



Week 2: Splitting the Adam

APPETIZER: To Be or Not to Be

What are we reading here? Three Theories...

1. LITERAL HISTORY: Young Earth, no evolution
2. MIXED GENRE: Proto-history with both mythological and historical elements
3. PURE PARABLE: God likes to tell meaningful stories

Romans 5:14

The Bible VS ANE Creation Myths...

- Sun, moon, and stars are not gods but God's.
- The water is divided with a word, not a war.
- A garden is made, not for the gods, but for God and people together.
- Vegetation is given to feed us rather than for us to feed the gods.
- All humans (ALL!) are made in God's image and likeness.

Mark 4:30-32; John 12:24

REMINDER: HOW TO GET THE MOST OUT OF THIS SERIES...

1. Sunday teaching – take notes, ask questions, engage actively
2. Home Church – turn this monologue into dialogue!
3. Home Church Hangout Videos – exclusive content!
4. Blog series at bruxy.com – for the keeners!
5. Send in questions (via blog or text or email or social media) – you've got options!
6. The After Party (live and podcast) – coming soon!

DINE IN: A Side of Ribs – The Story of “Human” “Life”

Genesis 2

ADAMA = Ground
 ADAM = Human / Earthling / Adam
 EVE = Chavvah (Zoe in Greek) / Life
 ISH = Man
 ISH'SHAH = Woman

Genesis 3:20; 4:20-21

Psalms 139:13-15; Job 10:9; 1 Timothy 6:15-16

To serve and protect... **Joshua 24:15; Numbers 6:24-26**

To be a suitable helper...

EZER = to help from a position of strength; to rescue
 +
 KE'NEGED = corresponding to + opposite to

TAKE OUT: To Serve & Protect

Hebrews 1:3; Colossians 1:15; 2 Corinthians 3:17-18; 4:4;
 Ephesians 4:22-24; Colossians 3:9-10

Baby Steps:

- Recycling
- Washing clothes in cold water
- LED versus Incandescent lights
- eat local foods, more veggies, less meat (ethically raised)
- carpooling, bicycling, working from home if possible
- tap water instead of bottled water
- MCC Creation Care Course: Every Creature Singing (link in this week's Bruxy Blog)

Larger Changes:

- electric car/hybrid car
- energy efficient appliances when you replace them
- weatherizing/insulating your house
- buying wind power/solar power

FOR FURTHER STUDY... Track with the Bruxy Blog – www.bruxy.com

Home Church Questions

HANGOUT [Warming Up to the Topic – in one Large Group]

1. So where are you leaning so far regarding what genre of literature to put Genesis 1-4 in? a) Literal history (young earth, literal Adam and Eve)? b) Old earth, evolution used by God, but a literal Adam and Eve? c) Figurative story, telling transcendent truth? d) Something else?

Watch the home church hangout video.

HEAR [Listening to God through Scripture – in Discussion Groups]

2. Read about the sixth and seventh day of creation in **Genesis 2:5-25**.
 - a. What stands out to you from this passage or Sunday's message?
 - b. According to **verse 7**, we humans are a combination of the dust and the divine, weakness and power, fragile and yet heavenly. Have you seen evidence of this dichotomy in your own life?
 - c. Why do you think there are so many details around where water came from, what types of plants were available, and the various rivers? What meaning do you draw from those verses, and what meaning do you think the early readers of Genesis drew from it?
 - d. Notice that in **verses 16-17**, God commands Adam not to eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil before he creates Eve. Assuming Adam passed this information on to Eve, how might this make Eve more susceptible to the serpent's deception and temptation?
 - e. Apparently, God thinks human aloneness is "**not good**" (**verse 18**). Ideally, God provides the perfect same-yet-different partner to be fully intimate with. Does this mean marriage is what God wants for all people? What about Jesus' example of singleness? Should marriage always be heterosexual? Does this verse have any application for friendships, or is marriage the only? What about male-female friendships – are they better?
 - f. What do you think is the significance to God forming Eve out of Adam's side rather than also from the dust of the ground?
 - g. What would you say to someone who argued that Genesis 2 is a sexist story, with man being created first, woman being created out of man, and his need for a suitable sidekick being the primary reason she was created?
3. ALTERNATE ACTIVITY: Take twenty minutes to go on a meditative prayer walk near some nature or parkland. Walk quietly around the area, close to trees, and ask God to help his original Great Commission to serve and protect our planet to sink in. Then come back together and debrief.

HUDDLE [Making It Personal and Praying Together – in Huddles]

4. Have you ever thought about simple acts of creation care as a form of obedient worship to God? What are some things you do, can start doing, to step more in line with our original Great Commission?