

Elpis Israel

for Young People

The Creation of Man

Class 5

Review

God's purpose:

- Purpose of God – earth to be inhabited (Isa 45:18-19)
- Fill the earth with the Glory of the LORD (Num 14:21)
- Fill the earth with the Knowledge of the Glory of the LORD (Hab 2:14)
- Gods Glory = his ways = his name (Exodus 33&34)

Elohim:

- God = “Mighty Ones”
- The Angels – God’s creation
- Ministers of His will

Physical Formation of Man

Genesis 1:26-27 *And God said, **Let us make man in our image, after our likeness....** So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.*

- Refers to the MENTAL and MORAL creation of Man

Number of Man

Genesis 1:31 *And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the **sixth day**.*

6 = number of man

Revelation 13:18 *Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for **it is the number of a man**; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six.*

Physical Creation of Man

Genesis 2:7 *And the LORD God **formed man of the dust of the ground**, and **breathed into his nostrils the breath of life**; and man **became a living soul**.*



Definitions:

Living:

2416 chay { khah'-ee } from 2421; TWOT - 644a

AV - live 197, life 144, beast 76, alive 31, creature 15, running 7, living thing 6, raw 6, misc 19; 501

- 1) living, alive
- 1a) green (of vegetation)
- 1b) flowing, fresh (of water)
- 1c) lively, active (of man)
- 1d) reviving (of the springtime)

Soul:

5315 nephesh { neh'-fesh } from 5314; TWOT - 1395a; n f

AV - soul 475, life 117, person 29, mind 15, heart 15, creature 9, body 8, himself 8, yourselves 6, dead 5, will 4, desire 4, man 3, themselves 3, any 3, appetite 2, misc 47; 753

- 1) soul, self, life, creature, person, appetite, mind, living being, desire, emotion, passion
- 1a) that which breathes, the breathing substance or being, soul, the inner being of man
- 1b) living being
- 1c) living being (with life in the blood)
- 1d) the man himself, self, person or individual

Other Verses:

Job 33:4 *The **Spirit** of God hath made me, and the **breath** of the Almighty hath given me life.*

Reversing the process – part of the curse

Genesis 3:19 *In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for **dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.***

Psalms 104:29-30 *Thou hidest thy face, they are troubled: thou **takest away their breath, they die, and return to their dust.** Thou sendest forth thy spirit, they are created: and thou renewest the face of the earth.*

Eccles 12:1 *Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not... Then shall **the dust return to the earth as it was:** and **the spirit shall return unto God who gave it.***



Living Souls

Genesis 1:20-25 *And God said, Let the waters bring forth abundantly the **moving creature** (reptile) that hath **life** (living-chayah + soul-nephesh), and fowl that may fly above the earth in the open firmament of heaven. And God created great whales, and every **living** (living-chayah) **creature** (soul-nephesh) that moveth, which the waters brought forth abundantly, after their kind, and every winged fowl after his kind: and God saw that it was good. And God blessed them, saying, Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let fowl multiply in the earth. And the evening and the morning were the fifth day. And God said, Let the earth bring forth the **living** (living-chayah) **creature** (soul-nephesh) after his kind, cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth after his kind: and it was so. And God made the beast of the earth after his kind, and cattle after their kind, and every thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind: and God saw that it was good.*

Genesis 1:30 *And to every beast of the earth, and to every fowl of the air, and to every thing that creepeth upon the earth, wherein there is **life** (living-chayah + breath-nephesh – ie. The breath of lives), I have given every green herb for meat: and it was so.*

Mental Constitution of Man

The Constitution of Man:

- Created in the IMAGE and LIKENESS of the Elohim:

Genesis 1:26-27 *And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness...*

- Image: 6754 tselem { tseh'-lem } image, likeness (of resemblance)
 - Physical resemblance
- Likeness: 1823 d^emuwth { dem-ooth' }
 - Mental Capacity

Eccles 3:21-22 *Who knoweth the spirit of man that **goeth upward**, and the spirit of the beast that **goeth downward** to the earth? Wherefore I perceive that there is nothing better, than that a man should **rejoice in his own works**; for that is his portion: for who shall bring him to see what shall be after him?*

- Men are capable of more intellectually than the beasts
- However, often it is only their own devices.
- They are not capable of anything higher than their own devices without the word of God

The Nature of Man

- Although made in the physical resemblance of the Elohim – with the ability to “think upward” – and with the addition of the word to amount to something, his physical nature is not the same:
Eccles 3:18-19 *I said in mine heart concerning the estate of the sons of men, that God might manifest them, and that they might see that they themselves are beasts. For that which befalleth the sons of men befalleth beasts; even one thing befalleth them: as the one dieth, so dieth the other; yea, they have all one breath; so that a **man hath no preeminence above a beast**: for all is vanity.*

Psalms 8:4-6 *For thou hast **made him a little lower than the angels**, and hast crowned him with glory and honour...*