



Biblical Literature

Study Guide: Creation Stories in Genesis

The Second Creation Story: Comparisons and Contrasts

Read: Gen 2:4b - 25 Answer on a separate sheet of paper.

1. When does God create man in relation to his creating the other creatures? How does this contrast with the first story of creation?
2. What do you think the author is trying to say about God's relationship with humanity, by creating man when he does? Why?
3. What is the relationship between the name "Adam" and how he is created? (See note on verse 7).
4. How does God make the man come alive?
5. Explain how Gen 1:27 and Gen 2:7, through very different means, are essentially saying the same thing.
6. According to the images of creation in this second creation account, what is the material source of everything that God has created on the earth? How might this parallel various theories of evolution? Explain.
7. Quickly review the way God has created everything in this second creation account. Compared to the first story of creation, is God shown here to be more human or less human in his activity? Explain.
8. Geographically speaking, where does the writer of Genesis believe life originated? What is the general name of this region?
9. What does God create as the crowning jewel of his creative activities?