

Where My Story Began

Commentary for March 1, 2019 — Well, Not Just My Story ... but Yours

First, let me introduce this month's article, "How the Siege of Titus Locates the Temple Mount in the City of David" by independent author Marilyn Sams. The article is about how the evidence of the Haram esh-Sharif does not fit the traditional site of the Temples of God in Jerusalem. Read first the "[March 2019 Newsletter](#)." Enjoy that article and learn even more about why God's Temples were above the Gihon Spring.

... And Where Your Story Began

This Commentary is about things that are obvious.

I recently came across an advertisement for a sweat-shirt on the internet that had a saying on it:

"WAUWATOSA, WISCONSIN — IT'S WHERE MY STORY BEGAN." Wauwatosa is a suburb of Milwaukee, Wisconsin where I grew up. The shirt is not important, but I was struck by that phrase **"it's where my story began."**

Each of us has a story. It began when you took your first breath at birth.¹ That is when **"the spirit of man"** (Hebrew, *adam*) was put into your tiny body of "dust."

With that breath you became a **"living soul"** (Genesis 2:7) just like Adam. Note the sequence:

"And YHWH God [1] formed man of the dust [soil, dirt] of the ground, and [2] breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and [3] man [*adam*] became a living soul."

• **Genesis 2:7**

Similar to Adam, the same sequence occurred with your birth and everyone else's birth (Jesus Christ being the exception). Your father's sperm merged with your mother's egg, divided and multiplied, and through DNA codes in your cells, your body began to form and became differentiated specialized cells from skin to organs, to systems of cleansing transport like lymph and blood systems. Every cell is unique but every cell is also specialized. All cells in your body are replaced at different times depending on the type of cell.

I repeat, Scripture tells us that your first breath, like Adam's first breath, began your existence to become **"a living soul"** (Genesis 2:7). At the moment of your first breath, the entrance of that breath simultaneously (and miraculously, certainly for you) occurred with **"the spirit of man"** that came from God and entered your tiny body when you were born.



¹ The fetus has respiration but there is no independent breathing in the womb before birth.

Your Story Begins

And so we come to where your story began. In Hebrew it is called, **"the spirit of adam."**

"The burden of the word of YHWH for Israel, says YHWH, which stretches forth the heavens, and lays the foundation of the earth, and forms the spirit of man [adam] within him."

• **Zechariah 12:1**

"The spirit of man [adam] is the candle of YHWH, searching all the inward parts of the belly."

• **Proverbs 20:27**

"For what man knows the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knows no man, but the Spirit of God."

• **1 Corinthians 2:11**

The apostle Paul refers to Genesis 2:7 and also talks about your destiny ...

"And so it is written, 'The first man Adam was made a living soul'; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit. ...

And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we [you and me] shall also bear the image of the heavenly."

• **1 Corinthians 15:45, 49**

"We shall be like him" (like Christ, 1 John 3:2), the last Adam. God will again give you, me, and eventually every human being another spirit. It will not be the spirit of man, the spirit of Adam. It will be the fullness of God's Holy Spirit, the power of the living God, just as Jesus received when He was born. The angel Gabriel said to Mary:

"And the angel answered and said unto her,

'The Holy Ghost [spirit] shall come upon you, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow you: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of you shall be called the Son of God.'"

• **Luke 1:35**

We shall become children of God, but not infants like Jesus. We have already experienced that. You are a unique creation of God. In fact, as I have written before, in a sense you are the object of all creation. You are the reason all creation exists, so that you could be born, so you could live and experience life, so you could be resurrected to glory and become a full child of the living God, just like the last Adam, your elder brother Christ Jesus. At that time a glorious new phase of your story will begin.

Christ died for you (as well as for the entire human race), which was the plan of God from the beginning. Read "[Your Resurrection](#)."

So now you have additional background and understanding as to the story before you were born and when you were an infant. You experienced and remember some of the story of your growth up to this precise moment as you read these words. With God's help, it is up to you to live so that your story will honor and glorify God. Let that be an important part of your story and your legacy.

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