

CHAPTER 3

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God created all things spiritually before they were naturally upon the earth—He created man, the first flesh, upon the earth—Woman is a help meet for man.

1 Thus the ^aheaven and the earth were finished, and all the ^bhost of them.

2 And on the seventh day I, God, ended my work, and all things which I had made; and I ^arested on the ^bseventh day from all my work, and all things which I had made were finished, and I, God, saw that they were good;

3 And I, God, ^ablessed the seventh day, and ^bsanctified it; because that in it I had rested from all my ^cwork which I, God, had created and made.

4 And now, behold, I say unto you, that these are the generations of the heaven and of the earth, when they were ^acreated, in the day that I, the Lord God, made the ^bheaven and the earth,

5 And every plant of the field before it was in the earth, and every herb of the field before it grew. For I, the Lord God, ^acreated all things, of which I have spoken, ^bspiritually, before they were ^cnaturally upon the face of the earth. For I, the Lord God, had not caused it to rain upon the face of the earth. And I, the Lord God, had ^dcreated all the children of men; and not yet a man to till the ^eground; for in ^fheaven ^gcreated I them; and there was not yet flesh upon the earth, neither in the water, neither in the air;

6 But I, the Lord God, spake, and there went up a ^amist from the earth, and watered the whole face of the ground.

7 And I, the Lord God, formed man from the ^adust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the ^bbreath of life; and ^cman became a living ^dsoul, the ^efirst flesh upon the earth, the first man also; nevertheless, all things were before created; but spiritually were they created and made according to my word.

8 And I, the Lord God, planted a garden eastward in ^aEden, and there I put the man whom I had formed.

9 And out of the ground made I, the Lord God, to grow every tree, ^anaturally, that is pleasant to the sight of man; and man could behold it. And it became also a ^bliving soul. For it was spiritual in the day that I created it; for it remaineth in the sphere in which I, God, created it, yea, even all things which I prepared for the use of man; and man saw that it was good for food. And I, the Lord God, planted the ^ctree of life also in the midst of the garden, and also the tree of knowledge of good and evil.

10 And I, the Lord God, caused a river to go out of ^aEden to water the garden; and from thence it was parted, and became into four ^bheads.

11 And I, the Lord God, called the name of the first Pison, and it compasseth the whole land of ^aHavilah, where I, the Lord God, created much gold;

12 And the gold of that land was good, and there was bdellium and the ^aonyx stone.

13 And the name of the second river was called Gihon; the same that compasseth the whole land of ^aEthiopia.

14 And the name of the third river was Hiddekel; that which goeth toward the east of Assyria. And the fourth river was the Euphrates.

15 And I, the Lord God, took the man, and put him into the Garden of ^aEden, to dress it, and to keep it.

16 And I, the Lord God, commanded the man, saying: Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat,

17 But of the tree of the ^aknowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it, nevertheless, thou mayest ^bchoose for thyself, for it is given unto thee; but, remember that I ^cforbid it, for in the ^dday thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely ^edie.

18 And I, the Lord God, said unto mine ^aOnly Begotten, that it was not good that the man should be ^balone; wherefore, I will make an ^chelp meet for him.

19 And out of the ground I, the Lord God, formed every ^abeast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and commanded that they should come unto Adam, to see what he would call them; and they were also living souls; for I, God, breathed into them the ^bbreath of life, and commanded that whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that should be the name thereof.

20 And Adam gave ^anames to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field; but as for Adam, there was not found an help meet for him.

21 And I, the Lord God, caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam; and he slept, and I took one of his ribs and closed up the flesh in the stead thereof;

22 And the rib which I, the Lord God, had taken from man, made I a ^awoman, and brought her unto the man.

23 And ^aAdam said: This I know now is bone of my bones, and ^bflesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of man.

24 Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall ^acleave unto his ^bwife; and ^cthey shall be ^done flesh.

25 And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.

1a TG Creation.

1b Gen. 2:1; D&C 29:36; 38:1; 45:1; Abr. 5:1.

2a Gen. 2:2 (1–3); Abr. 5:2 (1–3). TG Rest.

2b TG Sabbath.

3a Ex. 20:11; Mosiah 13:19; D&C 77:12.

3b Abr. 5:3 (1–3).

3c Ex. 31:15 (14–15); Mosiah 13:18 (16–19).

4a Gen. 2:4 (4–5); Abr. 5:4 (4–5).

4b Neh. 9:6.

5a Moses 6:51. TG Creation; God, Creator.

D&C 29:31–34; Abr. 3:23. TG Life, Sanctity of; Spirit Creation.

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- 5c Moses 3:9. TG Man, Physical Creation of.
- 5d TG Man, a Spirit Child of Heavenly Father.
- 5e Gen. 2:5.
- 5f TG Heaven.
- 5g TG Man, Antemortal Existence of.
- 6a Gen. 2:6.
- 7a Gen. 2:7; Moses 4:25 (25–29); 6:59; Abr. 5:7.
- 7b TG Breath of Life.
- 7c TG Adam.
- 7d Isa. 57:16. TG Soul.
- 7e Moses 1:34.
- 8a Isa. 51:3. TG Eden.
- 9a Moses 3:5.
- 9b TG Life, Sanctity of.
- 9c Gen. 2:9; 1 Ne. 11:25; 15:22 (22, 28, 36); Alma 42:5 (2–6); Moses 4:28 (28, 31); Abr. 5:9.
- 10a TG Eden.
- 10b Gen. 2:10.
- 11a Gen. 2:11.
- 12a Ex. 25:7.
- 13a IE In the area of Eden and Adam-on-di-Ahman there were rivers and lands that received names that were later attached to other lands and rivers. As to the location of Eden and its environs, see D&C 117:8–9. Gen. 2:13.
- 15a TG Eden.
- 17a TG Knowledge.
- 17b Moses 7:32. TG Agency.
- 17c 2 Ne. 2:15.
- 17d Abr. 5:13.
- 17e Gen. 2:17; Moses 4:17 (17–19). TG Mortality.
- 18a TG Jesus Christ, Divine Sonship.
- 18b TG Family, Eternal.
- 18c Gen. 2:18; Abr. 5:14.
- 19a Prov. 12:10; D&C 29:24 (24–25); 49:19 (18–21); 77:2. TG Creation.
- 19b TG Breath of Life.
- 20a TG Language.

- 22a TG Creation; woman.
- 23a TG Adam.
- 23b Gen. 2:23; Jacob 2:21; Abr. 5:17.
- 24a Gen. 2:24 (23–24); D&C 42:22; 49:15 (15–16); Abr. 5:18 (17–18).
- 24b TG Family, Love within.
- 24c Eccl. 4:9 (9–12).
- 24d TG Divorce; Marriage, Celestial.