

Additional notes for teachers:

Many of the notes comprise deeper matters which have arisen in the course of preparation of the Students Notes. Other material has been appended for the purpose of providing background, explanations or interesting detail.

Lesson 4: THE SIXTH DAY

After detailing in broad outline the six days of Creation in Gen. 1:1-2:4, Moses sets out details of the sixth day commencing with chapter 2:4. The events involved in the sixth day of Creation comprise:-

- 1) Formation of all land animals, including man.
- 2) Planting of a garden and causing to grow "every true ... that is good for food".
- 3) Placing man in the garden, telling him of his duties in caring for it, giving him the law concerning the Tree of Knowledge.
- 4) Parading of all animals before man that he might name them and that he might seek for a companion among them.
- 5) Formation of Eve and the institution of marriage.

After recounting the early history of the human race in chapter 3 and 4, there is a further reference back to Creation in chapter 5:1-2. These may have been separate records initially which were subsequently compiled into one book.

MAN AND THE ANIMALS

Man's formation is described in the same manner as is the formation of animals.

- Both were formed from the ground (Gen. 2:7, 19; Eccles. 3:20)
- Both have the same "breath of life" (Gen. 7:15, 22, Note v.22 goes even further – "breath of the spirit of life" Eccles. 3:19).
- Both are called "living creatures" (Gen. 2:7; 1:21).
- Man's difference from the animals is stated in Gen. 1:26-27.

The theory of evolution of species teaches that man has "evolved" from animal ancestors and in support of this view advances certain alleged "proofs". Examination and refutation of these "proofs" may be found in any good anti-evolutionist volume, such as *Why be an Ape? Or Man a Special Creation* (Douglas Dewar).

MAN AND WOMAN

The expression "help-meet" means a "helper suitable" for Adam, i.e. one suited to his needs. "Rib" simply implies some portion of his body, not necessarily one of Adam's rib-bones. Rib – side, e.g. Exodus 26:20. Refer Young's concordance.

TEACHING NOTES

- 1) Support this important doctrinal lesson of man's mortality with scriptures from throughout the Bible.
- 2) Underline the significance in marriage of the specific way in which Eve was made from Adam.
- 3) Outline the broad canvas of God's plan with the earth culminating in the typical seventh day of "rest", the millenium.
- 4) Appeal to scholars to follow the way of Christ to obtain "rest" in this life.