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ONE BLOOD **for KIDS**

*What the Bible Says
About Race*





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Note to Parents—Why It Matters

Today's world is focused on race and the divisions that so-called science, culture, or hate create. It is important for children to understand that God's Word gives us the true history of life, so we can build a truly Christian worldview and address this issue correctly. Races (as used in today's world) and racism are man-made concepts that were never based on the biblical foundation God set forth in Genesis. The most important takeaways from this book are:

- We are all uniquely and specially created by God.
- We are all part of one race, the human race, and racism is a sin.
- Jesus died on the Cross as our Savior to offer His free gift of salvation for those of any tribe and nation.

The biblically based worldview of mankind is simple—Adam and Eve, the very first human beings, were created by God, and every person who has ever lived or will live are descendants of this couple. While we may look a little different on the outside, speak differently, or have different cultural backgrounds, we are all still children of the first man and first woman. Any of these minor differences we see are superficial—and any negative or racist thoughts falsely based on these differences are sinful.

In this book, the reader will take a spiritual journey about the real history of man, the connections between us, and how the variations of our skin tones, and so on reflect the creativity of our Creator, who lovingly fashioned us in His image.

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→ God Loves You!

Do you know you are a Special Creation of a Loving God?

You are special.

You are unique.

There is no one in the world just like you.

God knitted you together in your mother's womb (Psalm 139:13).

And He created you for a purpose—something only you can do.

God never makes mistakes.

He knew you can do what He wants you to do.

You may look like your mom or dad, or even some other person in your family, but you are still unique and bear the image of God.

God loves each and every one of us. And while we may all look different, think differently, or live in different cultures, we are all still His special creations.

We are always loved by Him.

But because of sin, we sometimes don't do what God wants us to do or live like He wants us to live. When we disobey God, that is a result of our sin. Even when we sin, God still offers us His grace.

He wants us to love Him and obey and live the way we should according to the Bible.

When we lie, we sin.

When we cheat, we sin.

When we look at people who are different from us and hate them for looking, sounding, or being physically different than we are, this is sin.

When you don't like someone because they are from another culture, or they are deceived into believing a false religion, or they have a different skin tone, that is bigotry and racism. And both of these are a sin.

We are created to be beautiful...and unique.

Remember, God created everyone—to be different in many ways, to be special, but all equal before God as His image bearers.

But sometimes, people forget that. They make terrible and hurtful assumptions about people who are different than they are. If they do this, it is a sin. If you do this, you sin.

We are one race—the human race.

The Bible tells us in beautiful detail how the human race was created, and how sin first entered the perfect Creation. As we learn more about that, we will also learn how science is helping us to know why we look different from one another, what makes us unique, and how the more we know, the more the truthfulness of the Bible is confirmed.

We are one race, one blood.

#set the
TONE

God made you in His image—beautiful and wonderful.

Our World Today

If I were to ask you which race you belong to, what would your answer be? How many races of people do you think there are?

Some say there are many races. Charles Darwin, the man who popularized the idea that people supposedly evolved from ape-like creatures, also helped to foster terrible ideas of racism. Sadly, his false and destructive ideas, based on his belief in the evolution of man, have caused some people to look down on other people that have different skin tones than their own.

In our modern scientific age, scientists studying human DNA looked at human genes, using people from all around the world, and discovered that there is only one race of humans. Actually, this confirms over and over again what the Bible teaches about the human race—though sadly, many scientists who reject God’s Word don’t want to say this. All humans belong to the one human race!

The Bible gives us lots of details about the origin of the human race, and events of human history down through time. That’s because the Bible is the true history book of the universe. This history has been given to us by God in His Word so that we will understand the truth of how the universe and all life, including humans, came into being.

But I want to take you on a journey—a journey that begins with the first human who ever existed. It’s a journey about human beings that, on the basis of the true history of the world as recorded in the Bible, can be divided into seven different biblical/spiritual “races” that are all part of the one human race. Are you wondering what this has to do with the racism we see today?

The Bible has the answer for many of the problems in our world —and by understanding the real history of the human race, you will understand about cultures, when science was misused to promote racial inequality/problems and what God expects from us in how we treat each other—no matter how different we may look. It also tells us why God’s truth is the only real answer to battling racism because it targets the heart of a person—something laws, education, and social rules cannot do. When you understand what makes us all the same, you will no longer see just the differences!

Which of the seven spiritual “races” are you a member of? Let’s find out.

7 Spiritual “Races” in the Bible

**CREATED
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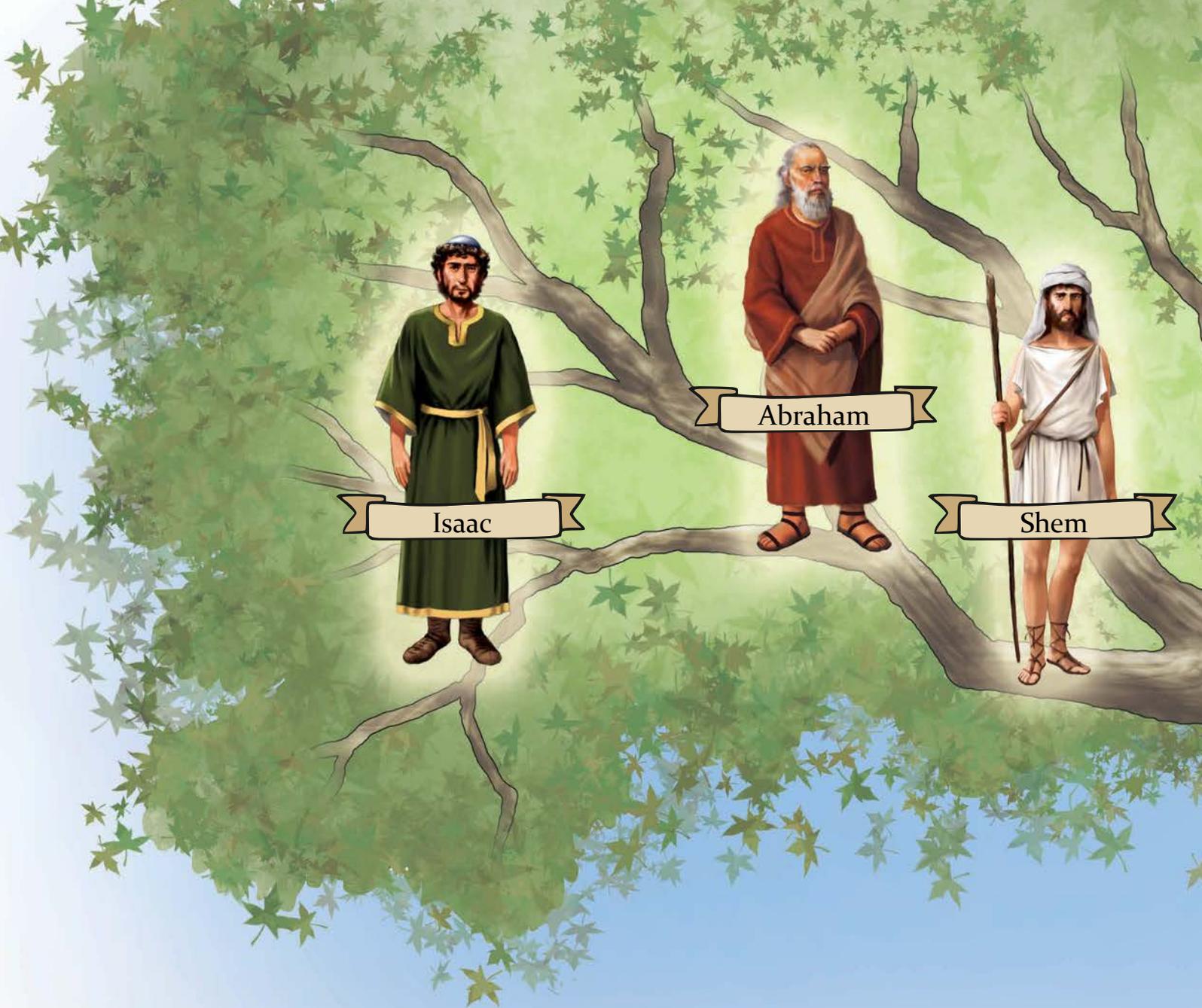
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Did you know that you are related to the first man and woman God created? The history of every family on earth today, including yours, can be traced back to Adam and Eve.



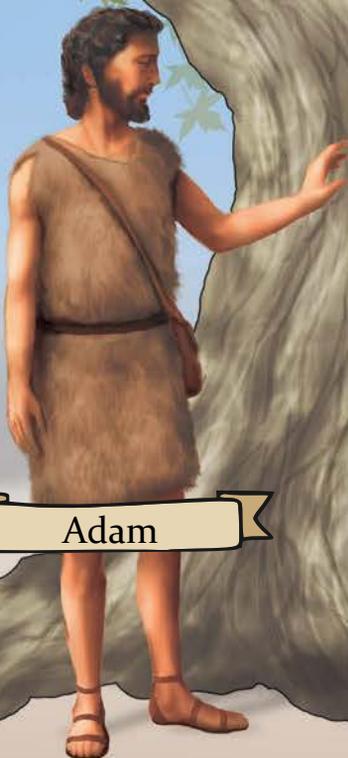
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Noah



Japheth



Adam



Eve

HISTORY → From Creation

who? God (who exists in eternity)

what? God created everything, including the first people—Adam and Eve.

where? Today no one knows where Eden was originally because Noah's Flood destroyed the earth, but the Bible gives us a clear description of Eden in Genesis 2:8-14.

when? Around 6000 years ago, God created time, space, the Earth, plants, animals, man—everything that exists. There was nothing before God created it. God exists in eternity and created time for us to live in. Genesis 1 & 2 tell us details of the creation.

why? God created us for His glory.



God created Adam and Eve just as stated in the Bible; the “monkeys to man” idea is not true. Humans have always been human.



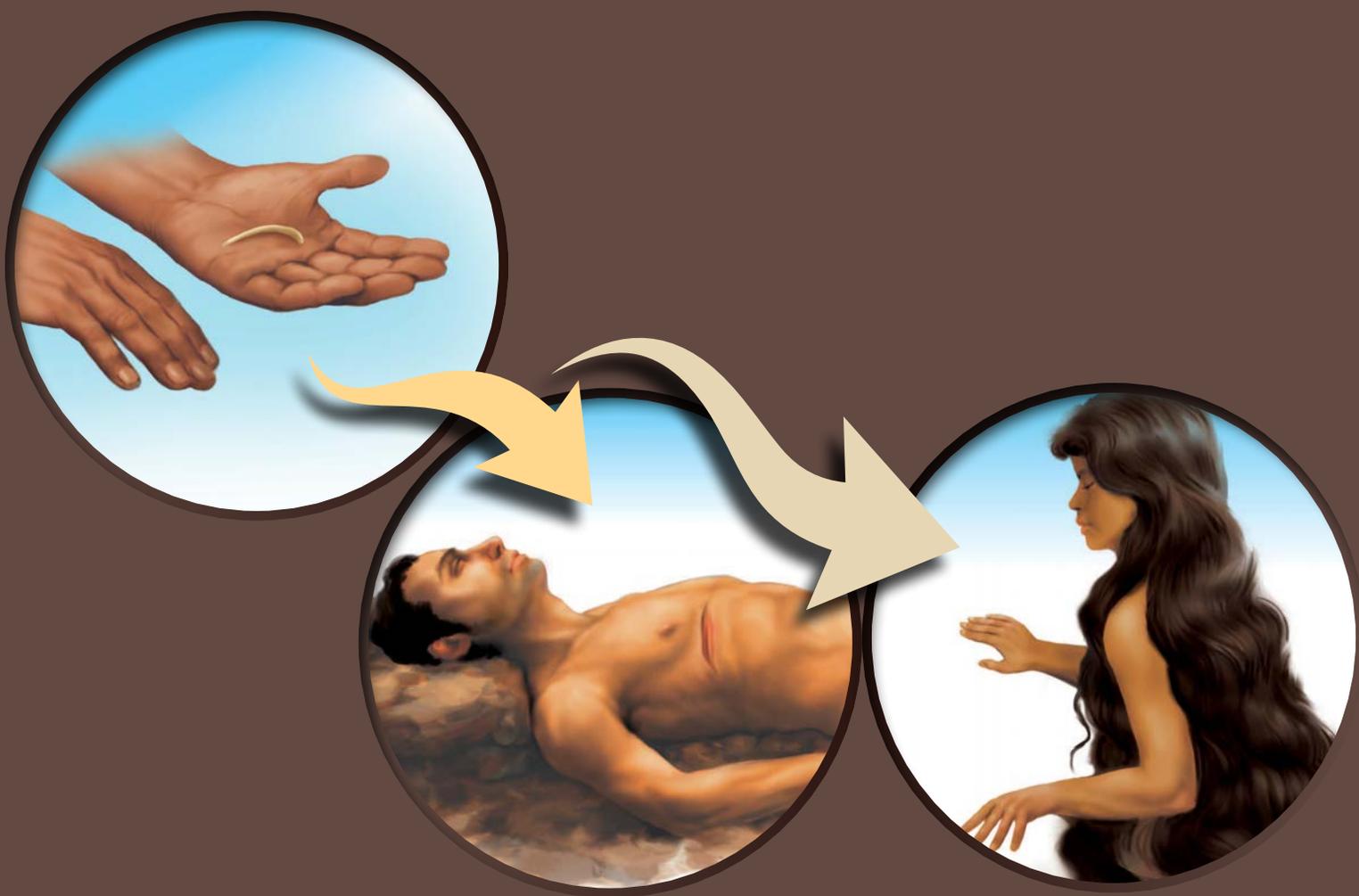
The Bible tells us that the first member of the human race was created on the sixth day of creation about 6,000 years ago. The first human being was a man named Adam. Genesis 2:7-15 tells us that Adam was formed by God from the dust of the ground and that God breathed into his nostrils the breath of life and he became a living, breathing human. These verses also explain that God planted a garden eastward in a region called Eden. In this garden, God made beautiful trees and plants that bore delicious fruit.

After this incredible act of creation, God instructed Adam to name the animals He brought to him. The reason God did this was to show Adam he was alone. In all of the new earth, there was no living thing created in the special way Adam was, being woven together in the image of God. God made it clear to Adam from the beginning that he was different. He even gave him the job of naming the animals to show him that he was actually in charge of them. Adam then set out to accomplish this mission and named the cattle, birds of the air, and every beast of the field. Through this work, God not only introduced Adam to his varied and marvelous creation, but naming the land-dwelling animals God brought to him also allowed Adam to see that he was, in fact, very different from them.

One of the biggest reasons for this difference is because God “created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him” (Genesis 1:27). For example, as humans, we are able to speak, write, appreciate music and art, reason, and know what’s right and wrong. While many of us may love our pets and the different animals we see at the zoo or in the wild, it’s clear that animals cannot do these things in the way we as humans do.

#set the **TONE**

People can create art and music. Animals cannot do things the way humans can.



Both Adam and Eve were created differently than the animals and the rest of Creation. Man was formed from the dust of the ground; Eve, from Adam's rib.

#set the TONE

God created marriage. Adam and Eve—Man and Woman.

God created mankind specially. Man did not evolve from ape-like creatures as Charles Darwin had said and as students are taught in most schools. Animals were simply not created in God's image.

After Adam recognized he was not just an animal (even though he—like each of us—had a body that was designed similar to mammals), God made the first woman—the second member of the human race. Genesis 2:18–22 tells us that after God created Adam, He said it was not good for man to be alone. So, He caused Adam to fall into a deep, deep sleep (like people do when they have surgery today) and he took one of his ribs from his side, and from that rib he created woman. God is all-powerful so this would have been easy for God to do. After Eve was created, God introduced her to Adam. Adam named her Woman (and eventually in Genesis 3, Eve) because she was to be the mother of all humans to come.

Genesis 2:18–24 also describes the significant moment when God created the very first marriage. When God brought Eve to Adam, He created the first marriage—one man and one woman. Many in today's world try to claim that marriage can be between two men or two women (or any number of men and women). However, the first marriage in Genesis makes it clear that marriage is only between one man and one woman—anything else is against what God's Word teaches.

CULTURE → Marriage: One Man, One Woman

We learn from the Bible that when Adam was first created, he was alone—no other human beings existed. He didn't know he was alone until after he named animals that God brought to him and he saw there were none like him—none made in God's image. But God had a plan for Adam—a plan to create someone for him—and create the first marriage.

When God Made Marriage

While God formed Adam from the dust, Eve had a very different creation. She was formed from a part of Adam himself—his rib. She is the completion of Adam, understanding he was alone and God creating a woman (his wife) for him—a divine plan for companionship—to finish the Creation. God made the first two people male and female.

The Special Creation of Eve

God created everything out of nothing during the Creation Week—including animals and plants, and the high point of creation—Adam and Eve. This is the point where each of our own family histories begin.

Multiply... Why?

From this first couple, many generations of people would be born. Each person would be unique and look slightly different from one another—this includes many variations in skin tones from the original medium brown shade of Adam and Eve. No matter what we look like, we are all made in God's image. Do you realize what that means? You are uniquely made in the image of an all-knowing and loving Creator God. The world, our culture, often wrongly defines us and our value based on what we look like or how much stuff we own. But God created us all equal and offers the free gift of salvation to all people through Jesus' sacrifice for us.

Adam knew God had created his wife from his side. Because God made Eve, Adam no longer had to be alone. Because she was made from him, we know that God intended woman and man to be together. God defines marriage in another important verse in Genesis 2:24 when he describes that when a man and woman get married, they leave their families and start a new family together.

#set the TONE

Evolution is
not in the
Bible.

This verse was actually quoted by Jesus Christ; Jesus is God who took on human flesh to become “the God-man.” In the New Testament when Jesus was asked about marriage, He answered by quoting from Genesis as He taught that marriage was one man and one woman. Jesus echoes that a man and woman will both leave their families and become one family on their own. He also says, “So they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate” (Matthew 19:6). This verse is important as it shows that marriage is a divine and holy union that God arranges.

Now some Christians have tried to take Darwin’s ideas about man evolving from ape-like creatures and say that God made Adam and Eve by using the process of evolution. But people who believe in evolution teach that the woman came from a supposed ape-woman, and the man came from a supposed ape-man. But the Bible states clearly that Adam was made from dust, and the first woman was made from Adam—from his side.

If God made man using evolution, then that would mean the “dust” God made Adam from must really be the supposed ape-man. While this idea is believed by some people, if we follow God’s Word this idea just doesn’t make sense.

You see, later on in the Bible, we learn that because of Adam’s sin, he would die and return to dust. As we all know, when humans die they return to dust—they don’t return to some ape-like creature! Scripture tells us this specifically in Genesis 3:19. The Bible states that humans will live, eat, and work until we all return to the ground and dust we were once made from. While this isn’t the happiest part of God’s Word, there is comfort in knowing that God had a plan from eternity to deal with our sin problem and conquer death, so we can live with God forever in Heaven. From the dust we were created and to the dust we will once again return because of our sin. While death is scary, we also know that because of Jesus we have a sure hope in our life after death (but we’ll talk about that more in our next chapter).

As Christians, we must be very careful when we read the Word of God. God tells us clearly in the Bible about the creation of man and woman—the man was created directly from dust, and the woman was made from his side (from Adam’s rib). Genesis is written as real history. The Bible means exactly what it says. The Bible does not describe the process of evolution, so we know God didn’t use evolution to create the first man and woman. It is important to understand these basic ideas, so we are able to build our firm foundation on real biblical truth. Without a firm foundation, the simple and meaningful truths (like creation) can come under attack, and we can lose our way in the waves of what the world around us wants us to believe.

HISTORY → What skin tone were Adam and Eve?

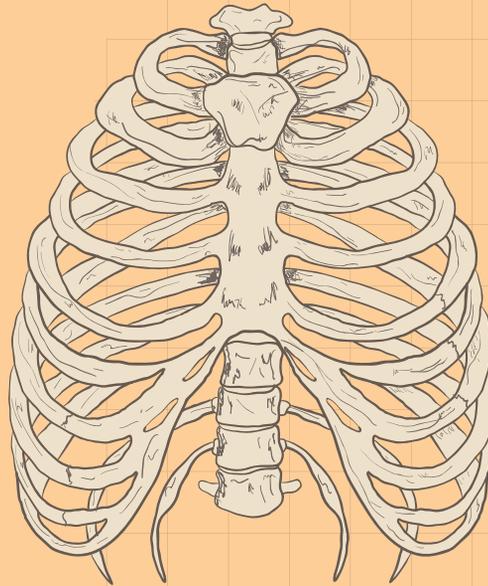
If Adam and Eve were both middle brown (AaBb, see chart pg. 21), they would have produced children with a wide range of skin tones—which is what we see in our world today. Suddenly, all of us being one race doesn't seem so complicated!*



Adam, Eve, and their children all had the genetic instructions that allowed the many different skin tones we see today.

SCIENCE → Secrets of Science—The Regenerating Rib!

Eve was created from a rib taken from Adam. This doesn't mean that boys have one less rib than girls. It just means that God knew something about our bodies that science is just starting to understand—that the rib is capable of regenerating, or growing back by itself. A 2014 medical study found that if a rib was removed from a person and the membrane that surrounded the rib (called “perichondrium”) was left and surgeons closed it up, the rib bone could regenerate itself within a few months. Science is only showing us what God already knew!²



Now after God had finished creating the earth, universe, and life itself (including the first two people), we read in Genesis 1:31 that God looked around and saw everything He had created as “very good.”

Looking around at the chaos of today's world, we know that something big has happened to cause the world to change. We see death, disease, terrible events like earthquakes and hurricanes, and evil people acting in horrible ways. So, what happened? How did the created race (the first race) that God saw as “very good” go so bad?

We find out when we understand the second race—the Fallen Race.

Related Scripture List:

Genesis 1:26-27
Genesis 1:31
Genesis 2:7-15
Genesis 2:18-22
Genesis 2:23-24
Genesis 3:19
Matthew 19:4-6
