

SOME MORE NOTES

Genesis 2:4 - These are the generations of the heavens and of the earth when they were created, in the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens,

“generations” is the Hebrew word toledot, which can mean generations, genealogy, an account of what something sprang from, or what became of something.

It usually begins a section of scripture, but sometimes ends one, so there is controversy about which this passage is doing.

Ge./ 2:7 - And the Lord God formed Adam (adamah= mankind) from the dust of the ground. The Talmud says dust from every part of the world was used. Another section specifically mentions that dust from the future location of the Temple Holy of Holies was used, so that each person has a sacred space within, waiting for God.

Breathed into his nostrils the “breath of life” to become a living soul (really just a living being, a life)

As the Onkelos Targum describes it, he became “a speaking spirit,” reflecting the importance of language to defining our humanity - for communion with one another and with God.

Psalm 8:4 - What is man that thou art mindful of him?

This psalm is important, contrasting and comparing Adam and the Son of Man. The Psalmist talks about Adam, but looks toward the Last Adam, Christ, as Hebrews 2:5-18 explains.

man = enosh, rather than adamah. A mortal man, but used as a general term for humanity.

Eve and the Bride/Church

Genesis 2:21-23 - Eve taken from Adam’s side is a type of the Bride born from Christ’s wounded side.

John 19:33-35 - The wound testified of his death, which had already occurred. So, the church does the same, and verifies his death by eyewitness of John.

Zech. 12:10 - “They shall look on the one they have pierced.” This linked to a “fountain for sin and uncleanness” flowing from Jerusalem and the Temple. Jesus referred to his body as the temple (John 2:19-21)

Tertullian (about 2nd cent A.D.) - “If Adam was a figure of Christ, the sleep of Adam was the death of Christ, who was to fall asleep in death; that in the injury of his side might be

figured the church, the true mother of all living.” Also, Chrysostom and other early church fathers agreed.

More comparisons of the First and Last Adam

1 Corinthians 15:45-49 - And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit.

Adam was put in a death-like sleep (terdemah), the same as Abraham’s at the Horror of Great Darkness. (Genesis 15:12)

The Temple itself on Passover washed away the blood from 250,000 lambs sacrificed on Passover with water through a drainage system that spewed the blood and water into the Kidron Valley from the side of the Temple.

It’s interesting that Mary mistook Jesus, the Last Adam, for the gardener at the empty tomb (John 20:15) Adam was a gardener - placed in the Garden to dress and keep it.

Eve was not a separate creation, but was present within Adam. (In other words, God didn’t take dust and create her and then breath life into her, as he did for Adam)

The Bride/Church was also present within Christ.

Ephesians 1:4-5 - “For he chose us from before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight.”