THE MESSENGER



"... How beautiful are the feet of those who bring glad tidings of good things!" Romans 10:15

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Editor's Note: For the next few weeks articles in the bulletin will involve studies in the early chapters of Genesis. These studies are in anticipation of the adult class during V.B.S. in July 2012.

LESSONS FROM GENESIS TWO

By Dempsey Collins

- Genesis 2:1-3 belong with Chapter 1 They complete the account of creation.
 2:1 echoes back to 1:1 and states the conclusion of creation and <u>all host</u> 2:4 provides a more logical division
- vv. 2 and 3 God ceased His creative work "Rested" Shabath – to cease, desist cp. John 5:17
- 3. Creation was "completed" vv. 1 and 2 (nothing added)
- 4. The 7th day was sanctified set apart Exodus 16:23; 20:8-11; 31:13
- 5. 2:4 A new designation for God
- 6. 2:5 Reveals the condition of the field prior to man's creation No shrub of field No plant of field
 Ground and plants dependent on frequent watering and cultivation. These plants needed frequent watering. These plants needed man to cultivate.

v. 7 – Problem of cultivation solved vv. 8-14 – Problem of watering solved v. 7 – Man is "formed" – cp. Romans 9:4

NameKindGround = haadamaMan = IshAdam = haadamHumility \rightarrow Humus

v. 7 – "Breath of Life" – Living soul

HOPE IN THE GARDEN

by Dempsey Collins

"Hebrew scholar Jack Collins examined every use of the word "seed" when it means offspring and found that when the word is singular (as it is here in Genesis 3:15) it always denotes a specific descendant and that when it is an individual, the pronoun will be masculine." (Genesis, R. Kent Hughes, p. 86)

SERPENT	E	WOMAN	
"Your seed" "You" and "Your" (Personal individual encounter)	N M I T	"Her seed" Isa. 7:14, Gal. 4:4 "He" and "Him" (Personal individual encounter)	
"Bruise him on the heel" (A minor injury)	Y Strife	"Bruise you (Satan) on the head" (A fatal blow)	
Isa. 53:5 "He was wounded for our transgression"	ill will	Heb. 2:14 "Through His death rendered Satan powerless Freed those who through fear of death were subject to slavery.	

EVENTS CHRONOLOGICALLY

by Dempsey Collins

EVENT	DATE	SCRIPTURE
1. Rain began	2 months, 17 days (Noah 600)	Genesis 7:11
2. Rained 40 days		Genesis 7:12
3. Waters prevailed 150 days		Genesis 7:24; 8:3
4. Ark rested on mountain in Ararat	7 months, 17 days	Genesis 8:4
5. Tops of mountains visible	10 months, 1 day	Genesis 8:5
6. Opened window 40 days later (raven)	Flew until water dried	Genesis 8:6,7
7. Dove sent out at 3 seven day intervals	1. Returned	Genesis 8:9-12
	2. Returned with olive leaf	
	3. Did not return	
8. Arks covering removed	1 month, 1 day	Genesis 8:13
9. Went out of ark	2 months, 27 days	Genesis 8:14-19

NOTES & NEWS:

Remember to check the prayer list for those with ongoing spiritual weaknesses and physical illnesses. *"…Pray for one another…The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." James 5:16*