

The Book Of Ruth: A Love Story

Chapter 37

IN THE IMAGE OF GOD

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(Gen 1:26,27) **And God said, Let us make man [Heb: 'adam] in our image, after our likeness [resemblance; concr. model, shape:--fashion, manner, similitude]: and let them** have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. **So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.**

1. God = Heb: 'elohiym, el-o-heem'; plural of God; the supreme God; occasionally applied by way of deference to magistrates; and sometimes as a superlative:--angels, X exceeding, God (gods) (-dess, -ly), X (very) great, judges, X mighty.
2. (Psa 8:4,5) What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him? For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels ['elohiym, el-o-heem'], and hast crowned him with glory and honour.
3. create = Dict: 1. to bring into being; cause to exist; produce. 2. to evolve from one's own thought or imagination.
4. Commentary: This the spiritual aspect of man; the same as God.

(Gen 2:7,8) And the LORD [Jehovah] God **formed man of the dust of the ground**, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul. And the LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there he put the man whom he had **formed**.

1. formed = Heb: (through the idea of squeezing into shape) to mould into a form; espec. as a potter: fashion, frame.
2. Commentary: This is the physical aspect of man; not necessarily the same as God because Lucifer-Satan (defiled and defiling) had previously fallen in (into) the ground. The ground was defiled which is our heritage from Lucifer-Satan.

(Gen 2:15-25) And the LORD God **took the man**, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die. And the LORD God said, **It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him.** And out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought them unto Adam [(first mention)] to see what he would call them: and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that was the name thereof. And Adam gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field; but for Adam there was not found an help meet for him. And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took **one of his ribs**, and closed up the flesh instead thereof; **And the rib**, which the LORD God had taken from man, **made he a woman** ['ishshah, ish-shaw'; wife], and brought her unto the man. And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called **Woman** ['ishshah, ish-shaw'; wife], because she was taken out of Man. Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, **and shall cleave** [cling or adhere; fig. to catch by pursuit] unto his wife ['ishshah, ish-shaw'; woman (first mention)]: **and they shall be one flesh**. And they were both naked, the man and his wife ['ishshah, ish-shaw'; woman], and were not ashamed.

(Mat 19:3-9) The Pharisees also came unto him, tempting him, and saying unto him, Is it lawful for a man **to put away his wife [woman] for every cause?** And he answered and said unto them, Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female, And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and **they twain [two] shall be one flesh?** Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder [separate]. They say unto him, Why did Moses then command to give **a writing of divorcement**, and to put her away? He saith unto them, Moses because of the hardness of your hearts suffered you to put away your wives: but from the beginning it was not so. And I say unto you, **Whosoever shall put away his wife, except it be for fornication [harlotry (includ. adultery and incest); fig. idolatry] and shall marry another, committeth adultery [fig. apostate]: and whoso marrieth her which is put away doth commit adultery.**

(Mat 22:23-28) The same day came to him the Sadducees, which say that there is no resurrection, and asked him, Saying, Master, Moses said, If a man die, having no children, his brother shall marry his wife, **and raise up seed unto his brother [Deut 25:5]**. Now there were with us seven brethren [brothers]: and the first, when he had married a wife, deceased, and, having no issue [seed (children)], left his wife unto his brother: Likewise the second also, and the third, unto the seventh. And last of all the woman died also. **Therefore in the resurrection whose wife shall she be of the seven?** for they all had her.

(Mat 22:29-32) Jesus answered and said unto them, Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God. **For in the resurrection they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are as the angels of God in heaven.** But as touching the resurrection of the dead, have ye not read that which was spoken unto you by God, saying, I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob? God is not the God of the dead, but of the living.

1. (Rev 19:9,10) And he [*the angel*] saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God. **And I fell at his feet to worship him.** And he said unto me, **See thou do it not: I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren** that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.
2. (Rev 22:8,9) And I John saw these things, and heard them. And when I had heard and seen, **I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel which showed me these things.** Then saith he unto me, **See thou do it not: for I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren the prophets,** and of them which keep the sayings of this book: worship God.

Amen