Let Us Make Man According To Our Image



"And God said, Let us make man according to our image and likeness, and let them have **dominion** over the fish of the sea, and **over the flying creatures of heaven**, and over the cattle and all the earth, and over all the reptiles that creep on the earth. And God made man, according to the image of God he made him, male and female he made them." Genesis 1:26-27

The Life of Adam and Eve, also known in its Greek version as the Apocalypse of Moses is a <u>Jewish</u> apocryphal group of writings. It recounts the lives of <u>Adam and Eve</u> from after their expulsion from the <u>Garden of Eden</u> to their deaths. It provides more detail about the <u>Fall of Man</u>, including Eve's version of the story. <u>Satan</u> explains that he rebelled when God commanded him to bow down to Adam. After Adam dies, he and all his descendants are promised a resurrection.

The ancient versions of the Life of Adam and Eve are: the Greek Apocalypse of Moses, the Latin Life of Adam and Eve, the Slavonic Life of Adam and Eve, the Armenian Penitence of Adam, the Georgian Book of Adam, and one or two fragmentary Coptic versions. These texts are usually named as Primary Adam Literature to distinguish them from subsequent related texts, such as the Cave of Treasures, that include what appears to be extracts, the Testament of Adam, and the Apocalypse of Adam.[2]

While the surviving versions were composed from the early 3rd to the 5th century AD,[3]: 252 the literary units in the work are considered to be older and predominantly of <u>Jewish</u> origin. Wikipedia James Charlesworth writes: "Of the many books attributed to Adam, the most important are the Vita Adae et Evae. From: Early Jewish Writings

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The following translation of The Life of Adam and Eve is from "The Apocrypha and Pseudepigrapha of the Old Testament" R.H. Charles Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1913. It covers chapters 12:1 through 15:3.

xii 1 And with a heavy sigh, the devil spake: 'O Adam! all my hostility, envy, and sorrow is for thee, since it is for thee that I have been expelled from my glory, which I possessed in the heavens 2 in the midst of the angels and for thee was I cast out in the earth.' Adam answered, 'What dost 3 thou tell me What have I done to thee or what is my fault against thee Seeing that thou hast received no harm or injury from us, why dost thou pursue us'

xiii 1 The devil replied, 'Adam, what dost thou tell me It is for thy sake that I have been hurled 2 from that place. When thou wast formed. I was hurled out of the presence of God and banished from the company of the angels. When God blew into thee the breath of life and thy face and likeness was made in the image of God, Michael also brought thee and made (us) worship thee in the sight of God; and God the Lord spake: Here is Adam. I have made thee in our image and likeness.'

xiv 1 And Michael went out and called all the angels saying:

'Worship the image of God as the Lord God hath commanded.'

And Michael himself worshipped first; then he called me and said: 'Worship the image of God

3 the Lord.' And I answered, 'I have no (need) to worship Adam.' And since Michael kept urging me to worship, I said to him, 'Why dost thou urge me I will not worship an inferior and younger being (than I). I am his senior in the Creation, before he was made was I already made. It is his duty to worship me.'

xv 1,2 When the angels, who were under me, heard this, they refused to worship him. And Michael saith, 'Worship the image of God, but if thou wilt not worship him, the Lord God will be wrath 3 with thee.' And I said, 'If He be wrath with me, I will set my seat above the stars of heaven and will be like the Highest.'

xvi 1 And God the Lord was wrath with me and banished me and my angels from our glory; and on 2 thy account were we expelled from our abodes into this world and hurled on the earth. And 3 straightway we were overcome with grief, since we had been spoiled of so great glory. And we 4 were grieved when we saw thee in such joy and luxury. And with guile I cheated thy wife and caused thee to be expelled through her (doing) from thy joy and luxury, as I have been driven out of my glory. (End of text.)

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So, Satan despised Adam and all his descendants blaming them for his expulsion from glory and from that time forward he set about to destroy mankind which God had created in His image. The question is; could God actually have asked Michael to command the angels to "Worship Adam the image of God as the Lord God hath commanded."? We believe this could very well have been the case as we will demonstrate below, and if this is true this would put a much greater emphasis on the importance we play in God's creation. See what you think.

A few verses to ponder.

"I am the Lord thy God, who brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have no other gods beside me. Thou shalt not make to thyself an idol, (graven image KJV) nor likeness of anything, whatever things are in the heaven above, and whatever are in the earth beneath, and whatever are in the waters under the earth. Thou shalt not bow down to them, nor serve them; for I am the Lord thy God, a jealous God" Exodus 20:2-5 Why did God say this, you can read this all throughout the Old Testament. They would worship the idol or image which represented the demonic entity such as Baal which the image represented. If the angels were instructed to worship Adam they were in effect worshiping God whom His image. Adam represented.

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In these Last Days just before the return of Jesus, Lucifer who said, "I will set my seat above the stars of heaven and will be like the Highest" hopes to thwart God's plan by forcing mankind to worship his image as Revelation 13:11-15 so clearly points out.

"And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon. And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed. And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men, And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by [the means of] those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that **they should make an image to the beast**, which had the wound by a sword, and did live. And **he had power to give life unto the image of the beast**, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed."

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"Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me. Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed [thee?] or thirsty, and gave [thee] drink? When saw we thee a stranger, and took [thee] in? or naked, and clothed [thee?] Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee? And the King shall answer and say

unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done [it] unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done [it] unto me." Matthew 25:34-41

All Old Testament scriptures of from the Septuagint version of the Bible. All NewTestament scriptures are from the King James Version of the Bible.

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