

Resting and Working Genesis 2:1-17

GOD RESTED FROM ALL HIS CREATIVE WORK: 2:1-3

- ◆ *Rest* = cease. The 7th day is uniquely blessed and sanctified to commemorate creation. It's observed even before the Law, Ex. 16:21-30.
- ◆ Here Israel learned the roots of the Sabbath (4th commandment).
- ◆ We observe Sunday (Acts 20:7, Rev. 1:10) not the Sabbath, Col. 2:16.

MAN CREATED WITH A JOB TO DO: 2:4-17

- ◆ 2:4-4:25 = History of the heavens and earth (what became of creation). This ≠ 2nd creation story but a flashback offering details of man's origin.

Man was formed from dirt and divine breath. 2:4-7

- ◆ This sounds like any vegetation is lacking till mankind arrives, but the focus is on tillable ground that requires man's cultivation to grow crops.
- ◆ Man created on 6th day, but now details are given. The implications:

Man was placed in Eden. 2:8-14

- ◆ It was well-watered, had beautiful trees, gold, onyx, bdellium.
- ◆ Two trees are singled out. Note one shows up in Rev. 2:7, 22:2,14,19.

Man was given responsibilities. 2:15-17

- ◆ The Man had a job: till the land in service to God (easy job, 3:18,19).
- ◆ Man had plenty of provisions: he could freely eat from many trees.
- ◆ Man had one prohibition: he must not eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil or he would die. Death = spiritual and physical, 3:8, 5:1ff, Js. 1:15, Rom. 5:12,6:23, Rev. 3:1.

