

IMAGE ACCORDING TO LIKENESS
(Tselem Demuth)

Bara (to create something out of nothing - but the essence of God) is used three times in the creation account,

- (Gen.1:1) Original creation
- (Gen.1:21) 5th day of recreation – chayah nephesh – fish and fowl
- (Gen.1:27) 6th day of recreation – chayah nephesh – land animals and mankind

Chayah nephesh makes these categories of creation special in their relationship with God their Creator. What promise did God make to everything with chayah nephesh? (Gen.1:29-30; Job 38:41)

- What is the difference between chayah nephesh on 5th day from the 6th day? (Gen.1:21, 24-25) [min] (Gen.1:26-27) (tselem demuth).
- Why is tselem demuth superior to min? (Matt.6:25; 10:29-31)

“Demuth defines and limits the meaning of tselem.” (Theological Wordbook of the Old Testament; vol.1, pg.192)

This lesson will study five aspects of Image according to Likeness.

1. In Gen.1:26, the writer used both image (tselem) and likeness (demuth) to describe the DNA of the chayah nephesh of mankind in the Plan of God (Let us make).

God used the DNA of [min] with [chayah nephesh] of the animals on the 5th and 6th days.

In the Septuagint (LXX), the Greek words are eikon (image) according to homoiosis (likeness resemblance to archetype).

In Gen.1:27, why did the writer used only tselem (image) not demuth (likeness) in the actual creation (bara)?

The answer is because 3rd create of Gen.1:27 involved male and female (1 Cor.11:3, 7-12) [chain of command of divine authority].

THE SOUL

Self-Consciousness

Conscience

Mentality

Volition

Emotion

MALE & FEMALE

2. **“This is the Book of the Genealogy of Adam. In the day when God created (bara) man, He made (asah) him in the likeness (Demuth) (Gen.1:26) of God. He created them male and female (Gen.1:27/ image).” (Gen.5:1-2a)**

In Gen.5:1, the Septuagint (LXX), changed the Greek word for likeness to **eikon (image)** (Gen.1:27) [technical].

(Gen.5:1-2a “This is the genealogy of men in the day in which God made Adam; in the **image (eikon)** of God He made him. In the **image of God** He made them, and blessed them.” (XX)

The souls of Adam and Eve were created in the image of the second member of Godhead, The Son of God, according to the likeness of the Godhead.

3. **After the fall of Adam, there was a change to an imperfect image of soul (Gen.3:6-19) Adam’s Original Sin (AOS). (Rom.5:12-21; 1 Cor.15:22)**

(Gen.5:3) “When Adam had lived 130 years, he became the father of a son **in his likeness (demuth), according to his image (tselem)**, and named him Seth (appointed one).”

(Rom.5:19) “For as through the one transgression there resulted condemnation to **all men**, even so through one act of righteousness there resulted justification of life to **all men**.”

By the time of Seth, Adam was saved and restored to redemptive plan of God (Gen.3:21; 4:4; Heb.11:4; Luke 3:38). However, the fallen state and image was decreed to be passed on to every member of the human race (Rom.5:12; 1 Cor.15:22).

4. **Jesus Christ, born outside the slave market of Adam’s sin, was born with a perfect image according to likeness of Godhead (Luke 1:34-35; 2 Cor.5:21; 1 John 3:5).**

(Col.1:15) “He is the **image** of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.”

(John 14:9) “He **who has seen Me has seen the Father**; how can you say, ‘Show us the Father?’”

(2 Cor.4:4) “In whose case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving so that they might not see the light of the gospel of the glory of **Christ, who is the image of God**.”

5. **Grace salvation by the gospel of Jesus Christ conform the image to Christ in the soul of every Church Age Believer (CAB) (2 Cor.5:17; 1 Cor.15:3-4; Rom.1:16; Eph.2:8-9).**

(Rom.8:29) “For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become **conformed to the image of His Son**, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren.”

(Col.3:10) “And have put on the new self who is being renewed to a true knowledge **according to the image of the One who created him**.”

(1 Cor.15:49) “Just as we have borne the image of the earthy, we will also bear the **image of the heavenly**.”