

GENESIS STUDY—Welcome to the Human Race

Genesis 2

1. **Two Trees-- The tree of life . . . the tree of the knowledge of good and evil:** These two trees were among all the other trees God created and put in the Garden of Eden.

The **tree of life** was to grant (or to sustain) eternal life (Genesis 3:22). God still has a tree of life available to His people (Revelation 2:7), which is in _____ (Revelation 22:2).

The **tree of the knowledge of good and evil** was the “temptation” tree. Eating the fruit of this tree would give Adam an experiential knowledge of good *and* evil. Or, it is possible that it is called the tree of the knowledge of good and evil not so *man* would know good and evil, but so *God* could _____ good and evil in man?

2. **Four Rivers** (First mention of BBQ? LOL) Why can't we find these rivers today?

3. **Why do you think the creation of man was described separately and more fully (ch. 2) from the animals though they were created on the same day?**

4. **“Let us” make man in “our” image?** Could it be a reference to angels/other created beings?

The plurality in the Hebrew refers to plurality of the same _____ or homogeneous plurality!

“**image**” would denote some kind of _____

5. **Let us “make man” and not woman? Wow! That’s sexist?**

The Hebrew word for “man” here is *adam* (pronounced aw dawm) which is the general term for _____ in general as opposed to *iysh* (pro. eesh) which is the Hebrew word for “male.” Greek has the same arrangement *andron*-male *anthropos*-mankind.

6. **“And breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.”**

With this Divine “breath” man became a living Also, only man is a living being made in the image of God (Genesis 1:26-27). Not said of any of the animals.

The word for breath in Hebrew is *ruach* - the word imitates the very sound of breath - is the same word for _____ as is the case in both ancient Greek (*pneuma*) and Latin (*spiritus*). God created man by putting His *breath*, His *Spirit*, within him. This only said about man and not any of the animals. Humans have “souls” while animals have _____.

7. “in our image”? What does it imply?

8. In what ways are we different from the animals?

9. How are we “like God” (image)?

Communicable traits

Non-communicable traits

10. “male and female he created them”

Does this imply that only man and woman together form the image or each alone?

What implications might that have for marriage?

11. What was God’s instructions to Adam?

12. What conditions on earth would allow there to be “no rain”?

13. After saying everything was good God, now says it is not good for man to be alone?

What does this point to?

14. Why a “deep sleep” for Adam when making Eve?

Why did God take a rib from Adam?

15. “And God blessed the seventh day and declared it holy..”

Exodus 22:11

Mark 2:27