

## WE ARE THE CLAY, AND THOU OUR POTTER

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(Gen 2:7-9) And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul. And the LORD God planted a garden eastward [*eternal, everlasting*] in Eden [*delight*]; and there he put the man whom he had formed. And out of the ground made the LORD God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; **the tree of life** [*Jesus Christ*] also in the midst of the garden, **and the tree of knowledge of good and evil** [*Lucifer Satan*].

1. formed = Heb: (through the squeezing into shape); to mould into a form; espec. as a potter; fig. to determine (i.e. form a resolution):-- X earthen, fashion, form, frame, make (-r), **potter**, purpose.
2. dust = Heb: dust (as powdered or gray); **hence clay**, earth, mud:--ashes, dust, earth, ground, mortar, powder, rubbish.

(Psa 2:7-9) I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee. Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession. **Thou shalt break them** [*to spoil (lit. by breaking to pieces)*] **with a rod of iron** [*judgment*]; thou shalt dash them in pieces [*scatter them*] like a potter's vessel.

1. rod = Heb: to branch off, a scion, i.e. (lit.) a stick (for punishing, writing, fighting, ruling, walking, etc.) or (fig.) a clan:-- X correction, dart, rod, sceptre, staff, tribe.
2. (Lev 26:18-20) And if ye will not yet for all this hearken unto me, then **I will punish you** [*chastise, lit. (with blows) or fig. (with words)*]; **hence to instruct:--correct, instruct, reform, teach** seven times more for your sins. **And I will break** [*break (in pieces), crush*] **the pride of your power**; and I will make **your heaven as iron**, and **your earth as brass**: And your strength shall be spent in vain: for your land shall not yield her increase, neither shall the trees of the land yield their fruits.
3. (Isa 64:8) But now, O LORD, thou art our father; **we are the clay, and thou our potter**; and **we all** are the work of thy hand.

Amen