

# Message Notes

## Life in the Garden

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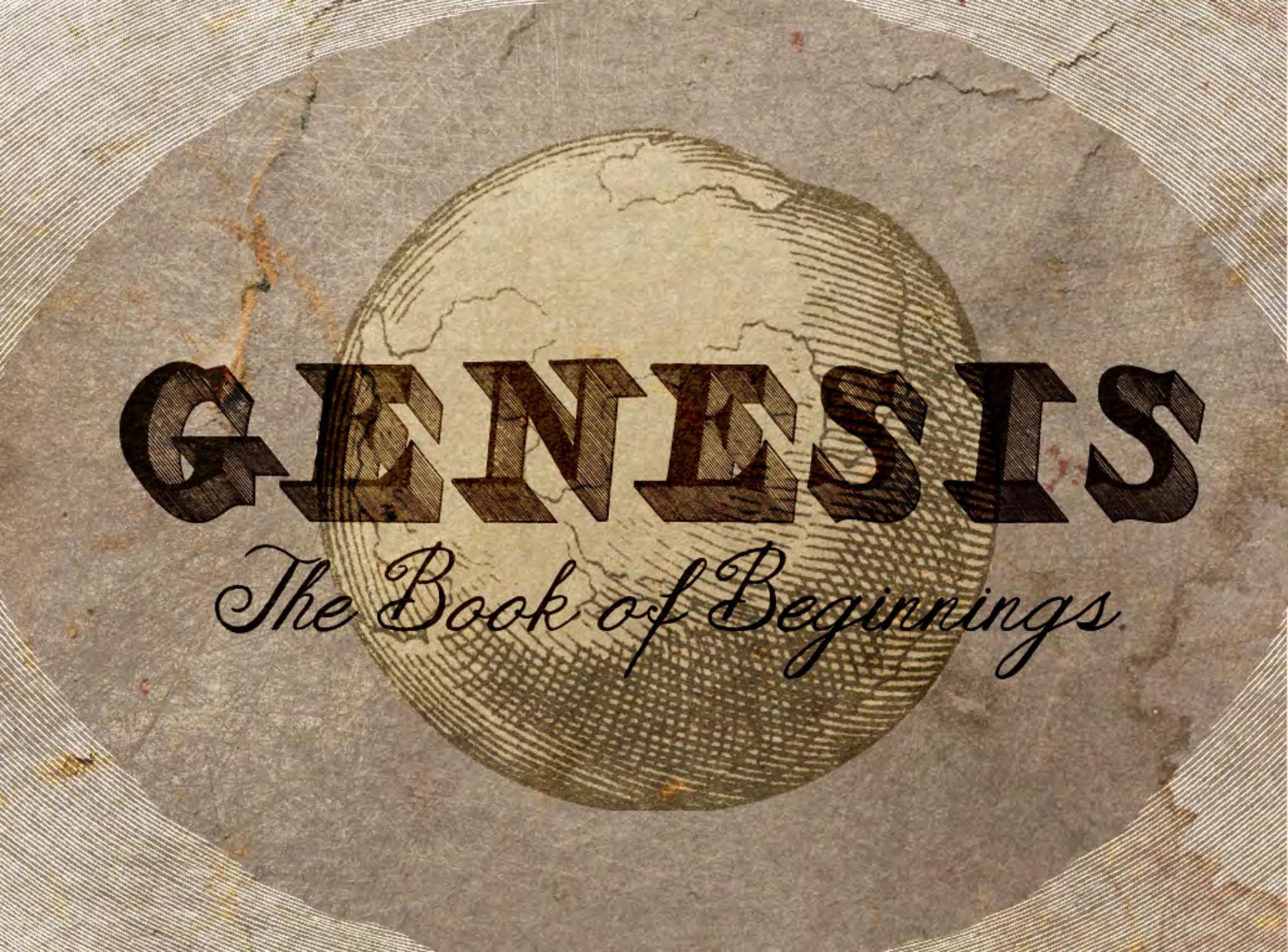
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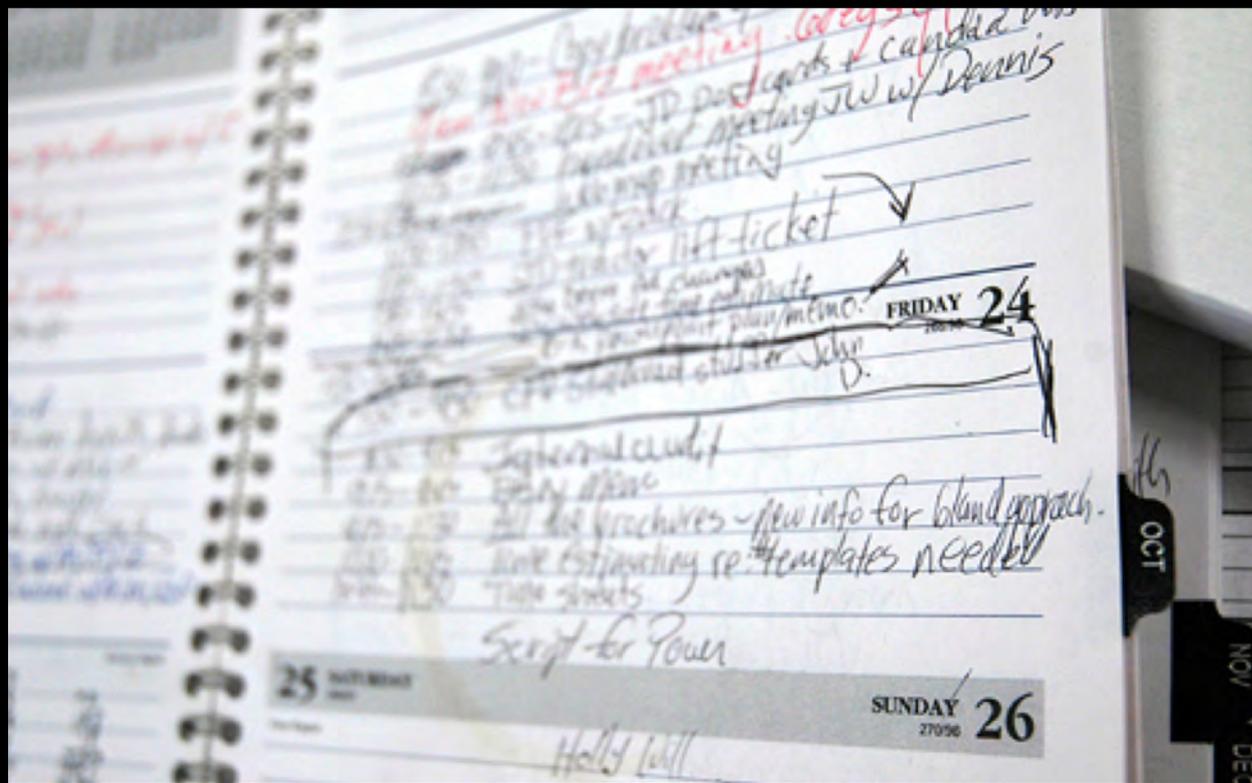
# GENESIS

*The Book of Beginnings*

## Genesis 1:1

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**Day One - Let there be light**  
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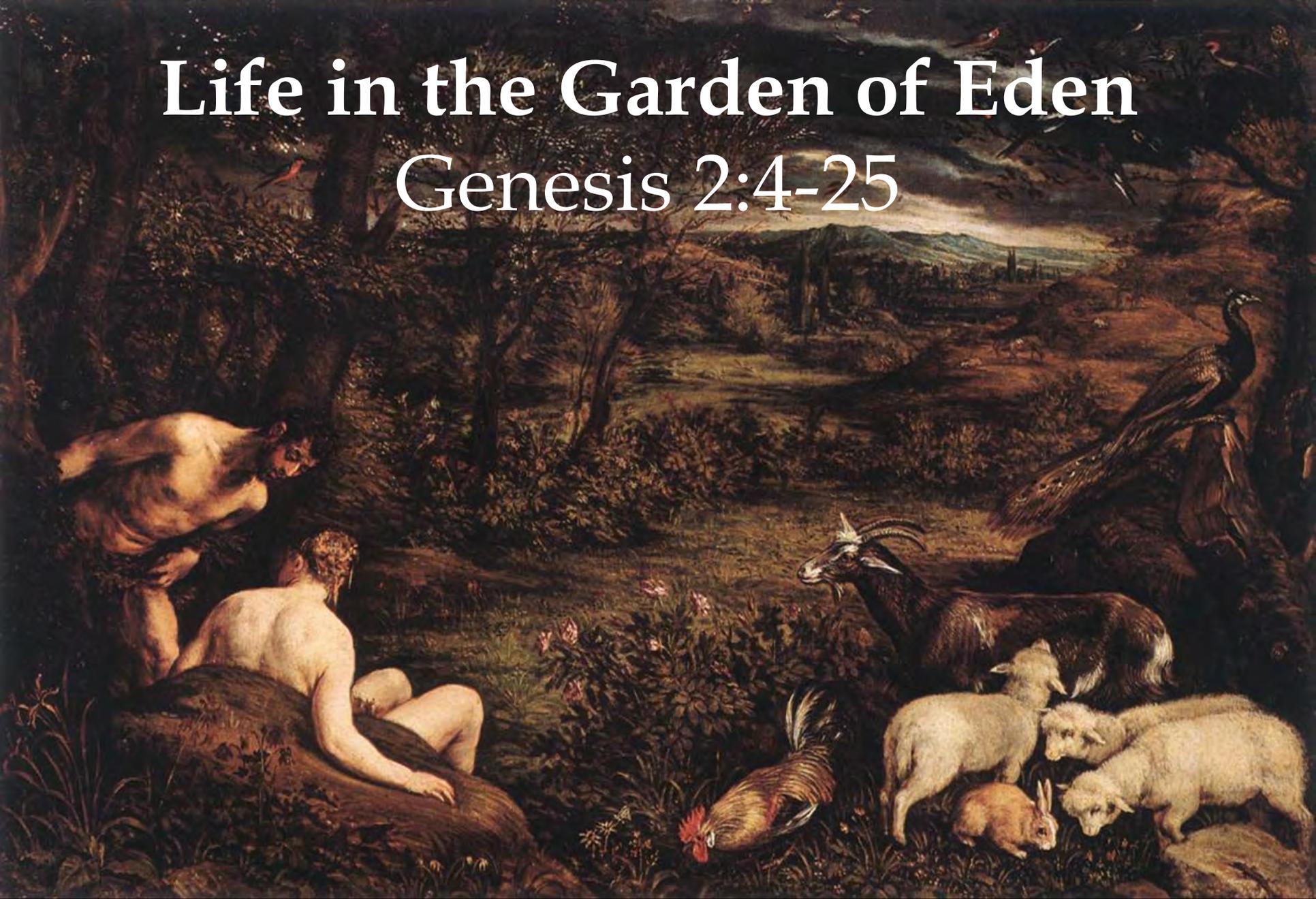
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<sup>28</sup>God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground.”

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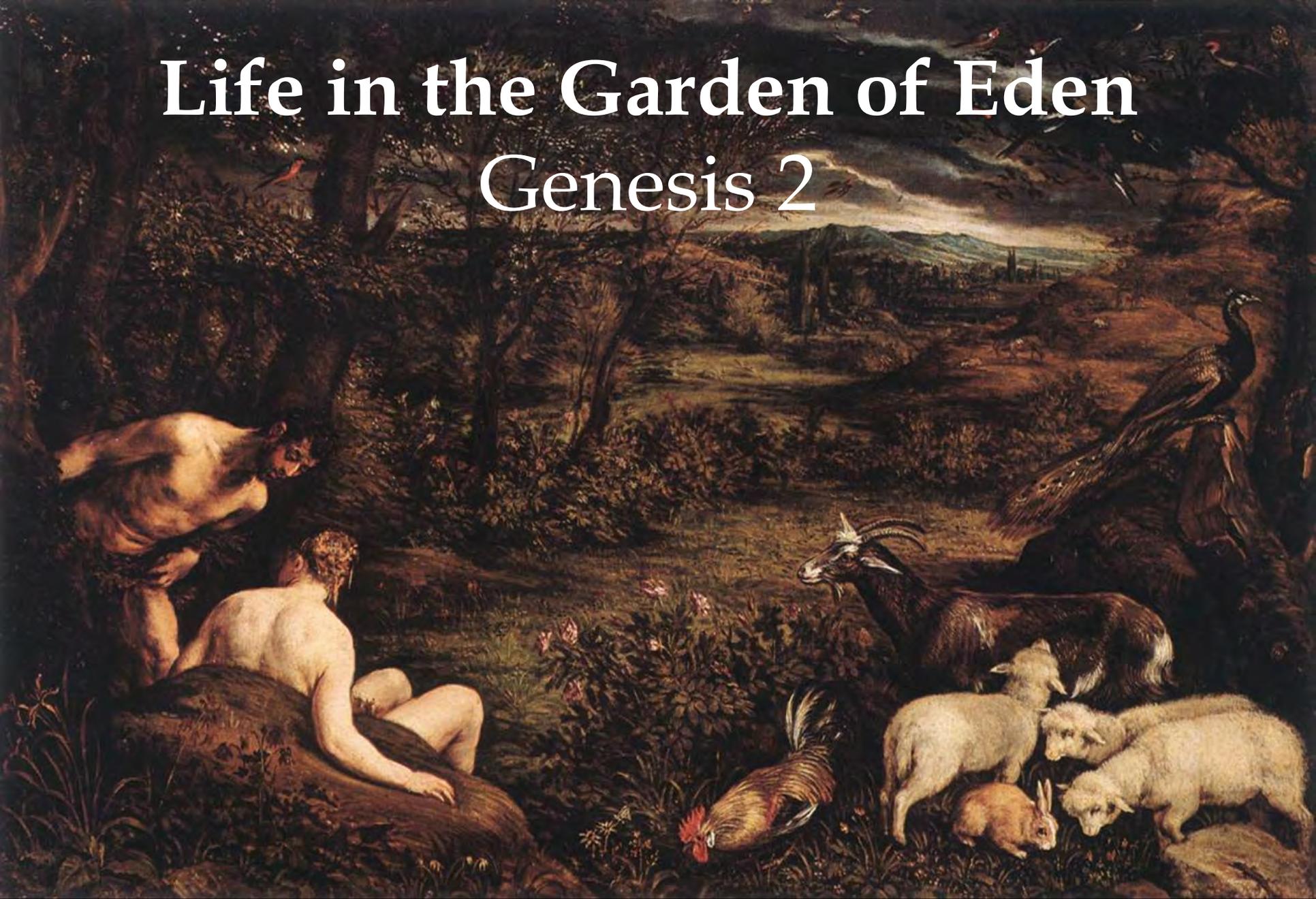
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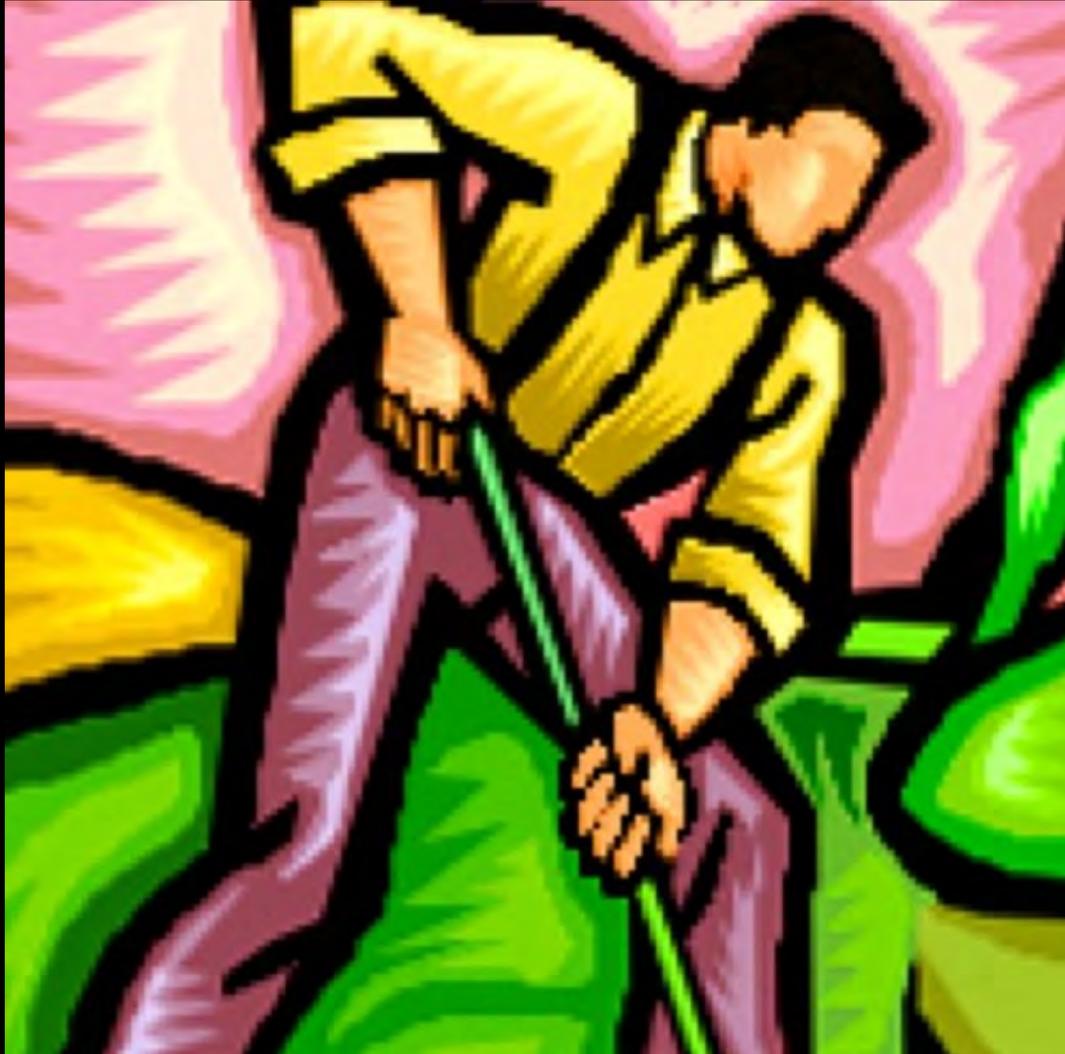
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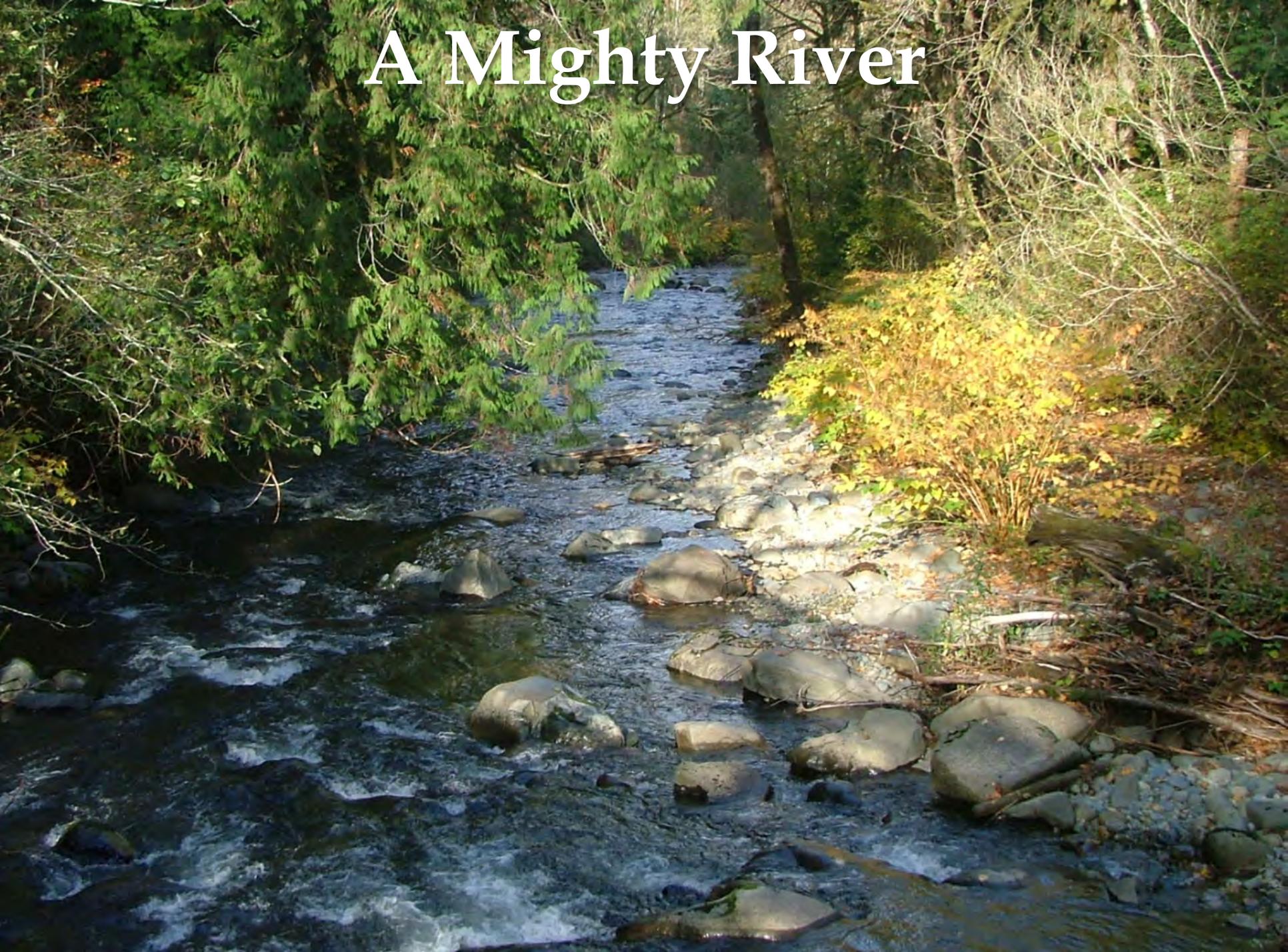


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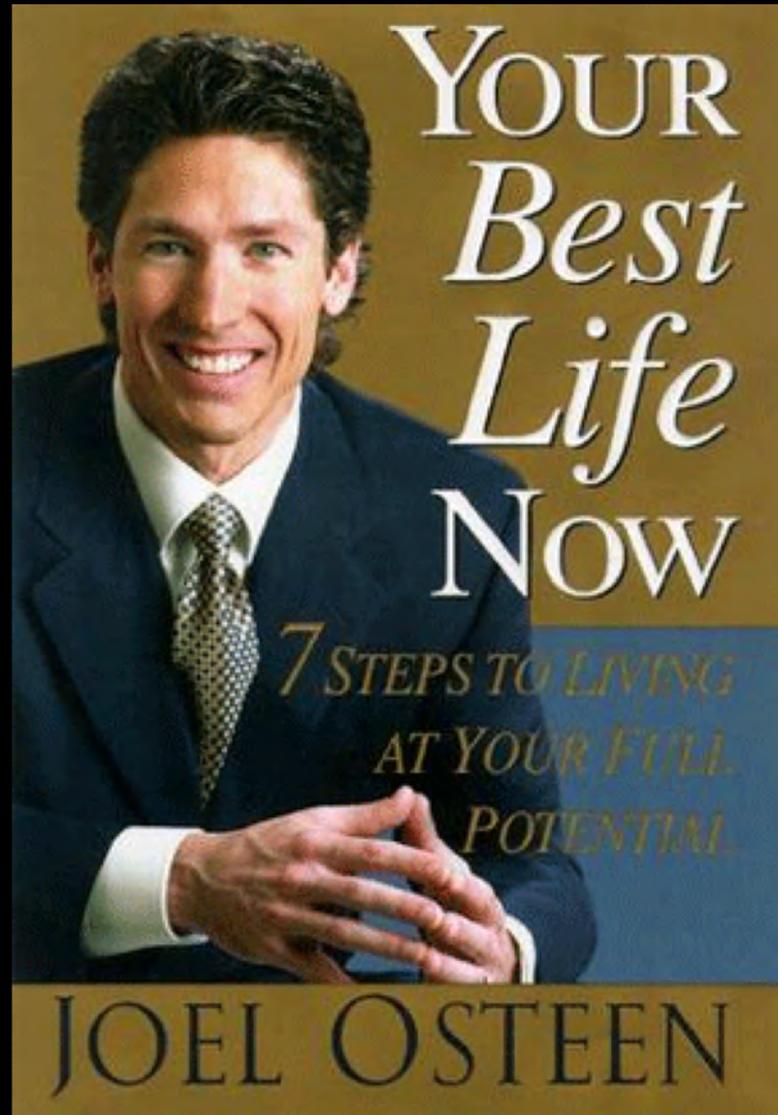


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## Genesis 5:1-2

This is the written account of Adam's family line. When God created mankind, he made them in the likeness of God. <sup>2</sup>He created them male and female and blessed them. And he named them "Mankind" when they were created.

## Galatians 3:26-29

<sup>26</sup>So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, <sup>27</sup>for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. <sup>28</sup>There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. <sup>29</sup>If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

## 1 Corinthians 11:3-12

<sup>3</sup>Now I want you to realize that the head of every man is Christ, and the head of the woman is man, and the head of Christ is God. <sup>4</sup>Every man who prays or prophesies with his head covered dishonors his head. <sup>5</sup>And every woman who prays or prophesies with her head uncovered dishonors her head – it is just as though her head were shaved. <sup>6</sup>If a woman does not cover her head, she should have her hair cut off; and if it is a disgrace for a woman to have her hair cut or shaved off, she should cover her head.

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<sup>7</sup>A man ought not to cover his head, since he is the image and glory of God; but the woman is the glory of man. <sup>8</sup>For man did not come from woman, but woman from man; <sup>9</sup>neither was man created for woman, but woman for man. <sup>10</sup>For this reason, and because of the angels, the woman ought to have a sign of authority on her head. <sup>11</sup>In the Lord, however, woman is not independent of man, nor is man independent of woman. <sup>12</sup>For as woman came from man, so also man is born of woman. But everything comes from God.

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## Ephesians 5:28-33

<sup>28</sup>In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. <sup>29</sup>After all, no one ever hated his own body, but he feeds and cares for it, just as Christ does the church—<sup>30</sup>for we are members of his body. <sup>31</sup>“For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.” <sup>32</sup>This is a profound mystery—but I am talking about Christ and the church. <sup>33</sup>However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.

## Revelation 21:1-4

<sup>1</sup>Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. <sup>2</sup>I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. <sup>3</sup>And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. <sup>4</sup>He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."

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Work

## **Ephesians 2:8-10**

<sup>8</sup>For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith — and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God — <sup>9</sup>not by works, so that no one can boast. <sup>10</sup>For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

## **2 Thessalonians 3:10**

For even when we were with you, we gave you this rule:  
“The one who is unwilling to work shall not eat.”

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Tree of Life

## **Proverbs 11:30**

The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, and the one who is wise saves lives.

## **Revelation 2:7, 22:1-2, 14**

Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who is victorious, I will give the right to eat from the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.

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<sup>14</sup>“Blessed are those who wash their robes, that they may have the right to the tree of life and may go through the gates into the city.”

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