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HOUSE OF DAVID BIBLE AND MINISTRY SCHOOL

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Dear Beloved,

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In Christ Service,

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SUMMER 2017 SYLLABUS

Understanding the Book of Revelation (TLC)

#	Date	In Class Lesson	Homework	QUIZZES	TEACHER	
					Morning	Evening
1	Tuesday 6/6/17	Revelation Chapters 1-3	The Origin of Man			
2	6/13/17	Revelation Chapters 4-6	The Rapture	Revelation Chapters 1-3		
3	6/20/17	Daniel Comparison of Revelation	Are You Lukewarm?	Revelation Chapters 4-6		
4	6/27/17	Revelation Chapters 7-9	The Divine Appointment & Before the Throne	Daniel Comparison of Revelation		
5	7/4/17	WEEK OFF - 4TH of July				
6	7/11/17	Revelation Chapters 10-12	The Tribulation	Revelation Chapters 7-9		
7	7/18/17	Revelation Chapters 13-15	The Dynamics of Hell	Revelation Chapters 10-12		
8	7/25/17	Revelation Chapters 16-17	Rewards	Revelation Chapters 13-15		
9	8/1/17	Revelation Chapters 18-19	Eternal Life	Revelation Chapters 16-17		
10	8/8/17	Revelation Chapters 20-22	Heaven Or New Jerusalem & The Millennium			

Revelation Chapters 1-3

The Book of Revelation was received by the Apostle John while he was imprisoned on the Island of Patmos for his faith in, and testimony of Jesus Christ the Savior and True Lord of all. Before we endeavor into the substance of this book we should examine its title. The word "Revelation" in the Greek is "Apocalupis." This is where we get the saying "The Apocalypse," which in its root form means to unveil. From this title we can understand that this book is an unveiling of something that was hidden. What is being revealed are the events that will proceed and accompany Jesus Christ return to the earth. It is important that we understand that this book is not a history book, but rather a Prophetic book that unveils future events. The Book of Revelation is a book filled with signs and symbols. Although this book is filled with signs and symbols it is still factual. It is history written in advance. This book is one of consummation, in which everything that began in the Book of Genesis comes full circle and comes to a head or close. Everything that was lost in the Garden of Eden is regained in this book.

THE BOOK OF REVELATION, CHAPTER 1

¹The Book of Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to shew unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John:

²Who bare record of the word of God, and of the testimony of Jesus Christ, and of all things that he saw.

³Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand.

Verses 1- 3

It is important that we understand that this is The Book of Revelation. Although the title of the book states that it is the Revelation of St. John, it should really say the Revelation to John. When we say revelation, it denotes the understanding or revealing of something that had not been understood or hidden in times past. This book was given for us, so that we might know what was going to happen on the earth. There is a blessing spoken to all who read and hear the words of this prophecy and keep those things.

⁴John to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace be unto you, and peace, from him which is, and which was, and which is to come; and from the seven Spirits which are before his throne;

⁵And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,

⁶And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

⁷Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen.

⁸I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.

⁹I John, who also am your brother, and companion in tribulation, and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was in the isle that is called Patmos, for the word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ.

¹⁰I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet,

¹¹Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last: and, What thou seest, write in a book, and send it unto the seven churches which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamos, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea.

Verse 11

The Seven Churches were literal Churches during the time of the Revelation to John, but each Church

also represents a different time period in Church history which correlates with the character of the Church of that day.

1. Ephesus - Represents the time period of 30 A.D. to 150 A.D.
2. Smyrna - Represents 50 A.D. to 300 A.D. (This ended in the union of Church and state under Constantine.)
3. Pergamos - Represents 300 A.D. to 606 A.D.
4. Thyatira - Represents 606 A.D. to 1500 A.D. (This was the longest period and was called the dark ages. This is during the Papal Church.)
5. Sardis - Represents 1500 A.D. to 1700 A.D. (The dead church in which the reformation period begun.)
6. Philadelphia - Represents 1700 A.D. to 1900 A.D. (This is the missionary movement and the period of strong evangelist and evangelism.)
7. Laodicea - Represents 1900 A.D. to present. (This is the lukewarm Church which is blended with the world.)

¹²And I turned to see the voice that spake with me. And being turned, I saw seven golden candlesticks;

Verse 12

The seven golden candlesticks represent the seven periods of Church history. The candlesticks represent light and the Church is to be the light to the world.

¹³And in the midst of the seven candlesticks one like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle.

Verse 13

Jesus is in the midst of the Church throughout

¹⁴His head and his hairs were white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes were as a flame of fire;

¹⁵And his feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and his voice as the sound of many waters.

¹⁶And he had in his right hand seven stars: and out of his mouth went a sharp twoedged sword: and his countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength.

Verses 14-16

1. Speaks of the sevenfold glory of Jesus
2. His Head And His Hair - white like wool and white as snow speaks of Him as the Ancient of Days. The whiteness of His hair does not represent age, rather wisdom and experience.
3. His Eyes - The flames of His eyes will penetrate the hearts of men when He sits as Judge over the Earth.
4. His Feet - like unto fine brass as if they were burned in a furnace. Brass most often represents judgment. This is significant because He shall tread the wine press of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. Burned feet are hard and can crush. The Anti-Christ and Satan will be crushed by His heel.
5. His Voice - Sound of many waters. Water represents people and His voice can be heard and understood by many people groups and languages. Similar to the old adage "the sea of humanity."
6. His Hand - In His right hand are seven stars. These stars are not angels, but ministers or messengers sent to the Churches and Jesus has them in His right hand. Right hand denotes power and so they have been given His power.
7. His Mouth - out of His mouth went a sharp two edged sword. This sword is not the Word of God, in this instance, but rather the Sword of Justice. The two edges will be for 2 purposes: a) for the protection of His people b) for the destruction of His enemy's.
8. His Countenance - As the Son shineth in His strength. This represents Jesus as the Son of Righteousness who is coming to bring all darkness into His marvelous light, that He may judge all things.

¹⁷And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last:

¹⁸I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.

¹⁹Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter;

²⁰The mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest in my right hand, and the seven golden candlesticks. The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches: and the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches.

THE BOOK OF REVELATION, CHAPTER 2

¹Unto the angel of the church of Ephesus write; These things saith he that holdeth the seven stars in his right hand, who walketh in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks;

²I know thy works, and thy labour, and thy patience, and how thou canst not bear them which are evil: and thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars:

³And hast borne, and hast patience, and for my name's sake hast laboured, and hast not fainted.

⁴Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love.

⁵Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent.

⁶But this thou hast, that thou hatest the deeds of the Nicolaitanes, which I also hate.

⁷He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God.

1. Ephesus - The Backslidden Church

This Church is commended for its works, labor and patience and hatred of evil. The complaint the Lord had, was that it had left its first love, which is the Lord Jesus Christ. They lost relationship with Him. The Nicolaitanes were a group of ministers who wanted a separation of clergy and laity. Nicolaitanes means conquer the people.

⁸And unto the angel of the church in Smyrna write; These things saith the first and the last, which was dead, and is alive;

⁹I know thy works, and tribulation, and poverty, (but thou art rich) and I know the blasphemy of them which say they are Jews, and are not, but are the synagogue of Satan.

¹⁰Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.

¹¹He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death.

2. Smyrna - A Persecuted Church

The name Smyrna comes from the word myrrh, which is a bitter herb and this is a suitable name for a Church who is about to face persecution and death. Even Jesus' salutation or opening to them was to give them hope that He has overcome the death that many of them were about to face. Jesus had nothing bad to say about them. They were promised a Crown Of Life.

¹²And to the angel of the church in Pergamos write; These things saith he which hath the sharp sword with two edges;

¹³I know thy works, and where thou dwellest, even where Satan's seat is: and thou holdest fast my name, and hast not denied my faith, even in those days wherein Antipas was my faithful martyr, who was slain among you, where Satan dwelleth.

¹⁴But I have a few things against thee, because thou hast there them that hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balac to cast a stumblingblock before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed unto idols, and to commit fornication.

¹⁵So hast thou also them that hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitanes, which thing I hate.

¹⁶Repent; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will fight against them with the sword of my mouth.

¹⁷He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it.

3. **Pergamos - A Licentious (lacking legal or moral restraints) Church**

The word pergamos means **marriage** and during this time the Church under the Emperor Constantine was declared legal and thus the Church entered into a union with state. This made the Church guilty of spiritual fornication. This is the same trick that Balaam played on the children of Israel in Numbers chapters 22 to 25. He could not curse them to destroy them and so he got them to compromise by bringing together God's Holy people with the world. Constantine began giving Bishops big buildings called Basilicas for conversions into Churches. He gave them ornate thrones and costly vestments and they adopted the pagan festivals to please the pagan members.

¹⁸And unto the angel of the church in Thyatira write; These things saith the Son of God, who hath his eyes like unto a flame of fire, and his feet are like fine brass;

¹⁹I know thy works, and charity, and service, and faith, and thy patience, and thy works; and the last to be more than the first.

²⁰Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee, because thou sufferest that woman Jezebel, which calleth herself a prophetess, to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols.

²¹And I gave her space to repent of her fornication; and she repented not.

²²Behold, I will cast her into a bed, and them that commit adultery with her into great tribulation, except they repent of their deeds.

²³And I will kill her children with death; and all the churches shall know that I am he which searcheth the reins and hearts: and I will give unto every one of you according to your works.

²⁴But unto you I say, and unto the rest in Thyatira, as many as have not this doctrine, and which have not known the depths of Satan, as they speak; I will put upon you none other burden.

²⁵But that which ye have already hold fast till I come.

²⁶And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations:

²⁷And he shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of my Father.

²⁸And I will give him the morning star.

²⁹He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

4. **Thyatira - A Lax Church**

This Church was also a working Church, but it tolerated false teaching and doctrine. These teachings were things to lead the people of God to embrace worldly things and thus God sees this as fornication or going to bed, covenanting or joining the world. Thyatira tolerated sin in the Church. Idolatry and immortality go together and Jezebel personifies both.

THE BOOK OF REVELATION, CHAPTER 3

¹And unto the angel of the church in Sardis write; These things saith he that hath the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars; I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead.

²Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die: for I have not found thy works perfect before God.

³Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee.

⁴Thou hast a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with me in white: for they are worthy.

⁵He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels.

⁶He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

5. **Sardis - The Dead Church**

The name Sardis means escaping ones or those that come out. Sardis was a dead Church that had all the ritualistic ceremonies that made them look alive, but it yet was dead. They had the form of godliness, but denied the power thereof; the power to transform. The condition of the Church affairs became intolerable under the Papacy and the Reformation movement came out or escaped. There were some people in this dead Church who did not corrupt themselves with the world.

⁷And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write; These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth;

⁸I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name.

⁹Behold, I will make them of the synagogue of Satan, which say they are Jews, and are not, but do lie; behold, I will make them to come and worship before thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee.

¹⁰Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.

¹¹Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown.

¹²Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him my new name.

¹³He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

6. **Philadelphia - A Favored Church**

The name Philadelphia means brotherly love. Three things were said about this Church:

- A. It had a little strength. This Church was known for its revivals.
- B. It had set before it an open door that no man could shut. Missionaries have found open doors to other nations during this 150 year period to reach the world for Christ.
- C. It was to be kept from the hour of temptation that shall come upon the entire world. This Church would not go through the tribulation period.

¹⁴And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God;

¹⁵I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot.

¹⁶So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth.

¹⁷Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked:

¹⁸I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see.

¹⁹As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent.

²⁰Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.

²¹To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.

²²He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

7. Laodicea - The Lukewarm Church

Christ has nothing good to say about this Church and unfortunately it is the Church that is most dominant today. This Church is self deceived. Their outward riches, titles and great meetings blinded them to their true spiritual condition. Many of the members of this Church are worldly or backslidden. This Church seeks after worldly riches, worldly acclaim and prestige rather than godly wealth. This Church has the outward appearance of success, but lacks the very one they say they represent. This Church needs correction to repent, but prefers light words that encourage them to continue in their lukewarm condition. Christ stands outside the door of this Church trying to get in. Jesus tells these people that He is not in their hearts and that if they would only open the door of their heart, He will come into them.

The Book of Revelation, Chapters 2 and 3 Overview

In chapter 2 we deal with the character traits of the seven Churches. Now the number seven denotes perfection and completeness and the seven Churches represent the complete Church age.

Each one of these letters are written to the ministers or care takers of that Church period. It would seem fitting the old statement as go the leadership, so go the followers. The leaders or ministry is being held responsible for the condition of these Churches.

It is important to understand that each of these Churches had overwhelming characteristics for their times, each of the previous Churches characteristics would be carried forth into the next Church period until the Church falls into apostasy.

The Origin Of Man

In this day of modern technology, and higher learning, man has tried to eliminate his origins through a Divine Creator, making man accountable to, and dependent on, no one but himself. Contrary to popular teachings on evolution, man did not evolve from some lesser order of being. Man is intelligently designed by his creator, the Living God. This truth is contained in God's only Holy Word, The Holy Bible. Many whom the world considers to be scholars, as well as religious leaders try to discredit this Book, because if it is true (which it is), then their theories and religious thoughts are a lie. Man would rather God be wrong than himself. This is why religions around the world try all that they can to stop the Holy Bible from coming to the people in their countries, as well as those in their religion. The Bible challenges mans order of religion, and scholarly thought, which most often is built on great error (mans opinion and not God's Word), yet because of the traditions of men and the spirits that are behind these religions and scholarly thought most are unwilling to accept the truth in the Holy Bible, and threaten those who are under their religious or governmental rule if they were to read God's Word. There is no other Book that is so challenged throughout the world. This is because of the truths that it contains, that liberate all who receive its truths both naturally and spiritually, causing them to have security in God through His sacrifice that He sent to die for the pardoning and forgiving of their sins, Jesus Christ. In Genesis 1:26-28 we have the truth about mans creation, it reads;

“And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: 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.

And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.”

As we examine the above scripture we see the pattern in which God used to create man. That pattern was Himself. God made man in His image and after His likeness. The first human that God created in His likeness and image was Adam. Let's take a look at verse 26 of this scripture. There are some questions that should come to mind when we read this verse, the first of which is, who was God speaking to when He said, **“Let us make man in our image, after our likeness:”**? The Only True And Living God is triune, yet singular. That is to say that God is a Trinity or three parts, which is God the Father, God the Son (Jesus Christ), and God the Holy Spirit. He is one God with three distinctive personalities. To answer the above question, God the Father was speaking to God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. We know that He was not speaking to the Angels, for they do not have equality with God, and God does not need the counsel or agreement of Angels to do a sovereign work of His will. The second question is, what is the difference between likeness and image, aren't they the same thing? Please understand that God is not being redundant in this verse, rather specific and detailed in description regarding the creation of man. The word “image” in Hebrew is “tselem” (pronounced tseh-lem), meaning illusion, resemblance; hence, a representative figure. In layman's terms it is the way we look. Man was made to look like or resemble God. The word “likeness” in Hebrew is “dmuwth” (pronounced dem-ooth), meaning model, shape, fashion (the way that we are made), manner, similitude (having similarity or double). In layman's terms likeness means composition or the way we are made. God is triune (three parts) and so is man. Man is a spirit that has a soul that lives in a body.

The Composition Of Man.

Again, man is a triune being or a being that has three distinct parts. Let us examine the function and the purpose of each of these parts.

The Body

When trying to expound on the origin or creation of man we must look at Genesis 2:7 (a clause), which tells us of the material used to create man, it reads;

“And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground,....”

We must now ask ourselves what is dust? The Hebrew word for “dust” in this text of scripture is “Aphar” (pronounced aw-fawr), meaning dust, powdered gray, clay, earth mud, ashes, powdered, ground. God did not use white dust for white men, red dust for red men, yellow dust for yellow men, black dust for black men, brown dust for brown men, olive dust for olive men, rather gray dust for all men, for every single person that has ever lived has their origins in one person, Adam. So the material that God used to build man was a gray dust, this is why the body after death turns grayish in color as it decomposes. God took dust and **formed** man. The Hebrew word for “form” in this text of scripture is “yatsar” (pronounced yaw-tsar), meaning to squeeze into shape, mould into form, especially as a potter, to fashion, frame and purpose. When God made the body for man, He formed it, shaped it, molded it and gave it purpose, just as a potter shapes a clay pitcher and gives it purpose and function. When God made the eyes of man it was with intended purpose and function. When He made the hands of man, He knew how it would function. When He made the brain of man, he purposed it to house mans mind. God is a great designer, who has purpose in all that He does. Man’s body was designed, made or patterned to look like (in the image of) God. Man’s body was also created to house his spirit and his soul. The body has within it 5 senses, which give the body the ability to experience the things of this world, through sight, touch, smell, hearing and tasting.

The first woman was Eve, who was created by God, yet through man. Woman was created to be a companion to man and a help to him. Genesis 2:20-24 says;

“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, 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, because she was taken out of Man.

Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.”

The Soul

When explaining the tri-fold nature of man, Genesis 2:7 gives insight into all three areas. Genesis 2:7 (a and b clause) says;

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

Here we have the birth of the psyche of man through the breath or Spirit of life from God. God had already created the body of man, yet he had not been programmed. The body of man without a soul is similar to having a computer with no programs in it. The soul is the part of man that programs the brain. The brain facilitates the soul, and the soul while in an earthly body functions through the brain. The word “soul” in the Greek is “psuche” (pronounced psou-khay) from which we derive the word “psyche” dealing with the mind. “Psuche” means spirit or animal sentient (able to perceive, be aware, conscious). The soul has in it emotions, affections, memory, reasoning, imagination, and intellect. Each person that God created has a distinct psyche, personality or consciousness, in which comes to life or is animated when God breathes Spirit (life) into it. God designed the human body to facilitate spiritual attributes. God created the physical brain and instilled in it the soul of man (mind). In the spiritual realm the soul does not need the physical brain to function, yet while man is on earth his soul uses the brain to facilitate it or function through. This is why in the spiritual realm

and eternity (Heaven or Hell) people will remember, feel, and have emotions, yet without an earthly body. Luke 16:14-31 gives us the account of this spiritual fact. Some believe that Jesus was telling a parable in this scripture, but we know that that is not true because Jesus never ever used names in parables. He was speaking a factual account. Luke 16:22-29 says;

“And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham’s bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried;

And in hell he lifted up his eyes *(he was able to see)*, **being in torments** *(he was able to feel)*, **and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.**

And he cried and said *(he was able to speak)*, **Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue** *(he was able to taste and thirst)*; **for I am tormented in this flame.**

But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented.

And besides all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that would come from thence.

Then he said, I pray thee therefore, father, that thou wouldest send him to my father’s house:

For I have five brethren; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment. *(He was able to hear, for he responded to what Abraham said)*

Abraham saith unto him, They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.” *(Italics are mine.)*

The soul will exist eternally, even outside of the body.

When we consider the various personalities of people both good and bad, many questions arise as to why God allowed people to have psyche’s (minds) that are evil and cause bad things. Let’s go a little deeper. When Adam was created, he had within himself all of the traits both mental (psyche’s) and physical that God wanted to give to humanity, in his gene pool. Sin perverted these various traits in Adams gene pool, causing the behaviors from mans fallen psyches that we see today throughout humanity. Sin always turns what God intended to be a blessing to become a curse or opposite of what God intended. We see this with the fallen angels. God did not make them to hate as they do today. It was the introduction of sin that caused their psyche’s to change from God’s design, to wickedness.

The Spirit

Again, in Genesis 2:7 (a and b clause) we see the birthing of this part of man, it reads;

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

To understand what the spirit of man is, we must define the word “breath” from the Hebrew. We see in the above scripture that God breathed the breath of life and man became alive. The breath of life or the spirit of life that God breathed into man, deposited in him a spirit that had the life of God in it. Please understand that God is the giver of life, and that life is Spirit, and it is given through God’s breath. Even though God had formed the body of man, it still was not alive until He blew the breath of life into it. The Hebrew word for “breath” in this text of scripture is “neshamah” (pronounced nesh-aw-maw), meaning to puff, wind, angry or vital breath, divine inspiration, intellect (denoting the souls deposit), breath, inspiration, soul, spirit. The Greek word for spirit is “pneuma” (pronounced pnyoo-mah), meaning a current of air, breath, or breeze, an angel, demon, (or divine) God, Christ Spirit, Holy Spirit, ghost, life, spirit, mind.

Your spirit has a specific image, shape, and form which causes it to be distinguishable from others. Now your soul or psyche causes you to be seen a specific way. This is based on what it has perceived or knows about who you are or what you looked like according to your natural body or image. Your spirit has within it your soul or psyche (mind and its abilities). Again, this is how the rich man who died and went to Hell was able to feel, see, and distinguish different people in Hell and Paradise (Luke 16:19-31). In Heaven we will have the mind or psyche of Christ, which will cause us to see ourselves in a redeemed state, as He sees us. This will also cause us not to remember

with remorse those who died without Christ and went to Hell. Because of the mind or psyche of Christ we will not hurt, nor grieve for them, for our minds will fully understand and embrace God's mercy and justice of God. The Bible says that we shall know even as we are known (because of the psyche or mind of Christ flowing through us, His Body). I Corinthians 13:12 says;

“For now we see through a glass darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.”

It is with our spirits that we contact and communicate with God. John 4:23-24 says;

“But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.

God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.”

Man Comes From God.

Man comes from God, for the Word of God (the Holy Bible) says that God breathed the breath of life into man. Again, it was when God breathed the breath of life into man that man's body became animated. The spirit of man has the life of God in it, which causes the body to live as long as the spirit is resident. This is why in The Book of Revelations, people who will try and kill themselves, will not be able to, because God will cause their spirits to stay resident in their bodies. Revelations 9:6 says;

“And in those days shall men seek death, and shall not find it; and shall desire to die, and death shall flee from them.”

Why Did God Create Man?

There are various reasons that God created man, and I am sure that I do not know them all, for some of God's purposes for man may yet be waiting to be understood in eternity. Yet, with the understanding that God has given me I will list a few reasons for man's creation. Man was created to:

1. Be a heritage. The American Heritage Dictionary Of The English Language defines “heritage” as something other than property passed down from preceding generations; legacy, tradition. It is also the status or lot acquired by a person through birth or birthright: a heritage of affluence and position. In I Peter 5:3 the Word tells Pastors not to be lords over God's heritage.
2. Man was created for God's pleasure. Revelations 4:11 says; **“Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.”** God created all things including man for His pleasure. The word pleasure in this text implies whatever God determines.
3. Man, as well as all creation was made to Praise the Lord. Psalms 148:1-14 says;
**“Praise ye the Lord. Praise ye the Lord from the heavens: praise him in the heights.
Praise ye him, all his angels: praise ye him, all his host.
Praise ye him, sun and moon: praise him, all ye stars of light.
Praise him, ye heavens of heavens, and ye waters that be above the heavens.
Let them praise the name of the Lord: for he commanded, and they were created.
He hath also established them for ever and ever: he hath made a decree which shall not pass.
Praise the Lord from the earth, ye dragons, and all deeps:
Fire, and hail; snow, and vapour; stormy wind fulfilling his word:
Mountains, and all hills; fruitful trees, and all cedars:
Beasts, and all cattle; creeping things, and flying fowl:
Kings of the earth, and all people; princes, and all judges of the earth:
Both young men, and maidens; old men, and children:
Let them praise the name of the Lord: for his name alone is excellent; his glory is above the earth and heaven.
He also exalteth the horn of his people, the praise of all his saints; even of the children of**

Israel, a people near unto him. Praise ye the Lord.”

All creation was made for the purpose of praising God. When the winds blow through the trees it is an act of praise to God. When the waves rise up and then fall, it is an act of praise to God. All things including man were made to give praise to our creator, the Living God. Psalms 149:1-6 and 150:1-6 tells us why we should praise God.

4. Man is to have fellowship with God (I John 1:3).

The Reason Why Satan (The Devil) Hates Man So Much

Why does Satan hate man so much? I believe some of his hatred is based on jealousy. Some of the reasons might be that man was made in the image of God. Man was made for the praise of God and to have fellowship with God. Much of what Satan wanted and the job that he used to have (praise), was given to man. Remember, Satan was virtually an instrument of praise for the Lord. Built within him were instruments of praise (Ezekiel 28:13-15). Satan may have thought that after his expulsion from heaven, that he would have dominion on earth, then God gave that dominion to man.

In The Beginning

God created man with purpose. In the beginning man was purposed to be a vegetarian. Genesis 1:29 tells us of the diet that God purposed for man, it reads;

“And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb (*vegetables*) bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat.” *Italics are mine.*

God made man a vegetarian. Instead of flesh God gave man fruit as a meat. Man was not made a carnivore or meat eating. Our bodies were not originally made for meat.

Another purpose for the creation of man was to give him dominion over all the earth (that includes the winds, waves, etc...). God did not just give man dominion without training. Man was in the Garden of Eden being trained in dominion. Genesis 2:19-20 says;

“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 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.”

Man was created to be like God. He was being trained in dominion and power, as any Good Father would train his son in doing. Man was not only given life, but was also given the ability to procreate (make children) in his own image (Genesis 5:1-3). Sin cut short mans dominion training.

The Tree Of The Knowledge Of Good And Evil.

When man decided to eat from the Tree Of The Knowledge Of Good And Evil, he took upon himself the responsibility for doing what is right or wrong, good or evil. His actions from that point on were looked at as intentional, rather than innocence, due to knowledge of what is right and wrong.

Before Adam ate from the tree, he probably erred and made mistakes, yet they probably were not considered sin if they were not an act of disobedience to God and because he did not have knowledge of good and evil. This seems to be an early area where God’s grace was instituted call innocence.

God created man to be humble and in that humility, understand his need to be dependent on God for true wisdom, knowledge and direction. Humility is a function of walking in the Spirit. Satan introduced pride, telling them if they ate of the tree in disobedience to God, then they would be as gods (Genesis 3:1-6). Pride is centered on reliance of the flesh and self, this caused man to eat of the Tree Of The Knowledge Of Good And Evil and thus man sought for and is still seeking his own wisdom, knowledge and direction. God is the center of truth and when man sought after God status without God, they sinned and caused a stop to them walking unhindered in the Spirit. Sin always pushes us away from God.

The Nations Of The Earth.

When God created Adam He placed in him all the nations of the earth. Every hair color, every eye color, every skin color, every hair texture, and all that we see in the multitudes of humanity was in Adam's genes. Our God is a God of variety, making each person distinctive and different. All of these distinctions and differences were in Adam when God created him. Besides Adam all people who ever lived on the planet descended from 3 other people, of which one we do not even know their name, and they are Eve (Adams wife), Noah and Noah's wife (we do not know her name).

The nations of the world that we see today all descended from the sons of Noah, who are Shem, Ham and Japheth. They were triplets, giving the beginning of nation's equality in time of origin. We know this because Genesis 5:32 tells us that Noah was 500 years old when he begat all three of his sons.

The Beginning Of Nations And Continents.

At one time all men spoke one language (Genesis 11:1), but were prideful, trying to build a tower that could reach heaven (Genesis 11:4). This was done because they distrusted God and did not want God to scatter them perhaps through another flood. God came down from Heaven and confounded their language, causing them not to be able to understand each other's speech. This all took place in a place called Shinar (Iraq). Because their speech sounded like babel (a confusion of words causing them not to be understood) the city was called Babylon (because they babeled). This caused men to disperse out to different places, probably with those who spoke the language that they could understand. Different ethnos probably spoke the same language. Those who spoke the same languages most likely migrated to certain regions of the earth.

It is important that you understand that at this time the earth was just one big land mass, for there was not as yet different continents. Sometime after the confusion of languages the land was divided. Genesis 10:25 gives evidence to this fact, it says;

“And unto Eber were born two sons: the name of one was Peleg; for in his days was the earth divided; and his brother's name was Joktan.”

The meaning of the name Peleg in Hebrew means split or divide, referring to an earthquake. This probably caused the isolation of the races and various languages to various regions or continents. It was most likely an earthquake that caused the shifting and breaking of tectonic plates in the earth. As a proof to this take a look at a map of the world and cut out the continents, you will find that they fit together as a puzzle forming one body of land.

The Origin Of Man

Homework 1

Name: _____

Date: ____/____/____

Answer the following questions based on your knowledge of the lesson.

1. What is the difference between image and likeness?
 - a. There is no difference
 - b. Image is how people see you likeness is how you really are
 - c. Image is how you look, likeness is you composition (how you are made up)
 - d. Image is a photograph, likeness is some you looks like you

2. What are the three components of man?
 - a. Spirit, psyche, body
 - b. Man only has two parts: spirit and body
 - c. Spirit, soul, body
 - d. Psyche, soul, body

3. What can the “psyche” also be called?
 - a. Spirit
 - b. Soul
 - c. Body
 - d. All of the above

4. True or False: when man decided to eat from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil, he took upon himself the responsibility for doing what was right or wrong, good and evil. His actions from that point on were looked at as accidental.
 - a. True
 - b. False

5. What scripture tells us when the continents were divided?
 - a. Genesis 10:25
 - b. Genesis 11:1
 - c. Genesis 11:4
 - d. Genesis 5:32