

The Artios Home Companion Series

Unit 1: A Brand New World

Teacher Overview

GOD'S WORD TELLS us the story of the Creation of the world and the beginning of sin. By reading Bible passages along with writings by historians, we can see the truth of what the Bible says about the beginning of the world. This unit describes Creation and man's disobedience and fall into sin. But it does not stop there. It also includes the promise of redemption for God's people through the person of His Son, Jesus Christ.



Reading and Assignments

Based on your student's age and ability, the reading in this unit may be read aloud to the student and journaling and notebook pages may be completed orally. Likewise, other assignments can be done with an appropriate combination of independent and guided study.

In this unit, students will:

- Complete four lessons in which they will learn about **the Creation of the world, the geography of the earth, and the Fall of Man.**
- Define vocabulary words.
- In the Additional Material section (below) there is a link to use to purchase the **Ancient World map packet** that will be used throughout this year's curriculum.
- Please be sure to take note of extra map assignments in this unit in order to integrate geography with history.
- Explore the following websites:
 - How to Make a Mini-Book
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=21qi9ZcQVto>
 - Where Was the Garden of Eden Located?
<https://answersingenesis.org/genesis/garden-of-eden/where-was-the-garden-of-eden-located/>
- Visit their **HCS Class pages** for additional resources.

NOTE: Throughout this volume there are lessons where the article is a Scripture passage taken from the King James Version of the Bible. Students may read the Scripture passage in the book, or they may read it in another translation. Please use a translation and not a paraphrase such as *The Message* or *The Living Bible*.

Leading Ideas for This Unit

God is our Creator.

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

– Genesis 1:1

Man is fallen and in need of a Savior.

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

– Romans 3:23

Vocabulary

Lesson 1:

firmament (or expanse)

Lesson 2:

none

Lesson 3:

beguile

Lesson 4:

elusive
indulgence
expulsion

Key People, Places, and Events

Six days of Creation

Creation

Eve

Adam

Garden of Eden

Euphrates River

Tigris River

Additional Material For Parent or Teacher:

- Go to <https://knowledgequestmaps.com/product/map-trek-ancient-world/> and purchase the Ancient World map packet for use throughout this year's curriculum. You will receive instant access to the *Map Trek: Ancient World* e-book when you purchase it.
- Explore the following websites, and share them with your student(s) as you see fit:
 - Creation: A Second-Class Doctrine?
<http://www.gty.org/blog/B100617/creation-a-secondclass-doctrine>
 - What should we teach about Creation?
<http://www.desiringgod.org/interviews/what-should-we-teach-about-creation>
- A valuable resource to refer to during the Ancient time period is the book *Leading Little Ones to God* by Marian Schoolland and Paul Staub. This book takes many of the Biblical passages we are reading and simplifies them so that even the youngest student will understand the content as well as the context and Biblical principles of that passage.

Lesson One

History Overview and Assignments God Creates the World

IN THE BEGINNING, God created the universe. Many history books teach that the universe developed by chance, but they don't explain how everything could have come from nothing or how it could have come together in the very special way it did. God's Word tells us the truth about how God, who has always existed, brought everything into being according to His wonderful plan.

When God made people, He made them male and female, and He gave them the wonderful gift of marriage. Then He gave them the special job of cultivating the earth. Once He finished creating the world, He rested, blessing that day as a special day of rest.



And God said . . .

Reading and Assignments

- Read the article: *Genesis 1:1-2:3*.
- Define the vocabulary word in the context of the reading. Write the word and its definition in the vocabulary section of your notebook.
- After reading the article, summarize the story you read by either:
 - Retelling it out loud to your teacher or parent.OR
 - Completing an appropriate notebook page.Either way, be sure to include the answers to the discussion questions and an overview of key people, places, dates, and events in your summary.
- Explore the following website:
 - How to Make a Mini-Book
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=21qi9ZcQVto>
- Create a mini-book that features each of the six days of Creation and the one day of rest. You can either draw what was created on each day or find pictures to cut out and add to your mini-book.
- Be sure to visit your **HCS Class pages** for additional resources.

Vocabulary

firmament (or expanse)

Key People, Places, and Events

Six days of Creation

Discussion Questions

1. What did God create on the first day of Creation?
2. What did God create on the second day of Creation?
3. What did God create on the third day of Creation?
4. What did God create on the fourth day of Creation?
5. What did God create on the fifth day of Creation?
6. What did God create on the sixth day of Creation?
7. What did God do on the seventh day?
8. What did God say at the end of each day of Creation?

Genesis 1:1 - 2:3

Genesis 1

1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

2 And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

3 And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.

4 And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness.

5 And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.

6 And God said, Let there be a **firmament** in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters.

7 And God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament: and it was so.

8 And God called the firmament Heaven. And the evening and the morning were the second day.

9 And God said, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry land appear: and it was so.

10 And God called the dry land Earth; and the gathering together of the waters called the Seas: and God saw that it was good.

11 And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth: and it was so.

12 And the earth brought forth grass, and herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed was in itself, after his kind: and God saw that it was good.

13 And the evening and the morning were the third day.

14 And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years:

15 And let them be for lights in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth: and it was so.

16 And God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: he made the stars also.

17 And God set them in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth,

18 And to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness: and God saw that it was good.

19 And the evening and the morning were the fourth day.

20 And God said, Let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving creature that hath life, and fowl that may fly above the earth in the open firmament of heaven.

21 And God created great whales, and every living creature that moveth, which the waters brought forth abundantly, after their kind, and every winged fowl after his kind: and God saw that it was good.

22 And God blessed them, saying, Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let fowl multiply in the earth.

23 And the evening and the morning were the fifth day.

24 And God said, Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth after his kind: and it was so.

25 And God made the beast of the earth after his kind, and cattle after their kind, and every thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind: and God saw that it was good.

26 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them

have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

28 And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

29 And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat.

30 And to every beast of the earth, and to every fowl of the air, and to every thing that creepeth upon the earth, wherein there is life, I have given every green herb for meat: and it was so.

31 And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

Genesis 2

1 Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them.

2 And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made.

3 And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made.

Lesson Two

History Overview and Assignments God Planted a Garden

GOD DID NOT TOSS Creation together randomly but ordered and arranged everything He made according to His perfect plan and purpose.



The Garden of Eden, by Izaak van Oosten (c.1655-1661)

Reading and Assignments

- Read the article: *Genesis 2:8-14*.
- After reading the article, summarize the story you read by either:
 - Retelling it out loud to your teacher or parent.
 - OR
 - Completing an appropriate notebook page.

Either way, be sure to include the answers to the discussion questions and an overview of key people, places, dates, and events in your summary.

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Discussion Questions

1. What were the ancient names of the four rivers that flowed out of Eden?

Genesis 2:8 - 14

Genesis 2

8 And the LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there he put the man whom he had formed.

9 And out of the ground made the LORD God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil.

10 And a river went out of Eden to water the garden; and from thence it was parted, and became into four heads.

11 The name of the first is Pison: that is it which compasseth the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold;

12 And the gold of that land is good: there is bdellium and the onyx stone.

13 And the name of the second river is Gihon: the same is it that compasseth the whole land of Ethiopia.

14 And the name of the third river is Hiddekel: that is it which goeth toward the east of Assyria. And the fourth river is Euphrates.



The Garden of Eden, by Thomas Cole (1828)

Lesson Three

History Overview and Assignments Expelled

BECAUSE GOD IS our Creator, He owns us, and we have a duty to obey Him in all things. Adam and Eve sinned against God when they disobeyed Him. Because of their sin, they were cast out from the Garden of Eden.



Adam and Eve driven from the Garden of Eden

Reading and Assignments

- Read the article: *Genesis 2:15-3:24*.
- After reading the article, summarize the story you read by either:
 - Retelling it out loud to your teacher or parent.
 - OR
 - Completing an appropriate notebook page.

Either way, be sure to include the answers to the discussion questions and an overview of key people, places, dates, and events in your summary.

- Define the vocabulary word in the context of the reading. Write the word and its definition in the vocabulary section of your notebook.
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Vocabulary

beguile

Discussion Questions

1. What job did God give the man when He put him into the Garden?
2. Did God have any rules in the Garden for Adam and Eve?
3. How did God create the woman, Eve?
4. What type of animal tempted Eve when she wandered near the tree from which they had been told not eat?
5. What did he say to her?
6. Did Eve obey God?
7. What happened after she and Adam disobeyed?
8. How were they punished?

Genesis 2:15 - 3:24

Genesis 2

15 And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it.

16 And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat:

17 But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

18 And the LORD God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him.

19 And out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought them unto Adam to see what he would call them: and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that was the name thereof.

20 And Adam gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field; but for Adam there was not found an help meet for him.

21 And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof;

22 And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man.

23 And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.

24 Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.

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

Genesis 3

1 Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?

2 And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden:

3 But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.

4 And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die:

5 For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.

6 And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.

7 And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.

8 And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden.

9 And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou?

10 And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.

11 And he said, Who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree,

whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat?

12 And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat.

13 And the LORD God said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent **beguiled** me, and I did eat.

14 And the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life:

15 And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

16 Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.

17 And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life;

18 Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field;

19 In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.

20 And Adam called his wife's name Eve; because she was the mother of all living.

21 Unto Adam also and to his wife did the LORD God make coats of skins, and clothed them.

22 And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever:

23 Therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken.

24 So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.



Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden, by Johann Wenzel Peter (c.1800-1829)

Lesson Four

History Overview and Assignments Something From Nothing

“Man was expelled from Paradise and prevented from reentering it by the flaming sword of cherubim. The only comfort in the sentence was that the ‘seed’ of the woman would eventually triumph over the ‘seed’ of the Serpent.”

– from the adapted article below



Paradise, by Jan Brueghel the Younger (c.1650)

Reading and Assignments

- Read the article: *The History of the World Begins*.
- Define each vocabulary word in the context of the reading. Write the words and their definitions in the vocabulary section of your notebook.
- After reading the article, summarize the story you read by either:
 - Retelling it out loud to your teacher or parent.
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 - Completing an appropriate notebook page.

Either way, be sure to include the answers to the discussion questions and an overview of key people, places, dates, and events in your summary.

- Using the map of Mesopotamia in the *Map Trek: Ancient World* eBook you purchased, identify the possible location for the Garden of Eden.
- Explore the following website:
 - Does the web article below agree with what we read in today's article about where the Garden of Eden may have been located?

<https://answersingenesis.org/genesis/garden-of-eden/where-was-the-garden-of-eden-located/>
- Be sure to visit your **HCS Class pages** for additional resources.

Vocabulary

elusive
indulgence
expulsion

Key People, Places, and Events

Creation
Eve
Adam

Garden of Eden
Tigris River
Euphrates River

Discussion Questions

1. What was the original occupation (job) that God gave to man?
2. What were the three institutions that God established before the Fall?
3. Can we know where the Garden of Eden was?
4. What type of animal form did Satan take when he tempted Eve?
5. What great change did Adam and Eve experience once they disobeyed God?
6. Describe the woman's penalty for her disobedience.
7. Describe the man's penalty for his disobedience.
8. What was one of the remaining ways of achieving happiness for man after the Fall?

Adapted for Elementary School from the book:

Ancient States and Empires

by John Lord

The History of the World Begins

Creation

The history of our world begins with substance brought forth from nothing. In six days God created light and darkness, day and night, the firmament and the continents in the midst of the waters; then fruits, grain, and herbs, moon and stars, fowl and fish, living creatures upon the face of the earth; and finally man, with dominion over the fish of the sea, and the birds of the

air, and cattle, and all the earth, and every living thing that moves upon the earth.¹ He created man in His own image and blessed him with dominion over all created things. He formed him from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life. On the seventh day, God rested from this vast work of **creation**. He blessed the seventh day and sanctified it for a day of rest for all generations.

The Garden of Eden

He planted a garden eastward in Eden, with every tree pleasant to the sight and good for food, and there placed man to cultivate and keep it. The original occupation of man, and his destined happiness, were thus centered on farming work.

Adam and Eve

But man was alone, so God caused a deep sleep to fall upon him, took one of his ribs, and made a woman, **Eve**. And **Adam** said, “This woman,” which the Lord had brought to him, “is bone of my bone, and flesh of my flesh. Therefore shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.” Thus marriage was begun. We see three divine institutions established while man yet remained in a state of innocence and bliss—the Sabbath, farming employment, and marriage.

Primeval Paradise

Adam and his wife lived, we know not how long, in the **Garden of Eden**, with perfect innocence, bliss, and dominion. They did not even know what sin was. There were no other conditions imposed upon them than that they were not to eat of the fruit of the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil, which was in the midst of the garden—a strikingly attractive tree, “pleasant to the eyes, and one to be desired.”

Location of Eden

Where was this garden—this paradise—located? This is difficult to answer. It lay, as far as we know, at the headwaters of four rivers, two of which were the **Euphrates River** and the **Tigris River**. We might guess from this that it was situated

somewhere among the mountains of Armenia, south of the Caucasus, a temperate region, in the latitude of Greece and Italy. But we cannot know for certain where it was.

Glory of Eden

We can only imagine how beautiful and fruitful this garden was, watered by mists from the earth and not by rains from the clouds, ever fresh and green, while its two noble occupants lived upon its produce, directly communing with God, in whose image they were made, moral and spiritual—free from all sin and misery, and, as we may imagine, able to speak with each other about great and lofty things.

But sin entered into this beautiful world, and death by sin.

The Temptation

The first of all people were tempted, and they did not resist the temptation. This was a devastating reality, in view of its consequences.

The Devil

The tempter was the devil—the enemy of God—the evil power of the world which Scripture and all nations, in some form, have recognized. We do not know when rebellion against God began, but it certainly existed by the time Adam was placed in Eden.

His Taking of the Form of a Serpent

The form which Satanic power assumed was that of a serpent—then the most **elusive** of the beasts of the field, and we may reasonably suppose, not merely elusive, but attractive, graceful, beautiful, and bewitching.

The Disobedience of Eve

The first to feel the devil's evil fascination was the woman, and she was persuaded to disobey what she knew to be a direct command from God by the desire for knowledge as well as **indulgence** of the appetite. She placed her trust in the serpent. She believed his lie and was beguiled.

The Fall of Man

The man was not directly beguiled by the serpent. Why the serpent assailed woman rather than man, the Scriptures do not say. The man yielded to his wife. "She gave him the fruit, and he ate of it."

The Effect

Immediately a great change came over both people. Their eyes were opened. They felt shame and remorse, for they had sinned. They hid themselves from the presence of the Lord, and were afraid.

The Penalty

God pronounced the punishment—for the woman, the pains and sorrows of childbirth, as well as being ruled over by her husband. For the man, labor, toil, sorrow—the curse of the ground which he was to till—thorns and thistles—lack of rest, and food obtained only by the sweat of the brow. All these pains and labors were inflicted upon both until they would return to the dust from which they were taken—an eternal decree, never changed, to last as long as man should till the earth, or woman bring forth children.

Introduction of Sin

This is the way sin came into the world, through the temptations introduced by

Satan and the weakness of man, with the penalty of labor, pain, sorrow, and death.

Expulsion From Paradise

Man was expelled from Paradise and prevented from reentering it by the flaming sword of cherubim, until the location of Eden, by thorns, briars, and the Deluge, was lost. And man and woman were sent out into the world to reap the fruit of their folly and sin, and to gain their food from severe toil, and amid the accumulated evils which sin introduced.

The Comfort After the Punishment

The only comfort in the sentence was that the "seed" (or offspring) of the woman would eventually triumph over the "seed" of the Serpent. The ritual of sacrifice, by killing an animal and clothing Adam and Eve with its skin, was introduced as a way of showing the payment for sin by the death of a substitute for the sinner, and thus a hope of final forgiveness held out for sin. Meanwhile the miseries of life were eased by the fruits of labor.

Work—One of the Fundamental Conditions of Life

Upon being sent out from Eden, work became one of the remaining means of achieving human happiness on earth, while the rite of sacrifice held out hope of eternal life by the substitution which the sacrifice represented—the Savior who was in due time to appear.

With the **expulsion** from Eden also came the sad conflicts of mankind—conflicts with external wickedness, conflicts with the earth, and conflicts with evil passions in a man's own soul.

1. Scripture references are paraphrased throughout the adapted articles in this book.