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Unit 7

Adam and Noah in Sistine Ceiling Paintings

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- **Noah and the Ark**

- When you board a commercial airliner, you know there are certain risks that go with this mode of transportation. You may be placed next to someone with a squalling infant, or behind a traveler who insists on reclining, or alongside an overly talkative stranger – hopefully wearing a tight-fitting mask. The plane may sit on the tarmac for hours waiting for takeoff or hit stomach-churning turbulence once it does. Most air travelers learn take these possible outcomes in stride. But miniature horses? Turtles? Monkeys? Potbellied pigs? Humans have brought (or tried to bring) all sorts of animals on flights, claiming they are needed for psychological purposes. Between 2016 and 2018 alone, the number of “emotional support animals” on flights rose by a whopping 81%. On Dec. 2, though, the U.S. Department of Transportation issued new rules, noting that the proliferation of these creatures has led to “incidents of misbehavior by emotional support animals” and “eroded the public trust in legitimate service animals.” As DOT pointed out, “airlines may choose to transport other species of animals, such as cats, miniature horses, and capuchin monkeys, that assist individuals with disabilities in the cabin for free pursuant to an established airline policy.” If an airline is willing to make extra accommodations, that will be its prerogative, and customers can choose accordingly. But for the most part, the new rule will help ensure the great majority of travelers a safer, more sensible flying experience. As Sara Nelson, president of the flight attendants union, said in January when DOT announced it would revise the rules, “The days of _____ in the air are hopefully coming to an end.”
- A. Adam’s apple B. Noah’s Ark
C. bone of bones D. fig leaves

- dove with olive branch

- The conservatives in Congress seem to be holding out an olive branch to Democrats on the issue of raising the debt ceiling

- drunken Noah

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- The hedges are all drowned in green grass seas,
- And bobbing poppies flare like Elmo's light,
- While siren-like the pollen-stained bees
- Drone in the clover depths. And up the height
- The cuckoo's voice is hoarse and broke with joy.
- And on the lowland crops the crows make raid,
- Nor fear the clappers of the farmer's boy,
- Who sleeps, like drunken Noah, in the shade.
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From *June*--Francis Ledwidge (1891-1917)

- Tower of Babel

- One way to prevent the EC from becoming a modern tower of Babel would be to make English the Community's sole official language.—
Angus Deming with Meggan Dissly

- Pillar of salt

- Sodom and Gomorrah

- Apple of Sodom

- Greedily they pluck'd
- The fruitage fair to sight, like that which grew
- Near that bituminous Lake where Sodom flam'd,
- This more delusive, not the touch, but taste
- Deceav'd; they fondly thinking to allay
- Thir appetite with gust, instead of Fruit
- Chewd bitter ashes, which th'offended taste
- With spattering noise rejected.
- ---Milton, *Paradise Lost Book X*, lines 560-570

他们贪得无厌地采摘那些美丽果实，
 像采食所多玛城被焚处，
 沥青海边的苹果一样。
 然而这是更大的欺骗，
 触觉不但受骗了，
 而且味觉也受骗了，
 为了充饥，
 他们便高兴地狼吞虎咽起来，
 孰料这竟然不是水果而是苦灰，
 他们高声叫着啐吐出那怪味。

——弥尔顿
 《失乐园》第十卷

- Abraham

- Born in ancient Mesopotamia
- Ancestor of the Jews and the Arabs
- Abram (exalted father) → Abraham (father of many nations)

- Ishmaelitism

Ishmael—the deserted, the enemy

- Genesis 16: 11
- And the angel of the Lord said to her: “behold, you are with child, and you shall bear a son. You shall call his name Ishmael, because the Lord has heard your affliction. He shall be wild man; his hand shall be against every man, and every man’s hand against him.”
- **Genesis 21:20**
- God was with the boy as he grew up. He lived in the desert and became an **archer**.

- Dust and ashes

- Humility, worthlessness

- **Genesis 18:27**

- Then Abraham spoke up again: “Now that I have been so bold as to speak to the Lord, though I am nothing but **dust and ashes**, **28** what if the number of the righteous is five less than fifty? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five people?”

- Fire and brimstone

- **Genesis 19:24**
- Then the Lord rained down burning **sulfur** on Sodom and Gomorrah—
from the Lord out of the heavens.

changing name

- Abram → Abraham
 - “father of height” → “the father of a multitude”
 - Sarai → Sarah
 - “a princess” → “chieftainness”
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- The Namer : Sovereignty
 - The Named : Chosen

Covenant

- holy relationship between humanity—agreement, contract
- *KJV Gen. 17: 7*
- *I will establish my **covenant** between **me and thee and thy seed** after thee in their generations for an **everlasting covenant**, to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee.*

- Promised Land

- Ur---→ Haran--→ Shechem



God's chosen people

- *Deuteronomy 7: 6*
- For you are a holy people to the Lord your God; the Lord your God has chosen you to be a people for Himself, a special treasure above all the peoples on the face of the earth.

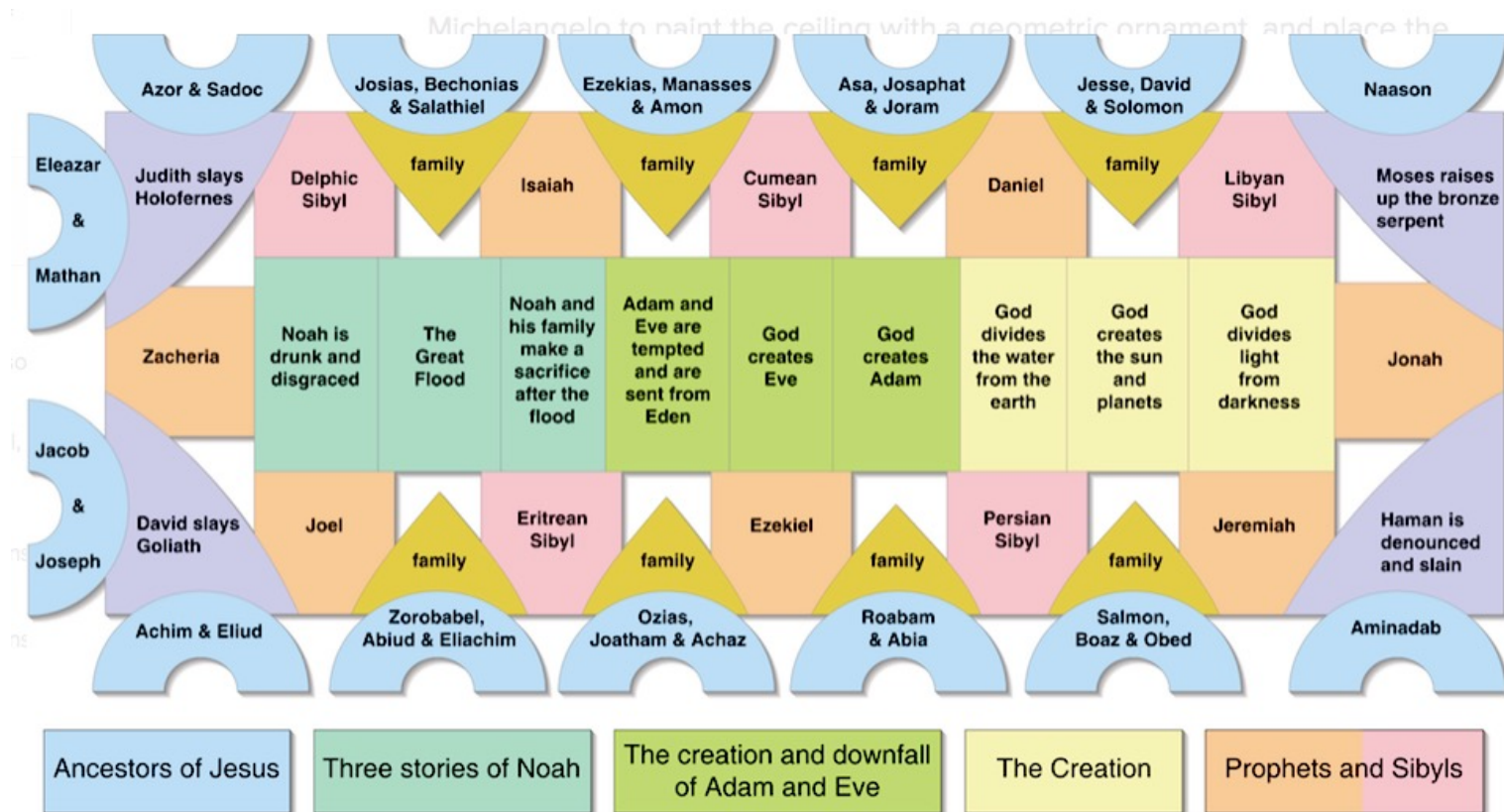
MICHELANGELO

- ✓ Michelangelo Buonarroti, the greatest of the Italian Renaissance artists
- ✓ He produced numerous sculptures, frescoes, architectural designs, and drawings, many of which are unfinished and some of which are lost. He was also an accomplished poet, and some 300 of his poems are preserved.





Michelangelo Buonarroti was commissioned by Pope Julius II Della Rovere in 1508 to repaint the ceiling; the work was completed between 1508 and 1512. He painted the **Last Judgment** over the altar, between 1535 and 1541, being commissioned by Pope Paul III Farnese.





1 Separation of Light from Darkness

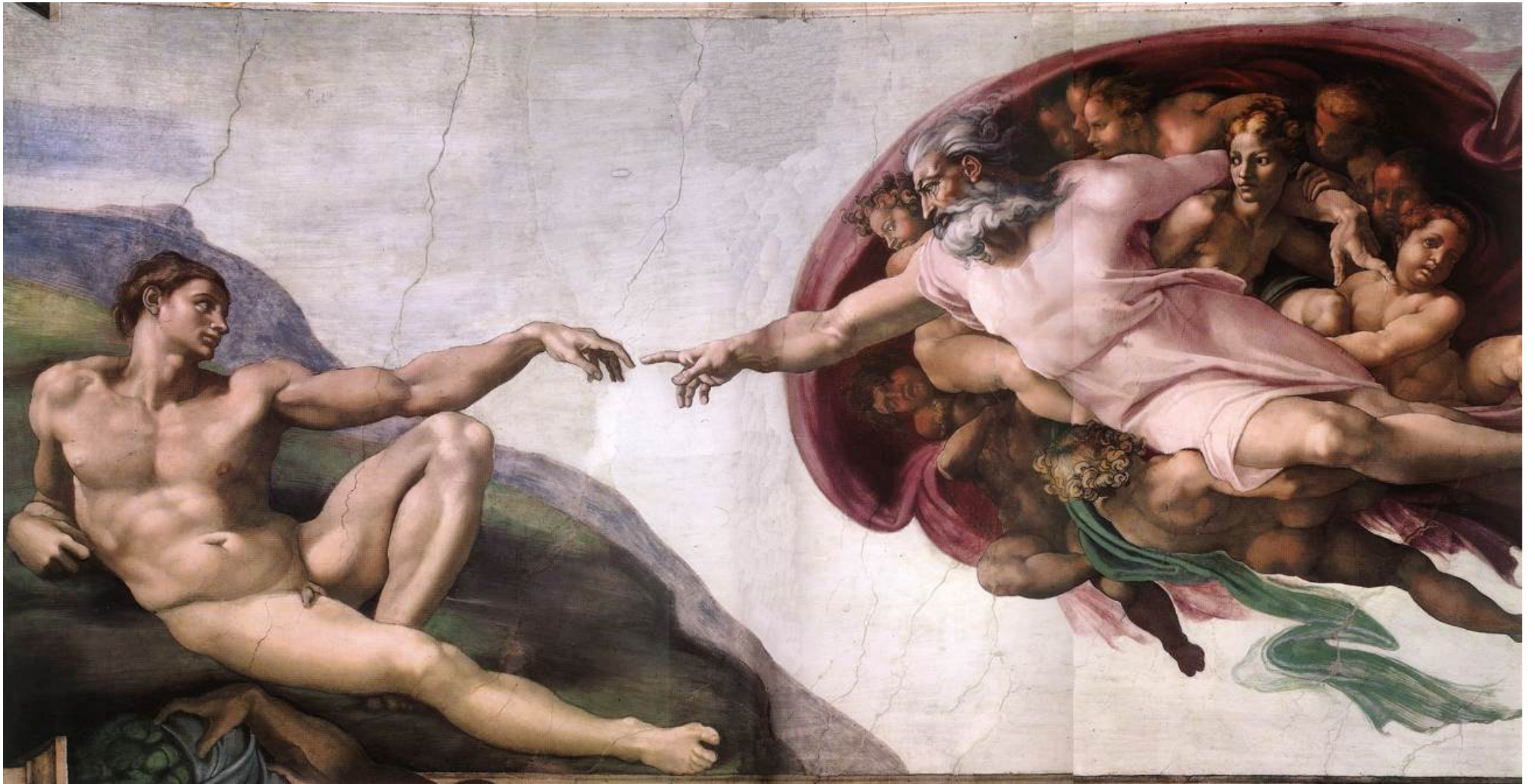


2 Creation of the Sun, Moon, and Plants



3 Separation of the Earth from the Waters

- **Foreshortening** is a technique used in perspective to create the illusion of an object receding strongly into the distance or background.
- to reduce or distort (parts of a represented object that are not parallel to the picture plane) in order to convey the illusion of three-dimensional space as perceived by the human eye



4. Creation of Adam