

## Chart 20

### Grammatical Parallels in Genesis 1-3

	<u>Genesis 1</u>	<u>Genesis 2</u>	<u>Genesis 3</u>
I Introductory Summary Statement	vs 1 In the beginning God <b>created</b> the heavens and the earth.	vs 4 This is the account of <b>the heavens and the earth</b> when <b>they were created</b> ....	(2:4 This is the account of <b>the heavens and the earth</b> when <b>they were created</b> <sup>5</sup> ....)
II Circumstantial clause of the pattern (Hebrew) <i>w</i> ("and" in the sense of "now") + Noun + Verb <i>hayah</i> {"was"} indicating an initial negative circumstance prior to a creation	vs 2 <b>Now</b> <sup>2</sup> the earth <b>was</b> formless....	vss 5-6 <b>Now</b> no shrub of the field <b>was</b> yet in the earth....	vs 1a <b>Now</b> the serpent <b>was</b> ....
III Main clause of <i>waw</i> consecutive (a very common Hebrew construction beginning with the word "and" + a verb in the imperfect tense) indicating sequence and here describing a creation <sup>1</sup>	vs 3 <b>And</b> <sup>3</sup> God said....	vs 7 <b>And</b> <sup>4</sup> the LORD God formed man....	vs 1b <b>And</b> he said.... <sup>6,7</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Bruce K. Waltke, *Creation and Chaos* (Portland: Western Conservative Baptist Seminary, 1974), 32-36.

<sup>2</sup> Translation of Waltke, *Creation and Chaos*, 34.

<sup>3</sup> Translation of Waltke, *Creation and Chaos*, 34.

<sup>4</sup> Translation of Waltke, *Creation and Chaos*, 33.

<sup>5</sup> This section does not have a separate introductory summary statement since it is a substory of the creation stories regarding man introduced by Genesis 2:4 (Waltke, *Creation and Chaos*, 33).

<sup>6</sup> Genesis 3:1ff. describes the creation of sin in the human race (Waltke, *Creation and Chaos*, 35).

<sup>7</sup> The opening lines of contemporary Near Eastern creation stories also have parallel grammatical structures (Waltke, *Creation and Chaos*, 33-35).