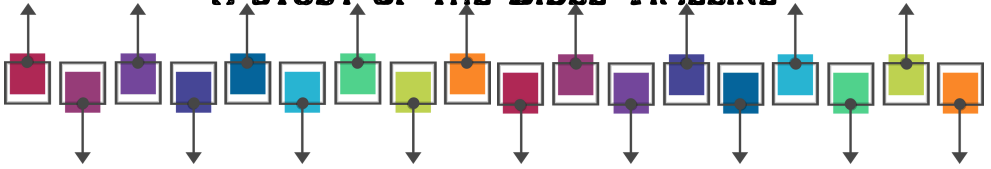


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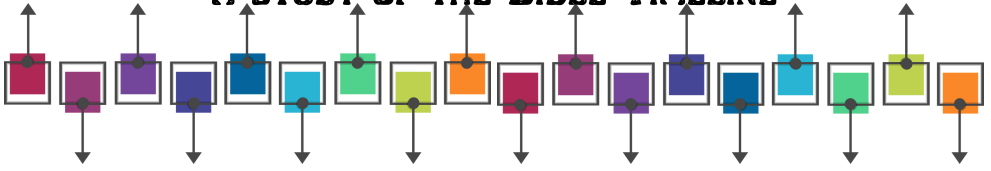


### CREATION

- THE WORD "BEGINNING" IN GENESIS 1:1 IS THE HEBREW WORD "RE'SHIYTH (RAY-SHEETH)" WHICH MEANS "FIRST, BEGINNING, BEST, CHIEF."
  - THE CREATION STORY WAS BOTH FIRST IN TIMELINE ORDER AND FIRST IN IMPORTANCE IN THE BIBLICAL NARRATIVE.
- AFTER CREATION, GOD SAW THAT HIS CREATION WAS GOOD. HE TRUSTED THE STORY.
- THE CREATION NARRATIVE IS WELL-CONSTRUCTED ORDER OF EVENTS IN 2 GROUPS OF 3 (PLUS A DAY OF REST AT THE END).
  - DAY 1: CREATION OF LIGHT
    - DAY 2: CREATION OF WATER AND SKY
      - DAY 3: CREATION OF LAND AND PLANTS
  - DAY 4: CREATION OF SUN, MOON, AND STARS (GIVERS OF LIGHT)
    - DAY 5: CREATION OF BIRDS AND FISH (INHABITANTS OF WATER AND SKY
      - DAY 6: CREATION OF LAND ANIMALS AND PEOPLE (INHABITANTS OF LAND)
- GOD SAVED A SPECIAL DESIGNATION FOR HIS CROWNED JEWEL OF CREATION, HUMANITY: WE WERE MADE IN HIS IMAGE.
  - WHEN THE BIBLE MENTIONS WE ARE MADE IN GOD'S IMAGE, ALL WE KNEW ABOUT GOD IS THAT HE IS ETERNAL (GENESIS 1:1), HE IS A PLURALITY (GENESIS 1:26), AND HE IS A CREATOR (GENESIS 1).
    - WE ARE ETERNAL BEINGS, WE ARE A PLURALITY (BODY, MIND, SPIRIT), AND WE ARE CREATORS.
- WHAT PART OF CREATION DO YOU SEE THAT MAKES YOU IMMEDIATELY THINK "I TRUST THE GOODNESS OF GOD'S STORY"?

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### THE FALL OF HUMANITY

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- AFTER CREATION, GOD SAW THAT HIS CREATION WAS GOOD. HE TRUSTED THE STORY.
- ADAM AND EVE WERE THE FIRST HUMANS AND THE ONLY PART OF CREATION MADE "IMAGO DEI" OR "IN THE IMAGE OF GOD."
- ADAM WAS MADE FIRST, AND HIS LACK OF COMPANIONSHIP SHOWS HOW GREATLY WE NEED COMMUNITY.
- EVE WAS MADE FROM ADAM, SHOWING ADAM'S AND EVE'S MUTUAL DEPENDENCE ON EACH OTHER.
- ADAM AND EVE HAD ONE RULE: DON'T EAT THE FRUIT FROM THE FORBIDDEN TREE.
- ADAM AND EVE FAILED TO TRUST THE STORY AND THE GOODNESS OF GOD AND ATE THE FRUIT FROM THE TREE.
- THE REAL SIN OF ADAM AND EVE WAS PRIDE.
  - THE SERPENT TOLD THEM THEY WOULD BE LIKE GOD.
  - ADAM AND EVE WANTED TO BE GREAT LIKE GOD.
    - IRONICALLY, ADAM AND EVE TRULY DID DISCOVER THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN GOOD AND EVIL. THEY HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN NAIVE TO EVIL.
- EVEN THOUGH ADAM AND EVE DIDN'T TRUST THE GOODNESS OF THE STORY OF GOD, IT DIDN'T END WHEN THEY MESSED IT UP.
- THIS SPARKED A NEW CHAPTER IN GOD'S STORY IN WHICH GOD CONTINUOUSLY WORKS TO REUNITE HIMSELF WITH THE CROWNED JEWEL OF HIS CREATION.
- THE REAL PUNISHMENT FOR ADAM AND EVE WAS NOT BANISHMENT OR DEATH - IT WAS SEPARATION FROM GOD.
  - ONE DAY WE WILL AGAIN BE IN PERFECT COMMUNITY WITH GOD.