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Genesis 1:26-28

The writer is Moses, God is giving him information about how the Adamic generation came to exist. God is giving Moses how the Triune God came together to discuss how they were going to make the Adamic generation. This passage is showing God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit talking to each other about creating the Adamic Male and Female. They were created to rule together on the Earth and God gave them dominion to rule together. This shows an example of the Triune God. We believe in one God, but with three responsibilities. God made man last and when He had the council with the Trinity, He had compassion when He said let us make man in our own image. God made an image that would be devoted to Him and have His image. God did not command to make man, He went before His council with Himself, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit to produce a plan to create Him. According to biblical theology, God's rule over creation was delegated to Adam and Eve. These terms were used for royal dominion (2 Samuel 8:11, 1 Kings 4:21-24, Ps. 72:8), it also meant that they had a role in being God's "vice regent" over the earth (Ps.8:5-8) says that God made them a little lower than Himself and gave them charge of everything that God made, putting all things under their authority. God put Adam in the garden to till it and gave them the responsibility of naming all of the animals. Procreation was the result of dominion.¹ How does this apply to today for ministry, God has called us to Himself, He wanted a people that was chosen to serve Him, and He wanted to be their God and that we would have dominion over the works of God's hand.

Genesis 12:1-3

¹ Kent A. Reynolds. "New Dictionary of Biblical Theology." *Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society* 45, no. 4 (2002): 671, (pgs. 142-143)

Moses is the writer and God is showing the writer how the children of God came into existence. God is speaking to Abraham to move from his home country and move to the place where He wants Abraham to live. God wants him to remove Himself from his family, they are pagan believers and God wants to show Abram who He is. God showed Moses that the promised blessings would be upon a group of people that He will set apart and it would be through the bloodline of Abraham. “The promised blessings bestowed on all humanity would be fulfilled exclusively through the family of Abraham.” Through this promise that God made to Abraham, God would be known as the “God of Abraham.” The word bless is found five times in the call of the patriarch (Gen 12:1-3), this was the counterbalance to the five curses against the sin that Adam and Eve brought upon the Adamic generation (Gen 3:14, 17b; 4:11; 8:21; 9:25). God promised Abraham that He would make a people for Himself through Him and give them a land. God promised Abraham that He would make Him great and be a great nation. Sarah was barren could not have children, but God promised Abraham that He would have a nation through Him. The promise of a son happened, and Isaac was born, through Isaac, Israel was born (Exod. 1:7; 3:15-17; 6:2-8; 32:13; Duet. 1:10; 10:22). Abraham and Sarah would be the ancestors of Kings. Abraham was the precursor to fighting and going to war and establishing treaties with King Abimelech. How can this minister today? we can count on God to deliver on His promises. If He promised no matter what it looks like in the natural, we can expect God to come through on His promise; all we have to do is believe/ have faith in God. ²

Exodus 19:1-6

² Ibid, pgs. 144-151

Moses is the writer, the scene: the children of Israel has left Egypt, it is two months after. God creates Himself a people set apart for Him, He will be their God and they would be His people. He promised a nation though Abraham and told Abraham the of this nation is a long way off and will come after they leave from where they were held as slaves. In Exodus God heard their groaning and remembered His covenant with Abraham, God remembered His promise that He made to Abraham. God brought Moses to deliver His people out of Egypt and now they are in the wilderness, they have set up camp and now God is speaking through Moses to meet with God. God gave Moses' instructions for His people to follow. God called them the family of Jacob and the descendants of Israel (Gen 19: 3-4). God reminds them that He delivered them from Egypt and destroyed them, they would not see them no more; He is telling them that He wants them to obey Him and do all that He instructs them to do. He tells them they are His people, and they are His they will be a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. This is an example of Christ delivering us out of bondage like God brought Israel out of bondage. In the book of Hebrews 3:1 -4:11 Moses is compared to Jesus and that Jesus is referred to as being "the better," because He has come to bring His people out of darkness/slavery, which for us means sin/death. His promise that we the people today will be brought to a better land than the physical land that was promised to Israel. The church today is compared to Israel, we too are delivered from bondage from sin and death, and we too are wandering around in the wilderness for our redemption.³

2 Samuel 7:1-17

³ Ibid, pgs. 144-151

This scenario is about King David, Nathan, and God. First, we see the realization of the kings and priests, the royal kingdom coming to pass through Abraham's lineage. This is the promise that God spoke over Abraham's life coming to pass. David is inheriting the promise that God gave to Abraham. God wanted Israel to fight and go to war to remove the people off the land that He promised Him. Now we see King David is continuing the war. In this passage we see David wants to build God a house, Nathan said do what is in your heart, but God gave Nathan a vision and told him to tell David what He told him. First God asked David a question about building Him a house and then He said I never said that I wanted a house God was rebuking David for thinking of building Him a house. The implication of this is: if a ruler built a temple for his god, then that god would put their hand or blessing upon that ruler. God saw the motive of David's heart and told him that his son would build it and for David not forget where God brought Him from the sheepfold. God reminded Him that He was the one that anointed Him to be king. He did tell David that He was going to make a house for Him a dynasty of Kings that would rule forever. God promises to be a "Father" to David's son and to his descendants. David forgot that he needed to depend on God's grace. What does this mean for us today, although this was talking to the first readers at the time, we can apply this today, do not try to put God in a box and think that you will manipulate God in doing what you want Him to do for you. God will not do anything out of His will/His plan and purpose for your life.⁴

Psalm 2

⁴ Ibid, pgs. 178-181.

David wrote this Psalm, and He is singing what is on His heart. what Chapter 2 of Psalms is a book about the importance of Kingship and that God is giving support to the Davidic Kingship. This psalm is associated with David and God is showing that He is the protector and that He protects His people, and He can be trusted to protect His people. God says that the kings of the earth prepare for battle; and the rulers plot against the Lord and against His anointed one. God is showing that no one can come up against Him and those whom, has chosen to be a, in this passage Jesus is set up as the ruler. Jesus is the anointed one (John 10:30, 14:9). This means if you are against God and His anointed one (Jesus), then you are against God. God sits and laughs at those who are opposed to Him, there is nothing that man or satan can do to God. God will forever sit on His throne and not be moved by the thoughts and actions of man. God will defeat and crush anyone that opposes Him. God declares that Jesus is His son, by saying today you are my son and I have begotten you this is referenced in Hebrews 1:5. God tells His people through the writer that we are to submit to Him and obey Him. Psalm 2 introduce us to the Torah, which means the law of God, His instructions. Elohim is mentioned in Psalm 2. There have been a lot of people that have opposed God and His Kingdom in Jesus Christ. Each one of these opponents shall be frustrated and crushed. God wants humans to know that He has set a King on His throne and that He (Jesus) is greater than they are. In this psalm God is speaking about Jesus and about His deity as God. God wants us to submit to Him not matter what your title is, no matter how great you are, God wants us to humble ourselves to Him and His order, when we do this we are blessed and if we do not we will be cursed.⁵

Proverbs 8:1-36

⁵ Ibid, pgs. 203-208

Solomon has authored the book of Proverbs it is called the book of wisdom. Chapter 8 is included with Chapters 2-9 that have “directives, motive clauses and predicated outcomes of wise behavior, and supports explicit theological reflection” Wisdom is practical instructions that we can apply. This chapter is describing wisdom, in chapter 1 wisdom is described as a woman calling out to be heard (1:20-21). Wisdom comes when we know God’s word and apply it. Solomon said that wisdom is easy to find, it is not hidden and that we can apply it in every situation. Solomon describes wisdom in this passage of scripture that it is true, righteous, and that having wisdom have Godly qualities. Using God’s wisdom is worth more than money and life itself. Wisdom said that it was created before the foundation of the world before anything else (v. 22). When we look at wisdom we have to look at it from the view of the sin nature, the adamic man brought in the sin nature, and because of sin when humans try to interpret the world of experience apart from the revelation of God, we will get the wrong perspective. Proverbs leads us back to the redeeming plan of God and reveal who He is. Proverbs helps us to understand that we must fear/respect God, when we do this we will respect God and know that His way is better than our ways. The “vocabulary used in Proverbs 1:1-7 and 8:12-15 is similar to that used in Isaiah 11:1-5”. In the new Israel it was known that there will be someone greater than Solomon; Jesus is known as the wisdom of God itself; Jesus used the wisdom forms in of proverb in His teachings⁶ God wants us to fear Him/respect Him enough to come to Him for guidance and leadership. God wants us to ask Him for what is best for our lives; God wants best for our lives

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

⁶ Ibid, pgs. 208-209

The author is Isaiah and God is addressing Israel's sin, bringing judgment, and revealing hope to them. This passage is referring to the suffering servant and it is referring to Jesus as the suffering servant. It is describing Jesus as surrendering Himself for us to receive salvation through Him. This scripture pictures Jesus as being submissive and obedient to God's plan of redemption. God is revealing to Israel that they cannot be servant Israel because of their sin, and that someone will replace them as the servant. Isaiah reveals that Jesus is the replacement for the servant and that through Him, God will restore His people back to Himself. In this passage of Scripture Jesus will suffer and die for the sin and rebellion of people. This is God revealing deliverance to people so that we can be His people. In the New Testament the suffering servant in Isaiah is referenced several times in Matt 8:17; Luke 22:37; Acts 8:32-33; Heb. 9:28; 1 Pet. 2:22, 24-25). This means for us Jesus is our suffering servant, obedient servant, dying on the cross for our redemption, Jesus was willing to give up His life for us to restore our fellowship with God⁷

Jeremiah 31:31-34

This book is a book about how God through the prophet Jeremiah spoke through Him to tell Israel that they are sinning against God by worshipping other Gods, and if they do not stop that He was going to put them into slavery/captive to another king. God promises them that although He is doing this terrible and great tragedy that He was doing it for their good and that after 70 years they would come to themselves and repent and turn their hearts to Him and in this passage, He is giving them a promise that He will write a new covenant in their hearts and in their minds. Hebrews 10:16 gives this same reference that God will make a new covenant with His people that He will write the law upon our hearts and our mind. God also says that He will be their God and they will be His people. God said that He will forgive their wickedness and not remember

⁷ Ibid, pgs. 217-222

them no more God said in Psalm 103 that He will forgive our sin and remember no more. Jerimiah preaches against them resisting this plan of God and tells them to accept it as God's will for them and that it is for their disobedience. God says the same thing to us when we disobey, judgment will bring His children to repent. God's correction is not to harm us it is good for us, and God said in His word Roman 2:4 that His goodness leads us to repent, and God considers judgment a good thing and not evil.⁸

Matthew 4: 23-24

The book of Matthew was written by Matthew, who was one of the 12 disciples, which became an Apostle, he was described as a tax collector. This book was written to the Jewish Christians that cut ties with the synagogue. These Jews had to defend their faith to the non-Christian Jewish community and embrace the gentile Christian belief. These Jews had to show that Jesus did not abolish the Old Testament laws but embrace the new meaning of the Old Testament laws that pertained to Jesus and God giving a new covenant, the law written upon the hearts of Christian. They were instructed to minister to those who were Jews. In this passage of scripture Jesus is teaching in the Jewish synagogue sharing with them that the kingdom of God has come to them. As Jesus is teaching them about the kingdom of God has come to them, He demonstrates by healing/curing all of their sicknesses and disease's and cast out devils. When Jesus healed people this demonstrated that God was real and that He came to reveal Himself to them. Miracles proved the existence that Jesus is God; God brought good news that He wants them to be cured and set free and that He loves them, and He is there in their midst. When God shows up today, He shows up to bring good news with salvation, healing of diseases, curing our sickness too to

⁸ Ibid, pgs. 223-226

show us that He wants us to be His people and that He be our God and to restore our fellowship with Him and we see that He is God through His miracles.⁹

John 1:1-18

This passage is written by whom we to believe as John the disciple and who later on became John the Apostle. He wrote the gospel of John, the Epistles of John, and the book of Revelation. John has written this gospel several years after Matthew, Luke, and Mark. This book was to identify Jesus' deity and that miracles proved His existence as God and that there was a God, and that God was ruler over all creation and humanity. John 1;1 says that He was in the beginning with God, and that He is God. In the book of Genesis, we see the word beginning, so before all was created, He was with God, and He is God. In this passage He says that he created everything and that everything was made by Him and for Him. This same scripture is found in Col 1:16. John 1:14 says that Jesus became man and dwells among us, this means that He is 100% God, and 100% Man. John is letting us know that the Christ, the anointed one, called the son of God, that we call Jesus is God.¹⁰ In order for us to have a restored fellowship with God, we must accept and believe that Jesus is God and that through Him is the only way for the plan of salvation. There is no other way to have a relationship with God other than through Jesus. When we believe on Jesus and accept Him as the redemptive plan of God through His death, burial, and resurrection, then we can become the sons of God.

Acts 2:14-36

⁹ Ibid, pgs. 262-266

¹⁰ Ibid, pgs. 280-284

This book is about the acts of the Holy Spirit that was demonstrated through the Apostles. This is evidence when the Apostles and other disciples of Jesus including His mother were sitting in the upper room waiting for the manifestation of the Holy Spirit, it came, and Peter stood up to preach to a crowd of witness' that saw this manifestation occur. The people thought they were drunk, but they were not they were filled with the Holy Spirit and God gave them words to speak to the people in their language. God said that He would pour out His spirit on all flesh, this is found in the book of Joel 2:28. God poured out His spirit on them. Peter preached a sermon to these men to tell them the Jesus that was crucified was the real true messiah, sent from God. He tells them about what David said in one of His Psalm revealing who Jesus was, He spoke of Jesus and said that Jesus was going to sit at God's right hand.¹¹ Today we can be filled with the Holy Spirit and be baptized with the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit can come up on our flesh. We can manifest the same sign that they did on the day they were filled with the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit can come inside of us (1 John 4:4) and be upon us (Joel 2:28; Acts 1:8).

Romans 3: 19-26

Paul is the author and wrote this letter to the Roman Christians that were living in Rome. This letter explained salvation and the process of sanctification that makes us pure and holy before God; he also shares the responsibilities of what Christian obedience is. The Apostle Paul is saying in these passages of scripture Israel was under the law and they were the ones that were chosen by God to bring God's word to others. Every mouth is silenced because they cannot speak against God justice. No one will be justified in God's sight through the law, the purpose for the law is to reveal sin and not atone it. The law only magnifies sin and not cure the problem. The law shows us that we cannot do the law and fall short every time.¹² The righteousness of

¹¹ Ibid, pgs. 285-291

¹² Ibid, pgs. 291-296

God has been revealed and the law and the prophets can testify this is true, can give evidence this is true. Whether we are under the law or have faith and believe in Jesus, we all have sinned and fall short according to God. Through Jesus is sinned atoned, Jesus redeemed us through His blood, and we are justified, just as if we have never sinned. God cannot look upon sin and we need the blood of Jesus to justify us before God to be in His presence. Today all we have to do is have faith in Jesus that His blood, burial, and resurrection purifies us, cleanse us, and bring us in right fellowship/relationship with God. Salvation is a gift and all we have to do is believe and have faith in Jesus and on Jesus being our Lord and Savior.¹³

Revelation 22:1-5

The Apostle John wrote this book, and he was revealing what Jesus was showing him through a vision, while he was exiled. An angel appeared to him a world that is not like our world, it was a heavenly world. God showed him the river of the water of life, is said to represent a pure river flowing from beneath God's throne and raises the rivers of Eden. The throne of God and the lamb of God suggests that the throne holds two persons (God and Jesus) and that they are corulers, and Jesus is identical to God. The tree of life represents the tree that was in the garden of Eden, these leaves on this tree is for healing the nations, they have medicinal power. Nothing will destroy this city it is protected from future disaster. God will be on this throne and so will Jesus because Jesus is God, and we will worship Him. Christians will see His face, and His name will be written on our forehead. The bible says we are marked by the Holy Spirit of God (Ephesians 1:13), this means that those who have accepted/received and believed that Jesus is their Lord and Savior, God has marked us. Being marked by God means that we are followers of Jesus and those who have not received Jesus as Lord and Savior will be marked by the beast

¹³ Amy-Jill Levine, and Marc Z. Brettler. 2011. *The Jewish Annotated New Testament*. New York: Oxford University Press. <https://search-ebcohost-com.ezproxy.nyack.edu/login.aspx?direct=true&db=e000xna&AN=477135&site=eds-live>.

(Revelation 13:16)¹⁴, meaning they are not followers of Jesus, and their names are not written in heaven. Being with God means there will be no night and that He is the only light that you need; there will be no need for sun or electricity to give us light, God is light, and He will reign forever. This is a promise that God makes to people that He will be our God forever and that we will be His. We will not need anything except Him. This is the new Jerusalem, and it signifies that those who have accepted Jesus will have fellowship with God and Jesus. God will be the sovereign God and rule forever¹⁵

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