

Gen. 2:4b-22 contains details not in Gen. 1: creation of man from dust, the garden of Eden, Adam's test of obedience, and the creation of Eve from Adam's rib. Gen. 1 gives a more general and universal view, from the viewpoint of an uninvolved observer. Gen. 2 is more from man's perspective, showing detailed events surrounding man's creation. The two chapters have been compared to two maps: one of the world, and one of the USA; while some material is duplicated, the two are certainly not parallel.

The Bible, in order to give a well balanced presentation, occasionally records a particular event from different viewpoints. The creation account is one example. Another example would be the story of Jacob's leaving his home in Gen. 27. His father, Isaac, is concerned that Jacob contract a desirable marriage. Jacob himself, on the other hand, is anxious to flee from his angry brother Esau. Rebekah, sympathizing with both viewpoints, shrewdly manages to convince her family of her plan, which thus realizes both objectives. The scriptural account is balanced, and shows the whole picture. There is no need to consider it a compilation of two different accounts, each giving only one viewpoint.

## 2. ~~II~~. The Flood

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Gen. 4:26; 5:29; 6:1-8;  
7:1-5,7-10 (except words  
"two and two," "male and  
female," and "God," which  
are a redactor's later  
additions), 12, 16b (goes  
after v.9), 17b, 22-23; 8:  
2b-3a, 6-12, 13b, 20-22;  
9:18-19.

Seven animals of each clean  
kind, two of each unclean  
kind (7:2).

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Gen. 5:28,30-32; 6:9-22; 7:6,11,  
13-16a,17a,18-21,24; 8:1-2a,  
3b-5,13,14-19; 9:1-17.

Two animals of every kind (6:19-20).