



# INFORMED AND FAITHFUL

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# THE TRUTH!

- ❖ THE TRUTH, THE WHOLE TRUTH, AND NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH....SO HELP ME GOD!
- ❖ **1 Timothy 6:20-21** Oh Timothy, guard what has been entrusted to you, avoiding worldly and empty chatter and the opposing arguments of what is falsely called "knowledge"— which some have professed and thus gone astray from the faith. Grace be with you.
- ❖ Guard: *phulasso*: to preserve from error or pollution
- ❖ Worldly: *bebelos*: profane, crossing the line
- ❖ Empty chatter: *kenophonia*: fruitless discussion

# BEING DILIGENT

- ❖ **2 Timothy 2:15** Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth.
- ❖ Diligent: *spoudazo*: to make every effort with eagerness and a sense of immediacy or urgency
- ❖ Approved: *dokimos*: refined; through the fire—stood the test (you have learned/are learning to abide!)
- ❖ **Proverbs 21:5** The plans of the diligent lead surely to advantage, but everyone who is hasty comes surely to poverty.
- ❖ Diligent: *mehode*: wholly, speedily, exceedingly

# IN THE BEGINNING....

## ❖ **GOD!**

- ❖ The Bible never tries to prove the existence of God
- ❖ God speaks of Himself in the present tense: I AM
- ❖ **Exodus 3:14** God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM"; and He said, "Thus you shall say to the sons of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.' "
- ❖ I am: from *hayah*: the finite causative verb: *Yahweh*: He who is and causes to exist
- ❖ The Bible begins with what God was doing when He created the world that we know

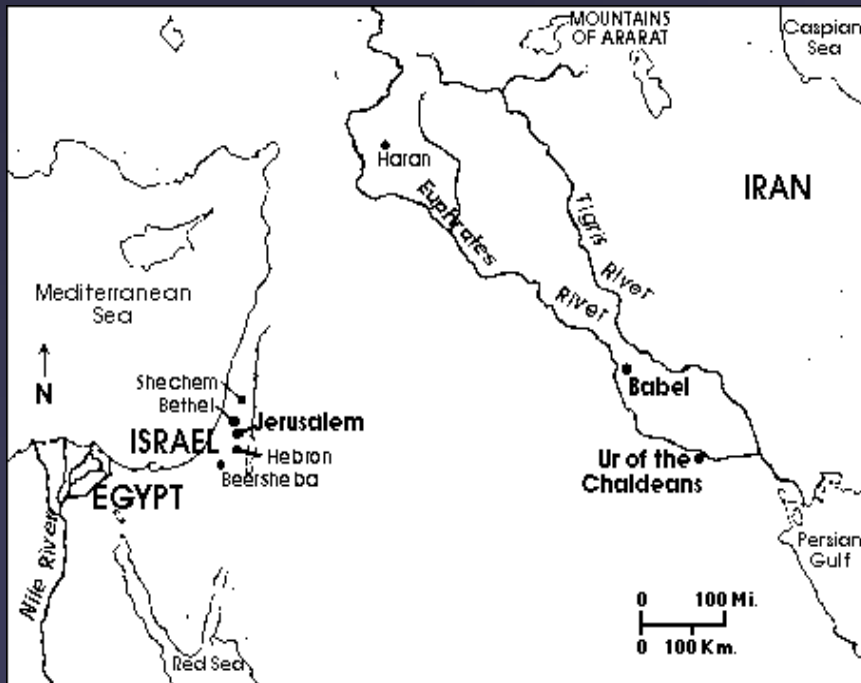
# THE CREATION OF MAN

- ❖ **Genesis 1:27** God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.
- ❖ Image: *tselem*: a shadow image
- ❖ God is triune: Father, Son, Holy Spirit
- ❖ Man is triune: body, soul, spirit
- ❖ **Genesis 1:31** God saw all that He had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

# THE 7<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF CREATION

- ❖ **Genesis 2:2-3** By the seventh day God completed His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done. Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made.
- ❖ **Completed: *kalah*: to accomplish; to bring to pass**
- ❖ **Rested: *shabath*: to stop doing what you had been doing**
- ❖ **John 5:17** But He answered them, "My Father is working until now, and I Myself am working."

# THE GARDEN



**Genesis 2:15** Then the Lord God took the man and put him into the garden of Eden to cultivate it and keep it.

# GOD'S INSTRUCTIONS

- ❖ **Genesis 1:28** God blessed them; and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over every living thing that moves on the earth."
- ❖ **Subdue: *kabash*: bring into bondage**
- ❖ **Rule: *radah*: have dominion over**
- ❖ **Genesis 2:16-17** The Lord God commanded the man, saying, "From any tree of the garden you may eat freely; but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat from it you will surely die."



# HERE COMES TROUBLE

❖ **Genesis 3:1-5** Now the serpent was more crafty than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said to the woman, "Indeed, has God said, 'You shall not eat from any tree of the garden'?" The woman said to the serpent, "From the fruit of the trees of the garden we may eat; but from the fruit of the tree which is in the middle of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat from it or touch it, or you will die.' " The serpent said to the woman, "You surely will not die! "For God knows that in the day you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

# AH, LUST...

- ❖ **Genesis 3:6** When the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was desirable to make one wise, she took from its fruit and ate; and she gave also to her husband with her, and he ate.
- ❖ Lust of the flesh, lust of the eyes, boastful pride of life
- ❖ **Genesis 3:13** Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" And the woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."
- ❖ **1 Timothy 2:14** And it was not Adam who was deceived, but the woman being deceived, fell into transgression.

# SIN

- ❖ **Romans 5:12-14** Therefore, just as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sinned— for until the Law sin was in the world, but sin is not imputed when there is no law. Nevertheless death reigned from Adam until Moses, even over those who had not sinned in the likeness of the offense of Adam, who is a type of Him who was to come.
- ❖ **James 4:17** Therefore, to one who knows the right thing to do and does not do it, to him it is sin.
- ❖ **Ephesians 2:1** And you were dead in your trespasses and sins, in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience.

# THE IMAGE PROBLEM

- ❖ **Genesis 5:3-4** When Adam had lived one hundred and thirty years, he became the father of a son in his own likeness, according to his image, and named him Seth. Then the days of Adam after he became the father of Seth were eight hundred years, and he had other sons and daughters.
- ❖ **Romans 8:29** For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren;
- ❖ **Colossians 3:10** ...and have put on the new self who is being renewed to a true knowledge according to the image of the One who created him—