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The Overarching Chiasmus of the Bible

1. Creation/Perfection – Genesis 1 & 2
2. Sin/Judgment – Genesis 3 & 4
3. Old Covenant Redemptive Event
- 3'. New Covenant Redemptive Event
- 2'. Judgment/Removal of Sin – Rev. 18-20
- 1'. Consummation/Perfection – Rev. 21-22

The Bookends of the Bible!
Genesis 1-4 & Revelation 18-22

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The Days of Creation

Forming

Day 1 – light

Day 2 – water/sky

Day 3 – land & plants

Filling

Day 4 – lights

Day 5 – water/sky life

Day 6 – land animals & mankind

Day 7 – blessed for rest

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Man as *Imago Dei*

“So God created man in His own image...”

“In the image of God created He him...”

“Male and female created He them...”



Some Aspects of Image

Relationships -

- (1) related to God - Obedience
- (2) to fellow image - Coordination
- (3) created order - Vice-Regent

Capacities -

- (1) Speech, (2) Reason,
- (3) Choice, (4) Aesthetic



The Idea of *Imago*

Man has an antecedent to his being...

Imago distinguishes man from the animals...

Man's three irreducible life relationships...

Capacities - speech, thought, reason, etc...

Man is God's vice regent to rule the earth...

Moral dimension of image

The Whole Man is the Whole Image



Levels of Reality

Uncreated
Eternal
Unchanging
Independent
God

Created
Temporal
Changing
Dependent

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Biblical Metaphysical Dualism

Uncreated Reality
The Triune God

Created Reality
Heaven & Earth
Angels/Demons/Satan
Man/Animals/Plants

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Creation Ordinances

1. Procreation - be fruitful...
2. Geographical Distribution – fill...
3. Dominion / Labor...
4. Marriage - for this cause...
5. Tree of Knowledge of Good & Evil
6. Sabbath - six days, one day...

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Man and Woman in the Garden

2:18-25

1. Companionship – not good for man to be alone, I will make a suitable help for him
2. Attraction – she is bone of my bone and flesh or my flesh, called *Isha* out of *Ish*
3. Cherishing – this cause shall a man leave
 - a. Leave and cleave...
 - b. Before marriage both stick close to parents...glued to, grab hold and pull close so they become one
4. Intimacy – naked no shame...no barriers between them relationally

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God's Design For Creation

1. *In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.*
2. God designed the creation to be a perfect environment for man and woman to function in His image. As the crown of creation we were to have rest and dominion, peace and purpose as we became involved with Him in His creation.

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The End



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