

STEP 2

The Edenic covenant

KEY WORDS: EVERYTHING BEGAN IN EDEN... IT WAS VERY GOOD!



How did the Edenic Covenant begin?
With whom did the Lord establish this covenant?
What is the central element of this covenant?

God bless you! We are studying the first and powerful Edenic Covenant. In the previous Step, we studied the first part and learned that God made it with Adam, whom He appointed as the head of the covenant. We said that in this first part, God had not yet formed the woman; therefore, the holy commandment was given to the man, as detailed in Genesis chapter 2.

In the previous Step, we left two questions unanswered; let us recall them:



Before answering these questions, we must examine the chronological order of the events of the creation of man and woman, beginning with Genesis chapters 1 and 2; we will list only the events, since we will study them in depth later.

FIRST EVENT

Declaration of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit to make the man:

God emphatically declared that He would make man totally different from everything He had created up to the sixth day. Read Genesis 1:26, underline "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness" and complete the information below.

²⁶ Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

- Write the declaration of the creation of man: _____

This is the proclamation of God's decree in a solemn divine council; we will study its content later. For now, note, brethren, that the decree begins with the strong declaration of the creation of man, when He says, "Let Us make man..."

SECOND EVENT

Execution of the divine decree: the Lord carried out the work of creating man, Adam. Read Genesis 2:7, underline "the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground," and answer the following questions:

⁷ And the Lord God formed man *of* the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.

- What does it mean that God breathed into Adam's nostrils the breath of life? (For your answer, review Step 107 of the discipleship "The King's Eternal Promises"): _____

As you may recall, the Lord was placing the soul and the spirit into Adam's body, and in them, He put the eternity of life.

THIRD EVENT

God made a special dwelling for man: a garden in Eden. Read Genesis 2:8 and underline "The LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden":

⁸The Lord God planted a garden eastward in Eden, and there He put the man whom He had formed.

- How many and which places are mentioned in this verse? _____

As you can see, the Lord speaks of two places: a garden and Eden, or paradise; this suggests that the Lord made a home for Adam in Eden. This garden in Hebrew is גַּן (*gan*). God ensured that everything was perfect for placing the man there; the Scriptures say that a river went out of Eden to water the garden, and from there it divided into four riverheads. Read Genesis 2:10 and underline "Now a river went out of Eden to water the garden," and answer the question:

¹⁰Now a river went out of Eden to water the garden, and from there it parted and became four riverheads..

- What was the function of the river? _____

It is noteworthy that this verse says the river went out of Eden **to** water the garden, and from there divided into four riverheads. The Hebrew word for "to water" is שָׁקַח (*shâqâh*), meaning "irrigate to," "cause to drink," "to moisten," "to water." That is why it says "to." Based on this information, answer the following question:

- What was the main characteristic of the river? (For your answer, read Revelation 22:1.

Explain why we can make a connection with Genesis 2:10): _____

FOURTH EVENT

Positioning Adam in his dwelling: after the Lord made a dwelling for Adam by planting the garden and taking care to water it with the river of the water of life, He placed Adam in that garden. The man was fully alive in his body, soul, and spirit; he was filled with the eternity of life and immortality. Read Genesis 2:15, underline "put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it," and answer the question:

¹⁵ Then the Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it.

- What were the two functions God gave to Adam when He put him in the garden? _____

FIFTH EVENT

First part of the Edenic Covenant: the holy commandment of obedience. This was the fifth event. We read it in the previous Step.

SIXTH EVENT

The only declaration of something that was not good: As we saw in Step 1, amid all the repeated affirmations in which God Himself declared that everything He created was good, God said that something was not good.

SEVENTH EVENT

God formed the woman as a helper comparable to him: the solution to remove the declaration and the fact that it was not good for the man to be alone was the formation of the woman for Adam. We will study this in detail later and answer the initial questions. For now, read Genesis 1:27 and answer the question:

²⁷ So God created man in His *own* image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

- Write the two characteristics given about man in his creation:
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This verse gives two characteristics of man in his creation: he was created in the image of God, and there are only two sexes: male and female. This specification points to the solution to the statement, "It is not good that man should be alone."

EIGHTH EVENT

The wedding of Adam and the woman: this powerful event is seen in Genesis 1:28; read, underline "Then God blessed them," and answer the question:

²⁸ Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

- Write the expression in which the marriage of Adam and the woman is confirmed:
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When the Lord said, "Then God blessed them," it indicated the marriage covenant and the blessing upon the husband and the wife. This wedding event has several parts that we will study later.

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With this brief chronology, we now have the necessary elements to answer the two initial questions, but we will do so in the next Step. For now, we invite you to read and carefully review this Step and keep the teaching in your heart.

LET US PRAY TO OUR GOD!

*Merciful God,
thank You for sustaining me with Your Word of power.
You have filled me with Your eternity,
where You dwell, O Holy of Holies.
I long to see Your face soon, King Jesus,
my Lord and my Savior.
AMEN!*

LET US WORSHIP OUR GOD!

Psalm 5. Ministerio Berea Barranquilla – Youtube. <https://youtu.be/0hmi-jFT3y0?si=jS2pqtqykDFGuL-r>