

Genesis 2:4-25

v4 – shrub (noun) plant that has several woody stems

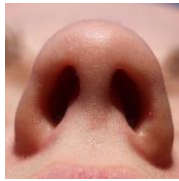


v5 – sprung up (verb) come up out of the ground; started to exist

v6 – streams (noun) small, narrow rivers

v7 – dust (noun) very small particles of earth or sand

v7 – nostrils (noun) the two openings at the end of your nose

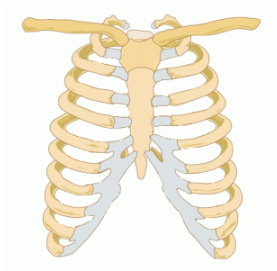


v9 – ‘pleasing to the eye’ beautiful; nice to look at

v16 – commanded (verb) told someone that they must do something

v19 – creature (noun) any living thing

v21 – ribs (noun)



v21 – flesh (noun) soft parts of a person’s body between their bones and skin

v25 – naked (adjective) not wearing any clothes

Genesis 2:4-25 (New International Reader’s Version)

⁴ Here is the story of the heavens and the earth when they were created. The LORD God made the earth and the heavens.

⁵ At that time, bushes had not yet appeared on the earth. Plants had not started to grow. The LORD God had not sent rain on the earth. And there was no one to farm the land. ⁶ But streams came from the earth. They watered the entire surface of the ground. ⁷ Then the LORD God formed a man. He made him out of the dust of the ground. God breathed the breath of life into him. And the man became a living person.

⁸ The LORD God had planted a garden in the east in Eden. He put in the garden the man he had formed. ⁹ The LORD God made every kind of tree grow out of the ground. The trees were pleasing to look at. Their fruit was good to eat. There were two trees in the middle of the garden. One of them had fruit that let people live forever. The other had fruit that let people tell the difference between good and evil.

¹⁰ A river watered the garden. It flowed out of Eden. From there the river separated into four other rivers. ¹¹ The name of the first river is the Pishon. It winds through the whole land of Havilah. Gold is found there. ¹² The gold of that land is good. Onyx and sweet-smelling resin are also found there. ¹³ The name of the second river is the Gihon. It winds through the whole land of Cush. ¹⁴ The name of the third river is the Tigris. It runs along the east side of Ashur. And the fourth river is called the Euphrates.

¹⁵ The LORD God put the man in the Garden of Eden. He put him there to farm its land and take care of it. ¹⁶ The LORD God gave the man a command. He said, “You may eat fruit from any tree in the garden. ¹⁷ But you must not eat the fruit from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. If you do, you will certainly die.”

¹⁸ The LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper who is just right for him."

¹⁹ The LORD God had formed all the wild animals and all the birds in the sky. He had made all of them out of the ground. He brought them to the man to see what names he would give them. And the name the man gave each living creature became its name. ²⁰ So the man gave names to all the livestock, all the birds in the sky, and all the wild animals.

But Adam didn't find a helper that was just right for him. ²¹ So the LORD God caused him to fall into a deep sleep. While the man was sleeping, the LORD God took out one of the man's ribs. Then the LORD God closed the opening in the man's side. ²² Then the LORD God made a woman. He made her from the rib he had taken out of the man. And the LORD God brought her to the man.

²³ The man said,

"Her bones have come from my bones.
Her body has come from my body.
She will be named 'woman,'
because she was taken out of a man."

²⁴ That's why a man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife. The two of them become one.

²⁵ Adam and his wife were both naked. They didn't feel any shame.

Ephesians 5:22-33

v22 – submit	(verb)	show respect and honour for something
v26 – holy	(adjective)	set apart for God's purpose; perfect; pure; unique
v27 – radiant	(adjective)	glows brightly
v27 – stain	(noun)	a mark that is difficult to remove
v27 – wrinkle	(noun)	a raised fold in a piece of cloth that spoils its appearance
v27 – blemish	(noun)	a small mark on something that spoils its appearance
v30 – united	(adjective)	joined together as one
v32 – profound	(adjective)	<i>used to emphasise that something is very intense or great</i>

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²² Wives, follow the lead of your own husbands as you follow the Lord. ²³ The husband is the head of the wife, just as Christ is the head of the church. The church is Christ's body. He is its Savior. ²⁴ The church follows the lead of Christ. In the same way, wives should follow the lead of their husbands in everything.

²⁵ Husbands, love your wives. Love them just as Christ loved the church. He gave himself up for her. ²⁶ He did it to make her holy. He made her clean by washing her with water and the word. ²⁷ He did it to bring her to himself as a brightly shining church. He wants a church that has no stain or wrinkle or any other flaw. He wants a church that is holy and without blame. ²⁸ In the same way, husbands should love their wives. They should love them as they love their own bodies. Any man who loves his wife loves himself. ²⁹ After all, no one ever hated their own body. Instead, they feed and care for their body. And this is what Christ does for the church. ³⁰ We are parts of his body. ³¹ Scripture says, "That's why a man will leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife. The two will become one." ³² That is a deep mystery. But I'm talking about Christ and the church. ³³ A husband also must love his wife. He must love her just as he loves himself. And a wife must respect her husband.