

MAN'S RELATIONSHIP TO THE ANIMALS

Biblical Similarities Between Man and the Animals

A. Derivation of Bodily Material

1. Animals

Genesis 2:19 -- "And out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the sky, . . ."

וַיִּצְרֶה אֱלֹהִים יְהוָה מִן-הָאֲדָמָה . . .

2. Man

Genesis 2:7 -- "Then he Lord God formed man of dust from the ground, . . ."

וַיִּצְרֶה יְהוָה אֶת-אָדָם מִן-עֹפֶרֶת הָאֲדָמָה . . .

B. Origin of Biological Life

1. Animals

Genesis 6:17 -- "And behold, I even I am bringing the flood of water upon the earth, to destroy all flesh in which is the breath of life, . . ."

Genesis 7:13-15 -- "On the very same day Noah and Shem and Ham and Japheth, the sons of Noah, and Noah's wife and the three wives of his sons with them, entered the ark, they and every beast after its kind, and all the cattle after their kind, and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth after its kind, and every bird after its kind, all sorts of birds. So they went into the ark to Noah, by twos of all flesh in which was the breath of life."

מִכָּל-אֲשֶׁר הַבְּשָׂר-רוּחַ בּוֹ תַיִם:

Genesis 7:21-22 -- "And all flesh that moved on the earth perished, birds and cattle and beasts and every swarming thing that swarms upon the earth, and all mankind; of all that was on the dry land, all in whose nostrils was the breath of the spirit of life, died."

2. Man

Genesis 2:7 -- "Then the Lord God . . . breathed into his nostrils the breath of life. . . ."

. . . תַיִם נִשְׁמַת בְּאַפִּיו וַיִּחַי

C. Resultant Creation as a Living Being

1. Animals

Genesis 1:20 -- "Then God said, 'Let the waters teem with swarms of living creatures, . . .'"

Genesis 1:21 -- "And God created the great sea monsters, and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarmed after their kind, . . ."

כָּל הַחַיָּה נֹפֶשׁ . . .

Genesis 1:24 -- "Then God said, 'Let the earth bring forth living creatures after their kinds cattle and creeping things and beasts of the earth after their kind'; . . ."

הָאָרֶץ תּוֹצֵא . . . חַיָּה נֹפֶשׁ

2. Man

Genesis 2:7 -- " . . . and man became a living being."

וַיְהִי הָאָדָם לְנֶפֶשׁ חַיָּה:

The Uniqueness of Man Among the Animals

Genesis 1:26 -- "Then God said, 'Let us make man in our image, according to our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, . . .'"