

1. Opening Prayer

2. Intro: Two Creation Stories in Genesis

Genesis 1:1-2:3	Genesis 2:4-25
Creation in 7 days (humans in the 6 <sup>th</sup> day) Focused on the beginning (1:1)  “Elohim” used 35 times. <i>Barah</i> (1:1,27) & <i>Asah</i> (1:16,25-6) used in creation (Isa. 43:15, 65:17) <i>Adam</i> (man & woman) in God’s image (1:26-7)	Adam was created before the Garden of Eden Focused on the account (2:4) see Gen. 5:1, 6:9, 10:1, 11:10, 11:27, & 37:2 “Jehovah Elohim” used 11 times. <i>Yachar</i> (2:7,8,19) used in creation (Isa. 64:8) <i>Adam</i> with the dust and the breath (2:7)

Why two different creation stories?

3. Let us read Ch. 7 and have discussion

- a. How do you understand verse 1? Remember that God is described as the healer.
- b. What is the problem of Israel?
- c. Why do you think the people are described as the oven in verses 4, 6, and 7?
- d. What was the king supposed to do on the day of the king (v. 5)?
- e. Who would be “the mockers”?
- f. In verse 8, Ephraim is described as a flat cake not turned over. What does it mean?
- g. Israel is described as a dove that God would catch. What does “catch” imply? (v. 12)
- h. What is the point in verse 13?
- i. Do you know any story in which God strengthen the arms of Israelites?

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