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GOD CREATED ADAM AND EVE - Gen. 2: 4-25

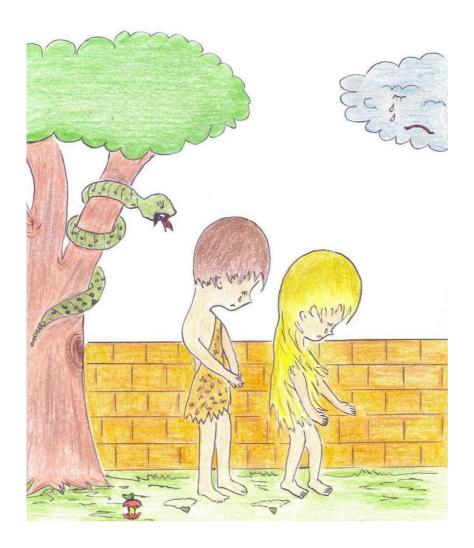


"Then the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living soul. The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die" ... Then the Lord God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the

rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man" (Gen. 2: 7; 15-18; 21-22 – NIV).

God, in His infinite love, took the clay in His hands and created man in His own image and likeness and gave him a wonderful place to live. Man became alive when God breathed the Holy Spirit into his nose. He began to breathe, to speak and understand all things of God. He gave him wisdom and power over the animals and plants of the Garden of Eden. Adam also gave names to all the animals that God had created. Adam was pure, beautiful and innocent. He could eat all kind of fruit of the garden, except that of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. So that he could have a partner, God took one of his ribs and made it into a woman. Adan gave her the name of Eve. God loved Adan and Eve. At the end of the afternoon, He met with them in the garden and they talked a lot about many things.

GOD EXPELLED ADAM AND EVE FROM PARADISE – Gen. 3: 1-24



"Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, 'Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?'" (Gen. 3: 1).

The serpent beguiled Eve, who ate the fruit and also gave Adam to eat. By their disobedience to God's commands, they were cursed and expelled from His presence and from the garden of Eden. The sin of disobedience separated man from God and generated the deformed nature of Satan in man, that is, the tendency to do everything wrong, things that God does not like.

Therefore the Lord God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from which he was taken. He drove out the man; and at the east of the garden of Eden he placed the cherubim, and a sword flaming and turning to guard the way to the tree of life" (Gen. 3: 23).

Cherubim are strong angels who know God a lot. A sword of fire moved from side to side to protect the tree of life, that is, the tree whose fruit they could eat when they obeyed God. Now, they couldn't anymore.

Man lost his intimacy with God. He, who talked to Adam before, at the end of the day, and told him all His secrets, stopped to talk to him. Adam and Eve begot two sons, called Cain and Abel. Cain killed his brother Abel due to jealousy of his relationship with God. God expelled him from that place and he became a fugitive on the earth.

NOAH'S ARK - Gen. 6: 8-22; Gen. 7; 8; 9



Adam begot another son and named him Seth. From Seth the humanity multiplied. Thus, from the offspring of Seth, Noah was born. Men, with the evil nature of devil within them, became corrupted; they did more and more evil, and this didn't please God.

"But Noah found favor in the eyes of the LORD. Noah and the Flood. This is the account of Noah and his family. Noah was a righteous man, blameless among the people of his time, and he walked faithfully with God. Noah had three sons: Shem, Ham and Japheth. Now the earth was corrupt in God's sight and was full of violence." (Gen 6: 8-11 – NIV).

God decided to destroy all the living beings He had created, but He found Noah, a just man, and told him to make an Ark of cypress wood and make rooms in the ark, and cover it inside and out with pitch, because it would rain a lot on the earth; there would be a flood of waters on the earth to destroy all flesh (Gen. 6: 5-22; Gen. 7: 1-10). He should put a pair of animals, the male and its mate, inside the ark. Noah took one hundred years to build the ark. Noah put all the animals that the Lord had brought to him; from the largest, such as the giraffe and the rhinoceros, to baby birds and even smaller ones.

The Flood lasted forty days and forty nights. When the waters dried up Noah and his family left the ark and God made a covenant with him. He said that He never again would destroy the earth with a flood. As a sign of this covenant, He would set His bow in the clouds and would remember this everlasting covenant between man and God.

GOD SHOWED THE LAND OF CANAAN TO ABRAHAM – Gen. 12: 1-9; Gen. 13: 14-18



From Noah's sons an offspring was born and, over the years men forgot God again. From the offspring of Shem, one of Noah's sons, Abram was born. When Abram was 75 years old, God called him and said, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." (Gen. 12: 1-3 – NIV)

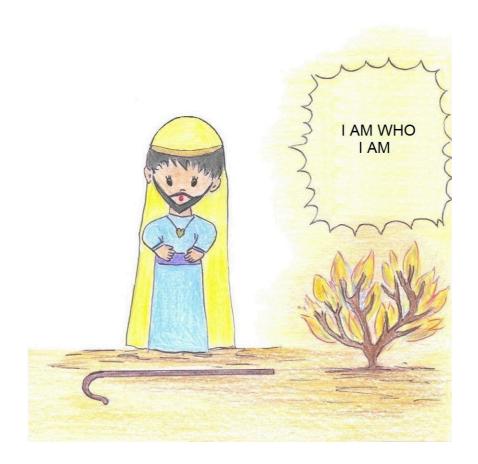
Abram left with his wife and his nephew Lot and went to the land of Canaan. The years passed, God worked with the soul of Abram and told him again, "Raise your eyes now, and look from the place where you are, northward and southward and eastward and westward; for all the land that you see I will give to you and to your offspring forever... Rise up, walk through the length and the breadth of the land, for I will give it to you." (Gen. 13: 14-15; 17 – NIV)

Abram was a shepherd and walked throughout that land.

A few more years passed and Abram felt sad because he was 99 years old and still had not children. But the Lord promised him He would give him a child, and his name should be Isaac, meaning 'laughter.' Then, He changed his name to Abraham. And Abraham walked through all that land.

Isaac was born, grew up, married Rebekah and had two sons: Esau and Jacob. They got married too. And Jacob had twelve sons, but the one he loved most was Joseph.

GOD TALKED TO MOSES AT THE BURNING BUSH – Ex. 3: 1-22; Ex. 4: 1-17



Joseph, Abraham's great-grandson and Jacob's favorite son, was sold by his brothers to some merchants and taken to Egypt, a land far away from Canaan. But God was with him, and Pharaoh, the king of Egypt, placed him as governor of his nation. Thus, Joseph's family was brought to Egypt, along with Jacob, who was very old, and multiplied, generating a large seed, as God said. But they became slaves of the Egyptians and began to suffer. So they remembered God and began to cry unto Him.

A man named Amram married a woman named Jochebed and had a little baby named Moses. He was the youngest son. His older sister was called Miriam, and his brother was called Aaron.

As the Hebrews, Joseph's people, had multiplied in Egypt, Pharaoh commanded to kill the newborn Hebrew males by casting them in the River Nile. Moses' mother hid him for three months but, later, she put him in a basket and placed it in the river. Pharaoh's daughter adopted the boy as her own son. He was raised in the palace and prepared to be prince of Egypt.

Moses became a man, and seeing an Egyptian fighting against a Hebrew, he joined the strife and killed the Egyptian. Afraid of Pharaoh, he fled to the desert and married and went on to herd sheep for forty years.

One day, God appeared to him in a flame of fire in a bush which, however, was not consumed. The Lord told him that He would send him back to Egypt to deliver His people from the hands of Pharaoh. Moses asked His name and He said, "I am who I am." Moses returned to Egypt and freed the people there.

All the people who left Egypt came to the land that is now known as Israel, the nation of the Jews, where Jesus was born.