In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.  

The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.  

And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness.  

God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.  

And God said, “Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” And God made the expanse and separated the waters that were under the expanse from the waters that were above the expanse. And it was so.  

And God called the expanse Heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.  

And God said, “Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good.  

And God said, “Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, on the earth.” And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed according to their own kinds, and trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.  

And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.  

And God said, “Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and years, and let them be lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. And God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. And God set them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.  

And God said, “Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the heavens.” So God created the great sea creatures and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.  

And God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.  

And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds—livestock and creeping things and beasts of the earth according to their kinds.” And it was so. God made the beasts of the earth according to their kinds and the livestock according to their kinds, and everything that creeps on the ground according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.  

Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”  

So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.  

And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion...
ion over the fish of the sea and over the
birds of the heavens and over every living
thing that moves on the earth.”’ 29 And God
said, “Behold, I have given you every plant
yielding seed that is on the face of all the
earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit.
You shall have them for food. 30 And to every
beast of the earth and to every bird of the
heavens and to everything that creeps on
the earth, everything that has the breath of
life, I have given every green plant for food.”
And it was so. 31 And God saw everything
that he had made, and behold, it was very
good. And there was evening and there was
morning, the sixth day.

The Seventh Day, God Rests

2 Thus the heavens and the earth were
finished, and all the host of them. 2 And on
the seventh day God finished his work
that he had done, and he rested on the sev-
enth day from all his work that he had done.
3 So God blessed the seventh day and made
it holy, because on it God rested from all his
work that he had done in creation.

The Creation of Man and Woman

4 These are the generations
of the heavens and the earth when
they were created,
in the day that the LORD God made the
earth and the heavens.

5 When no bush of the field 1 was yet in
the land 2 and no small plant of the field
had yet sprung up—for the LORD God had
not caused it to rain on the land, and there
was no man to work the ground, 6 and a
mist 3 was going up from the land and was
watering the whole face of the ground—
7 then the LORD God formed the man of dust
from the ground and breathed into his nos-
trils the breath of life, and the man became a
living creature.
8 And the LORD God planted
a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he
put the man whom he had formed.

9 Out of the ground the LORD God made to
spring up every tree that is pleasant to the
sight and good for food. The tree of life was
in the midst of the garden, and the tree of
the knowledge of good and evil.
10 A river flowed out of Eden to water the
garden, and there it divided and became
four rivers.

11 The name of the first is the
Pishon. It is the one that flowed around the
whole land of Havilah, where there is gold.
12 And the gold of that land is good; bdel-
lium and onyx stone are there. 13 The name
of the second river is the Gihon. It is the
one that flowed around the whole land of
Cush. 14 And the name of the third river is
the Tigris, which flows east of Assyria. And
the fourth river is the Euphrates.

ADAM

Adam, whose name means
“man,” was the first human
being. Created out of dust, he
was made in the image of God.
Adam was given dominion over the
rest of creation and was placed in
the garden of Eden to care for it. God
created Eve as a helper for Adam, and
together they enjoyed perfect fellow-
ship with their Creator. But Adam
and Eve chose to disobey God, which
brought sin and death into the world.
Because of their sin, all humans are
now born sinners and will someday
die. The Bible tells the story of how
God redeems his creation from the
curse of Adam’s sin. “For as in Adam
all die, so also in Christ shall all be
made alive” (1 Cor. 15:22).

15 The LORD God took the man and put
him in the garden of Eden to work it and
keep it. 16 And the LORD God commanded
the man, saying, “You may surely eat of
every tree of the garden, 17 but of the tree
of the knowledge of good and evil you shall
not eat, for in the day that you eat 4 of it you
shall surely die.”

18 Then the LORD God said, “It is not good
that the man should be alone; I will make
him a helper fit for 5 him.” 19 Now out of the
ground the LORD God had formed 6 every
beast of the field and every bird of the heav-
en and brought them to the man to see
what he would call them. And whatever the
man called every living creature, that was its
name. 20 The man gave names to all livestock
and to the birds of the heavens and to every

1 Or open country 2 Or earth; also verse 6 3 Or spring 4 Or when you eat 5 Or corresponding to; also verse 20 6 Or And out of the ground the Lord God formed
A HELPER FIT FOR HIM

I've had no greater joy in life than witnessing the wedding celebrations of my two daughters. One thing that contributed greatly to the happiness of that experience is that I, their father, performed the ceremonies. In doing so I reflected at length on Genesis 2, where we are given profound teaching on what it means to be a woman.

After God created Adam from the dust of the ground and breathed into him the breath of life, he placed him in the garden of Eden. There, in the splendor and beauty of that garden, as yet unstained by sin, one might think that Adam could ask for little more. With dominion over the creation and access to all the glory of God's handiwork, it seemed as if “paradise” was the only word fit to describe the life that was his.

But something wasn't quite right. There was something incomplete and unfinished about Adam's existence. For we read that the Lord God of heaven and earth looked down upon the pinnacle of his creative efforts and said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him” (Gen. 2:18). On the one hand, a woman is made in the image of God, whether married or not. At the same time, a husband and wife are made for one another. They are to be lifelong companions, best friends, united in covenant relationship.

But there is an even greater message in marriage. Scripture tells us that when God chose to create this universe and all that is in it, he had one ultimate and all-consuming purpose in his heart. Everything else was subordinate to this one goal. Whatever else God would do or say, it would all serve to achieve this single, consummate design—namely, to glorify himself by securing a bride for his Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. All of biblical history, from the creation of Adam and Eve in Genesis to the descent of the new heavens and new earth in Revelation, is the story of the Father's loving redemption and relentless pursuit of a bride, the church, for the bridegroom, Jesus Christ. Marriage is the glorious opportunity for a man and a woman to embody, express, and illustrate this love relationship between Jesus Christ and his bride, the church.

And yet this is not to say that marriage is required for a fulfilling life. Jesus himself, after all, was single his whole life. As meaningful as marriage is, what brings supreme fulfillment in life is not knowing and being loved by any other human being, but knowing and being loved by God. While it will be painful to lack the companionship of marriage, all God's people, married or single, are called to trust in him alone for their joy and comfort. He will never leave us or forsake us. He is a good Father.
beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper fit for him. So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept 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. Then the man said, “This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.”

Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

EVE

God created Eve, whose name means “life,” as a helper for Adam. Fashioned from one of Adam’s ribs, Eve became the mother (that is, the female ancestor) of all human beings. Though enjoying perfect fellowship with God, Eve was deceived by the serpent and disobeyed God by eating from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Because of their sin, Adam and Eve were driven from the paradise of Eden and began to experience great hardship. For Eve, that included pain in childbearing. Yet, as promised in Genesis 3:15, one of her offspring would defeat the serpent and bring salvation and eternal life to all who put their trust in him.

The Fall

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the Lord God had made.

He said to the woman, “Did God actually say, ‘You shall not eat of any tree in the garden,’ or of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil?” And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.’ ” But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths. And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?” And he said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself.” He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate.” Then the Lord God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

The Lord God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.” To the woman he said, “I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children.”

1 Or the man 2 Hebrew built 3 The Hebrew words for woman (ishshah) and man (ish) sound alike 4 In Hebrew you is plural in verses 1–5 5 Or to give insight 6 Hebrew wind 7 In Hebrew you is singular in verses 9 and 11 8 Hebrew seed; so throughout Genesis
Your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you."  

And to Adam he said,  

"Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, ‘You shall not eat of it,’ cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; you shall eat bread, and till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return.’”

The man called his wife’s name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. And the Lord God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them. Then the Lord God said, “Behold, the man has become like one of us in knowing good and evil. Now, lest he reach out his hand and take also of the tree of life, and eat of the tree of life, and live forever—” therefore the Lord God sent him out from the garden of Eden to work the ground from which he was taken. He drove out the man, and at the east of Eden he placed the cherubim and a flaming sword that turned every way to guard the way to the tree of life.

Cain and Abel

Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, “I have gotten a man with the help of the Lord.” And again, she bore his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, and Cain a worker of the ground. In the course of time Cain brought to the Lord an offering of the fruit of the ground, and Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions. And the Lord had regard for Abel and his offering, but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his face fell. The Lord said to Cain, “Why are you angry, and why has your face fallen? If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is for you, but you must rule over it.”

Cain spoke to Abel his brother. And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him. Then the Lord said to Cain, “Where is Abel your brother?” He said, “I do not know; am I my brother’s keeper?” And the Lord said, “What have you done? The voice of your brother’s blood is crying to me from the ground. And now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother’s blood from your hand. When you work the ground, it shall no longer yield to you its strength. You shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth.” Cain said to the Lord, “My punishment is greater than I can bear.” Behold, you have driven me today away from the ground, and from your face I shall be hidden. I shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth, and whoever finds me will kill me.” Then the Lord said to him, “Not so! If anyone kills Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold.” And the Lord put a mark on Cain, lest any who found him should attack him. Then Cain went away from the presence of the Lord and settled in the land of Nod, east of Eden.

Cain knew his wife, and she conceived and bore Enoch. When he built a city, he called the name of the city after the name of his son, Enoch. To Enoch was born Irad, and Irad fathered Mehujael, and Mehujael fathered Methusael, and Methusael fathered Lamech. And Lamech took two wives. The name of the one was Adah, and the name of the other Zillah. Adah bore Jabal; he was the father of those who dwell in tents and have livestock. His brother's name was Jubal; he was the father of all those who play the lyre and pipe. Zillah also bore Tubal-cain; he was the forger of all instruments of bronze and iron. The sister of Tubal-cain was Naamah.

Lamech said to his wives:

“Adah and Zillah, hear my voice; you wives of Lamech, listen to what I say:

1 Or against 2 Eve sounds like the Hebrew for life-giver and resembles the word for living 3 Cain sounds like the Hebrew for gotten 4 Hebrew will thine be not a lifting up of thy face? 5 Or against 6 Hebrew; Samaritan, Septuagint, Syriac, Vulgate add Let us go out to the field 7 Or My guilt is too great to bear 8 Nod means wandering
THE FALL OF MAN AND THE GRACE OF GOD

GENESIS 3

Created in the image of God and placed in a garden of serene beauty, Adam and Eve had nothing to fear or be anxious about. They enjoyed beauty and goodness and unhindered fellowship with one another and their Creator. But with one act of disobedience, everything changed. In a moment, death and evil were introduced into the world, devastating both creation (Rom. 8:20–22) and humankind (Rom. 5:12–15). It is appropriate for us to feel the gravity of what was lost in the fall when we read this passage.

At the same time, the evidences of God’s grace in Genesis 3 are astounding. God would have been completely just had he immediately returned Adam to the dust from which he came and been done with humanity. Instead, he showed mercy and compassion. Reason for hope, in spite of sin, is evident in at least four ways in this passage.

The first is seen in God’s curse upon the serpent: “I will put enmity between you and the woman. And between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel” (Gen. 3:15). Theologians call this verse the Protoevangelium—the first announcement of the gospel. Immediately after sin enters the world, God initiates a plan to deal with it. This plan to reconcile people to himself becomes a unifying theme throughout the Bible, culminating in the person of Jesus Christ, the second Adam (Rom. 5:18–21), whose death and resurrection defeated sin, death, and the Devil (Heb. 2:14–15).

The second place we see God’s grace is in Genesis 3:20, when Adam gives his wife a name. The verse almost seems out of place. Why mention this here? The name Eve means “life-giver.” Although it will be in pain that she will bring forth children (v. 16), God is not done with humanity. Despite her sin, Eve will have the distinction of being “the mother of all living.”

Third, verse 21 says, “the LORD God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.” That these garments were made of skins implies that an animal had to die to cover Adam and Eve’s nakedness. This hints at the sacrificial system as well as the eventual work of Christ, through which we are clothed with his righteousness. It also shows the fatherly love of God toward his children. He did not leave us naked and ashamed.

Fourth, even God’s driving Adam and Eve from Eden was an act of grace. The tree of life apparently served in some way to confirm a person in his or her moral condition (vv. 22–23). God refuses to allow Adam and Eve to eat from this tree of life and thus remain forever in their sinful state. He bars access to the tree until Jesus returns, at which time those of us who belong to him will once again be able to enjoy its fruit (Rev. 22:14).
I have killed a man for wounding me, a young man for striking me. 

24 If Cain's revenge is sevenfold, then Lamech's is seventy-sevenfold.”

25 And Adam knew his wife again, and she bore a son and called his name Seth, for she said, “God has appointed1 for me another offspring instead of Abel, for Cain killed him.” 26 To Seth also a son was born, and he called his name Enosh. At that time people began to call upon the name of the LORD.

Adam’s Descendants to Noah

This is the book of the generations of Adam. When God created man, he made him in the likeness of God. 2 Male and female he created them, and he blessed them and named them Man2 when they were created. 3 When Adam had lived 130 years, he fathered a son in his own likeness, after his image, and named him Seth. 4 The days of Adam after he fathered Seth were 800 years; and he had other sons and daughters. 5 Thus all the days that Adam lived were 930 years, and he died.

6 When Seth had lived 105 years, he fathered Enosh. 7 Seth lived after he fathered Enosh 807 years and had other sons and daughters. 8 Thus all the days of Seth were 912 years, and he died.

9 When Enosh had lived 90 years, he fathered Kenan. 10 Enosh lived after he fathered Kenan 815 years and had other sons and daughters. 11 Thus all the days of Enosh were 905 years, and he died.

12 When Kenan had lived 70 years, he fathered Mahalalel. 13 Mahalalel lived after he fathered Mahalalel 840 years and had other sons and daughters. 14 Thus all the days of Kenan were 910 years, and he died.

15 When Mahalalel had lived 65 years, he fathered Jared. 16 Mahalalel lived after he fathered Jared 830 years and had other sons and daughters. 17 Thus all the days of Mahalalel were 895 years, and he died.

18 When Jared had lived 162 years he fathered Enoch. 19 Jared lived after he fathered Enoch 800 years and had other sons and daughters. 20 Thus all the days of Jared were 962 years, and he died.

21 When Enoch had lived 65 years, he fathered Methuselah. 22 Enoch walked with God3 after he fathered Methuselah 300 years and had other sons and daughters. 23 Thus all the days of Enoch were 365 years. 24 Enoch walked with God, and he was not,4 for God took him.

25 When Methuselah had lived 187 years, he fathered Lamech. 26 Methuselah lived after he fathered Lamech 782 years and had other sons and daughters. 27 Thus all the days of Methuselah were 969 years, and he died.

28 When Lamech had lived 182 years, he fathered a son 29 and called his name Noah, saying, “Out of the ground that the LORD has cursed, this one shall bring us relief5 from our work and from the painful toil of our hands.” 30 Lamech lived after he fathered Noah 595 years and had other sons and daughters. 31 Thus all the days of Lamech were 777 years, and he died.

32 After Noah was 500 years old, Noah fathered Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

Increasing Corruption on Earth

When man began to multiply on the face of the land and daughters were born to them, 1 the sons of God saw that the daughters of man were attractive. And they took as their wives any they chose. 3 Then the LORD said, “My Spirit shall not abide in man forever, for he is flesh: his days shall be 120 years.” 4 The Nephilim7 were on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of man and they bore children to them. These were the mighty men who were of old, the men of renown.

5 The LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. 6 And the LORD regretted that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him to his heart. 7 So the LORD said, “I will blot out man whom I have created from the face of the land, man and animals and creeping things and birds of the heavens, for I am sorry that I have made them.” 8 But Noah found favor in the eyes of the LORD.

Noah and the Flood

9 These are the generations of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his generation. Noah walked with God. 10 And Noah had three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

1 Seth sounds like the Hebrew for he appointed 2 Hebrew adam 3 Septuagint pleased God 4 Septuagint was not found 5 Noah sounds like the Hebrew for rest 6 Or My Spirit shall not contend with 7 Or giants
I have made I will blot out from the face of the flood of waters came upon the earth. The Lord had commanded him. 

Forty nights, and every living thing pairs clean, the male and his mate, pairs of all clean animals, in to you to keep them alive. 

Every creeping thing of the ground, according to its kind, and of birds, according to their kinds, and every beast, according to its kind, and all the livestock according to their kinds, and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth, according to its kind, and every bird, according to its kind, every winged creature. They went into the ark with Noah, two and two of all flesh in which there was the breath of life. And those that entered, male and female of all flesh, went in as God had commanded him. And the Lord shut him in. 

The flood continued forty days on the earth. The waters increased and bore up the ark, and it rose high above the earth. The waters prevailed and increased greatly on the earth, and the ark floated on the face of the waters. And the waters prevailed above the mountains, covering them fifteen cubits deep. And all flesh died that moved on the earth, birds, livestock, beasts, all swarming creatures that swarm on the earth, and all mankind. Everything on the dry land in whose nostrils was the breath of life died. He blotted out every living thing that was on the face of the ground, man and animals and creeping things and birds of the heavens. They were blotted out from the earth. Only Noah was left, and those who were with him in the ark. And the waters prevailed on the earth 150 days.

Then the Lord said to Noah, “Go into the ark, you and all your household, for I have seen that you are righteous before me in this generation. Take with you seven pairs of all clean animals, the male and his mate, and a pair of the animals that are not clean, the male and his mate, and seven pairs of the birds of the heavens also, male and female, to keep their offspring alive on the face of all the earth. For in seven days I will send rain on the earth forty days and forty nights, and every living thing that I have made I will blot out from the face of the ground.” And Noah did all that the Lord had commanded him.

Noah was six hundred years old when the flood of waters came upon the earth.

And Noah and his sons and his wife and his sons’ wives with him went into the ark to escape the waters of the flood. Of clean animals, and of animals that are not clean, and of birds, and of everything that creeps on the ground, two and two, male and female, went into the ark with Noah, as God had commanded Noah. And after seven days the waters of the flood came upon the earth.

In the six hundredth year of Noah’s life, in the second month, on the seventeenth day of the month, on that day all the fountains of the great deep burst forth, and the windows of the heavens were opened. And rain fell upon the earth forty days and forty nights. On the very same day Noah and his sons, Shem and Ham and Japheth, and Noah’s wife and the three wives of his sons with them entered the ark, they and every beast, according to its kind, and all the livestock according to their kinds, and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth, according to its kind, and every bird, according to its kind, every winged creature. They went into the ark with Noah, two and two of all flesh in which there was the breath of life. And those that entered, male and female of all flesh, went in as God had commanded him. And the Lord shut him in.

The flood continued forty days on the earth. The waters increased and bore up the ark, and it rose high above the earth. The waters prevailed and increased greatly on the earth, and the ark floated on the face of the waters. And the waters prevailed so mightily on the earth that all the high mountains under the whole heaven were covered. The waters prevailed above the mountains, covering them fifteen cubits deep. And all flesh died that moved on the earth, birds, livestock, beasts, all swarming creatures that swarm on the earth, and all mankind. Everything on the dry land in whose nostrils was the breath of life died. He blotted out every living thing that was on the face of the ground, man and animals and creeping things and birds of the heavens. They were blotted out from the earth. Only Noah was left, and those who were with him in the ark. And the waters prevailed on the earth 150 days.

5 Hebrew The end of all flesh has come before me. 6 Or seven of each kind of clean animal 7 Or seven of each kind 8 Hebrew all existence; also verse 23 9 A cubit was about 18 inches or 45 centimeters

1 Hebrew The end of all flesh has come before me.
2 An unknown kind of tree; transliterated from Hebrew.
3 A cubit was about 18 inches or 45 centimeters.
4 Or skylight.
5 Or seven of each kind of clean animal.
6 Or seven of each kind.
7 Hebrew all existence; also verse 23.
8 A cubit was about 18 inches or 45 centimeters.
But God remembered Noah and all the beasts and all the livestock that were with him in the ark. And God made a wind blow over the earth, and the waters subsided. 2 The fountains of the deep and the windows of the heavens were closed, the rain from the heavens was restrained, and the waters receded from the earth continually. At the end of 150 days the waters had abated, and in the seventh month, on the seventeenth day of the month, the ark came to rest on the mountains of Ararat. 4 And the waters continued to abate until the tenth month; in the tenth month, on the first day of the month, the tops of the mountains were seen.

At the end of forty days Noah opened the window of the ark that he had made and sent forth a raven. It went to and fro until the waters were dried up from the earth. 6 Then he sent forth a dove from him, to see if the waters had subsided from the face of the ground. But the dove found no place to set her foot, and she returned to him to the ark, for the waters were still on the face of the whole earth. So he put out his hand and took her and brought her into the ark with him. He waited another seven days, and again he sent forth the dove, and she did not return to him anymore. 11 And the dove came back to him in the evening, and behold, in her mouth was a freshly plucked olive leaf. So Noah knew that the waters had subsided from the earth. Then he waited another seven days and sent forth the dove, and she did not return to him anymore.

In the six hundred and first year, in the first month, the first day of the month, the waters were dried from off the earth. And Noah removed the covering of the ark and looked, and behold, the face of the ground was dry. In the second month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month, the earth had dried out. Then God said to Noah, “Go out from the ark, you and your wife, and your sons and your sons’ wives with you. Bring out with you every living thing that is with you of all flesh—birds and animals and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth—that they may swarm on the earth, and be fruitful and multiply on the earth.” So Noah went out, and his sons and his wife and his sons’ wives with him. Every beast, every creeping thing, and every bird, everything that moves on the earth, went out by families from the ark.

And God blessed Noah and his sons and said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth. The fear of you and the dread of you shall be upon every beast of the earth and upon every bird of the heavens, upon everything that creeps on the ground and all the fish of the sea. Into your hand they are delivered. Every moving thing that lives shall be food for you. And as I gave you the green plants, I give you everything. But you shall not eat flesh with its life, that is, its blood. And for your lifeblood I will require a reckoning: from every beast I will require it and from man. From his fellow man I will require a reckoning for the life of man.

“Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed, for God made man in his own image.

And you, be fruitful and multiply, increase greatly on the earth and multiply in it.”

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, “Behold, I establish my covenant with you and your offspring after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the livestock, and every beast of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark; it is for every beast of the earth. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” And God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth...”
and the bow is seen in the clouds, 15 I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh. And the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. 16 When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.”

God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

Noah’s Descendants

18 The sons of Noah who went forth from the ark were Shem, Ham, and Japheth. (Ham was the father of Canaan.) 19 These three were the sons of Noah, and from these the people of the whole earth were dispersed. 20 Noah began to be a man of the soil, and he planted a vineyard. 21 He drank of the wine and became drunk and lay uncovered in his tent. 22 And Ham, the father of Canaan, saw the nakedness of his father and told his two brothers outside. 23 Then Shem and Japheth took a garment, laid it on both their shoulders, and walked backward and covered the nakedness of their father. Their faces were turned backward, and they did not see their father’s nakedness. 24 When Noah awoke from his wine and knew what his youngest son had done to him, 25 he said,

“Cursed be Canaan;
a servant of servants shall he be to
his brothers.”

26 He also said,

“Blessed be the LORD, the God of Shem;
and let Canaan be his servant.
27 May God enlarge Japheth, 4
and let him dwell in the tents of
Shem,
and let Canaan be his servant.”

28 After the flood Noah lived 350 years. 29 All the days of Noah were 950 years, and he died.

Nations Descended from Noah

10 These are the generations of the sons of Noah, Shem, Ham, and Japheth. Sons were born to them after the flood.

2 The sons of Japheth: Gomer, Magog, Madai, Javan, Tubal, Meshech, and Tiras.

3 The sons of Gomer: Ashkenaz, Riphat, and Togarmah. 4 The sons of Javan: Elishah, Tarshish, Kittim, and Dodanim. 5 From these the coastland peoples spread in their lands, each with his own language, by their clans, in their nations.

6 The sons of Ham: Cush, Egypt, Put, and Canaan. 7 The sons of Cush: Seba, Havilah, Sabtah, Raamah, and Sabteca. The sons of Raamah: Sheba and Dedan. 8 Cush fathered Nimrod; he was the first on earth to be a mighty man. 9 He was a mighty hunter before the LORD. Therefore it is said, “Like Nimrod a mighty hunter before the LORD.”

10 The beginning of his kingdom was Babel, Erech, Accad, and Calneh, in the land of Shinar. 11 From that land he went into Assyria and built Nineveh, Rehoboth-ir, Calah, and 12 Resen between Nineveh and Calah; that is the great city. 13 Egypt fathered Ludim, Anamim, Lehabin, Naphtuhim, 14 Pathrusim, Casluhim (from whom 5 the Philistines came), and Caphtorim.

15 Canaan fathered Sidon his firstborn and Heth, 19 and the Jebusites, the Amorites, the Girgashites, 17 the Hivites, the Arkites, the Sinites, 18 the Arvadites, the Zemarites, and the Hamathites. Afterward the clans of the Canaanites dispersed. 19 And the territory of the Canaanites extended from Sidon in the direction of Gerar as far as Gaza, and in the direction of Sodom, Gomorrah, Admah, and Zeboiim, as far as Lasha. 20 These are the sons of Ham, by their clans, their languages, their lands, and their nations.

21 To Shem also, the father of all the children of Eber, the elder brother of Japheth, children were born. 22 The sons of Shem: Elam, Asshur, Arphashad, Lud, and Aram. 23 The sons of Aram: Uz, Hul, Gether, and Mash. 24 Arphashad fathered Shelah; and Shelah fathered Eber. 25 To Eber were born two sons: the name of the one was Peleg, 6 for in his days the earth was divided, and his brother’s name was Joktan. 6 Joktan fathered Almodad, Sheleph, Hazarmaveth, Jerah, 27 Hadarom, Uzal, Diklah, 28 Obal, Abimael, Sheba, 29 Ophir, Havilah, and Jobab; all these were the sons of Joktan. 30 The territory in which they lived extended from Shesha in the direction of Sephar to the hill country of the east. 31 These are the sons of Shem, by their clans, their languages, their lands, and their nations.

1 Or from these the whole earth was populated 2 Or Noah, a man of the soil, was the first to plant a vineyard 3 Japheth sounds like the Hebrew for enlarge 4 Or he began to be a mighty man on the earth 5 Or from where 6 Peleg means division