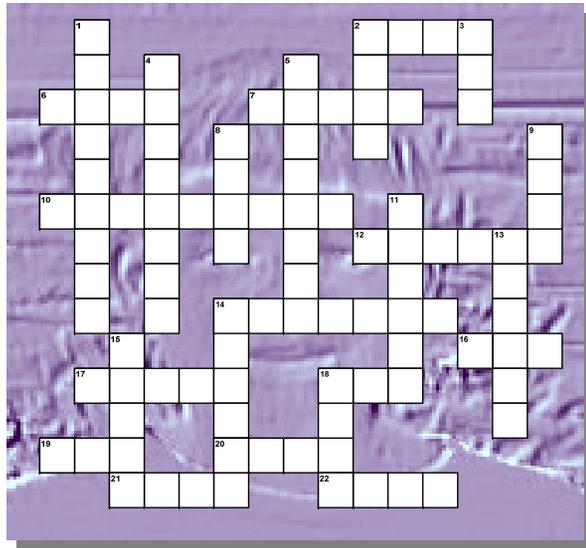


3. Why did naming the animals help Adam to know that he had authority over the animals?

4. Why were all the animals tame in the beginning?

5. How are things different today in the relationships between man and the animals?



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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Not wild but _____. 6. The river became _____ heads.
(Gen 2:10). 7. The man who wrote Genesis. 10. Genesis is in the Old _____. 12. God created these on the 6th day. 14. The book 2 books before Leviticus. 16. Adam's part that became Eve. 17. The Euphrates is a _____. 18. This unlocks a lock. 19. He built Eve. 20. The garden's name. 21. We believe Jesus is coming _____. 22. Adam _____ the animals their names. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The tree of the _____ of good and evil. 2. Fruit grows on one of these. 3. Adam's rib. 4. God's work in seven days. 5. God's authority in man (Gen 1:27). 8. The garden was Adam and Eve's _____. 9. Adam and Eve were to _____ for God. 11. Adam and Eve started the first _____. 13. Eve's name means _____. 14. Eden was one of these. 15. These were in the air. 16. Adam ruled like a _____. |
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Man in God's Creation

- Lesson Three -

The First Couple And Their First Home (2)

I. Overview.

After God created Adam and placed him in the Garden of Eden, He went on to build a counterpart for him. Eve was built from Adam's rib. We will cover more about just how Eve was made in a later lesson. But in this lesson we will look at how Adam and Eve were to rule over all the creation for God.

Adam and Eve were the highest point of God's creation. God's intention was that they would rule over the whole creation for Him. They would represent God in both His Person and in His authority. They were like the king and queen of the entire universe. They were much higher than all the animals.



God gave man dominion over every living thing on the earth. This was for man to be able to represent God.

II. Scriptures for Memory.

Genesis 2:22 Then the Lord God made a woman from the rib He had taken out of the man, and He brought her to the man.

III. Lesson.

Naming the Animals

After God created Adam, He led all the creatures before Adam to be named. One reason that God wanted Adam to name all the animals was that He wanted Adam to see that none of the animals matched him. They were all different from Adam. It was not until God caused the deep sleep to come upon Adam, and He presented Eve to him, that Adam finally said “Now this is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh”. Adam said this when he saw that Eve was a perfect match for him.

In addition to naming all the animals and finding for himself a counterpart, Adam realized that he was above all the animals. For a person to give a name to something indicates that he has authority over that thing. Just like a father and mother have authority over their children and give them their names.

Now the Lord God had formed out of the ground all the beasts of the field and all the birds of the air. He brought them to the man to see what he would name them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name.

Adam and Eve Rule Over the Fish of the Sea

Because Adam and Eve were much higher than all the animals, they ruled over the whole creation for God. The animals were all subject to Adam and Eve. Before the fall, animals were tame. God gave Adam and Eve authority to rule over all the things in the sea. Even the great “sea monsters” like a great shark or an eighteen-ton killer whale were subject to them.



Adam and Eve Rule Over the Birds of the Air

The “birds of the air” were also placed under man’s dominion. The small parakeets and the doves would sing for Adam and Eve, and the parrots would imitate their voices. Man did not need to put them into a cage. They would not try to fly away and they were not afraid of man. They would even come when man whistled for them and they would do whatever he asked. They might have sounded like a great choir for Adam and Eve.



And Over the Beasts of the Field

Adam and Eve also ruled over the beasts of the field, and over every creeping thing. These were also subject to man. Even the biggest creatures were tame and loved man. This was so because the fall of man, which resulted in the fall of the entire creation, had not yet occurred. Every animal dwelt safely with man.

---Questions for Discussion ---

1. Why did God want Adam to name the animals?

2. Why couldn’t any of the animals be a proper counterpart for Adam?

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