

Otwell, John H., I Will Be Your God (Abingdon Press:Nashville) 1967

p.43 The Hexateuch opens with the creation of the world and of mankind - for which there are two stories: Genesis 1.1-2.4a, and 2.4b-3.24 -

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p. 136 The first man, Adam . . . was placed in the garden of Eden and given everything in it to keep and use; except, according to the second and later story, the tree of the knowledge of good and evil . . . The first of the two stories states flatly that "male and female he created them"; but the second portrays Adam (adam) as a lonely creature needing companionship. Thus Eve, . . . was created . . . to be his companion. . . .

Notice that until the end of the poem (Gen. 3.14-19) in which "the Lord God" rebukes the serpent and the "man" and the "woman", no proper names have been used. In the next verse "the man" called his wife "Eve"; and in verse 21 the Lord God calls the man "Adam."

At this point the authors of the interwoven stories begin to tell their principal story - how it happened that "the Lord God" was concerned about the people of Israel from the days of the first man until their own times.