

Adam named the many creatures before Eve was created !!

Gen 2:19 And out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought them unto Adam to see what he would call them: and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that was the name thereof.

Gen 2:20 And Adam gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field; but for Adam there was not found an help meet for him.

(ERV) ...but he could not find a companion that was right for him. "From an intimate knowledge of the nature and properties of each creature. ... Adam was convinced that none of these creatures could be a suitable companion for him, ..." (Adam Clarke's Commentary)

Gen 2:21 And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof;

Gen 2:22 And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, ... (KJV)

In the Scriptures about 120 animal names as recorded. How many animals did Adam name before Eve was created? It seem improbable that Adam named all species, but possibly only the major families in that area as there are more than 5,373 species of living land mammals arranged in 109 families (per britannica.com) and more than 9716 species of birds in 204 families (per bto.org-Clements) for which Adam possibly would only have to study and name the unique distinct families. He obviously observed them in their habitat for an extended time period as many names are from their behaviors. Like the fox "as a burrower"; cormorant/pelican "from casting itself into the sea"; eagle "to lacerate"; stork as "the kind (maternal) bird"; lion "in the sense of violence". (quotes from Strong's Dict.) He also undoubtedly named other species not listed in the Scriptures for a form of the English word elephant is found in various languages, it being a combination of H504 eleph, an ox, and a form of H639 'aph, the nose or nostril! Zebra and giraffe also seem to possibly come from Hebrew words, but many other names may not be so obvious.

Gen 1:24 And God said, Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth after his kind: and it was so.

Gen 1:25 And God made the beast of the earth after his kind, and cattle after their kind, and every thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind: and God saw that *it was* good.

Gen 1:26 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

Gen 1:27 So God created man in his *own* image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

Gen 1:28 And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

Gen 1:29 And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which *is* upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which *is* the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat.

Gen 1:30 And to every beast of the earth, and to every fowl of the air, and to every thing that creepeth upon the earth, wherein *there is* life, *I have given* every green herb for meat: and it was so.

Gen 1:31 And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, *it was* very good. And the **evenings** and the **mornings** were the sixth **time**.