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### **A New Look at Adam!**

I believe Adam has been highly misunderstood throughout the ages because once a frame of mind is formed, it is hard to see anything else. Today, Genesis has become a book about science and Biblical authority; a means by which the rest of Scripture stands or falls. While it is important to show the accuracy of Scripture and God's creation, it is so much more than apologetics, but it is there to point us to Jesus Christ. We must remember that all of Scripture is for that purpose. This is so important that I am going to make this a multiple part newsletter so you may want to hang on to this for later reference.

**GENESIS 2:8-9 states**, "Now the Lord God had **planted** [ESTABLISHED] a garden in the east, in Eden; and there he **put the man** he had formed. 9 The Lord God made all kinds of trees grow out of the ground—trees that were pleasing to the eye and good for food. In the **middle of the garden** were the tree of life **and** the tree of the knowledge of good and evil." These opening verses are very prophetic as there are many deep spiritual truths in the Creation message. Deut 29:29 says the things that are secret belong to the Lord but the things revealed belong to us. We want to tap into these mysteries. Let's begin into this amazing journey of Scripture study.

Note first that God plants the garden then He plants man in it. Where have we seen this before? In John Jesus said, "I go and prepare a place for you." God prepares the place then brings man into it. Also important is that Adam didn't go into the prepared place without being in his glorified body, just as we don't go in without being glorified first. Many Scriptures attest to this truth: Ps 17:15 says "As for me, I will see your face in righteousness; I shall be satisfied when I awake in Your likeness." 1 John 3:2 agrees with this "Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see Him as He is." Also, 1 Cor 15 says "we will all be changed and we put on immortality." Clearly, we are not getting into heaven unless we are glorified through Christ.

We know that Adam was made in God's image, but this has so many meanings. First, Ps 104:1-2 says about God, "Lord my God, you are very great; you are clothed with splendor and majesty. The Lord wraps himself in light as with a garment." It makes sense that with Adam being in God's image, we too will awake in God's likeness. Part of that likeness is his glorious light that he is clothed in. When Adam sinned the first thing he realized was his nakedness. However, there is a different word for naked used before the fall and after the fall. In Gen 2:25 they are naked (ah-rome) and NOT ashamed but in Gen 3:7 and 3:10 they are naked (air-rome) and ASHAMED. In other words, before the Fall they were covered in God's likeness, His bright and shining Shekinah glory. So all the pictures we see of Adam and Eve naked being covered by standing in tall grass before the Fall should probably be replaced with Adam and Eve glowing to cover their nakedness. Of all God's creation, Man is the only one that needs clothes. Why? Because what we were intended to be is clothed in glory, but sin has caused that to go away. (By the way, even the Jewish rabbis of the past have stated that Adam shined before the Fall.)

In verse 9 we see there is a bad tree in the MIDDLE of the garden. Why place it in such a prominent spot, especially when Adam is in his glorified state? Why not hide the tree, or even leave it out of the Garden altogether? While this "choice" is so often implied to be unique to Genesis, it really isn't. This is the very thing God has done throughout all of history; He sets before us a choice! For example, in Deuteronomy 30:19 He says, "This day I call the heavens and the earth as witnesses against you that I have **set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life**, so [WHY?] that you and your children may live." Likewise, God gave Adam and Eve a choice to love Him because He isn't a robot, but an emotional God. The same thing is seen in Jer 21:8: "Now you shall say to this people, 'Thus says the LORD: "**Behold I set before you the way of life and the way of death.**"' In Matthew 10:37 Jesus said, "He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me." -God is asking for a love that is second to none. God

desires our love, not a robotic commitment. The full Gospel isn't just Him loving us but us also reciprocating that love. "We love because He first loved us" This is why God calls it adultery when people are unfaithful to Him. Even today, adultery is one of the deepest hurts one can experience. Can you imagine the hurt our loving God feels when His people are adulterous.

I'm going to share a bit from the book of Enoch. This book is NOT a canonized Scripture, nor do I believe it should be. However, it is noteworthy that it was found along with the Dead Sea Scrolls and in different languages as it was held in high regard by the Jews of Jesus day. But with that said, even they did not have it in their "canonized" Scriptures. However, the book of Jude does quote Enoch, therefore, I believe there is some good history that can be taken from this book, but only when it agrees with the rest of Scripture. When it comes to the Garden of Eden, some interesting tidbits can be seen. Here in Enoch we see that he is taken in a vision into the Garden to see what no-one else is allowed to see anymore after the Fall. It states in 24:1-6 when talking about the tree of life, "and from thence I went to another place of the earth, and (he) showed me a **mountain range of fire which burnt day and night. 2 and I went beyond it** and saw seven magnificent mountains all differing each from the other, and the stones thereof were magnificent and beautiful, magnificent as a whole, of glorious appearance and fair exterior: three towards the east, one founded on the other, and three towards the south, one upon the other, and deep sought ravines no one of which joined with any other. 3 And the seventh mountain was in the midst of these, and it excelled them in height, resembling the seat of a throne: and **fragrant trees encircled the throne.** 4 And amongst them was a tree such as I had never yet smelt, neither was any amongst them nor were others like it: It had a **fragrance beyond all fragrance**, and its **leaves and blooms and wood wither not for ever**: and its fruit is beautiful, and its fruit resembles the dates of a palm. 5 Then I said: 'How beautiful is the tree, and fragrant, and its leaves are fair and its blooms very delightful in appearance.'" Before we continue I just want to point out a few things, this tree is eternal, is at the throne of God and smells second to none. It continues, "6 Then answered Michael, one of the holy and honored angels who was with me, and was their leader" 25:1 And he said unto me: 'Enoch, **why dost thou ask me regarding the fragrance of the tree, and why dost thou wish to learn the truth?**' 2 Then I answered him saying: 'I wish to know about everything, but especially about this tree. 3 And he answered saying: 'this high mountain which thou hast seen, whose summit is like the throne of God, is His throne, where the Holy Great One, the Lord of Glory, **the Eternal King, will sit, when He shall come down to visit the earth with goodness**'. 4 And as for this fragrant tree **no mortal is permitted to touch it till** the great judgment, when He shall take vengeance on all and bring everything to its consummation for ever. It shall **then be given to the righteous and holy.** 5 **Its fruit shall be for food to the elect**: it shall be **transplanted to the holy place, to the temple** of the Lord, the Eternal King. 6 **Then shall they rejoice with joy and be glad.** And into the holy shall they enter; and its **fragrance shall be in their bones**, and they shall live a long life on earth.'" Enoch is captivated by this tree in this vision. In 25:1 he wants to know the TRUTH, which is what this tree represents. It is described exactly as Ezekiel 47:12 prophesies about the Lord's return at the throne of God: "Fruit trees of all kinds will grow on both banks of the river. Their leaves will not wither, nor will their fruit fail. Every month they will bear fruit, because the water from the sanctuary flows to them. Their fruit will serve for food and their leaves for healing." In Enoch 25:4-5 we see that the tree is only for the holy and can't be touched until judgment day. In Revelation we see John sees the same thing where the tree is in the holy place, at the throne of God, in the middle: Rev 22:1-2, "Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing **from the throne** of God and of the Lamb 2 down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the **tree of life**, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the **tree are for the healing** of the nations." (Note: We see Solomon had 12 people preparing food, one for every month).

The reason I show you this is to point out that the Tree of Life is actually a picture of Jesus. Let me explain by looking at a brief recap.

- No one touches tree till judgment as spoken of in Rev 22
- Tree is good for food but only for the holy
- It is in the middle, a prominent place
- bears fruit every month for healing
- It is eternal and beautiful beyond compare
- resides in God's presence-his throne room (Eden)

- Gives off strong fragrance that is also in the bones of the righteous.
- When translated to the Holy place people will be glad and filled with joy.

Taking these key points lets see what the rest of Scripture tells us. In regard to the fragrance: “(2 Cor 2:14 “Thanks be to God who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and **through us diffuses the fragrance of His knowledge in every place.**”) or 2 Cor 2:15 **“For we are to God the fragrance of Christ** among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing. To the one we are the aroma of death leading to death, and to the other the aroma of life leading to life. And who is sufficient for these things?” Indeed, we too, have the fragrance of Christ in our bones.

1) The Name is the Tree of Life and Jesus is the way, the truth, and the LIFE. John 5:21 says “For as the Father raises the dead and gives life to them, even so the Son gives life to whom He will.” or John 10:10 “The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.”

2) The Tree is Life and Michael said it was Truth, and it was placed in the middle in a prominent place or a “way to go.” John 14:6 says, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

3) Tree brings healing: Mat 4:23 “Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the Gospel [truth] of the kingdom, and healing all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease among the people.”

4) Tree is the Word that gives life and Jesus is the Word: Rabbis make handles of Torah to look like the tree of Life. It is often on lambs skin showing a lamb that must die to give us the Word. In Proverbs 3:18 it says, “She (torah) is a tree of life to those who take hold of her, and happy are all who retain her.” Ps 119:50 also says, “This is my comfort in my affliction, for Your Word has given me life.” The Word also heals in Psalms 107:20 “He sent His Word and healed them.”

5) Tree is one of a kind: John 1:18 says No one has seen God at any time. The only begotten (In Greek “Unique” or one of a kind) Son who is the bosom of the Father, He has declared Him.” Yet we know that only the righteous get the tree: Rev 2:7 “He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes I will give to eat from the tree of life which is in the midst of the Paradise of God.”

Jesus said to the Pharisees, “You think that by searching the Scriptures you have eternal life but these are the Scriptures that speak of Me.” When we read the Bible in the O.T. we should be looking for Jesus. He also said, “If you would have believed Moses, you would have believed ME.” Clearly Genesis isn’t just a story about how the World came to be, it is there to point us to the Creator of that creation. This is also why Isaiah 46:9 says, “Remember the former things of old, for I am God and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like Me, Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times things that are not yet done, Saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all My pleasure.” In other words, we can understand Revelation from looking at Genesis, we just need to look deeper than the surface of science.

## PART 2

**GENESIS 2:9** The Lord God made all kinds of trees grow out of the ground—trees that were pleasing to the eye and good for food. In the middle of the garden were the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. 10 A river watering the garden flowed from Eden; from there it was separated into four headwaters.”

Last time we looked at the Tree of Life, but now we are introduced to the Tree of Knowledge. Important to note is that the river gives the garden life just like in the paradise of God to come, we see a river gives life. We read in Ps 46:4, “There is a river whose streams will make glad the city of God, the holy place of the tabernacle of the Most High.” This is speaking of heaven here in Psalms showing us the same picture that Eden represents. Also, in Rev 22:1 “And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God and of the Lamb.”

**GENESIS 2:11** “The name of the first is the Pishon; it winds through the entire land of Havilah, where there is gold. 12 (The gold of that land is good; aromatic resin [bdellium] and onyx are also there.) 13 The name of the second river is the Gihon; it winds through the entire land of Cush.” While many try to find where Eden is today

based on these rivers, there is no way of doing so because the Flood changed all of this. God intentionally wants “paradise” to be hidden until He returns to lead us in.

More important is the fact that v. 11 tells us that “Gold is there as well as bdellium and onyx.” This is a picture of the Temple, heaven and Jesus as you will see. First, the Manna in the desert looked like bdellium according to Numbers 11:7 where it says, “The manna was white like coriander seed and looked like resin [bdellium].” Further, in 1 Chron 29:2 David has a list of things for the Temple “Now for the house of my God I have prepared with all my might: gold for things to be made of gold, silver for things of silver, bronze for things of bronze, iron for things of iron, wood for things of wood, onyx stones, stones to be set, glistening stones of various colors, all kinds of precious stones, and marble slabs in abundance.” When a Jew read this in Genesis his mind would automatically go to the Temple because of these stones (among other things). We also see in Exodus 25:7 and 28:9-12 that the High Priest was to wear two onyx stones with the names of the 12 tribes of Israel written on them. The purpose of these stones was explained, “Fasten them on the shoulder pieces of the ephod as memorial stones for the sons of Israel. Aaron is to bear the names on his shoulders as a memorial before the LORD” (Exo 28:12). A memorial of what? Well the only time we see this stone prior to this is in the Genesis account of Eden so it must be taking us back to what the Garden of Eden was to represent—heaven. Since resin or bdellium is white and this stone was in Eden as well as the fact that Exodus tells us it is a memorial with names written on them, that helps us to make sense of Revelation: “He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes, I will give some of the hidden manna. I will also give him a white stone with a new name written on it, known only to him who receives it” (Rev 2:17).

**GENESIS 2:14-17** “The name of the third river is the Tigris; it runs along the east side of Ashur. And the fourth river is the Euphrates. 15 The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and **take care of** [*shamar*] it. 16 And the Lord God commanded the man, “You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; 17 **but you must not** eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die.” The word *Shamar* means to hedge about, guard or protect. One must ask what was Adam to protect the garden from? Even Adam in his perfection was to keep any sin from entering it as God knew Satan would fall. Just as the Tree of Life is a picture of Jesus, the Tree of Knowledge is a picture of Satan.

Also, when God gives the 10 commandments in Exodus 20 He says “Remember the Sabbath” (ironically, this seems to be the one we have forgotten). But, in Deuteronomy 5 God says we are to “Keep the commandments.” The word for “keep” is *Shamar* again. Literally we are to protect the Sabbath day. Here in Genesis though, the very next time that word is used is when we see Adam and Eve are kicked out of the Garden and God places a Cherub at the gate to “guard” or “shamar” the way to the tree of life. If we think about this, there is a very important application here. Adam, as head of the house/garden was to protect it. Likewise, the men of the households today should be aware that God has placed them there to *shamar* their homes and families. As this study goes on this will be made even more clear but for now consider Mal 2:14-16 which states, “The Lord is acting as the witness between you and the wife of your youth because you have broken faith with her, though she is your partner, the wife of your marriage covenant. Has not the Lord made them one, in flesh and spirit they are his. And why one? Because He was seeking godly offspring. So guard yourself in your spirit and do not break faith with the wife of your youth. The man who hates and divorces his wife, says the Lord, the God of Israel, does violence to the one he should **protect**. (*shamar*)”

The first command in Scripture was a food law not to eat of a certain tree. Why call that tree “knowledge of good AND evil? Why not call it just “evil” or “Tree of death”? This is a picture of syncretism, a mixing of the two that is so prevalent today. In Scripture God is always telling us to separate and be different. Consider the following:

- Deut 7 Israel is told not to give daughters to foreigners.
- Deut 12 not to apply the ways of worship of the gentiles to the the true God.
- James 4:4 says friendship with the world is an enemy of God.
- 2 Cor 6:14 speaks of being unequally yoked.

-Deut 22:9 talks about not sowing or mixing two kinds of seed or else your seed would be defiled and not to yolk an ox with a donkey. That would be unnatural and wouldn’t work well anyway. The point is we are not to mix with the world. Jesus warned that a little leaven will work through the whole batch of dough.

Last time I spoke about the book of Enoch, a good book for history when it aligns with Scripture, but not to be placed on the level of Scripture. Concerning heaven Enoch 32:1 says, “And after these fragrant odours, as I looked towards the north over the mountains I saw seven mountains full of choice nard and fragrant trees and cinnamon and pepper. 2 And thence I went over the summits of all these mountains, far towards the east of the earth, and passed above the Erythraean sea and went far from it, and passed over the angel Zotiel. And I came to the Garden of Righteousness, 3 and from afar off trees more numerous than these trees and great-two trees there, very great, beautiful, and glorious, and magnificent, and the tree of knowledge, whose holy fruit they eat and know great wisdom.” Note that both trees are great and beautiful. Satan always tries to copy what God does. Just as God is a trinity, there is an unholy Trinity (Rev 12-13). As Christ is the morning star, Satan, too, is called the morning star and as there is a tree of life, there is one that looks like life as well. Normally, when we hear wisdom we think of godly wisdom but there are two types of wisdom, God's and the world's. 1 Cor 1:20 says of wisdom, “Where is the wise person? Where is the teacher of the law? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? 21 For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe.” Isa 47:10 also says, “You have trusted in your wickedness and have said, ‘No one sees me.’ Your wisdom and knowledge mislead you when you say to yourself, ‘I am, and there is none besides me.’” These are examples of corrupted wisdom. We were never meant to come in contact with the things of this world like pornography etc., a twisting of good. This is also why we do not follow our heart which Jeremiah tells us is wicked and beyond cure.

On the flip side, Proverbs 3:13, 18 speaking of true wisdom says, “She is a tree of life to those who take hold of her; those who hold her fast will be blessed.”

Enoch continues in verse 4 being amazed at the trees height and leaves: “That tree is in height like the fir, and its leaves are like (those of) the Carob tree: and its fruit 5 is like the clusters of the vine, very beautiful: and the fragrance of the tree penetrates afar. Then 6 I said: How beautiful is the tree, and how attractive is its look!’ Then Raphael the holy angel, who was with me, answered me and said: ‘This is the tree of wisdom, of which thy father old (in years) and thy aged mother, who were before thee, have eaten, and they learnt wisdom and their eyes were opened, and they knew that they were naked and they were driven out of the garden.’” (Génesis 2:8-9), (Génesis 2:16-17), (Génesis 3:2-7). Note that this tree greets you from afar. That is just like sin today isn't it? It promises you satisfaction and fullness but leads only to despair and emptiness. If it was me I would have made this tree dripping with puss and have a stench that would keep me far away, but God allows it to be beautiful and alluring. Why? God wants our heart! The ONLY thing keeping Adam away from this tree is the commandment of God! In every way this false tree is attractive and mimics the tree of Life. Hosea 10:12-13 warns us, “Sow righteousness for yourselves, reap the fruit of unfailing love, and break up your unplowed ground; for it is time to seek the Lord, until he comes and showers his righteousness on you. 13 But you have planted wickedness, you have reaped evil, you have eaten the fruit of deception. Because you have depended on your own strength and on your many warriors” Even in Proverbs it warns about the harlot's lips that drip with honey, not maggots. Sin can be alluring with false promises but God's commandments and our Love for Him should keep us away from the pleasures of sin.

### PART 3

Continuing in **GENESIS 2:18-25** “The Lord God said, ‘It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him.’ 19 Now the Lord God had formed out of the ground all the wild animals and all the birds in the sky. He brought them to the man to see what he would name them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. 20 So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds in the sky and all the wild animals. But for Adam no suitable helper was found.”

Note in verse 19 that Adam was made in God's image. This tells us that Adam is like God, but in what ways? First, when Adam spoke, it happened because he had complete authority before the Fall. Jesus did as well because when He spoke, "it was so." Adam could not have done this without being given that authority just as we see Jesus was given authority in the New Testament by the Father. I believe this is why in Luke 10:17 we read: "The seventy-two returned with joy and said, "Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name." 18 He replied, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. 19 I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you." In these verses God was mentioning snakes to take our minds back to Genesis when the Devil couldn't touch Adam because he had complete authority (until Adam gave that authority up). We see this same authority given to Paul in Acts 16:16-18 when he commands a spirit to leave a fortune telling girl. In other words, with the coming of Jesus, we are suppose to see a returning back to the Garden of Eden and the authority given to Adam. This is also why we read in Romans 5:12-14 "Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people, because all sinned— 13 To be sure, sin was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not charged against anyone's account where there is no law. 14 Nevertheless, death reigned from the time of Adam to the time of Moses, even over those who did not sin by breaking a command, as did Adam, who is a pattern of the one to come" In other words, as you search the Scriptures about Adam you need to look for Jesus because Adam and this entire story is a pattern of the Messiah. Romans 5 continues in verse 15,18 "But the gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died by the trespass of the one man, how much more did God's grace and the gift that came by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, overflow to the many! . . . 18 Consequently, just as one trespass resulted in condemnation for all people, so also one righteous act resulted in justification and life for all people." The two figures he presents for this age are Adam and Jesus. The paradigm shift has taken place because of Jesus, the second Adam, as 1 Cor 15:45 says, "So it is written: "The first man Adam became a living being" the last Adam, a life-giving spirit." There are 2 ADAMS.

Note in verse 20 "no suitable helper was found": the word "helper" is "eizer" Like in Eliezer (Moses son) which means "God is my help." In Psalm 20:2 it says, "May he send you help [ezer] from the sanctuary, and strengthen you out of Zion." or Ps 33:20 "Our soul waits for the LORD, He is our help and our shield." Here in Genesis God says man needs a helper. That is one of the purposes of a wife. Yet in Gen 3:15 he says, "I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel." This is a prophecy that help will indeed come through the woman.

In verse 21 God took flesh and bone and closed up Adam's side to make Eve. Why didn't he just make woman out of the dust of the earth as he did with man? Contrary to society, God's design for man and woman is different. 1 Cor 11 says, "Nevertheless, in the Lord woman is not independent of man, nor is man independent of woman. 12 For as woman came from man, so also man is born of woman. But everything comes from God." Simply put, we are connected together. The only way a man can be here is through woman and woman can't continue without man. We are one as Adam and Eve were one, making a clear picture of the church (bride/Eve) and Christ/Adam.

Note as well that in verse 22 God brought Eve to Adam. It was ordained this way because this is just as Jesus says, "no one can come to me unless the father draws him." Also, in verse 23 Adam says, "she shall be called woman" or isha. This translates well from the Hebrew into English because isha (woman) and ish (man) are connected even within their words.

Of great importance is the fact that the first RECORDED words of Adam are, "you are woman" (all a picture of end times as you will see in a moment.) Adam **declares** his brides name in front of God the Father. In Zech 14:9 speaking about end times when the bride if Christ is received it states: "The Lord shall be King over all the earth. In that day it shall be—The Lord is one," And His name one." The same UNITY that Adam declares with Eve (isha/ish) God declares at the end of time. This is the same tone seen in the New Testament when John 14:20 records, "At the day you will know the I am in My Father and you in Me, and I in you." Adam and Eve were one, bone of bone and flesh of flesh just as we and God are. Likewise, **Christians** took on the name of **Christ** upon being drawn to Him. Now, let's return to the idea of declaring her name before the Father. When Christ returns in Revelation 3:5 we read, "He who overcomes shall be clothed in white garments and I will not blot out his name from the Book of Life; **but I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels.**" The exact thing Adam does, the second Adam (Christ) will do in the end.

From all of this we can see that the marriage seen here in Genesis is a picture of the church. This is why Jesus is so adamant about this unity and so against idolatry. We will continue to see how Adam is a Christ figure in many

more important ways in further newsletters. But for now, let this be a reminder of God's love for us in making us one in Christ. This is why verse 24 highlights, "They become one flesh". In Matthew 19:3-4 we see "Some Pharisees came to him to test him. They asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for any and every reason?" 4 "Haven't you read," he replied, "that at the beginning the Creator 'made them male and female,' 5 and said, 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh?' 6 So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate." This unity is of utmost importance because it goes far beyond husband and wife to Christ and the Church.

One of the reasons the Pharisees were asking this question is because in the first century there was a dispute about what made divorce permissible. There were two major schools of thought: Shammai said only under immorality could one divorce, but Hillel said even if she messed up dinner. Rabi Akiva (who falsely promoted Bar Koba as Messiah) said if a man found another woman prettier he could divorce his wife. So this was a major dispute when Jesus was there. However, Jesus clears things up by taking them back to Genesis to answer the question. What God has yoked together so man should not separate. We are one in marriage and one in Christ.

Paul even says in Ephesians 5:22-32 "Wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands as you do to the Lord. 23 For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior. 24 Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything. 25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her 26 to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the Word" This is a beautiful text and as you will see soon, Adam is about to show us how husbands are to love their wives, just as indeed, Christ, the second Adam showed how to love His bride. Ephesians continues: "28 In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. 29 After all, no one ever hated their own body, but they feed and care for their body, just as Christ does the church— 30 for we are members of his body. 31 "For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh." 32 This is a profound mystery—but I am talking about Christ and the church." The secret to marriage is in these words. Husbands should look to the Lord to see how he treated the disciples and the church to see how to treat your wife. Wives should look at the church to see what its responsibility is to Christ. How to serve and submit. This oneness is what God was showing us in Adam and Eve, the Church and Christ, a marriage today. When a man loses his spouse to unfaithfulness it is deeply painful and this is how God feels when we turn from his commandments. When we walk away from Jesus and God's commandments it is called idolatry and it grieves God.

There is a wedding to come that this union in Genesis is pointing us to. In Rev 19:7 it says, "Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory! For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready. 8 Fine linen, bright and clean, was given her to wear." (Fine linen stands for the righteous acts of God's holy people.) We will again be clothed in righteousness. Rev 16:15 also takes us back to Genesis and states: "Behold, I am coming as a thief. Blessed is he who watches and keeps his garments, lest he walk naked and they see his shame." This all goes back to Genesis. If we walk away in disobedience we will not be clothed when He returns.

#### PART 4

**Genesis 3:1** "Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden?'" 2 The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, 3 but God did say, 'You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.'" 4 "You will not certainly die," the serpent said to the woman. 5 "For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

Here in chapter 3:1 we find Adam and Eve were not alone, there was another person in the garden, Satan, too, was there. The word for Serpent is "*nachash*" which can mean serpent OR SOMETIMES according to Strongs 5172 "to hiss, whisper a (magic) spell: generally to prognosticate: divine, enchanter. Most are drawn into Satanism because of the promise of power. They want their own will. They love to cast curses on Christians to have power. We can't just look at it as a snake, but as a diviner or one who wants power. In Rev 12:9 we read, "The great dragon was hurled down—that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him." Once again, the book of Revelation points us back to the Garden.

Therefore, it is clear that this is more than just a literal serpent in Genesis. The devil was a cherub, one of the angels that covered the mercy seat or throne of God. He must have possessed this serpent and his main goal is deception since he is the father of lies.

In 3:1 it also says the Serpent was “MORE CRAFTY than any other beast of the field” He is elevated above the other animals which is exactly what is seen in Rev 13:2: “The beast I saw resembled a leopard, but had feet like those of a bear and a mouth like that of a lion. The dragon gave the beast his power and his throne and great authority. 3 One of the heads of the beast seemed to have had a fatal wound, but the fatal wound had been healed. The whole world was filled with wonder and followed the beast. 4 People worshiped the dragon because he had given authority to the beast, and they also worshiped the beast and asked, “Who is like the beast?” Again, we see the desire of power being given and that power comes from the dragon, that ancient serpent. Here the devil is higher than the beasts in authority just like we see in the Garden the serpent is above all other creatures. Though Adam had complete authority, he will lose this authority because he worships the serpent (beast). The war is over worship. In Eden the devil wants worship and even in Matthew 4 he tempts Jesus saying, “all these kingdoms I will give you if you will bow down and worship me.”

Rev 13 continues “15 The second beast was given power to give breath to the image of the first beast, so that the image could speak and cause all who refused to worship the image to be killed. 16 It also forced all people, great and small, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hands or on their foreheads, 17 so that they could not buy or sell unless they had the mark, which is the name of the beast or the number of its name.” Most people read this and go to people being killed, but the real point is that just like in the Garden, the devil has no authority to force you to worship him and that angers him. He can kill the body, but he CAN’T take your heart. YOU have to be WILLING to give the HEART. Also, the worship of the beast is tied to the mark of the beast. If you CHOOSE to worship the beast you are marked. However, if you CHOOSE NOT TO worship the beast but worship God you, too, are marked, but with the Spirit of God. Note as well that ALL who do not worship God WILL be worshipping the devil. Let me explain. In Deut 6:4-8 it says, “4 Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. 5 Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. 6 These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. 7 Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. 8 Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads.” Note that love here is connected with obedience, if we love God we will obey Him, and that is a form of worship. Also in Deut, “Mercy is shown to those who love me and keep my commandments” It is not an accident that the very place the mark of the beast goes on the hands and head, the same place we are to mark the commandments. The head is our meditation and what our hearts and minds think about, the hand is our service or works. Do we meditate on the commandments of God or lust, greed, sex, revenge etc? Do you want to know whom you serve? Examine your works and you will find the answer.

Romans 6:16 says, “16 Don’t you know that when you offer yourselves to someone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one you obey—whether you are slaves to sin, which leads to death, or to obedience, which leads to righteousness?” You are a slave or belong to whoever you are OBEYING! So who do you obey, God’s Word or the devil’s. Talk about finding your identity!

In addition, Rev 12:17 tells us, “Then the dragon was enraged at the woman and went off to wage war against the rest of her offspring—those who keep God’s commands and hold fast their testimony about Jesus.” Again, love of Jesus is connected to obedience. Note as well that the devil despises the woman, just as in Eden Satan went to the woman. Why? Simply put, to get to the groom, you go through the bride. We will talk more of this later.

NOTE in v. 1: “Did God really say?” Questions the legitimacy of the commandment. Everything Satan does is to challenge or compromise on God’s commandments. But Heb 4:12 says there is a power in the Word. Use it against the devil just as Jesus did in the temptation of Matthew 4. “IT IS WRITTEN” In Hebrews 4:12 “it penetrates between bone and marrow, soul and spirit” The Word will help you to discern what is truth and what isn’t. It will help you to not fall to the evil heart. Remember God said, “I present before you life or death, blessings or curses.” But The devil says, “you don’t have a choice, it costs too much, you can’t obey, etc. He always comes as an angel of light and a ministers of righteousness but takes away the choice. You will see good and righteous but it is a facade.

In verse 2 Eve does bring out the Scripture saying, “But God did say.” But just like the devil does to Jesus in Matthew 4, he comes back with another response. He is relentless and you are going to have to resist time and time



again. War is tiring! But he “who endures” to the end will be saved. This is the “perseverance of the saints.” Although Eve starts out right, she gives in and tires out.

Then in verse 4 Satan goes in and removes the fear of God, “you won’t die.” The lifeblood of protection is the fear of God. Prov 16:6 says, “In mercy and truth Atonement is provided for iniquity, and by the fear of the LORD one departs from evil.” or “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.” If one wants to attack Christianity take away the fear of God. Look at the churches today. Satan has told them you won’t die so they live as their heart desires.

Deut 31:10-11 shows us how to keep that fear of the LORD, “Then Moses commanded them: “At the end of every seven years, in the year for canceling debts, during the Festival of Tabernacles, 11 when all Israel comes to appear before the Lord your God at the place he will choose, you shall read this law before them in their hearing. 12 Assemble the people—men, women and children, and the foreigners residing in your towns—so they can listen and learn to fear the Lord your God and follow carefully all the words of this law. 13 Their children, who do not know this law, must hear it and learn to fear the Lord your God as long as you live in the land you are crossing the Jordan to possess.” Read the Bible! You can understand why the Devil wants to remove the law from the churches. Isaiah 8:20 says, “To the law and to the testimony! If they do not speak according to this Word, it is because there is no light in them.” If they aren’t bringing the law, it is another Jesus. If they are saying the Old Testament is out of date, run! Jesus is the Word of God and the Law is part of that Word. Jesus never came to take away the Law but to fulfill what we could not. Jer 23:16-17 also states, “Thus says the Lord of hosts: “Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you. They make you worthless; They speak a vision of their own heart, Not from the mouth of the Lord. 17 They continually say to those who despise Me, ‘The Lord has said, “You shall have peace” ’ And to everyone who walks according to the dictates of his own heart, they say, ‘No evil shall come upon you.’” This is why all these trials we have in our life, there is a lie attached to it. We need to expose the lie. If they preach rebellion against God’s Word and Law, Run!

In short Satan’s approach is this: 1) Questions the commands of God, “Did God really say.” ,2) Strips out the fear of God, “You won’t die” and, 3) Tells the truth, but only in part- “you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

Don’t let him deceive you by swaying you from the True Word of God!

## PART 5

**Genesis 3:6** “When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. 7 Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.” In previous verses we saw the devil came as a liberator and a friend, not an enemy or villain. He sows discontentment in Eve as he does with so many women today saying, “It isn’t enough that you are a godly housewife serving your husband and loving your children, there is so much more for you. . .” He comes as an angel of light. The text shows us how Eve got off track: “when the woman saw.” In other words, Satan got her to turn her head off of God. This is how Satan got so many women of today by making them dissatisfied with their role and life. The rise of the Woman’s liberation movement was caused by the lie of “there is so much more for you,” or in some ways, “you will be like god.” Verse 6 shows that satan got the woman to turn her head. This is a battle of spiritual warfare. Do you think it was an accident that David went out at the moment that Bathsheba was bathing? Not a chance. Our lives are filled with the devils trying to sway us. As the fruit of the tree was forbidden, Bathsheba was forbidden for David, but Satan got David to turn his head as well.

This whole verse is packed with so many lessons and insight. Eve saw 3 things that caused her to fall. She saw the tree was: 1) **good for food**, 2) **pleasant to the eyes**, 3) **desirable to make wise**. The word for “desirable” is the same as “covet.” 1 John 2:16 says, “For **all that is in the world**—the **lust of the flesh, the lust of the**

**eyes, and the pride of life**—is not of the Father but is of the world. 17 And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.” Here are the same 3 temptations, lust of the flesh or what is good for food, lust of the eyes, and desirable to make wise or our pride. What is most amazing about this is that the devil uses the same tricks on us today, in fact, he tried the same thing with Jesus, but He passed the test. In Mat 4 the devil tempted Jesus with three things, all of which fall into these same 3 categories:

- 1) Turn these stones to bread (Lust of flesh)
- 2) All these kingdoms I will give to you (lust of eyes)
- 3) If you are Son of God, jump (Pride)

Yet Jesus, using the Word “It is written” defeats all of them.

The whole tree was deceptive, its bark didn’t ooze puss or have maggots coming off of it, it was beautiful. That is how Satan works and that is how he got Eve to bend the knee to his will. 2 Timothy 2:25 says, “In humility correcting those who are in opposition, if God perhaps will grant them repentance, so that they may know the truth, 26 and that they may come to their senses and escape the snare of the devil, having been taken captive by him to do his will” We are either doing God’s will by obeying, or Satans by disobeying.

Note as well that Eve fell before even consulting her husband. I believe that Adam was the primary target though. In the construct of marriage the husband is the head of the house. How do you make the house fall. Go after the head and the best way to do that is to go after the wife. Satan didn’t even talk to Adam and I’m sure Satan was not surprised when Adam ate. NO! Satan knew what he was doing. Satan knew it would have never worked to go after Adam directly. Once again, we see the book of Enoch gives some interesting insight that agrees with the Scriptures as you will soon see. 2 Enoch 31:5 says, “And the devil understood his condemnation and the sin which he had sinned before, therefore **he conceived thought against Adam**, in such form he entered and seduced Eva, (Eve) but did not touch Adam.” Here it tells us Satan intentionally went after Adam through Eve.

Paul says in 1 Tim 2:12 “And I do not permit a woman to teach or to have authority over a man, but to be in silence. 13 For Adam was formed first, then Eve. 14 **And Adam was not deceived**, but the woman being deceived, fell into transgression. 15 Nevertheless she will be saved in childbearing if they continue in faith, love, and holiness, with self-control.” This is HUGE! The Bible clearly tells us that Adam was NOT deceived. So how can he take the blame for it then? Be patient and you will see.

First, another piece of history to verify what is happening here. Rabbi Eliezer or Eliezer the Great was from the 1st century (a teacher of Rabbi Akiva who claimed Bar Kochba as the Messiah). (Rabbi Eleazer had a falling out with other rabbis and was married to the daughter of Gamliel mentioned in Acts 5). Eliezer says of the fall, “The serpent argued with itself saying if I go and speak to Adam, I know that he will not listen to me, for a man is always hard (to persuade). But behold I will speak to Eve, for I know that she will listen to me for women listen to all creatures.” (Pirkel de Rabbi Eliezer). Now, at first this may seem like a slam to women, however, I don’t see it that way at all. Women, lets be honest. Men are not good listeners but women are. The enemy makes a distinction between male and female knowing they are created differently (unlike our society today). I truly believe a woman is more sensitive to the Spirit of God and hears much more clearly because she is a listener. It has taken me 26 years of marriage and I’m finally figuring this out and learning to trust my wife more and more.

Remember though, that Adam had complete authority at this point. Adam was untouchable but the devil found a way in through Eve, who was the only one who had access to his heart. Again, this is not saying women are the weak link and the cause of all the world’s problems, so don’t go there. The lesson is that there is a connection with your husband that is so more powerful than you know. You can influence your husband in ways no one else can. You can push him closer to Jesus and to encourage him to walk in righteousness or you can push, draw or simply let him go away from Jesus, but either way, you have power.

Again, this is not unique to history. In Deut 7:4 as they enter the promised land Moses warns not to take foreign wives because, “For they will turn your sons away from following Me, to serve other gods; so the anger of the Lord will be aroused against you and destroy you suddenly.” Moses and God knew the power and influence of a woman. Even Solomom, the wisest of all men, married foreign women and fell because of it. Satan wanted to take out Solomon. How did he do it? Through his wives. Men do not be unequally yoked or you will be led astray by the one who has full access to your heart. Further examples can be seen in 1 Kings 21:25 where it says of Ahab “But there was no one like Ahab who sold himself to do wickedness in the sight of the Lord, because Jezebel his wife stirred him

up.” 2 Kings 8:18 says of Jehoram: “And he walked in the way of the kings of Israel, just as the house of Ahab had done, for the daughter of Ahab was his wife; and he did evil in the sight of the Lord.” Remember as well how the devil got to Sampson through Delilah and how Balaam counseled Balaak to use the women to lead Israel astray. The take-away women, is this, you need to know the devil is looking for the opportunity to use you against your husband. There were plenty of righteous women like Sarah, Ruth, Esther, Rahab etc. that are Godly women in Scripture that show as well, that you can either lead to build up or to destroy, but you must realize that you have a man’s heart.

Look at verse six again: “She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.” This is always used to say that Adam was right there with her, but I don’t believe that is the case and as we go further I think I can prove this. But for now, let it be said that I believe this is saying “who was with her in the garden” not “who was standing next to her.” Remember Adam was called to protect the garden and his house but he still ate. Why? A clue is given in 1 Cor 15:21-22 which says, “For since by man came death, by Man also came the resurrection of the dead. 22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive.” Note it doesn’t say in Eve all die. Adam is the one who bears the responsibility. By the way, this is the truth for today as well. Men, you are the head of the house and you will bear the responsibility of the compromises that go on within your house. Even in the Old Testament, in Numbers 30:2-8 we see that if an unmarried woman made a vow to the Lord and her father didn’t agree with it, that vow did not stand. Likewise if she got married and made a vow to the Lord and the husband disagreed, the vow was void. Spiritual headship is real, and it has power but also consequences.

Rabbi Eliezer again gives interesting insight when he records that Eve tried to persuade Adam because she didn’t want to die by herself, nor did she want her husband with another woman. He writes of this account: “The serpent went and said to the woman: ‘Behold, I touched it (the tree), but I did not die, you also mayest touch it, and thou wilt not die.’ The woman went and touched the tree, and she saw the angel of death coming towards her and said, ‘woe is me!’” I shall now die, and the Holy One blessed be He, will make another woman and give her to Adam. But behold I will cause him to eat with me; if we shall die, we shall both die, and if we shall live we shall both live.” In other words, Eve knew she was going to die and the only way out was for her husband to take responsibility.

Malachi speaks of the responsibility and love a man should have for his wife. He writes, “Mal 2:14-16 “The Lord is acting as the witness between you and the wife of your youth because you have broken faith with her, though she is your partner, the wife of your marriage covenant. Has not the Lord made them one, in flesh and spirit they are his. And why one? Because He was seeking godly offspring. So guard yourself in your spirit and do not break faith with the wife of your youth. The man who hates and divorces his wife, says the Lord, the God of Israel, does violence **to the one he should protect. (shamar)**” It is a godly thing to protect your wife.

Remember, 1 Tim 2:14 says, “And **Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived**, fell into transgression.” IT IS A FACT that Adam was NOT deceived which means he was willing. The Scripture is clear on this so could it be that Adam was **willing** to do so to take the sin of his bride upon himself just as Christ did for His bride? Just as Jesus willingly gave His life, no-one took it from him. Corinthians says Adam is a type of Christ. Yeshua is called the last Adam for a reason. Some say “she gave to her husband with her, and he ate it” suggesting he was standing there the whole time. There is no dialogue recorded here, it just records the facts. What happened in this gap. Did Eve come home and say, “how you doing honey, look what I got at the grocery store?” No!

Hebrews 2:9 says, But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, for the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, that He, by the grace of God, **might taste death for everyone.**” These words are intentional and they would have taken the Jewish reader right back to Genesis where Adam tasted death for his bride. 2 Cor 5:21 also states, “For He made Him **who knew no sin to be sin for us**, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.” Husbands, this is the kind of love we are to have.

NOTE: Some say that because Adam seemed to blame Eve when God approached Him, this idea doesn’t hold water. However, if you go and look at Adam’s words, he doesn’t really blame Eve at all. It is simply a confession of his sins, relaying what happened. “The woman you made gave it to me and I ate it... Sorry!” We know that “If we confess our sins, He who is faithful and just will forgive us of our iniquities.”

Also in Part 3 we looked at Romans 5:12-14 stating: “Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people, because all sinned— 13 To be sure, sin was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not charged against anyone’s account where there is no law. 14 Nevertheless, death reigned from the time of Adam to the time of Moses, **even over those who did not sin by breaking a command, as did Adam, who is a pattern of the one to come**” Adam didn’t break a

command because the Law of Moses had not been given, but he did break a command given from God at the beginning. However, he was not under the condemnation of the Law of Moses, but would suffer the consequences of disobedience as God had said, “You shall surely die.” Finally, note again that Adam was a pattern of Jesus! If it isn’t for him tasting death and becoming sin for Eve. . .his bride, how is Adam really a pattern of Jesus? Just as Jesus willingly gave His life for His bride, Adam seems to have done the same.

## PART 6

**Genesis 3:6** “When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, **who was with her**, and he ate it. 7 Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they **realized they were naked**; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves. 8 Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the Lord God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the Lord God among the trees of the garden. 9 But the Lord God called to the man, “Where are you?” 10 He answered, “I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid.”

Note that there is a gap period in verse six between Eve eating and giving it to Adam. Rashi says of verse 7: “Even a blind man knows when he is naked! What then is the meaning of “and they knew that they were naked”? They had one commandment in their possession and they became denuded of it.”

Rev 19:7-8 says, “Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready.” 8 And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.” In addition, back in Rev 3:18 it states, “18 I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire, that you may be rich; and white garments, that you may be clothed, that the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed” These verses are intentionally taking us back to Genesis to understand the meaning and cause of this nakedness. Note as well that in verse 7-8 they tried to fix their own problem by sewing fig leaves. They hear the sound (literally voice) of the Lord. Then in verse 9-10 they hide when they hear God’s voice, which is the righteousness of God. The voice or “word” of God convicts. This is why Torah, or the Law of God is vitally important for the church of God today. It convicts us of sin and points us to Jesus, the Saviour from our sins.

In Deut 27:9 it says, “Then Moses and the priests, the Levites, spoke to all Israel, saying, “Take heed and listen, O Israel: This day you have become the people of the Lord your God. 10 Therefore you shall obey the voice of the Lord your God, and observe His commandments and His statutes which I command you today.” Also in Psalms 78:1 “Give ear, O my people, to my law; Incline your ears to the words of my mouth.” or Psalm 119:72 which says, “The law of Your mouth is better to me than thousand of coins of gold and silver.” Also in Dan 9:11 “Yes, all Israel has transgressed Your law, and has departed so as not to obey Your voice.” When you think of Torah (Law) you should think of the Word of His mouth or the voice of God. In other Words what Adam heard was God’s law in the garden and it made him tremble.

In Rev 6:15-16 we see in the end times the exact same thing happens when people are confronted with the voice of God, they try to hide: “15 And the kings of the earth, the great men, [a]the rich men, the commanders, the mighty men, every slave and every free man, hid themselves in the caves and in the rocks of the mountains, 16 and said to the mountains and rocks, “Fall on us and hide us from the face of Him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb!” In those days His voice isn’t creating but destroying: In Rev 19:15 “Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations.” The sword is the word of God as Heb 4:12 and even Eph 6:17 says.

The Devils strategy against Eve is to remove the voice, or law of God from her. The same strategy is being used today in the churches by the devil. In order to accept a lie, you must reject truth. First the truth is rejected, then you are open to other false options. Rom 7:7 says, “What shall we say then? Is the law sin? Certainly not! On the contrary, I would not have known sin except through the law.” Everyone has believed lies, “I’m not good enough, nobody like me, God isn’t coming back, we don’t need to obey, etc.” This is how Satan works against us to doubt

and disobey the Word of Truth. False prophets will always sound nice and they will not speak of the Law, unless of course it is for the purpose of one using it for righteousness.

John 1:1 says, "In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God. . . 14 and the Word became flesh and dwelt among us." Then in John 7:7 "The world cannot hate you but it hates me because I testify of it that its works are evil" Jesus came to testify and convict using His Word.

Note in verse 9 "because I was naked." The moment that holiness of God's Word came on the scene he was completely convicted but he tries to rectify it himself by fig leaves only to find out he can't. Likewise today, we can't be good or fix our sin, only Jesus can: Eph 2:8 shows "by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast." This is why in Genesis 3:21 God steps in with the Gospel and it says, "Also for Adam and his wife the Lord God made tunics of skin, and clothed them."

What animal was killed to cloth Adam and Eve? Looking forward to Gen 27:8-18 we see a picture of Christ to come: "Now therefore, my son, obey my voice according to what I command you. 9 Go now to the flock and bring me from there two choice kids of the goats, and I will make savory food from them for your father, such as he loves. 10 Then you shall take it to your father, that he may eat it, and that he may bless you before his death. . . And he went and got them and brought them to his mother, and his mother made [a]savory food, such as his father loved. 15 Then Rebekah took the choice clothes of her elder son Esau, which were with her in the house, and put them on Jacob her younger son. 16 And she put the skins of the kids of the goats on his hands and on the smooth part of his neck. 17 Then she gave the savory food and the bread, which she had prepared, into the hand of her son Jacob." Perhaps we get some clues from these Scriptures. Later we see Isaac is about to bless Esau but Rebekah hears of the plot and tells Jacob. We also see the Tabernacle is covered in goat skins and on the Day of Atonement when all sins, even those committed in ignorance, were forgiven. The main part of the ceremony was two goats: a sacrificial goat and a scape goat. Likewise at Passover a lamb or goat was killed. This may all point to a goat that was sacrificed.

Rom 5:7-9 is like a page right out of this scene with Adam and Eve "For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. 8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. 9 Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him."

## PART 7

**Genesis 3:11** And he said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?" 12 The man said, "The woman you put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it." 13 Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate." 14 So the Lord God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, "Cursed are you above all livestock and all 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 multiply your sorrow and your conception; In pain you shall bring forth children; Your desire shall be for your husband, And he shall rule over you."

NOTE IN VERSE 11-12: God does not call out to Satan, but instead to Adam who bears the responsibility. While I have always heard that Adam shifted the blame to Eve, if one looks carefully that isn't necessarily the case. Adam doesn't blame anyone, but simply explains only the facts, that the woman gave it to him and he ate. Goes in reverse order, Satan tempted Eve who gave it to Adam. Now God goes to Adam, then Eve, then Satan.

In verse 14 God does not give the devil any concern as he does with Adam and Eve. He goes directly to judgment. Remember Satan was an angel of God, not just a serpent. Look at Ezekiel 28:12 "Son of man, take up a lamentation for the king of Tyre, and say to him, 'Thus says the Lord God: "You were the seal of perfection, Full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. 13 You were in Eden, the garden of God; Every precious stone [remember in Enoch it talks about the mountain of God being filled with these] was your covering: The sardius, topaz, and diamond, Beryl, onyx, and jasper, Sapphire, turquoise, and emerald with gold. The workmanship of your timbrels and pipes Was prepared for you on the day you were created. 14 "You were the anointed cherub who covers; (as cherub cover the ark of the covenant) I established you; You were on the holy mountain of God; You walked back and forth in the

midst of fiery stones. (Enoch speaks of a wall and stream of fire) 15 You were perfect in your ways from the day you were created, Till iniquity was found in you. 16 "By the abundance of your trading You became filled with violence within, And you sinned; Therefore I cast you as a profane thing Out of the mountain of God; And I destroyed you, O covering cherub, From the midst of the fiery stones. 17 "Your heart was [a]ligned up because of your beauty; You corrupted your wisdom for the sake of your splendor; I cast you to the ground, I laid you before kings, That they might gaze at you. 18 "You defiled your sanctuaries By the multitude of your iniquities, By the iniquity of your trading; Therefore I brought fire from your midst; It devoured you, And I turned you to ashes upon the earth In the sight of all who saw you."

Also in verse 14 we see the hierarchy from God-angels-man-beasts. Atonement was only given to man. When God says you are cursed above all beasts, he is saying there is no redemption as even the creation "waits in eager expectation." In addition, when God says the serpent would eat dust it was a way of saying you will be my enemy just as we see in Ps 72:9: "Those who dwell in the wilderness will bow before Him, And His enemies will lick the dust."

In verse 15 we are told there will be enmity between the woman and the serpent. We read in Rev 12:17 that the dragon goes after the woman, "And the dragon was enraged with the woman, and he went to make war with the rest of her offspring, who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ." Why? Proverbs tell us, "An unjust man is an abomination to the righteous, And he who is upright in the way is an abomination to the wicked." Satan hates all who walk uprightly. You will be hated because you obey. If you reject the law of God you will be embraced by the world.

The devil's destruction will come through the woman. When it says, "He will crush your head." In the Hebrew "he" is singular just as in Gal 3:16 "Now to Abraham and his Seed were the promises made. He does not say, "And to seeds," as of many, but as of one, "And to your Seed," who is Christ." When Jesus came the devil knew who he was, the one who would crush his head. This is why in Matthew 4 the devil says, "if you are the Son of God." Hebrews 2:14 shows that he would crush Satan's head through His own death: "Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil" The prophecy in Genesis is that he would die and that is what history shows happened.

In Rev 12:10-11 "Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, "Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down. 11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death." It was through this prophecy of Christ's death that salvation would come to the World. Clearly, this is the Gospel in Gen 3:15.

In verse 16 the word "Desire" is *tsulka* which means "to control". We see in Genesis 4 the structure of this word.

Gen 4:7 says, "If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin lies at the door. And its desire is for you, but you should rule over it." This is the same exact Hebrew word. "Your desire is for your husband but he will rule over her" really means the woman wants to control her husband but he will rule over her inappropriately. That is the real curse and is witnessed today. In other words, "Sin lies at door and desires to control you, but you rule over it." Therefore, just as we are to rule over sin, a husband rules over his wife. Likewise, in the way sin wants to control you, a woman wants to control her husband.

## PART 8

**Genesis 3:16** To the woman He said: "I will greatly multiply your sorrow and your conception; In pain you shall bring forth children; Your desire shall be for your husband, And he shall rule over you." 17 Then to Adam He said, "Because you have heeded the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree of which I commanded you, saying, 'You shall not eat of it': "Cursed is the ground for your sake; In toil you shall eat of it All the days of your life. 18 Both thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you, And you shall eat the herb of the field. 19 In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread Till you return to the ground, For out of it you were taken; For dust you are, And to dust you shall return. 20 And Adam called his wife's name Eve because she was the mother of all living. 21 Also for Adam and his wife the Lord God made tunics of skin, and clothed them. 22 Then the Lord God said, "Behold, the man has become like one of Us, to know good and evil. And now, lest he put out his hand and take also of the tree of

life, and eat, and live forever”— 23 therefore the Lord God sent him out of the garden of Eden to till the ground from which he was taken. 24 So He drove out the man; and He placed cherubim at the east of the garden of Eden, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to guard the way to the tree of life.”

NOTE IN VERSE 16 that “pain shall bring forth” is prophetic as well. Not only do we see the reality of this in childbirth today but it points to end times. We read in Esdras. The context is Esdras is meeting with the angels while Israel is being decimated and the law is being trampled upon. He is asking where is the salvation from the Lord and the reply is, “Did not the souls of the righteous in their chambers ask about these matters, saying, ‘How long are we to remain here? And when will the harvest of our reward come?’” This sounds exactly like Rev 5:9-10 “When He opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain for the word of God and for the testimony which they held. 10 And they cried with a loud voice, saying, ‘How long, O Lord, holy and true, until You judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?’”

Esdras continues in verse 36-40 “And the archangel Jeremiel answered and said, ‘When the number of those like yourselves is completed; for he has weighted the age in the balance, and measured the times by measure, and numbered the times by number; and he will no move or arouse them until that measure is fulfilled.’” Sounds like the “fullness of the Gentiles coming in” spoken of in Romans. He continues in verse 40 “He answered me and said, ‘Go and ask a pregnant woman whether, when her nine months have been completed, her womb can keep the child within her any longer.’ And I said, ‘No lord, it cannot.’ He said to me, ‘In Hades the chambers of the souls are like the womb.’” Basically saying just like a woman in labor must give birth, in the last days the grave must give up from her womb, the dead.

In Mat 24 the disciples asked what will be the end of the age and in verse 6 it says, “And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled; for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. 7 For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places. 8 All these are the beginning of birth pains.”

In Jer 30:5-7 it says, “For thus says the Lord: ‘We have heard a voice of trembling, Of fear, and not of peace. 6 Ask now, and see, Whether a man is ever in labor with child? So why do I see every man with his hands on his loins Like a woman in labor, And all faces turned pale? 7 Alas! For that day is great, So that none is like it; And it is the time of Jacob’s trouble, But he shall be saved out of it.’” Here as well, it speaks of the end times as labor. Just as in labor, the pains seem like the end of the world, there is hope at the end when the earth gives up her children from the womb.

John 16:21 states, “A woman, when she is in labor, has sorrow because her hour has come; but as soon as she has given birth to the child, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. 22 Therefore you now have sorrow; but I will see you again and your heart will rejoice, and your joy no one will take from you.” Even Jesus here turns your attention to labor for the end of the age, which should also remind us of Genesis. When we come into the tribulation remember this, remember the joy is coming. Remember the process of birth and there is light at the end of the tunnel.

Important to see in verse 17: “Because you listened to the voice of your wife.” Note it doesn’t say the voice of the serpent because Adam did not listen to him, he listened to the voice of his wife. The moral is NOT “don’t ever listen to your wife,” but when your wife comes with something against the Word, you are to protect your garden. . .don’t listen then. Just like when the pharisees told the apostles to stop talking in the name of Jesus, they say, “Judge for yourselves whether we should listen to man or to God.”

Then in verse 18 we see “thorns and thistles.” If previous verses are prophetic it should stand to reason this verse is as well. Matthew 7:16 says, “You will know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes from thornbushes or figs from thistles?” God is drawing us back to Eden again. The greater truth or reality from this is that we will always be at war until the Lord returns. Even in the parable of the sower we are taken back to the garden: “seeds are sown among thorns.”

Verse 19 tells us they will “Return to the ground.” Ground is “adamah” which is where Adam gets his name. Also, from dust you are made, dust you will return because in Gen 2:17 the promise was if you eat of the tree of knowledge you will die. Therefore, this is being fulfilled here. Also, some ask the question of why Adam lived to be 930 if he was to die when he ate of the tree. 2 Peter 3:8 it says “One day is like a 1000 years.” This is one of many examples where God often speaks this way with literal and spiritual at the same time. Also, the Hebrew literally

states, “dying you will die.” It is just like when you cut a tree off of a branch, dying it will die. This is what the text says here with Adam’s death. The death process had begun when he ate the tree, or else he would have been eternal.

In John 8:51 we see Jesus speaking in the spiritual as well: “Most assuredly, I say to you, if anyone keeps My word he shall never see death.” 52 Then the Jews said to Him, “Now we know that You have a demon! Abraham is dead, and the prophets; and You say, ‘If anyone keeps My word he shall never taste death.’ 53 Are You greater than our father Abraham, who is dead? And the prophets are dead. Who do You make Yourself out to be?” How could you never die?” Clearly a spiritual message using a literal perspective.

NOTE IN VERSE 20: “Adam called his wife Eve because she is the mother of all living” Today science has shown in a very literal sense that all people are descended from a single female using mitochondrial DNA.

In closing, how did all this affect or make the LORD feel? We always look at it from Adam and Eve’s perspective. How did it make God feel when He had to cast His creation out from His presence. God HATES wickedness and LOVES righteousness. He probably wept as we see in John 11:11 “Our friend Lazarus sleeps, but I go that I may wake him up.” 12 Then His disciples said, “Lord, if he sleeps he will get well.” 13 However, Jesus spoke of his death, . . . Then Jesus said to them plainly, “Lazarus is dead. 15 And I am glad for your sakes that I was not there, that you may believe. . . 21 Now Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died. 22 But even now I know that whatever You ask of God, God will give You.” 23 Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” 24 Martha said to Him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day.” 25 Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. (tying us to the tree of life) He who believes in Me, though he may die. . . 34 And He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to Him, “Lord, come and see.” 35 Jesus wept. . . 43 Now when He had said these things, He cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come forth!” This also reflects what we see in John 5:28 where we read, “Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice”

This whole story of the Garden of Eden can be summed up with the statement of Sir James Simpson (1811-1870), the man who invented chloroform. When asked what was his most important discovery he said, “The most valuable discovery was when I discovered myself a sinner and that Jesus Christ was my Saviour.” Rom 6:23 “The wages of sin is death but the gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord.” It all begins and ends right here in Genesis.