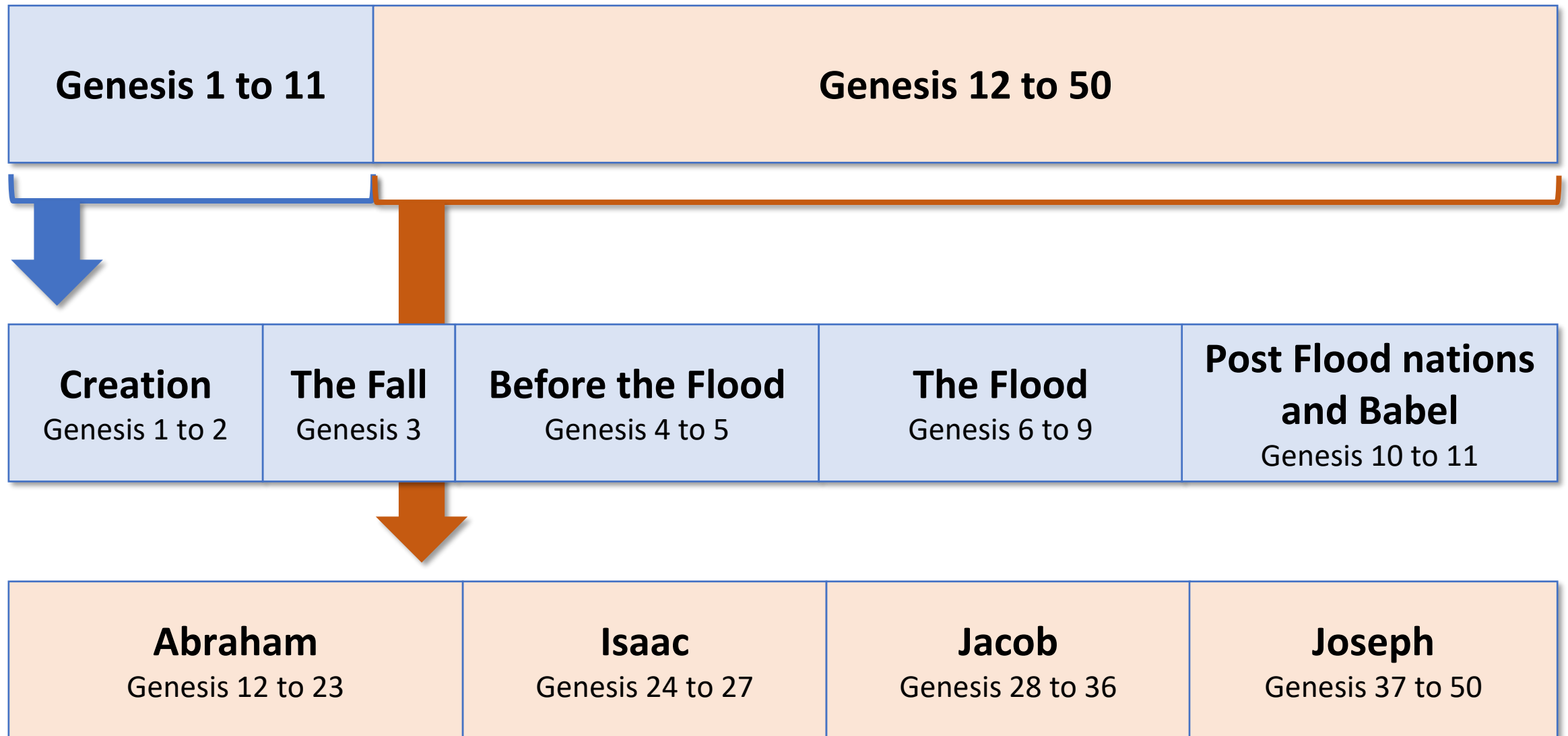


Genesis

The Book of Beginnings

2. The Garden

An outline of the Book of Genesis *



* Approximate chapter divisions only

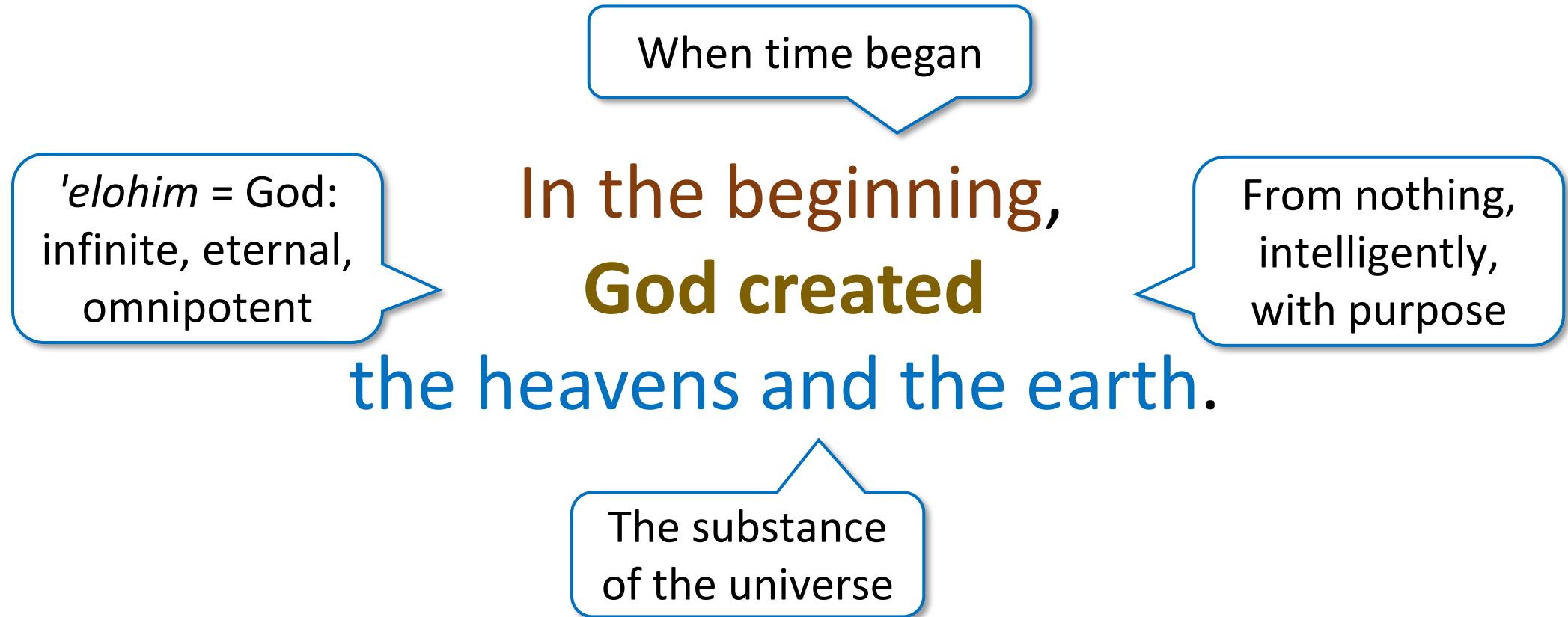
The “tôlēdôt” divisions within Genesis...

tôlēdôt

When plural,
the procession
of history
as humans
shape it.

1. Genesis 1:1 In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.
2. Genesis 2:4 These are the **generations** of the heavens and the earth...
3. Genesis 5:1 This is the book of the **generations** of Adam.
4. Genesis 6:9 These are the **generations** of Noah.
5. Genesis 10:1 These are the **generations** of the sons of Noah...
6. Genesis 11:10 These are the **generations** of Shem.
7. Genesis 11:27 Now these are the **generations** of Terah.
8. Genesis 25:12 These are the **generations** of Ishmael, Abraham's son...
9. Genesis 25:19 These are the **generations** of Isaac, Abraham's son...
10. Genesis 36:1 These are the **generations** of Esau (that is, Edom).
11. Genesis 36:9 These are the **generations** of Esau the father of the Edomites...
12. Genesis 37:2 These are the **generations** of Jacob.

The first section...



An orderly account of the creation...

Formed

and

Filled

1

The heavens and the earth are created.
"Let there be light"

4

The sun, moon and stars are made.

2

The waters are separated by an expanse.

5

The seas are filled with living things
and birds are made.

3

Dry land appears.
The earth brings forth vegetation,
plants and fruit trees.

6

Land animals are brought forth.
**Mankind, male and female,
are made in the image of God.**

The special creation of mankind...

Then God said,
***“Let Us make man in Our image,
after Our likeness.
And let them have dominion...”***

So God created man in His own image,
in the image of God He created him;
male and female He created them.

(Genesis 1:26-27)

Setting the scene...

Genesis 2:4-25

- **The man** of dust
- **The garden** for the man
- **The woman** from the man

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The second division begins...

(Genesis 2:4 to 4:26)

tôlēdôt

Or “This is the history”

These are the **generations**
of the heavens and the earth
when they were created,
in the day that **the LORD God**
made the earth and the heavens.

YHWH 'elôhîym

(Genesis 2:4)

The scene on day 6...

Uncultivated
plants

Grains

When no bush of the field was yet in the land
and no small plant of the field had yet sprung up—
for the LORD God had not caused it to rain on the land,
and there was no man to work the ground,
and a mist was going up from the land
and was watering the whole face of the ground—

(Genesis 2:5-6)



The special creation of man...

Like a potter
moulding clay

—then the LORD God
formed the man of dust from the ground...

(Genesis 2:7)

The special creation of man...

—then the LORD God
formed the man of **dust** from the ground...
(Genesis 2:7)

“By the sweat of your face
you shall eat bread,
till you return to the ground,
for out of it you were taken;
for **you are dust**,
and to dust you shall return.”
(Genesis 3:19)

...and **the dust returns to the earth** as it was,
and the spirit returns to God who gave it.
(Ecclesiastes 12:7)

The first man was from the earth,
a **man of dust**...
(1 Corinthians 15:47)

As a father shows compassion to his children,
so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear Him.
For He knows our frame; He remembers that **we are dust**.
(Psalm 103:13-14)

The creature formed in God's image...

—then the LORD God
formed the man of dust from the ground
and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life,
and the man became a living creature.
(Genesis 2:7)

Let Us make man
in Our image...
(Genesis 1:26)

Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely,
and may **your whole spirit and soul and body**
be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
(1 Thessalonians 5:23)

Question:

Should we think of Adam as a real historical person?

The genealogy in 1 Chronicles:

Adam, Seth, Enosh,
Cainan, Mahalalel, Jared,
Enoch, Methuselah, Lamech,
Noah, Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

...

Serug, Nahor, Terah,
and Abram, who is **Abraham**.

The sons of Abraham were
Isaac and Ishmael.

(See 1 Chronicles 1:1-28)

The genealogy in Luke:

Jesus,
when He began His ministry,
was about thirty years of age,
being the son (as was supposed)
of Joseph, the son of Heli,
the son of Matthat, the son of Levi
...

the son of Enos, the son of Seth,
the son of **Adam**, the son of God.

(See Luke 3:23-38)

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The garden in Eden...

= Pleasure

And the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east,
and **there He put the man** whom He had formed.

(Genesis 2:8)

The garden in Eden...

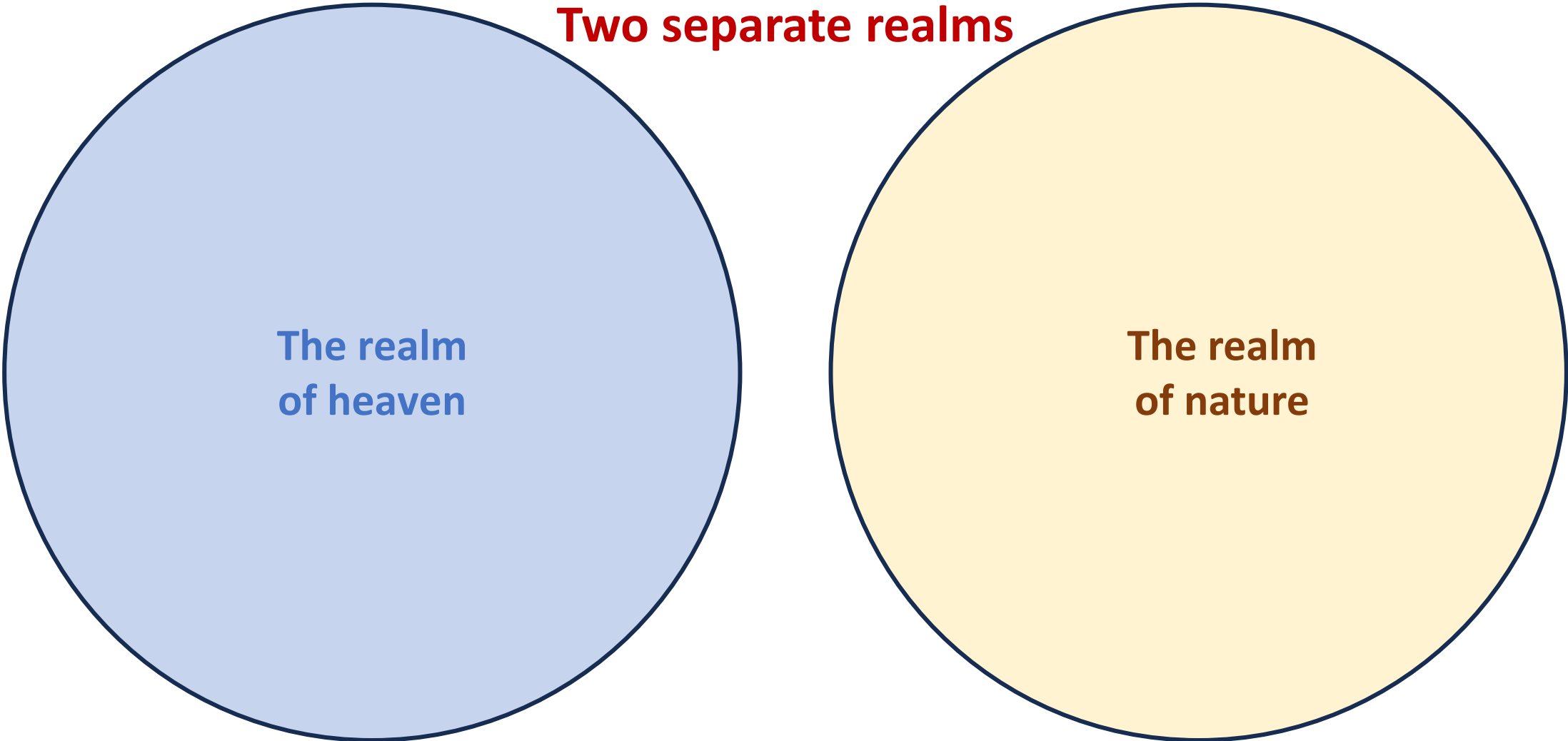
- The LORD God planted there every tree that is **pleasant to the sight** and **good for food**.
- The **tree of life** was in the midst of the garden, and **the tree of the knowledge of good and evil**.
- **A river** flowed out of Eden to water the garden, and there it divided and became four rivers.
- The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden **to work it and keep it**.
- **The LORD God walked in the garden**

(See Genesis 2:9-15, 3:8)

The garden of Eden...

Two separate realms

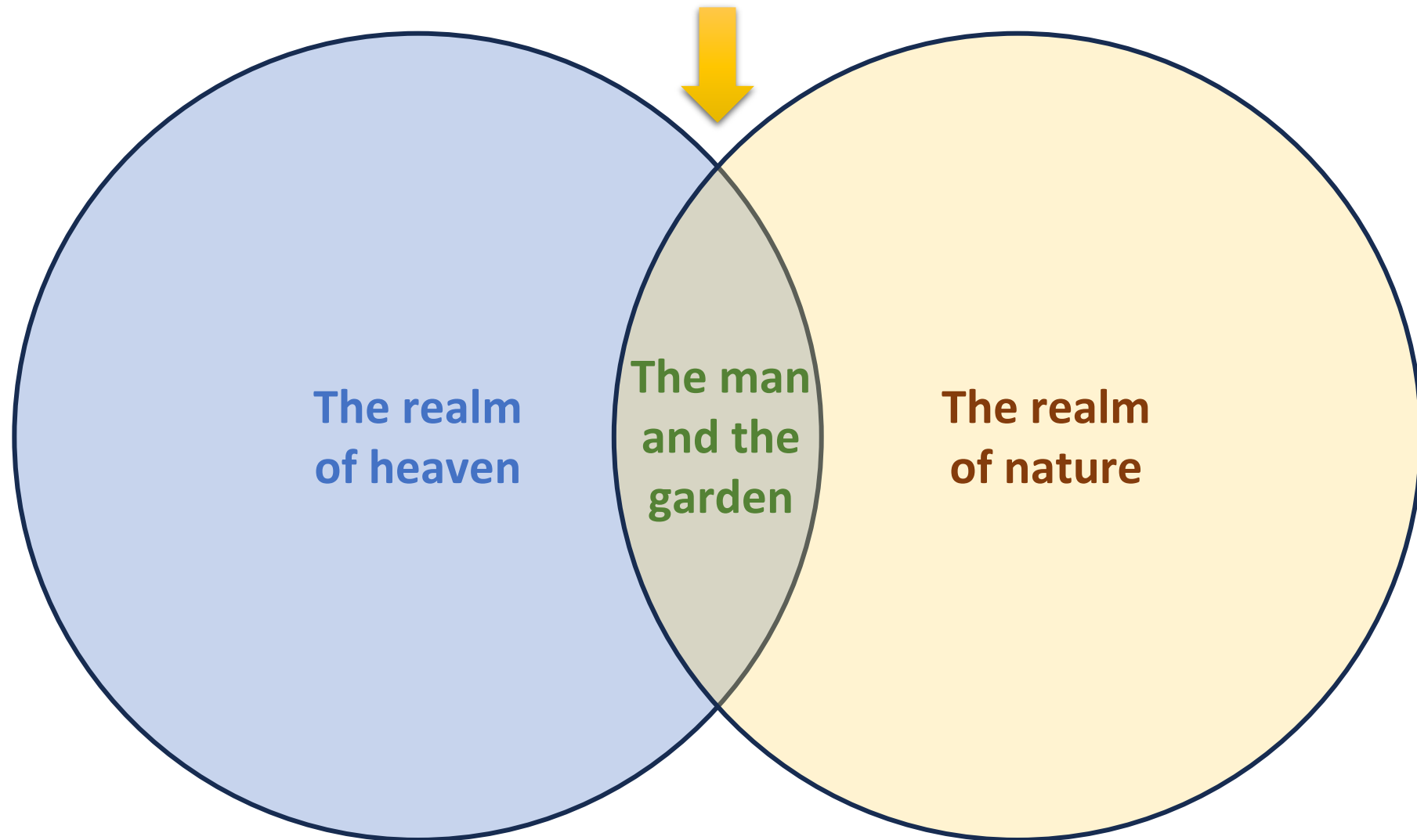
**The realm
of heaven**

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**The realm
of nature**

The garden of Eden...

*...and **there** He placed the man He had formed.*



The garden of Eden...

And the LORD God commanded the man,
saying,

*“You may surely eat of every tree of the garden,
but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil
you shall not eat,
for in the day that you eat of it **you shall surely die.**”*


(Genesis 2:16-17)

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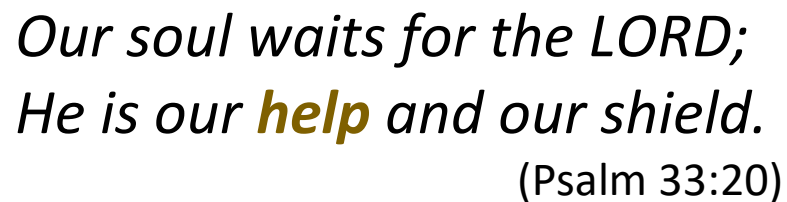
The creation of the woman...



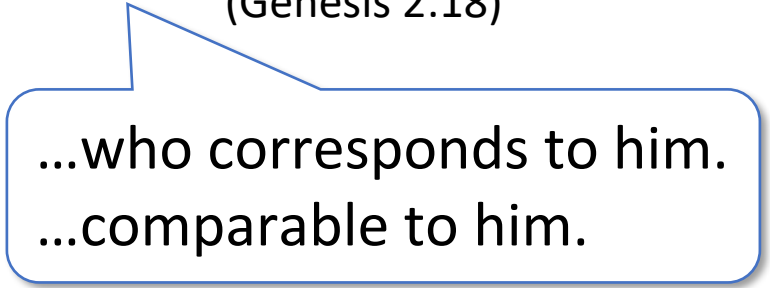
Let Us make man
in Our image...
(Genesis 1:26)

Then the LORD God said,
***"It is not good that the man should be alone;**
I will make him a helper fit for him."*

(Genesis 2:18)



*Our soul waits for the LORD;
He is our **help** and our shield.*
(Psalm 33:20)



...who corresponds to him.
...comparable to him.

The creation of the woman...

Now out of the ground the LORD God had formed every beast of the field and every bird of the heavens and brought them to the man to see what he would call them.

But for Adam there was not found a helper fit for him.

(Genesis 2:19-20)



The creation of the woman...

So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man,
and while he slept took one of his ribs...

Not from his head nor from his feet
but from his side, picturing
equality, protection and love.

And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man
He made into a woman and brought her to the man.

(Genesis 2:21-22)

He built...

The creation of the woman...

From **the beginning of creation**,
God made them male and female.
(Mark 10:6)

Then the man said,
“This at last is **bone of my bones**
and **flesh of my flesh**;
she shall be called Woman,
because she was taken out of Man.”

Man: Hebrew: *Ish*
Woman: Hebrew: *Ishshah*

Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother
and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.
(Genesis 2:23-24)

Innocent, uncorrupted and free...

And the man and his wife were both naked
and were not ashamed.

(Genesis 2:25)

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- **Innocent** in Eden (Able to sin)
- **Corrupted** by sin (Unable not to sin)
- **Redeemed** by grace (Able not to sin)
- **Glorified** forever (Unable to sin)

Summing up...

Genesis 2:4-25

➤ The man of dust

- A special creation
- Made for fellowship

➤ The garden for the man

- Partaker of two realms
- God's co-worker in the creation

➤ The woman from the man

- Made for fellowship and help
- Fruitfulness in union

A lush garden scene with various trees and flowers. In the foreground, there are large, vibrant pink and yellow flowers. Behind them, there are green bushes and trees with some autumn-colored leaves in shades of red and orange. The background is filled with tall, thin trees with green foliage. The overall scene is bright and colorful, suggesting a healthy and thriving garden.

**God saw all that He had made—
and it was very good!**

(Genesis 1:31)