

# The Biblical Metanarrative:

*“Knowing the story we are all a part of.”*

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## PART 2: THE PROMISED RESCUER

### Introduction:

Any story claiming to be the metanarrative must clearly address two specific questions:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ ( \_\_\_\_\_ )
2. \_\_\_\_\_ ( \_\_\_\_\_ )

The account found in the first three chapters of Genesis offers a combination of both general and specific answers to these two fundamental questions of existence. Peter’s words in his 2nd letter are helpful:

*“His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire.”* - 2 Peter 1:3-4

God tells us everything we \_\_\_\_\_ to know, not everything we \_\_\_\_\_ to know.

### I. GOD’S CREATIVE ACTION—Genesis 1:1-2:25

#### A. God creates \_\_\_\_\_ reality: (Gen. 1:1)

“This creation of the entire universe includes the creation of an unseen, spiritual realm of existence: God created the angels and other kinds of heavenly beings...He also created Heaven as a place where His presence is especially evident.” - Wayne Grudem, *Systematic Theology*

#### B. God creates \_\_\_\_\_ reality: (Gen. 1:1-31)

These verses move the scene progressively from being cosmic in scope to more and more localized. Eventually God brings forth life onto the earth (1:20-25), culminating in the creation of man.

### THE CREATION OF MAN:

The first account (1:26-31) is the \_\_\_\_\_ account of the creation of humanity.

- Man is made in God’s \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

“[The Writer of Genesis] seems to be attempting to express a very difficult idea in which he wants to make clear that man is in some way a concrete reflection of God, but at the same time he wants to spiritualize this toward abstraction.” - Addison H. Leitch, quoted by Charles Ryrie in *Systematic Theology*

#### The man and woman are “like” God because...

- They have \_\_\_\_\_. Man has the ability to reason and think logically.
- They are \_\_\_\_\_. Man is ingenuitive and artistic.
- They are \_\_\_\_\_. Man has the ability to make choices.
- They exercise \_\_\_\_\_. Man has the power to exercise his authority.

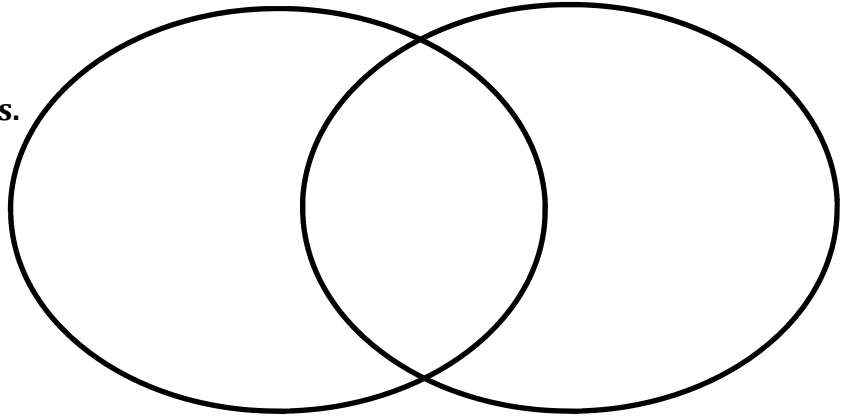
Note: Man’s authority is \_\_\_\_\_, God’s is intrinsic because of who He is.

The Second Account (Gen. 2:5-25) is the \_\_\_\_\_ creation account.

### A. MAN'S NATURE

Man's nature differs from the other creatures.

- Angelic beings are purely spiritual.
- Animals are purely physical.
- Man is \_\_\_\_\_. (Gen. 2:7)



### B. MAN'S DOMINION

Man was given dominion over the animals, but now what that is to look like is specified.

- ⇒ The man was placed in the Garden to \_\_\_\_\_ it and \_\_\_\_\_ it.
- ⇒ The Hebrew here can also be translated that he was to “\_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_.”
- ⇒ He could not properly accomplish his worshipful work without help. (Gen. 2:18)

*“You may surely 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 surely die.”*

This was not a threat, but a \_\_\_\_\_. For them to seek a life apart from the Giver of life would lead to \_\_\_\_\_ in their relationship with God.

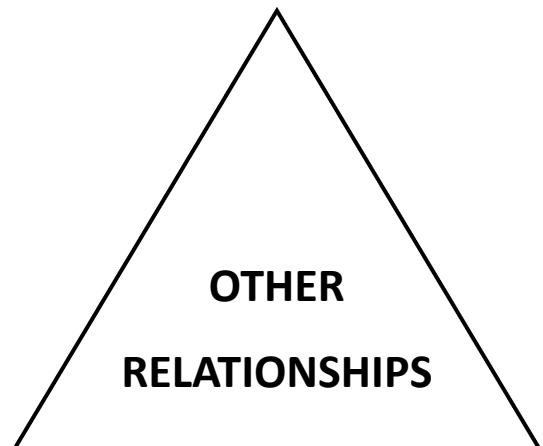
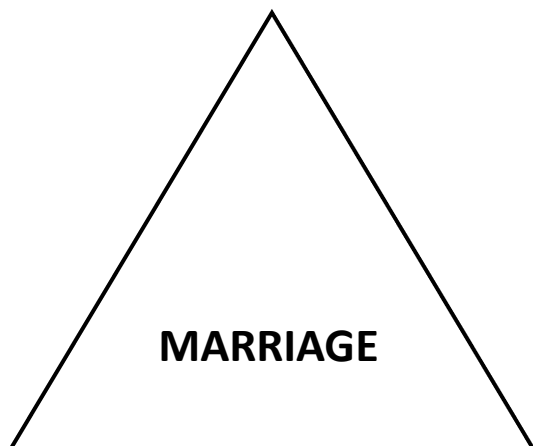
“At this early stage in history Adam and Eve had life—they knew God intimately and had beautiful fellowship with Him. That fellowship was to be maintained and protected simply by obeying one imperative.”

- Christopher Cone, *The Promises of God*

### C. MAN'S RELATIONSHIPS

Man was to image and \_\_\_\_\_ who God is. The triunity of God is alluded to here in that God declares that it is “not good” that the man is alone.

Human relationships are intended by God to be Trinitarian.



Gen. 2:24 contains more Trinitarian language.

“The two shall become one flesh.” ➡ **778** — \_\_\_\_\_ (Compare to Deut. 6:4)

In some amazing way, marriage is a picture of what God is like. This is why we place such a high value on marriage as the Bible pictures it.

Two mistakes we can make when it comes to marriage:

1. We can \_\_\_\_\_ marriage.
2. We can \_\_\_\_\_ marriage.

#### D. MAN'S IDENTITY

God had created Adam and Eve perfectly in His image to reflect His glory. They knew who they were because they knew who He was. God was their source of security and identity.

“Can you imagine something like that, what it must have felt like in the soul to have God’s glory shining through you? With that much glory, that much glory shining through you, you would never have a self-defeating or other-person-bashing thought again. It would be brilliant. To say nothing of the earth, how wonderful it must have been...”

-Donald Miller, *Searching For God Knows What*

#### THE FALL OF MAN—Genesis 3:1-24

The \_\_\_\_\_: This is \_\_\_\_\_ (Rev. 12:9; 20:2)

- He gets Eve to \_\_\_\_\_ God’s Word. (3:1)
- She then \_\_\_\_\_ to God’s Word (3:2-3)
- He then \_\_\_\_\_ God’s Word (3:4)
- He then \_\_\_\_\_ her (3:5)

*The implication from the serpent seems to be that God is keeping something from them. If they would simply disobey God, a whole new world of knowledge and wisdom would be available to them.*

“Man is wired so he gets his glory (his security, his understanding of value, his feeling of purpose, his feeling of rightness with his Maker, his security for eternity) from God, and this relationship is so strong, and God’s love is so pure, that Adam and Eve felt no insecurity at all, so much so that they walked around naked and didn’t even realize that they were naked. But when that relationship was broken, they knew it instantly. All of their glory, the glory that came from God, was gone. It wouldn’t be unlike being in love and having somebody love you and then all of a sudden that person is gone, like a kid lost in the store. All of the insecurity rises the instant you realize you are alone. No insecurity was felt when the person who loved you was around, but in his absence, it instantly comes to the surface. In this way, Adam and Eve were naked and weren’t ashamed when God was around, but the second the relationship was broken, they realized it and were ashamed.”

- Donald Miller, *Searching For God Knows What*

#### The Blame Game—Gen. 3:8-13

- It’s important to note here that God comes \_\_\_\_\_ for them.
- Their response is first to \_\_\_\_\_ and second to shift \_\_\_\_\_.

Adam blames \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ (See Prov. 19:3)

Eve blames \_\_\_\_\_.

Are they victims? Yes. They were lied to and deceived. Are they perpetrators? Yes. They willingly disobeyed God. The serpent didn’t hold them down and make them eat the fruit. This is the condition of all people under sin. We are simultaneously the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

## **GOD'S JUDGMENTS:**

**THE SERPENT:** Literal, physical judgment on serpents and a promise to Satan that he would one day be crushed by someone who would come in the line of Adam and Eve.

*The Protoevangelium*—The First \_\_\_\_\_.

“As God pronounced judgment on the serpent (Satan, see Rev. 12:9;20:2), He declared that the seed of the woman would execute this very judgment. Note that seed here is singular—it references a specific descendent. It later becomes evident that this promise would provide the means to restore the fellowship between God and His created beings.” - Christopher Cone, *The Promises of God*

## **THE WOMAN:**

- The woman was originally intended by God to be the man's helper. One of the main ways that she would help him accomplish His God given task of exercising dominion on the earth was to bear him children. Bearing and raising these children was to be a joyous and worshipful experience. It would now be a process of pain and toil.
- Also, her sinful tendency now will be to usurp the authority of her husband rather than rest in the security it was intended to provide her.

## **THE MAN:**

- God gave the man dominion over the earth to work and keep it. This was to be work that was joyous and worshipful. The ground was now cursed and would require strain and toil to bring forth food for the man. This life of toil and labor would also eventually kill him.
- His sinful tendency would also be to abdicate his authority and responsibility or to misuse or abuse it.

## **An Acceptable Covering—Genesis 3:21**

- God did not accept their attempt to cover themselves
- He killed an animal and clothed them with its skin.
- This is the first death in scripture and was necessary to cover their guilt. (Heb. 9:22)

Notice the enemies of humanity in this passage:

1. Satan (Gen. 3:1,4)
2. Sin (Gen. 3:6-13)
3. Death (Gen. 3:22-24)

The Protoevangelium promised a \_\_\_\_\_ who would defeat Satan. The sacrifice that God made on behalf of Adam and Eve pictured that God would one day \_\_\_\_\_ for all sin.

## **ALL OF THIS POINTS TO JESUS!!!**

### **JESUS DEFEATS \_\_\_\_\_—Colossians 2:13-15**

*And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.*

### **JESUS FREES US FROM \_\_\_\_\_—Romans 8:1-4**

*There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.*

### **JESUS CONQUERS \_\_\_\_\_—1 Corinthians 15:20-26**

*But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.*