

THE BIBLE IN STORY Number 1—Genesis 1 to 4

Introduction

(1) The creation is the first of everything temporal. (2) Think—There was no world, no stars or sun—just darkness. (3) Everything was made from unseen things (Hebrews 11:2).

The Creation—Genesis 1:1-31

(1) It was not a remodelling, but a creation. Not an experiment because God knows. (2) Creation progressed from a lower to a higher order. (3) After creation, the living things are replenished by birth. (4) First day: Heaven, earth, day and night. (5) Second day—Firmament and clouds. (6) Third day—Seas, grass, herbs, and trees. (7) Fourth day—Sun, moon, and stars. (8) Fifth day—Fish and fowls. (9) Sixth day—Animals, creeping things, and man. (10) Seventh day—God ended His work and rested.

God blessed the seventh day—2:1-3 (Later this day was called the Sabbath—Exo. 16:22-26)

Garden of Eden—2:8-20

(1) Located eastward in Eden. (2) Its actual location and size are unknown. (3) They were allowed to eat all fruit, except for one tree.

Woman was made—2:21-24

(1) Made from man's rib. (2) To be a help suitable for man. (3) Adam first called her "Woman," then "Eve."

Adam and Eve in the Garden—3:1-24

(1) The garden. (2) The temptation. (3) The sin. (4) God's question and their answer. (5) The result of the sin on Adam and Eve. (6) The effect of this sin on us. (7) The promise of a Redeemer. (8) Adam and Eve driven from the garden.

Can and Abel—4:1-16

(1) The need for an offering. (2) Their different offerings. (3) Cain's rejected; Abel's accepted. (4) Cain a murderer. (5) Punishment of Cain.

THOUGHTS AND THOUGHT QUESTIONS

God has always lived.

Since God has all power, explain why he said, "Let us" make man.

Does God know what is best for man, or must he experiment to find out?

Tell how God helps us when we are tempted. (1 Corinthians 10:13; Hebrews 4:15-16)

Describe the harm which comes from sin.

Why was there a need for Cain and Abel to make offerings to God?

Why was Abel's offering accepted while Cain's was rejected? (See Roman 10:17 and Hebrews 11:4.

Notice the three great things from which we are redeemed if we are faithful: (Sins, Grave, Hell)

In what way are we our brother's keeper?

Do we Inherit sin, the tendency to sin, or neither?