

Before and after Eden in Genesis' Primeval History (Genesis 1-11)

Element	before	After
Relationship with God	Open, intimate	Alienated, distant: Cain turns away from YHWH Nimrod builds a city-empire "in YHWH's face"
Gender relationships	"male and female" in the image and likeness of God "naked and unashamed"	From fig leaves to patriarchy
Earth relationships	Humans given authority to steward nonhuman creation 'adam from the 'adamah flowing with dam: intimately connected earthling to the earth	Fighting with the 'adamah for control Human corruption and violence across the earth The dread of humans put on other animals Earth elements become materials for "civilization"
Food source	Gift from the trees	Struggle with the ground
Social order	All humans are equal and have no authority to rule over each other	Gender patriarchy Violent power over others (Cain, Lamech) Hierarchical urban empire (Nimrod)
"home" location	In God's garden	Either in cities or seeking to avoid their violence and oppression