

THE GARDEN OF EDEN (ADAM AND EVE)

ADAM'S NAME

Adam's name in Hebrew means "red" (ruddy, elements of the earth, common sort) (Strong's #120). Adam's name reflects his humble beginning when Yah created him from the ground (adamah). The first two Hebrew letters in Adam's name are "Aleph = A" and

"Daleth = D." This is also the same first two letter's in "ADONAI." The first two letters of Adam's name reflects the Name of his Divine Creator. The fact that Adonai named Adam, shows Adonai's authority over man. In Hebrew "woman" means "out of man".

Adam was made from the elements of the earth, dust, with the Spirit breathed into him. Eve was made from the elements of Adam who was made from the elements of the earth. In the Garden of Eden when Adam was made in the image of Yah, Eve was in Adam. In the beginning Yah took His seed, the (Ruach HaKodesh (Holy Spirit), and combined it with soil, which became a living soul, mankind.

When Adam and Eve were first created they were immortal

supernatural beings, only after the fall did they become mortals. The entire idea of torah is just that, taking Yah's seed, now His Living Word, and planting it in fertile ground so it can produce fruit. That is the main purpose of all human beings, to spread the perfect will (seed) of Yahveh so that all can have fruit (blessings) in all seasons.

When Yah created man he had both sexes in his nature. When Yah made woman, He took a rib out of Adam. In the end when we are in Heaven we will be as we were created originally. We will be both male and female. We will not have both male and female parts, but we will be like at the beginning of time. That is why it says there will be no need for marriage or companionship in Heaven. **Matt. 22:30** *"For in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels in heaven."*

ADAM'S ROLE IN THE GARDEN

Adam was the servant-king of Eden. Adam was the ruler of Eden, but he was also the caretaker and farmer. **Gen. 1:28** Adam is told to "rule over" the earth. The meaning of "rule" is to "cultivate" or "develop." **Gen. 2:15** *"Yahveh, Elohim took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to cultivate it and care of it."* Adam was to manage and bring out



the best of Yah's creation. Adam did not exploit Yah's natural resources, he did not pollute the air, nor contaminate any rivers. Adam was a faithful steward, but he needed a suitable helper to assist him.

ADAM'S WIFE

Gen. 2:18 *"It is not good for man to be alone. I will make for him a companion suitable for helping him."* It is interesting to note that Yahveh is the One who mentions the idea of a companion/helper for Adam. NOTICE that Adam did not ask Yahveh for this. Yah creates a need within Adam and it will be Yah who fulfills that need. The same is true for every person; all of us have a need that only Yah can fill. This is the loving Yahveh we serve. He is not One who gives a rock when asked for bread. Not only does Yahveh create the desire in our heart, but He also has the means to fulfill those desires.

So Yahveh formed out of the ground all the various animals and brought them to Adam to see what he would call them. **Gen. 2:19** *"Out of the ground Yahveh formed every beast of the field and every bird of the sky, and brought [them] to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called a living creature, that was its name".* Adam demonstrated his authority over the animals by giving them their names. But after seeing and naming Yah's creations, Adam still did not find a compatible help-mate. Did Adam reject Yah's candidates for a possible companion? No, it was not Yah's desire to have Adam take for himself a companion from the animal kingdom. Yah did this in order to test Adam's character to see what he would do. We find a similar situation when Yahveh tested the character of Job. When Yahveh initiates a test, He already knows the outcome. In the case of Adam, Yahveh had already intended to create woman, but first He wanted Adam to realize his need. **Gen. 2:21** *"So Yahveh caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, He took one of the man's ribs and closed up the place with flesh."*

Why didn't Yah create woman from the ground like Adam?

If Yahveh created woman from the same ground as Adam, then it would have made her independent of Adam. REMEMBER that the animals were also made from the ground, but Adam was looking for someone uniquely different. There goes our feminist movement!

Why did Yah create woman from one of Adam's ribs?

The Midrash says that Yah did not want to make woman from Adam's head or else she would become haughty and hold her head up in pride. Yah did not make woman out of Adam's feet because she would wonder from him. Or from his mouth, because she would talk too much. Or from his heart, because she would be envious. Or from his hand, because she would grasp everything. So Yah created woman from Adam's rib, which is hidden and does not show even when a man is naked. Then Yahveh presented Adam with his new companion. Adam recognized her and gave his approval by calling her "woman." When Adam named the woman he was exercising his authority over her.

I think we all realize that a man's heart is generally speaking, harder than a woman's. We all know that women are generally speaking, more emotional than men. Yah used Adam's rib because symbolically and physically, it protects the heart from damage. A woman is to be a help mate. She is to help protect her man's heart from damage. A woman is to help protect her man's heart from unnecessary emotions and impulses that

can cause serious damage to his entire being.

Men are meant to be leaders in the home because they usually don't sway as much under emotional, soulish circumstances. They are usually more stable when it comes to emotions. Men are to be tough so their emotions don't run away with them in the spur of the moment. Their rib (woman), is to help protect the man from making decisions that aren't wise. She is to help him lead, not lead him.

The Hebrew word for "man" is "ish" and the Hebrew word for "woman" is "ishah." The word "ishah" reflects the woman's relationship and origin from man "ish." **Gen. 2:24** says the man will leave his father and mother and cleave to his wife. The Midrash says that a woman does not seek a husband. Woman was taken from man, and so he searches for her. It is as if someone has lost something and searches for it. Adam and his wife were both naked and felt no shame. They were living in the age of innocence. They were both echad (one) with each other and echad with Yahveh.

ADAM'S SIN

Genesis three records Adam's greatest test and failure. **Gen. 3:1** says the serpent approached the woman, *"Now the serpent was more crafty than any beast of the field which Yahveh had made. And he said to the woman, 'Indeed, has Yahveh said, 'You shall not eat from any tree of the garden?'"* Some people have wondered where Adam was when the serpent was talking to the woman. But **Gen. 3:6** says that Adam was with her the whole time *"When the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was desirable to make [one] wise, **she took from its fruit and ate; and she gave also to her husband with her, and he ate"***. They both were approached by the serpent, but it was the woman who did the talking. The conversation focussed around their diet, what they could and could not eat. Then in **Gen. 3:3** she says they are to not eat from the tree in the middle of the Garden or TOUCH IT. *"but from the fruit of the tree which is in the middle of the garden, Yahveh has said, 'You shall not eat from it or touch it, or you will die.'"*

Notice how the woman added to Yah's commands by saying that they could not touch it. Later Yah would tell His people to neither add or subtract from His Word. Eve added to Yah's Word and the serpent took advantage of her mistake. When we as Believers take our stand on the Scripture and nothing else, then we deny Satan the opportunity to confuse and distort Yah's Word.

Why did they sew those types of leaves?

The man and woman ate a fig (sorry it was not an apple, that was another sunday school myth). It was the fruit from the fig tree which opened their eyes to their nakedness. It was the fig leaves which they thought could cover up their nakedness. Adam and his wife thought that the effects of their disobedience was reversible. It's hard to reverse things some times, but that doesn't mean we can't repent (change).

Gen. 3:8 *"They heard the sound of Yahveh walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and **the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of Yah among the trees of the garden.**"* Yahveh decides to investigate the matter. He questions Adam and asks him if he ate from the tree which he was to not eat. At this point, Adam is given the opportunity to confess his sin and repent.

But what does he do instead?

Adam takes no responsibility and blames the woman, “go figure”. Then Yahveh goes to the woman and gives her the same opportunity to confess her sin and repent. **Gen. 3:13** *“Then Yahveh said to the woman, “What is this you have done?” And the woman said, “**The serpent deceived me, and I ate.**”* The woman takes no responsibility and blames the serpent.

What was the atonement sacrifice made by man, for sin?

The blood from these animals atoned for their sin. Blood has always been used to atone for our sins.

Yahveh has heard enough and begins to hand out the punishment. The serpent is cursed and will crawl on his belly in the dust. Also the seed of the woman will bruise his head (Gen. 3:14-15). Yah says the woman will have pains in childbirth and her desire will be toward her husband, but he will rule over her. Lastly, Yah curses the ground because of Adam. The ground would produce thorns and thistles for Adam and that he would eventually return to dust after his death.

Cain learned a bitter lesson about which kind of offerings were acceptable to Yahveh later on in Gen. 4:5, didn't he?

LIFE FOR ADAM AFTER THE FALL

Gen. 3:24 Yahveh removed man and woman from the Garden. Life for Adam would never be the same. **Gen. 5:5** says that Adam lived to be 930 years old. **2Pet.3:8** says that with Yahveh a thousand years is like one day. Adam lived almost one of Yah's days. After the fall Adam re-named his wife Eve (Havah, Strong's #2332), which means “life” because she would become the mother of all the living.

THE ADAMIC COVENANT

Even though the word “covenant” is not actually mentioned regarding Yah's relationship with Adam and Eve, the concept of an agreement between Yah and Adam is recognized. Yah's agreement/covenant with Adam consisted of three components.

First Adam was told to “fill” the earth or to “multiply” (Gen. 1:28).

Second Yah told Adam to “rule” the earth or to have dominion over all Yah's creation (Gen. 1:28).

Third Yah warned Adam not to eat from the tree of knowledge of good and evil (Gen. 2:16-17).

If Adam broke this agreement he would suffer the consequences. Adam did break this agreement and in Genesis three sin and death entered the world **Rom. 5:12** *“Therefore, **just as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sinned**”*

Many don't accept the Adamic covenant as an actual qualified covenant of Elohim compared to the normal understanding of a covenant.

ADAM'S TORAH

What was Yahveh's instructions to Adam?

Gen. 1:28 *Yah blessed them; and Yah said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill*

the earth, and subdue it; and rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”

Yahveh instructs Adam to: 1) Be fruitful 2) Multiply 3) Fill the earth 4) Subdue the earth 5) Rule over the fish, birds, and all creatures. 6) To not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. **Gen. 2:17** Yah placed them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth,” Yah instructs Adam to not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Adam’s oral “Torah”, you might say, consisted of five positive commands, and one negative command. Even Adam had restrictions on his diet, he couldn’t eat anything he wanted. Adam and Eve were vegetarians (Gen. 1:16).

I believe that the Garden of Eden was the first earthly sanctuary. The entire Eden area could be compared to the courtyard of the Tabernacle or Temple. The Garden itself could be considered the Holy Place, and the midst of the Garden could be seen as the Holy of Holies. Adams’ job was to prevent Satan from being in the midst of the Garden. It always has been and still is to this day been the objective of the devil to be in the Holiest place so he can counterfeit the real Holy One of Israel. Those who recognize this idea can see him clearly in the midst of most of the so-called Christian churches today (commonly manifesting in the charismatic ones), who do not keep Yah’s commandments. Those people are too lazy to read the scriptures for themselves and are looking for supernatural phenomena without realizing that not everything supernatural comes from Yahveh. Their laziness is what the devil takes advantage of. His objective is to counterfeit and he does his job well.

When Adam and Eve were in the garden Yah basically said if you want to live in my garden, here are the rules. If you want to live out in the desert go ahead and do as you please. This is similar to that which many of us fathers have stated to our disobedient teen-agers. “If you want to live under my roof, you will obey my rules.”

The original garden of Eden was the first sanctuary, and Adam was the first priest. Adam functioned in the role of a priest. If Yah walked in the garden we know it must have been a holy place. Adam was the first bondservant. He was to take care of the garden, sanctuary. Adam was to work (keep) and guard the garden.

If Adam was the only man alive (the first man), who was he to guard it from? Obviously Adam was to guard the garden from the devil himself. The Garden was a holy place and Yah did not want the adversary to enter into His holy place. The holy cannot be mingled with the profane.

In Genesis. 3:1 it says Satan (the serpent), was the most crafty, subtle, clever, of all creatures. In Revelation 12 Satan is also referred to as the old serpent. The snake had somehow managed to get in the middle of the garden. This means that before Eve ever communicated with the snake, Adam had neglected his duty to guard the garden properly. Adam had already fallen short of his duties, the commandments Yah gave him. The conversation that took place between Eve and the serpent should have never taken place if Adam would have done his job correctly. In other words, if we don’t guard against the adversary, all our obedience to torah is of no value.

THE 'TET' CONNECTION

When you look at the original pictograph of tet you can literally see the



curve makes it look like a basket with a snake in it. Tet is a circle with an X in it. It is like a concealed basket with something good or bad inside.

Tet means "the concealed potential of something good". Tet is like a snake in a basket. When you have something hidden inside a basket you don't know what it is. It could be a snake or an apple. It has the potential to be something good or bad. In a sense, either you will charm the snake and crush its head, or it will hurt you. Yah uses the enemy to get you where you should or wanna be. If your in covenant with Him, He has the enemy (snake) by the tail. If your not in covenant with Him, He has no authority to touch the serpent, your on your own because you chose to be so.

Tet is the letter of decision. When you come to a point of decision, a brick wall, you need to make a choice, Hebraically you are in the letter tet. It is a very exiting yet scary place to be. Tet hinges between good and evil you might say. Eve was stuck in the middle between two trees, the tree of life and the tree of knowledge. Eve had to make a decision and we all know she made the wrong one, she chose the snake. She could have chosen life from the tree of life (torah) or death from the tree of knowledge. She chose death, and both her and Adam fell. She was in the letter tet so to speak.

Adam exiled

Adam in fact was exiled from the garden and Yah posted two angels there to protect the garden. Yah had to do this because Adam had neglected his duty, and look at the results of that neglect. Sure, Yah could have easily kept the serpent out of the garden but He gave that responsibility to man. He wanted to share the earthly responsibilities with His creation. He wanted man to be part of His kingdom of government. Just working the garden wasn't enough in itself, Adam was to discern what the enemy was up to and deal with him accordingly, but he neglected to do so. This is a message for all of us.

Adam caused his own creator to be removed from the garden He had created because he transferred Yah's authority to another deity. That god still rules this world today.

We must obey as much as possible the authorities of this world while we are on it, but we don't have to agree with them. There must be law, authority at all times, even if much of it makes no sense. Without any law we would have total chaos.

Those fleshly desires and unholy thoughts are foreign to a temple of the ruach, they are not of you. That is the old you, the carnal you. It needs to be destroyed.

Remember in the book of Nehemiah when the people were restoring the walls around Jerusalem, they had to work and guard, 50/50. They spent just as much effort guarding as working in order to restore Jerusalem. Today, we have many torah observant people working the Torah, but a rare few are guarding the kingdom. Since 1948 we have seen this exact scenario in the land of Israel. The nation has been under constant attack and they have had to work with one hand and guard with the other. Now, after all these years, they are tired of fighting, guarding the land, and are making treaties with the ones that want to take over the land. With their foot in the door Satan will take over the land if nothing is done. That is why war is on the horizon, no doubt.

Jerusalem is the center of what was then called the Garden of Eden. Jerusalem was Yah's special holy place and still is to this day. Jerusalem was the place of the tree of life which the devil does not want anyone to have access to. Satan's objective is to destroy all

of mankind, so he continues to use Nations to go against Israel so the tree of life can be unprotected. Without life, Satan wins. Then Yeshua came along and as He hung on that tree at Calvary He reconciled His bride (redeemed His bride). As you recall, when He was on the stake the earth shook, dead were risen, and the new Adam (man) came to be. This earthquake is what diverted the Jordan river after the new Adam came to be. The Jordan river originally flowed through the Jerusalem area. That river made the south area a paradise at one time till it was diverted to the southwest. That entire area at one time was included in the Garden of Eden. One might consider that when man fell the river was diverted and is now nothing but a border.

Abraham became the first Hebrew when he “crossed over” the Jordan river into the Promised Land. When Abraham crossed over it was the beginning of the return to the land. They were exiled, and all things must be restored according to scripture. Abraham’s descendants ended up going back down into Egypt because of the famine in the land, but then returned with Moses during the Exodus. When Moses lead them across the Jordan river in the Exodus they returned to their promised land, where they worked and protected it. Years later they were again exiled from the land and then restored back to the land. This has happened multiple times in history.

The veil of the holy place in the temple tore apart and we were given direct access to the holy of holies. On the veil was written “Cherubim” in Hebrew. The angels that Yah had protect the tree of life (Torah) in the Garden of Eden earlier, were still there protecting the holy sanctuary in the Temple until the new Adam (Yeshua) released them from the veil when He gave His life.

When Adam was put to sleep, Yah took a rib from his body and formed Eve. If you consider Adam symbolic of the first olive tree, then his rib (remnant) would be the part grafted on to another body to form woman. Eve was grafted onto an Adam type body and became his help mate. So then we have two bodies that originate from the original body. The two bodies look similar, speak similar, but are opposites to each other. Eve opposed (had a different perspective than Adam), that’s what made them work in harmony. Is this starting to sound familiar. Two bodies, one original source?? “Men are from Mars, women are from Venus”. Men and women have two different perspectives. It’s not that one is right and one is wrong, it’s just that they have different ways of looking at the same thing. It is not intended for these two bodies to be apart even though they think differently. She has something he needs and he has something she needs. Yah’s intention is that they work together as a unit (echad) to work and guard the garden where the tree of life (Torah) is. They can be fruitful and multiply.

Let’s look at another fascinating thematic connection between Adam and Eve and the Two Houses Of Israel. Adam and Eve were one, then Eve was separated just like the Northern and Southern tribes. Then they were brought back together in unity. They became the first bride, and His “called out ones who are obedient to His wedding ketubah from Mt. Sinai”, will be invited to the Wedding Supper of the lamb in the end times. Again we see that what happens in the spiritual first takes place in the physical.

The bone of a human and the branch of a tree are the same concept. The bone is part of the skeletal structure of the body and the branch is part of the skeletal structure of the tree. Humans have limbs, just as trees have branches.

Originally Yah breathed His Spirit into dust, and Adam (a human with a soul) was created. Soon after that Yah gave him instructions to work and guard the Garden. That breath Yah used in creation is the same breath that comes when one is baptized in the holy spirit. When we receive His breath our job is to work and guard that tree of life. The individual body (life) that was created from the dust in Genesis is the same as the corporate body that was formed at Mt. Sinai when the wind came, and in the Temple as in Acts 2.

IN THE GARDEN

Gen. 3:1-15 *“Now the serpent was more crafty than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, “Indeed, has God said, ‘You shall not eat from any tree of the garden’?”*

2 And the woman said to the serpent, “From the fruit of the trees of the garden we may eat;

3 but from the fruit of the tree which is in the middle of the garden, God has said, ‘You shall not eat from it or touch it, lest you die.’” Yah had given them a command to NOT eat of the one specific tree, the tree of knowledge. Yah was in fact teaching them to obey His words. He was in a sense testing them.

4 And the serpent said to the woman, “You surely shall not die!

5 “For God knows that in the day you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

6 When the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was desirable to make one wise, she took from its fruit and ate; and she gave also to her husband with her, and he ate. Here we see that it was delightful to her eyes. This is a perfect example of how our flesh (five senses) gets us in trouble. What appeared to be a delight to Eve’s eyes caused her to sin. Now if Adam would have been looking after things properly, Eve would never have taken the fruit in the first place. It was Adam’s fault that she took the fruit simply because he was not doing his job. It’s easy to relate to this in today’s world. So many men are not guarding their wife and family because they are so wrapped up with making money in the work place that they allow their family to be unprotected. Their Eve’s are too often exposed to this sinful fruit all around them and are bound to once in a while take a bite. Eve in fact, even in the very beginning of time, inadvertently used witchcraft (the manipulation, domination, or control of anyone by any means other than the holy Spirit) on her soul mate. Because he wasn’t concentrating on his instructions properly, he succumbs to her fleshly desires and caused both of them to fall.

7 Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loin coverings.

8 “And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. The word “cool” used here is actually #7307 “ruach”, which refers to the breath; “ruach ha kodesh”, the holy spirit. When Yah moves His Spirit sounds like a breeze, a moving of the air, breath. At this point in time the garden was still a holy sanctuary.

9 Then the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?"

10 And he said, "I heard the sound of Thee in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid myself."

11 And He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?"

12 And the man said, "The woman whom Thou gavest to be with me, she gave me from the tree, and I ate." Adam's fleshly emotional desire to do as his help mate said superseded his duty as guard and bondservant of the garden.

13 Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" And the woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate." A typical "pass the buck" type scenario.

14 And the LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, Cursed are you more than all cattle, And more than every beast of the field; On your belly shall you go, And dust shall you eat All the days of your life;

15 And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her seed; He shall bruise you on the head, And you shall bruise him on the heel."

When Yahveh created Adam He made Adam the gardener. Yah planted seeds throughout the garden and Adam's job was to cultivate and guard these seeds and everything there was in the Garden. Adam was to be the protector (bondservant) of the garden, first and foremost. He was the guard over the garden. I believe that Yah planted the seed for the "tree of life" and that Satan may have managed to go in and plant the seed of the "tree of knowledge", because Adam wasn't guarding properly. The tree of life contained everything Yah wanted His people to have. Life as a whole included knowledge of course, but that knowledge was not to be from the separate tree of knowledge. The knowledge El Shaddai wants us to have comes from His Word, His instructions, His torah, the tree of life.

In the beginning (matrix) Yah planted seeds. Plants were created from seeds, not the other way around. As Yah planted seeds in the garden so to He explained that the seed of Adam and Eve would have enmity with the seed of the serpent for life after the fall.

Gen. 1:29 Then God said, "*Behold, I have given you every plant yielding **seed** that is on the surface of all the earth, and every tree which has fruit yielding **seed**; it shall be food for you;*

Gen. 2:8-9 *And the LORD God planted a garden toward the east, in Eden; and there He placed the man whom He had formed. And out of the ground the LORD God caused to grow every tree that is pleasing to the sight and good for food; **the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.** It is no coincidence that the Torah scrolls are called "The Tree Of Life" in Hebrew. Remember the Cherubim angels on the Ark Of The Covenant protected the "tree of life" scrolls inside the ark, just as Adam was supposed to protect the "tree of life" in the garden. Another example of a Hebrew idiom.*

What is the tree of the knowledge of good and evil?

The tree of the knowledge of good and evil is pride, doing things our way. It is the opposite of following His ways. The tree planted by hasatan is evil, pride, doing things our

way. When we do things Yah's way He blesses us. When we do things our way, we are being evil, rebellious. We do things our way because of our pride. **Prov. 8:13** ***"The fear of the LORD is to hate evil; Pride and arrogance and the evil way, And the perverted mouth, I hate."***

Adam was formed from the dust of the earth (like a seed Yah Himself planted), and in a similar manner all plants come from the dust of the earth, planted at the time of creation.

Adam guarded the garden for how long we do not know, but obviously it was a long time because trees have to mature for them to produce the fruit that Adam and Eve eventually ate. Adam lived among the animals of the garden but because these animals had no soul, they were not intelligent enough to properly commune with him. Adam needed a companion of his own intellect (nature), so Yah created a woman from Adam's rib. This meant that Adam's duty also included protecting Eve, which he failed to do. If he would have been looking after his help mate the way he was supposed to, Eve would never have been duped by the serpent in the first place.

As Adam was supposed to protect the "tree Of Life" (Torah/Word) in the Garden Of Eden, we too are supposed to protect our Torah/Yah's Word later made flesh, in Yeshua (John 1:1). **Rev. 2:4** ***'But I have this against you, that you have left your first love.*** Yah wants us to show Him our first love by being obedient to His Word. **John 14:15 (written in red)** ***"If you love Me, you will keep My commandments."***

As we see in Revelation, Adam left his first love Eve unprotected, and she stumbled and fell into the hands of the adversary. Her fall was the beginning of the Fall Of Man. In the last days most of Yah's Believers have "left their first love" and fallen into the trap of the world, which is Satan's territory. Worldly people are those who do not follow Torah, the tree of life.

When we become born again we leave Egypt and we must remain in the wilderness for a long time to remove all the garbage we picked up in the world. The journey we take when we are born again is not just to Heaven, but back to the promised land, whether it is symbolic or literal. The promised land for those of us who are born again and try to be obedient to the Living Word, is the New Jerusalem soon to be hovering over earth.

Rev. 2:7 ***'He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes, I will grant to eat of the tree of life which is in the Paradise of God.'***

Rev. 22:2 ***"in the middle of its street. On either side of the river was the tree of life, bearing twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit every month; and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations."***

MAN MADE IN THE IMAGE OF ADONAI

It is common to hear people say mankind is made in Yah's image. Is this in fact true?

No is the answer. Adam was made in the image of Yah, not all of mankind.

Gen. 2:7 ***"Yahveh Elohim formed the man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being."***

Gen. 1:26a ***"Then Yahveh said, 'Let us make man in our image, in our likeness."***

Yahveh and Yeshua, in unity, are saying, "let us make man (Adam) in our image". This is not referring to all mankind, only to the original Adam man. After the fall of Adam humans as we are today, though sometimes I seriously wonder, were created. Adam was made in the divine image of Yah, we are descendants of the fallen image of man.

What does it mean to be created in the image of Yahveh?

Here are some things that constitute image:

- 1) Both Yahveh and man have intellect.
- 2) Both Yah and man have emotions.
- 3) Both Yah and man have free will.
- 4) Both Yah and man have a Spirit and soul.
- 5) Both Yah and man have a body, celestial, or physical.

Adam was created with the capacity to reason, feel, and choose. Only Adam was created in Yah's image; none of the animals were created in Yah's image. I have often wondered what Adam looked like. I wonder how old Adam looked, since he was created to live forever. Adam was created in the image of Yah. **Gen. 5:1** *This is the book of the generations of Adam. In the day when God created man, He made him in the likeness of God.* He sinned and became a new Adam with death now made possible. **Gen. 5:3** *When Adam had lived one hundred and thirty years, he became the father of a son in his own likeness, according to his image, and named him Seth.* We are Seth's descendants, born in the image of the Adam who sinned, not in the image of Yah.

We are made in His image in the cense that we can have immortality and eternal life. When we are born again we are born back into Yeshua's image with eternal life made possible. All those not born again are still in the image of Seth, with death as the result of their sins. That's why when Yeshua went to Nicodemus, He said you must be born again (John 3). **John 3:3** *Yeshua answered and said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, **unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.**"* Nicodemus was a God fearer and teacher, yet he didn't know that people are no longer in Yah's image. Yeshua was amazed that this teacher didn't know that, so He explained it to him. The born again idea was from the very beginning, it is not only from the Renewed Testament. In the Old Testament they believed in the promise that was made to Abraham, that there would be a son who would come and solve the problem of death. Abraham believed in being saved by faith and grace as was the promise Yah made with him, and we believe the same thing. We believe that Yah sent His Son and He resolved this death problem. We believe in the same promise they believed in, the only difference was that their promise happened in the future and ours occurred in the past.

The thematic connection

When Yeshua was born His mother Mirium was fertile ground where Yah's seed was planted to bring forth the salvation possible for all those in the world. Yeshua (Yah's salvation), came as a human being from Yah's seed. Originally Yah planted seeds throughout the earth. These seeds turned into what we call nature, directly or indirectly. That same principal can be seen with the establishment of Yah's Seed, Yeshua. What happened at the time of creation was seen again four thousand years later when Yeshua came as the First Fruit of the seed of the Ruach HoKodesh..

ADAM A MESSIANIC TYPE

1Cor. 15:45 says that Messiah is the “Last Adam.” “So also it is written, “*The first MAN, Adam, BECAME A LIVING SOUL.*” ***The last Adam [became] a life-giving spirit.***” Paul contrasts the lives of Adam and Messiah.

Rom. 5:12-21 *Here is how it works: it was through one individual that sin entered the world, and through sin, death; and in this way death passed through to the whole human race, inasmuch as everyone sinned. 13 Sin was indeed present in the world before Torah was given, but sin is not counted as such when there is no Torah. 14 Nevertheless death ruled from Adam until Moshe, even over those whose sinning was not exactly like Adam’s violation of a direct command. In this, Adam prefigured the one who was to come. 15 But the free gift is not like the offence. For if, because of one man’s offence, many died, then how much more has God’s grace, that is, the gracious gift of one man, Yeshua the Messiah, overflowed to many! 16 No, the free gift is not like what resulted from one man’s sinning; for from one sinner came judgment that brought condemnation; but the free gift came after many offences and brought acquittal. 17 For if, because of the offence of one man, death ruled through that one man; how much more will those receiving the overflowing grace, that is, the gift of being considered righteous, rule in life through the one man Yeshua the Messiah! 18 In other words, just as it was through one offence that all people came under condemnation, so also it is through one righteous act that all people come to be considered righteous. 19 For just as through the disobedience of the one man, many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the other man, many will be made righteous. 20 And the Torah came into the picture so that the offence would proliferate; but where sin proliferated, grace proliferated even more. 21 All this happened so that just as sin ruled by means of death, so also grace might rule through causing people to be considered righteous, so that they might have eternal life, through Yeshua the Messiah, our Lord.*

1 Both Adam and Messiah were brought into this world sinless. Where Adam was disobedient and sinned, Messiah was obedient and NEVER sinned.

2 Adam brought a curse on creation, while Messiah made it possible for us to have our curses removed.

3 Just as Adam’s disobedience brought us death, Messiah’s obedience brought us life.

4 Adam was a servant-king, so too Messiah was our suffering Servant King.

5 Just as Adam left Yah’s paradise because of his sin, Messiah entered that paradise because of His obedience.

6 Adam is a picture of Messiah the PERSON of the way, the "assembly of the people", "the people of the way", "church" (Eve), comes out of his side.

7 Adam left Paradise (the Garden Of Eden), and lived in the world, and Yeshua left Paradise and came into the world.

We can learn a lot from Adam’s life. Sometimes we tend to give Adam a hard time, but I think we need to cut the guy some slack. Sure, sin and death are a result of him, BUT how many of us wouldn’t have done the same thing if we were in his shoes? Adam had a very special relationship with Yahveh. He fellowshipped with Yahveh at a level we

can only imagine. Adam was there for the first ever “Sabbath.” He saw Yah’s creation in its original state.

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