

*Tree of Life and Tree of Death* (#5 of Genesis 1–11)

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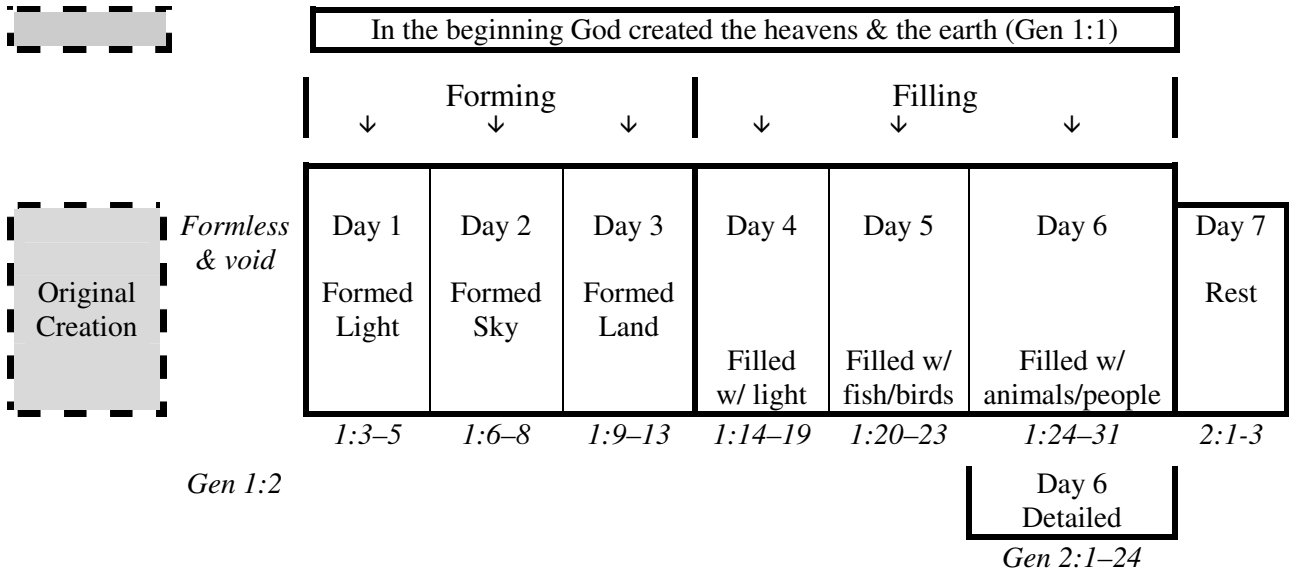
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**INTRODUCTION**

**OVERVIEW OF GENESIS**

1–11	GENTILES	1–2	Creation
		3	Fall
		4	Cain Murders Abel
		5	Genealogy
		6–8	Flood
		9	Rainbow
		10	Genealogy
		11	Tower of Babel
12–50	ISRAEL	12–25	Abraham
		26	Isaac
		27–36	Jacob
		37–50	Joseph

**Overview of Genesis 1:1–2:3**



**Overview of Genesis 2:4ff (a more detailed presentation of Day 6)**

**3:1–7 Tempter led Eve to doubt God’s word so fruit’s appeal led Eve to eat & give to Adam  
2:25–3:1a People were naked w/o shame; but serpent craftier than animals (or people)**

**3:1b Serpent engaged Eve in discussion about what God’s Word prohibited**

**3:2–3 Eve summarized God’s Word in her (or Adam’s) words, making her vulnerable  
Her words gave no emphasis to being able to eat freely from virtually every tree**

**Her words added to the prohibition of God’s word**

**Her words de-emphasized the seriousness of the consequence of disobedience**

**3:4–5 The serpent denied sin’s death penalty & planted doubts about God’s goodness**

**3:6 When Eve focused on the appealing fruit (not God); she disobeyed & gave it Adam  
She focused on the fruit as desirable food (rather than upon God)**

**She focused on its aesthetic appeal (rather than upon God)**

**She focused on gaining wisdom (rather than upon God)**

**3:7 As soon as they sinned, they knew that they were under a curse & tried to cover up**

**3:8–13 God called Adam and Eve that they might acknowledge that their sin-based separation from God, but they both attempted to shift the blame**

**3:8 Adam and Eve, in shame and fear, hid from God**

**3:9–12 Adam blamed God's gift of Eve in his admission that he ate of the fruit**

**3:13 Eve blamed the serpent in her admission that she ate of the fruit**

**3:14–19 God pronounced righteous judgments—on the serpent, the man, and the woman—as He made provision for life**

**3:14–15 God placed a curse upon the serpent that decreed perpetual conflict between humanity in general (the woman's seed) and Christ in particular (the woman's Seed) and the serpent's seed, until Christ triumphs**

**3:16 The curse on the woman is that her pain in childbirth will increase, she will desire her husband, but he will dominate**

**3:17–19 The curse on man is that he will eke out a living in a cursed earth until death**

**3:20–24 God made provision for life for people, despite the placing of curses on them**

**3:20 Adam [recognized God’s prophetic provision for life and the defeat of the serpent through the Seed of woman] so he [prophetically] named his wife *Life*.**

**3:21 God made provision for man’s shame through the death of animals for skins [pointing to a long-term solution through Christ]**

**3:22–24 Although God prevented man from receiving everlasting life by means of eating of the tree of life [He made provision for everlasting life in another way]**

	<b>Before Fall</b>	<b>After Fall</b>
<b>Eternal Life</b>	Option 2: Eat of Tree of Life	Option 2: Believe God’s promise of life
<b>Temporal State</b>	Option 1: Avoid the two trees	Option 1: Disbelieve God’s promise of life
<b>State of Death</b>	Option 3: Eat of Tree of K of G&E	

**Gen 4:1 [Adam &] Eve believed in God’s provision of life thru Seed of Woman**

**Literal rendering: *I have acquired a man, the Lord***

**CONCLUSION**