

Life in the Garden **Genesis 1:26-2:25**

I. Creation of Humans 1:26-31

1. Created humans after His image – 26-27
Designed to have fellowship with God
Designed to rule over God's creation
2. Blessed & commissioned humans - 28
"Be fruitful & multiply" - Populate the earth
"Have dominion over it" - reign over God's creation
3. God's gracious provision – 29-30
Humans & animals herbivorous at creation
Wide variety of food was provided
4. God was pleased with His creation - 31

II. God Rested – 2:1-4

1. Rested because work was finished – 1-2
What was "very good" is declared finished
With all the various parts of creation
Seventh day is the end of God's creative work
Hebrews 4:9,10 makes a point of this for us
2. Seventh day is set apart as special – 3
Give honor to that day for what God has done
Give thanks for His work of creation
3. This is certified as an accurate account – 4
We can rely upon its truthfulness

III. Perfect Place for Man – 2:5-17

1. God watered earth to keep it fresh – 5-6
There was no rain or storms but God watered it
2. God formed man & breathed life into him – 7
Man's body was formed of the dust of the ground
But God breathed into his nostrils "breath of life"
Man then became "a living soul"
Man had affinity to both God & his environment
3. Perfect environment provided for man – 8-17
God placed man in the Garden of Eden - 8
Garden had every kind of edible fruit for man – 9
Two very special trees were in the garden - 9
Tree of Life there to sustain life forever – 3:22
Death entered because of man's sin – 2:17
Tree of Knowledge of good & evil – test of obedience
Humans were made to live in fellowship with God
Will they enjoy His goodness & trust His direction
Test of obedience comes in perfect environment
A river watered the garden – 10-14
This river was divided into four rivers – 10
Flowed in different directions watered every part
They help also to define the size of the garden
This garden was great in beauty & in size
There were also mineral deposits there – 11-12
Gold, bdellium, onyx stone are mentioned
Man was given riches to explore

4. Man had responsibility before God – 15-17
He was to tend the garden, care for it - 15
He had stewardship responsibility for this earth
He was also to rule over animal kingdom - 1:26
He had freedom to eat with one limitation – 16-17
A solemn warning came with the one limitation

IV. Perfect Partner for Man – 2:18-25

1. His partner must be suited to him – 18-20
None of the animal kingdom met this criteria
2. God made a woman from man's bone – 21-22
She is taken from him to partner with him
3. Marriage is established by God – 22-25
God brought this woman to Adam – 22
Adam recognized her to be a part of him – 23
This relationship has priority over all others – 24
Marriage is designed for unity, oneness – 24
There is intimacy without shame – 25