

## THE NEPHILIM "The Law of the Seed"

*The law of the seed is a portion of what is referred to as the universal law of the harvest (sowing and reaping). The part of the universal law of the harvest that the law of the seed represents is succinctly stated in Galatians 6:7 (NKJ).*

Gal 6:7 Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap.

### **Plants:**

Gen 1:11-13

- 11 Then God said, "Let the land produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit with seed in it, **according to their various kinds.**" And it was so.  
12 The land produced vegetation: plants bearing seed according to their kinds and trees bearing fruit with seed in it **according to their kinds.** And God saw that it was good.  
13 And there was evening, and there was morning-- the third day. (NIV)

### **Animals:**

Gen 1:20-25

- 20 And God said, "Let the water teem with living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the sky."  
21 So God created the great creatures of the sea and every living and moving thing with which the water teems, **according to their kinds**, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.  
22 God blessed them and said, "Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the water in the seas, and let the birds increase on the earth."  
23 And there was evening, and there was morning-- the fifth day.  
24 And God said, "Let the land produce living creatures **according to their kinds**: livestock, creatures that move along the ground, and wild animals, each **according to its kind.**" And it was so.  
25 God made the wild animals **according to their kinds**, the livestock **according to their kinds**, and all the creatures that move along the ground **according to their kinds.** And God saw that it was good. (NIV)

*God called the vegetation out of the ground. He spoke fish and living creatures into the waters and commanded the animals to be produced out of the land. Each of these were produced according to genus. In other words, as a species they were simply a reflection of themselves, of the shape and purposed that God had for them on the day of their making. Later, their character would be used symbolically to exemplify different aspects of God's ways and the plan of redemption (lions, lambs, snakes, etc.). As 1 Corinthians 15:46 states, first comes the natural then that which is spiritual. But here in Genesis, their pattern is simply stated to be after their own genus, in which fashion they were to reproduce.*

### **Man:**

Gen 1:26-27

- 26 Then God said, "Let us make man in our **image<sup>2</sup>**, in our **likeness<sup>3</sup>**, and let them rule over the

fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground."

27 So God created man in his own **image<sup>2</sup>**, in the **image<sup>2</sup>** of God he created him; male and female he created them. (NIV)

*This is dramatically different. Man is not called out of the land ("let the land produce.") to reproduce simply his own genus. Man's formation out of the ground is not given prominence. Instead, God focuses on man's nature to be a reflection of Himself.*

"God continually makes boundaries and sets limits for the self-perpetuating creation, boundaries that the law will employ in teaching the principles of holiness and cleanness. But the crowning point of creation is human life. Like the animals, humans were formed from the ground, given provision of food, and blessed with fruitfulness. But humans are far more than animals. The text shows that human life was set apart in relation to god by the divine plan ("let us make man"), by the divine pattern ("as our image"), and by the divine purpose ("let him have dominion")."<sup>1</sup>

*Strong's definition-*

6754 **tselem<sup>2</sup>** (tseh'-lem); from an unused root meaning to shade; a phantom, i.e. (figuratively) illusion, resemblance; hence, a representative figure, especially an idol: KJV-- image, vain shew.

*Brown-Driver-Briggs' definition-*

6754 **tselem<sup>2</sup>**-

image

- a) images (used of tumors, mice, heathen gods)
- b) image, likeness (used of resemblance)
- c) mere, empty, image, semblance (figurative)

*Strong's definition-*

1823 **demuwth<sup>3</sup>** (dem-ooth'); from **1819**; resemblance; concretely, model, shape; adverbially, like: KJV-- fashion, like (-ness, as), manner, similitude.

**1819** damah (daw-maw'); a primitive root; to compare; by implication, to resemble, liken, consider: KJV-- compare, devise, (be) like (-n), mean, think, use similitudes.

*As the Elephant Man said, "I am not an animal!" Man is different by his very nature. We are a shadow of God. Even as Adam and Eve had children, the Bible doesn't say it was "after their kind."*

Gen 5:1-3

1 This is the written account of Adam's line. When God created man, he made him in the likeness of God.

2 He created them male and female and blessed them. And when they were created, he called

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<sup>1</sup>*Creation and Blessing: A Guide to the Study and Exposition of Genesis*, Allen P. Ross, Baker Books, Grand Rapids, Michigan, 1988, 1996, p. 112

them "man."

3 When Adam had lived 130 years, he had a son in his own likeness, in his own image; and he named him Seth. NIV

*There is no denying that we share much of the same biological mechanisms as the animals and even plants. The biology of reproduction is not very different among mammals. But man is not a primate mammal. There is that which marks us as different. We bear the image and likeness of Adam, who was the son of God and bore the image and likeness of God.*

Eccl 11:5

As thou knowest not what is the way of the spirit, nor how the bones do grow in the womb of her that is with child: even so thou knowest not the works of God who maketh all. KJV

*We understand the biology of the formation of a fetus in the womb. But I challenge anybody to explain how a spirit of man is imparted to a child. God knows the way of the spirit. The spirit of man is what gives his body life (James 2:26). When man involves himself in a scientific process to produce human life (or indeed, any life), he has stepped into the realm of the great unknown. He may be successful, but the true nature of what he produces he cannot know.*

*The following is a quotation of what Dr. Richard Seed, a Harvard Ph. D. in physics and a pioneer in genetic research considered as brilliant by his peers, said on National Public Radio on January 7, 1998.*

*“I’ve said many times that you can’t stop science. God made man in his own image. God intended for man to become one with God. We are going to become one with God. We are going to have almost as much knowledge and almost as much power as God. Cloning and the reprogramming of DNA is the first serious step in becoming one with God.”*

*Do these sentiments sound familiar? “When you eat of it (tree of knowledge of good and evil) . . . you will be like God” was the lie of the serpent. It should not surprise us that modern science still believes this lie. Indeed, what we know as “science” had its origins in snake –worshipping pagan cults. Dr. Seed was the first scientist in America to announce his intention to clone humans. Although identical twins are naturally occurring clones, their spirit is still imparted to them by God. When one makes a human clone in a test tube, does one produce the image of Adam or is it simply “after the kind” of its parent cell? Though this question seems far from our daily lives, one only has to think of the number of infertile couples who would spring onto this new technology. Indeed, Dr. Seed’s plan is to establish a chain of “for profit” fertility clinics using cloning technology.*

*Be that as it may, we return to the basic principle, everything after its kind. We can call this God’s primary will with regard to procreation. But Scripture documents a key ingredient that causes this law to be rescinded. That ingredient is sin and its resultant curse.*

Gen 3:14-18

14 So the LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, "Cursed are you above

all the livestock and all the wild animals! You will crawl on your belly and you will eat dust all the days of your life.

15 And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel."

16 To the woman he said, "I will greatly increase your pains in childbearing; with pain you will give birth to children. Your desire will be for your husband, and he will rule over you."

17 To Adam he said, "Because you listened to your wife and ate from the tree about which I commanded you, 'You must not eat of it,' "Cursed is the ground because of you; through painful toil you will eat of it all the days of your life.

18 It will produce thorns and thistles for you, and you will eat the plants of the field. NIV

*On the heels of original sin and the pronouncement of the curse of God because of it, we see the natural order of things change. Snakes now have to crawl (one supposes that previously they didn't have to). The woman now has increased pain in childbearing. And the ground now produces thorns (thorn bushes) and thistles (thorns on plants). This was not so in God's primary order of things. Note that God tells man that he will eat the plants of the field.*

Gen 1:29-2:1

29 Then God said, "I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food.

30 And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds of the air and all the creatures that move on the ground--everything that has the breath of life in it--I give every green plant for food." And it was so.

31 God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning--the sixth day. NIV

*Even after the sin of Genesis 3, the order of the sixth day still stood fast for man at least. Consider the physiological implications of all animals eating green plants. The intestine of a carnivore is smooth. The intestines of a herbivore are bulbous, which is why we need roughage. The teeth of herbivores like cows and horses are square. Carnivores have pointed teeth for puncturing and tearing.*

Gen 9:1-4

1 Then God blessed Noah and his sons, saying to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the earth.

2 The fear and dread of you will fall upon all the beasts of the earth and all the birds of the air, upon every creature that moves along the ground, and upon all the fish of the sea; they are given into your hands.

3 Everything that lives and moves will be food for you. Just as I gave you the green plants, I now give you everything.

4 "But you must not eat meat that has its lifeblood still in it. NIV

*After the flood we notice further changes. Remember, Adam named all the animals. They were paraded before him. He could get close to domestic and wild animals. Noah and his family were able to gather wild and domestic animals. Now, sin has changed the relationship between beast and man. The fear of man falls on them (I believe as a protection for them because they*

*are now sanctioned food). Man can now eat meat. This notes not only a change in the natural order of man and animals, but of the plants as well. For some reason, green plants alone could not sustain the life of man as they once did before the flood.*

Isa 11:6-9

- 6 The wolf will live with the lamb, the leopard will lie down with the goat, the calf and the lion and the yearling together; and a little child will lead them.  
7 The cow will feed with the bear, their young will lie down together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox.  
8 The infant will play near the hole of the cobra, and the young child put his hand into the viper's nest.  
9 They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. NIV

*When the Lord establishes His kingdom on earth, things will return to their God ordained primary order. How did serpents get poisonous anyway? Again, the curse following sin changes the outcome of the seed sown.*

Jer 12:7-13

- 7 "I will forsake my house, abandon my inheritance; I will give the one I love into the hands of her enemies.  
8 My inheritance has become to me like a lion in the forest. She roars at me; therefore I hate her.  
9 Has not my inheritance become to me like a speckled bird of prey that other birds of prey surround and attack? Go and gather all the wild beasts; bring them to devour.  
10 Many shepherds will ruin my vineyard and trample down my field; they will turn my pleasant field into a desolate wasteland.  
11 It will be made a wasteland, parched and desolate before me; the whole land will be laid waste because there is no one who cares.  
12 Over all the barren heights in the desert destroyers will swarm, for the sword of the LORD will devour from one end of the land to the other; no one will be safe.  
13 They will sow wheat but reap thorns; they will wear themselves out but gain nothing. So bear the shame of your harvest because of the LORD's fierce anger." NIV

Jer 2:21-22

- 21 Yet I had planted thee a noble vine, wholly a right seed: how then art thou turned into the degenerate plant of a strange vine unto me?  
22 For though thou wash thee with nitre, and take thee much soap, yet thine iniquity is marked before me, saith the Lord GOD. KJV

*If sin and its resultant curse change the outcome of the law of the seed (indeed, the universal law of the harvest as well), does changing the seed constitute a sin and bring a curse?*

Lev 19:19

"Keep my decrees. "Do not mate different kinds of animals. "Do not plant your field with two kinds of seed. "Do not wear clothing woven of two kinds of material. NIV

Deut 22:9-11

9 Do not plant two kinds of seed in your vineyard; if you do, not only the crops you plant but also the fruit of the vineyard will be defiled.

10 Do not plow with an ox and a donkey yoked together.

11 Do not wear clothes of wool and linen woven together. NIV

*Certainly, a mixing of seeds causes a defilement not only of the seed, but of its produce as well. Not only does God prohibit the mixing of seeds (different types of plants), but He also abhors the exposure of seed to dead animals.*

Lev 11:37-38

37 If a carcass falls on any seeds that are to be planted, they remain clean.

38 But if water has been put on the seed and a carcass falls on it, it is unclean for you. NIV

Lev 11:29-38

Verse 37-38. All seed-corn that was intended to be sown remained clean, namely, because the uncleanness attaching to it externally would be absorbed by the earth. But if water had been put upon the seed, i.e., if the grain had been softened by water, it was to be unclean, because in that case the uncleanness would penetrate the softened grains and defile the substance of the seed, which would therefore produce uncleanness in the fruit. (from Keil & Delitzsch Commentary on the Old Testament: New Updated Edition, Electronic Database. Copyright (c) 1996 by Hendrickson Publishers, Inc.)

*In seeing how this applies to genetic engineering, if uncleanness has been introduced into the seed, then it and its crop is considered unclean.*

*Just a couple of principles to aid us in distinguishing and knowing what is going on in our day and age: we are to reap what we sow (Gal 6:7), we are not to mix the seed (Lev 19:19), and the farmer should reap both food and future crop seed (2 Cor 9:10).*

Isa 55:10-11

10 As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater,

11 so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it. NIV

*Rain and snow from heaven = word that goes out of the Lord's mouth.*

*Watering the earth, making it bud and flourish = will not return empty, but will accomplish.*

*Yielding seed for sower and bread for eater = achieve the purpose for which I sent it.*

*These principles are the natural order of things. When we come against these principles, it is transgression of God's law and retribution will fall. How is man transgressing God's law in this day and age? First, let us review how things promulgate and the code of life, DNA.*

*Living organisms are made up of cells. Some are single celled, like amoebae or bacteria, others*

*like humans are extremely complex and made up of millions of different specialized cells. Cells are composed of three main parts:*

- ◆ *MEMBRANE – encloses the cell wall.*
- ◆ *ORGANELLES – these are functional components of cells that are equivalent to organs in a body.*
- ◆ *NUCLEUS – the command center of the cell. It contains the genetic code of the cell in chromosomes, which are inside the nucleus.*

*Chromosomes are bundled up knots and loops of a long thin thread known as DNA. DNA stands for DeoxyriboNucleic Acid. The information contained on the chromosomes in the DNA is written and coded in such a way that it can be understood by almost all living species on earth. Because of this, it is called the universal code of life. The natural manufacture of all living things comes down to an interpretation and combination of nucleotides.*

*Nucleotides are the components of DNA. They are A (adenine), T (thymidine), C (cytosine), and G (guanine). These nucleotides are combined in three-letter-at-a-time sequence in a sentence that may be thousands of “letters” long. Cell production in living organisms is really a matter of communication. If the organism recognizes the code of the gene, it will reproduce it. Built into the different species are barriers which recognize foreign genetic codes as intruders and ignores or destroys them.*

*Genetic engineering uses methods that break past these natural barriers to introduce genetic material into organisms that could never be introduced by breeding. A common method is to use enzymes to cut and glue the gene one wants to transfer into the DNA of bacteria or a virus. Since viruses live by raiding the gene reproduction centers of living cells, they are used to introduce the new gene into the organism desired.*

*In such a way, we have introduced fish skin genes into tomatoes to increase shelf life, anti-freeze flounder genes into strawberries, insect-killing genes into maize, and human genes into pigs. (All this is a bit oversimplified, but you get the picture.)*

*When this is done, we are no longer technically reaping what we sow. We have gone past the introduction of two different seeds into the same field to the combination of seed codes (DNA) in the test tube. This genetic material may be living or dead. Its combination already makes an abomination. The introduction of dead animal material into the seed of plants makes the fruit unclean, according to Leviticus 11.*

*At present, genetic engineering on food crops is mostly with the purpose of making them herbicide resistant. Monsanto’s Round-Up Ready soy beans are in this category. Soybean and soybean by-products are involved in over 50% of prepared foods bought off the shelf. Most of us have been eating genetically modified food and not known it.*

*Another prominent Monsanto product is the New Leaf Russet Burbank. This potato is genetically modified by a bacteria gene to produce its own pesticide (Bt). As a matter of fact, the whole plant is a registered pesticide with the EPA! Growers of this potato are licensed to grow,*

*eat, or sell a single generation of the plant. The genes of the plant are the intellectual property of Monsanto, protected under several United States patents (5,196,525; 5,164,316; 5,322,938 and 5,352,605 being among them). Were the farmers to save any potatoes as a seed crop, they would be breaking Federal law. Those of us who have enjoyed McDonald's french fries have probably eaten New Leaf Russets before.<sup>2</sup>*

*How does this affect all of us? Do we boycott McDonalds and refuse the soy bean? Frankly, this is the tip of the iceberg. The safety and spiritual implications of GMO foods aside, ethical questions of life are at the door already. Human cloning has only been outlawed for a five-year period in the U.S. Biotech will become more prominent and we need to make our ethical decisions ahead of the wave that is coming upon us.*

*Our God is a holy and a just God. He has declared, "be holy as I am holy. Come out and touch not the unclean thing." As the days of Noah approach us, the defilement of the seed will increase as iniquity abounds in the land. The good news is that God knows His own and as they seek Him, He will guard them.*

Lev 26:3-5

3 "If you follow my decrees and are careful to obey my commands,

4 I will send you rain in its season, and the ground will yield its crops and the trees of the field their fruit.

5 Your threshing will continue until grape harvest and the grape harvest will continue until planting, and you will eat all the food you want and live in safety in your land. NIV

*Amen!*

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<sup>2</sup> "Playing God in the Garden" by Michael Pollan, New York Times Sunday Magazine, October 25, 1998