



LESSON 4 ~ In a Gadda Da Vida

INTRODUCTION / REVIEW

GENESIS

Hebrew =

Greek =

What are the beginnings Genesis records?

As you consider these beginnings, what common theme runs through them?

Genesis is organized around this theme in a unique way:

the "toledoths" = _____

What is the purpose of this first toledoth as you skim over 2:4-4:26?

In the first verse of this first toledoth, God identifies himself as “the LORD God.” What is significant about God’s introducing this name for himself? Why does God do it here?

- God =
- LORD (Exodus 34:6-7) =

What are these *shrubs* and *plants of the field that had not yet sprung up*? Does this indicate a deficiency in God’s creation? How does the end of 2:5 and 3:17-19 help us pick up what Moses is laying down?

From what you saw in Gn 1:26-27 and from the words “formed” and “breathed” in this verse, what contrast do you see in God creating humans as compared to the rest of creation? Why is that significant?

- Isaiah 45:9
- Ezekiel 37:9

Where is the Garden of Eden?

Agree/Disagree: Iron Butterfly’s 1968 hit song “In a Gadda Da Vida” is a reference to the Garden of Eden.

“Pishon ... land of Havilah ... Gihon” Why would Moses mention these?

“gold ... aromatic resin ... onyx” – Why do you think these are mentioned?

God was perfectly capable of maintaining the garden in Eden all by himself. What was man to do in the garden?

Why do you think he assigned humans the task of working and taking care of it? What does that tell us about our own purpose in life?

What needs of Adam and Eve did God provide for in their garden home?

- 1)
- 2)
- 3)

What was the purpose of the tree of life? (Genesis 3:22; Revelation 2:7)

If they weren't permitted to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, why did God plant it? (1 John 5:3)

We saw that God ended each day by saying, "...and it was good." What is striking then about what God says in the middle of day 6 in verse 18?

God saw a deficiency in his creation that needed to be corrected. How did God reveal to Adam that he still lacked something?

What was God's purpose in creating woman?

"This tree of the knowledge of good and evil was Adam's church, his altar, his pulpit. Here he was to yield to God the obedience he owed, to give recognition to the word and will of God, to give thanks to God, and to call upon God for aid against temptation."

~Martin Luther

What significance does Paul attach to the fact that Eve was created after Adam?

- Ephesians 5:21-33
- 1 Timothy 2:12-14

What are the distinctive callings God gives to Adam and men? What is the distinctive calling God gives to Eve and women? Is one better than the other?

What was special about the way God created Eve?

What is significant about Adam's first recorded words in the Bible?

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In verse 24, what does God teach us about...

...marriage?

...sex?

...family?

Why does Moses include vs25?