14

³ No rain had fallen, and there was no man to till the ground means God made everything perfectly and there was no need to till the ground. It was not until man disobeyed God that he needed to work for his food.

⁴ Ecclesiastes 12:7, It is the breath of heaven that gives us life, and it is dust we are formed from.

¹⁰ And a river went out of Eden to water the garden; and from thence it was parted, and became into four heads.

¹¹ The name of the first is Pison: that is it which compasseth the whole land of Havilah,⁵ where there is gold;

¹² And the gold of that land is good: there is bdellium and the onyx stone.

¹³ And the name of the second river is Gihon: the same is it that compasseth the whole land of Ethiopia.

¹⁴ And the name of the third river is Hiddekel: that is it which goeth toward the east of Assyria. And the fourth river is Euphrates.

¹⁵ And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it.⁶

¹⁶ And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat:⁷

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.

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.

¹⁹ And out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought them unto Adam to see what he would call them: and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that was the name thereof.

²⁰ And Adam gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field; but for Adam there was not found an help meet for him.⁸

²¹ And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam⁹, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof;

⁵ This land is later called Babylonia.

⁶ To dress it and keep it simply means to pick the fruit, and collect the proceeds of God's provision.

⁷ This instruction is given in command form. To disobey this instruction has long lasting consequences.

⁸ It's interesting that God allows Adam to name all the creatures before he gives him his help meet.

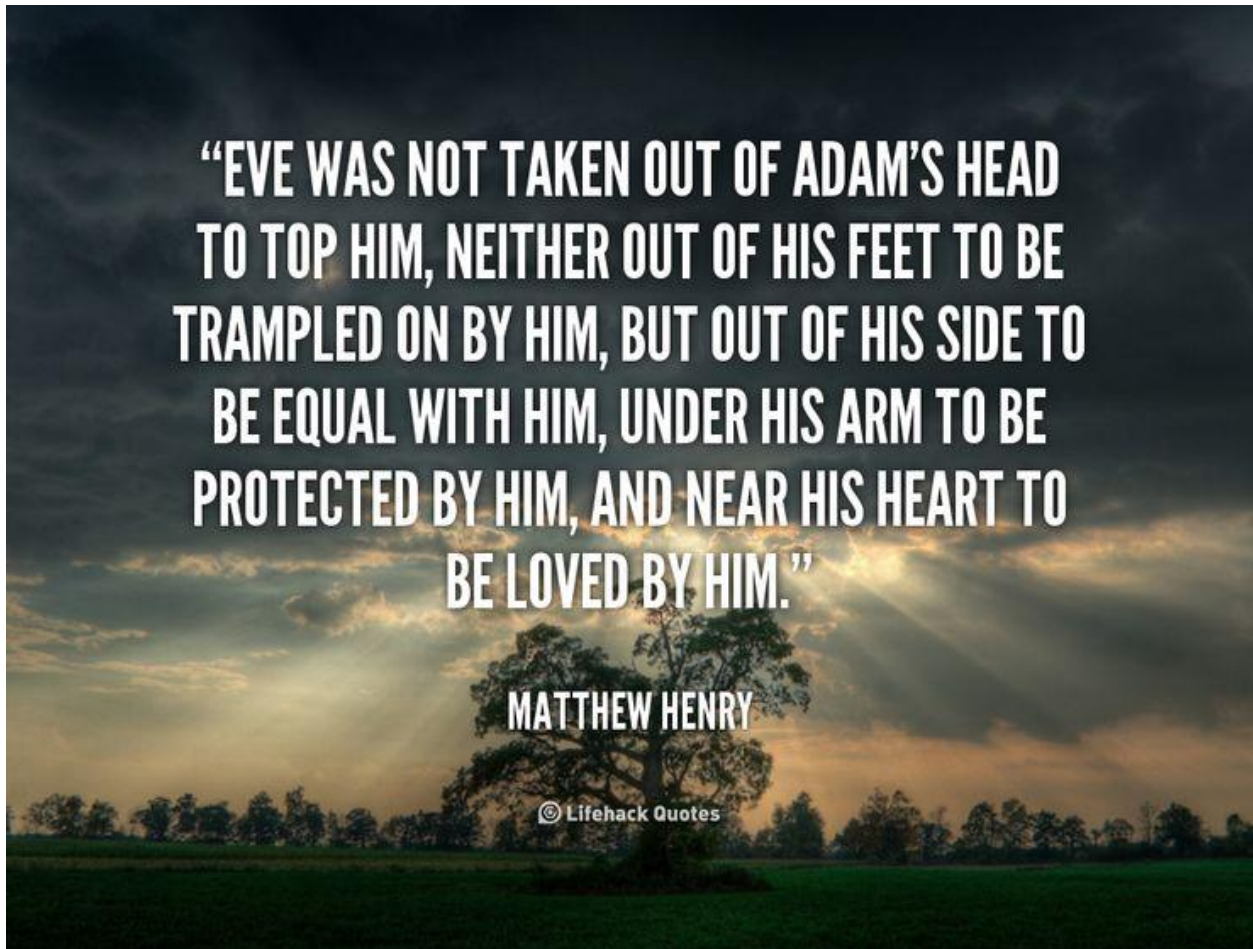
⁹ God, before sin, made sure there was no pain in the taking of the rib from Adam to create his mate. It is amazing that God shows his love for mankind by providing a companion for Adam from within himself. Woman was made for man, and from man.

²² And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man.

²³ And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.¹⁰

²⁴ Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.¹¹

²⁵ And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.¹²



¹⁰ Bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh is a reference to Eve being exactly as Adam is, made the same way and equal to Adam the only difference being their sex.

¹¹ This verse is the initial mention of marriage, and connects the married couple together by elevating the marriage relationship, over the parental relationship.

¹² This verse sets up the next chapter, giving us the pure beginning, the sinless start of mankind, and the complete provision of God for his creation. It highlights the innocence of man, and at the same time the vulnerability of nakedness.