## MAN IN GOD'S CREATION

## Lesson Three

## THE FIRST COUPLE AND THEIR FIRST HOME (2)

## **Burden to Impart:**

In this lesson we see how man is indeed the "king" who rules over all of God's creation and creatures. But man was not to be alone, so God made a special creation for Adam—a woman. Thus Adam and Eve could together rule over all of God's creation, have a family, and fill the earth.

**Memory Verse:** "And the rib, which the Lord God had taken from man, made He a woman" (Genesis 2:22).

Facts to Teach: (Scripture reading: Gen. 1:26–28; Isa. 11:6–8)

1. God firstly created man. Then He created woman from man's rib. (We will discuss the details of the creation of Eve in Lesson 8.) They two were to rule over all the creation. They were like the king and queen of God's creation. They were different than the animals, for they could speak.

2. They were to rule over all the "fish of the sea." Even the great sea monsters, like the eighteen-ton killer whale at Sea World, can be tamed by men. Also the sea otters, seals, sea lions, and porpoises. All sea animals were naturally subject to Adam and Eve. Today, however, it takes a lot of training to "subdue" them to us.

3. The "birds of the air" were all placed under man's dominion. The small parakeets and doves would sing for man and the parrots could imitate man's voice. Man did not need to put them into a cage. They would not try to fly away for they did not fear man. They would come when he whistled and they would do what he asked. They may have sounded like a great choir for Adam and Eve.

4. "Every living thing that moveth upon the earth" was subject to Adam arid Eve. The animals felt close to them. They felt comfortable and safe by Adam and Eve. They were all friendly and tame. The lion and lamb could lay down together. It will be like that again one day (Isa. 11:6-8).