

THE CREATION

LESSON # 2



CHRONICLES OF
REDEMPTION

The Creation

Genesis 1-2

THEMES

NOTES:

GOD:

God created the heavens and the earth and all that is in them, both seen and unseen. He created all things _____. God is sovereign over His creation.

SATAN:

The fallen angel, Satan, is the source of all _____. He is the enemy of God and all good.

MAN:

Man was created to be _____ upon God and _____ to God, his Creator.

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Creation Of The Spiritual World

Angels are an extra-terrestrial race of spirit beings whose existence is mentioned in over _____ books of the Bible. Far from the popular notion of *fat little babies with wings*, angels possess awesome beauty and power. Though supernatural in nature, they are personal beings who have played a part in human events throughout the course of history.

The Holy Angels

Their Creation:

- Angels were created by God and for His _____ (Neh. 9:6; Ps. 148:2,5; Col. 1:15-16).
- Angels were _____ when God "*laid the foundations of the earth*" (Job 38:4-7).

- Angels live in _____ with God: "...I saw the Lord sitting on His throne, and all the host of heaven standing on His right hand and His left" (2 Chron. 18:18), (cf. Neh. 9:6; Dan. 7:10).
- Their number cannot be _____: "...ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands" (Rev. 5:11), (cf. Job. 25:3; Dan. 7:10; Heb. 12:22).

Their Attributes:

- Angels are _____ (Ps. 104:4). Therefore, they do not have physical bodies as humans do. Their immaterial bodies appear to be unhindered by physical laws of nature. They can, for instance, appear suddenly out of nowhere (Luke 2:8-13), transport themselves through space (Luke 2:15), and display superhuman strength (Acts 5:19).
- Angels seem to be genderless. However whenever they do appear in physical form, they always appear as adult males—never as babies—in Biblical accounts (cf. Gen. 18:2; 19:1 ff.). They do not marry or reproduce (Matt. 22:30), nor do they die (Luke 20:36). Their number has been _____ since their creation.
- Angels are more _____ than humans (Ps. 103:20; 2 Pet. 2:11).
- Angels were created _____, meaning *set apart, without sin* (cf. Dan. 4:13,17; Mark 8:38; Jude 14).
- Angels have a distinct organizational structure given by God. Among these are the _____ who are connected with protecting the holiness of God (Gen. 3:24; Ps. 99:1); the _____ who are connected with the worship of God (Isa. 6:1-7); and the _____ or chief angel of God (1 Thess. 4:16, Jude 9).

Their Service:

- Angels _____ God: "Above it stood seraphim...And one cried to another and said: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts [angels]; the whole earth is full of His glory!" (Isa. 6:2-3), (cf. Ps. 29:1-2; Heb. 1:6).
- Angels perform the _____ of God in heaven: "Bless the Lord, you His angles, who excel in strength, who do His word" (Ps. 103:20), (cf. Dan. 7:10; Matt. 6:10).
- Angels enact the _____ of God on earth (Ps. 103:21). They act as God's messengers (Dan 8:15-17; Luke 1:26 ff.), predict future events (Gen. 19:13; Matt. 1:20; 2:13; Acts 27:23), execute judgment (Gen. 19:13; 2 Sam. 24:15-16; Ps. 78:49; Acts 12:21-23), and protect God's people (Ps. 34:7; 91:11-12; Acts 5:19-20).

The Fallen Angels

NOTES:

Their Prince:

- **His original state:** _____, unique among the angels, was “full of wisdom and perfect in beauty” (Ezek. 28:12). His name has been translated *morning star* or *shining one*. Referred to in the Scriptures as “the anointed cherub” (Ezek. 28:14), his exalted position gave him seemingly limitless access to the throne of God.
- **His sin:** “You were perfect in your ways from the day you were created, till iniquity was found in you” (Ezek. 28:15). Created holy, Lucifer was perfect until the day he sinned. The nature of his sin is intimated in Isaiah:

“How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! ... For you have said in your heart: ‘I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God... I will be like the Most High’” (Isaiah 14:12-14). Notice that Lucifer’s sin originated in his heart, and that the all-seeing God knew Lucifer’s intent. Rather than submit to the authority of his Creator God, the angel clearly desired to exalt himself—to be like God. This desire for autonomy, with its roots in sinful pride (cf. Ezek. 28:17; 1 Tim. 3:6), is the origin of all _____.

- **His title:** From the time of his rebellion and consequent judgment, he is referred to as _____, meaning *adversary* (Job 1,2; Zech. 3:1; Rev. 12:9).

Their Fall

- Satan was banished from his original position in heaven and cast away from God’s presence (Ezek. 28:16; Luke 10:18). A _____ of the angels followed Satan in a revolt against God (Rev. 12:4).
- Scripture refers to these fallen angels as _____ (evil or unclean spirits); and Satan is their prince or ruler (Matt. 12:24).
- Since the original rebellion, Satan and the demons pursue their evil works in the environs of earth and its atmosphere (Eph. 2:2; 6:12). Satan is referred to elsewhere as the *ruler of this world* (John 14:30; 2 Cor. 4:4). He continues to oppose God and hinder all who serve Him, whether angelic or human (Zech. 3:1; 1 Thess. 2:18).
- The fall of Satan and the demons must have occurred somewhere between God’s pronouncement of His creation as *very good* (Gen. 1:31) and the appearance of Satan in Eden (Gen. 3:1).

► Their Destiny

- In divine judgment, God has prepared a special place of confinement for Satan, his demons, and all who follow him in rebellion. The *lake of fire* or _____ is described as a place of everlasting punishment and torment (Matt. 25:41,46; Rev. 19:20; 20:10; 21:8).
- The concept of _____ punishment for those who oppose God is not to be taken figuratively. The lake of fire is a literal place and will be revealed at a future time, i.e. *the end of the age* (Matt 13:47-50).

2 Creation Of The Physical World



Read Genesis 1:1-2

► THE CREATIVE WORK OF GOD:

- ***“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth” (1:1).***

The teaching of the Bible begins with *God*. Without attempting to substantiate His existence, the Scriptures simply declare that God *is*, and that He alone created all that exists. The name God is translated from the Hebrew *Elohim*, a general term for deity which means _____. The word is plural in form and at least anticipates a plurality of persons, i.e., the Trinity.

God's creative work identifies the beginning of the material universe in space and time. Scripture supports the concept that the entire creation took place in six, 24-hour, solar *days*. The repeated use of “...*evening and morning...*” (vv. 5,8,13,19,23,31) supports the solar day, as does the six days of _____ and seventh day for _____ pattern in Exodus 20:8-11.

God created the universe without using any _____ materials. Matter is not eternal. The term *ex-nihilo*, i.e., *from nothing*, is used here to explain the work of God in that only God can call into existence something which had no previous existence (Heb. 11:3).

- ***“Without form, and void...” (1:2).***

...means *initially* unformed. The following verses show that God first created the _____ of the universe, and then proceeded to form, shape, and fill it.

Job 12:7-10



"But now ask the beasts, and they will teach you: and the birds of the air, and they will tell you; or speak to the earth, and it will teach you; and the fish of the sea will explain to you. Who among all these does not know that the hand of the Lord has done this, in Whose hand is the life of every living thing, and the breath of all mankind?"

▶ WHY GOD CREATED

1. To pursue His good _____ (cf. Ps. 104:31; Rom. 11:36; Col. 1:16).
2. To unfold His great _____ (cf. Isa. 45:18; Rev. 4:11).
3. To display His _____ and majesty (cf. Isa. 48:13; Jer. 10:12; Amos 4:13).
4. To demonstrate His _____ (cf. Ps. 24:1; 33:6; 50:12).
5. To express His _____ (cf. Neh. 9:5-6; Ps. 19:1-2; Isa. 43:7).
6. To reveal His _____ (cf. Rom. 1:20).



Creation Of Adam & Eve



Read Genesis 1:26-31; 2:7

▶ GOD CREATED ADAM, THE FATHER OF MANKIND.

This passage details the creative events of the sixth day (Gen. 5:1-2).

- **"Let Us make man..." (1:26).**

Here, the Trinity spoke among themselves, determining to make man. It is the clear teaching of the Scriptures that the human race did not come into existence by random accident. God _____ to create mankind (Isa. 45:18; Rev. 4:11). It is important to understand that God did not create mankind because He had a need for love, companionship, or worship. The Triune God was self-sufficient before the world was made (John 17:5,14; Acts 17:24-25).

- **"...in Our image..." (1:26).**

Mankind holds a unique place in God's creative order precisely because God made him in His Own _____. This means that God made man with the remarkable ability to *reflect various aspects of God's Own nature*. Humanity is absolutely distinct from the animals in this regard.

- 1 Like God, man has a _____ nature. He has the capacity to reason (intelligence), to make decisions (volition), and to express affection (emotion). Likewise, man can *know* God, *obey* God, and *love* God.
- 2 Like God, man has a _____ nature. God made him without sin and good, and with the capacity to know right from wrong, good from evil.
- 3 Unlike God, Who is spirit, man is limited by his _____ form (cf. John 4:24).
- 4 Unlike God, man does not possess divine attributes such as _____ wisdom, power, and glory. These are God's alone (cf. Rom. 16:27; Rev. 19:6; Exod. 15:11).
- 5 Unlike God, the all-sufficient Creator, man is a _____ creature, limited by both birth and death.
- 6 Unlike God, the Source of life, man is a _____ creature, deriving his life from God (cf. Job. 33:4).

- **"And the Lord God formed man..." (2:7).**

This verse details the creation of man in 1:26. Adam, meaning _____, was made from dust. But even after all the physical components were in place, Adam did not have life. For the body is merely the house of the unseen person within.

- **"...and breathed into his nostril the breath of life..." (2:7).**

The person within was the eternal _____ which God breathed into him (Eccl. 12:7; Zech. 12:1). This inner self is the part of man which reflects God's image. A man sees his child with his eyes but loves him from his soul.

- **"Then God blessed them (male and female)..." (1:28-30).**

Man was blessed and given the mandate of _____ (to fill the earth) and _____ (to order and rule the earth) (cf. Ps. 8:6-8).



Read Genesis 2:8-17



EDEN, THE GARDEN OF THE LORD

- **“And the Lord God planted a garden...” (2:8).**

Although its specific location is unknown, Eden was a paradise of lushness, bounty, and beauty. It was watered by both a river and a mist which covered the earth (2:5-6). God prepared a perfect environment for Adam which met every human need.

- **“And there He placed the man whom He had formed...” (2:8).**

God *placed* man in the garden. God is the Creator and thus acted _____ without consulting Adam.

- **“...to cultivate it and keep it...” (2:15).**

A part of Adam’s life in Eden involved _____. Unlike drudgery, creative service reflects the image of God and distinguishes man from animal.

- **“And the Lord God commanded the man, saying... ‘From the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat...’” (2:16-17).**

The two trees mentioned here are real trees which existed in the garden. The tree of _____ had qualities which would preserve life when eaten, for in God’s original creation there was no death (Rom. 5:12). The tree of the _____ of good and evil was not evil in itself, but involved a testing point for Adam to exercise his will, to choose between good and evil (2:16-17). God’s ban on only *one* tree was certainly a test of Adam’s willingness to submit to God’s _____. God *has* authority to command man by virtue of His position as sovereign Creator, His perfectly righteous character whereby He can be trusted (Deut. 32:4; Ps. 18:28-30), and His infinite knowledge of what was Adam’s ultimate best (Ps. 139:3; Eccl. 11:5; Rom. 11:33-34).

- **“For in the day that you eat from it you shall surely die” (2:17).**

When God revealed His will to Adam, He communicated what was *right* and *wrong*. Thus Adam’s choice was a _____ one: he would either obey God’s command, or he would assert his own will and rebel. The consequence of Adam’s choice was a matter of life and death: obedient behavior, which springs from trust in God, results in blessing, good, and life. Conversely, rebellious behavior, the offshoot of an independent heart, brings evil, judgment, and death (cf. Deut 30:15-16). The biblical term for violating God’s revealed will is _____, and sin always produces death (cf. Rom. 3:23).

 **Questions**

1. How do angels differ from God? How do they differ from man?

2. Where did the devil and demons come from if God originally created all of the angels good?

3. Why did God create hell?

4. How long did God take to create the world?

5. Which of God's characteristics have you seen displayed in this lesson?

6. How did God show that He rules over mankind?

7. How was God's love displayed toward man?

8. What testing point did God provide for Adam to exercise his will?

9. What was the consequence for their disobedience to God's revealed will?

10. What is God's ordained pattern for the relationship between man and woman?
