

Message Two

Adam (2)**– Eve as the Counterpart of Adam and the First Fall of Man**

Scripture reading: Gen. 2:18-25; 3:1-24.

I. The type of Eve as the counterpart of Adam

- A. Adam's need for a wife typifies and portrays God's need, in His economy, to have a wife as His counterpart, His complement—Gen. 2:18; cf. Rom. 5:14; Isa. 54:5; Rev. 19:7.
- B. The type of Eve shows that God has to marry someone of same species—Gen. 2:19-20.
- C. Adam's deep sleep for the producing of Eve as his wife typifies Christ's death on the cross for the producing of the church as His counterpart—v.21; cf. Eph. 5:25-27; John 12:24.
- D. Eve was 'built' with the rib taken from Adam's side, and this typifies the building of the church with the resurrection life released from Christ through His death on the cross and imparted into His believers in His resurrection—Gen. 2:22; John 19:32-34; 1Pet. 1:3.
- E. Just as Eve was the increase of Adam, the church as the bride is the increase of Christ as the Bridegroom—John 3:29-30.
- F. Adam and Eve becoming one flesh, a complete unit, is a figure of God and man being joined as one; the coming New Jerusalem will be the eternal union of God and man, a universal couple—Gen. 3:24; cf. 1Cor. 6:17; Eph. 5:31-32; Rev. 22:17.

II. The first fall of man

- A. Outwardly, the serpent, as the tempter, as the slanderer, and as the incarnation of Satan, tempted man; which caused man to doubt God's word and God's heart—Gen. 3:1, 4, 6; Matt. 4:3; John 8:44; Rev. 12:9; 20:2; 2Cor. 11:3.
- B. Inwardly, the woman assumed the headship; although she had a husband, she nonetheless stood on her own—Gen. 3:2-3, 6; 1Pet. 3:7; cf. Isa. 54:5; 1Cor. 11:3; 1Tim. 2:14.
- C. Man failed because of not using their spirit but exercising their soul; while Eve was speaking with the serpent, her mind was reasoning, her emotion was pleased with the fruit of the tree of knowledge, and her will decided to take it and eat it—Gen. 3:2-3, 6.
- D. The result of the first fall of man:

1. The soul of man was corrupted, contaminated, and ruined—v.7.
2. The body was changed in nature, having the element of the tree of knowledge, element of Satan, added to it, making it the flesh—Rom. 7:17.
3. As a consequence, man's spirit is deadened, becoming insulated from God and losing its function toward God—Gen. 3:8, 10; Eph. 2:5.
4. The fallen man was constituted a sinner—Rom. 5:19; cf. Matt. 7:17-18; Rom. 7:17, 20, 21.
5. Since man has transgressed God's prohibition, there is not only a sinful element inwardly, but also a court case outwardly, therefore being condemned—Rom. 5:18.
6. The fall of man brought in the curse—Gen. 3:17-19.
7. As a result of the fall, man was cast out of paradise, the realm of life, and God guarded the tree of life with cherubim and flaming sword—vv.23-24; cf. Heb. 10:19-20.
8. The ultimate result of the first fall of man is death, thus "in Adam all die"—Gen. 3:19; 5:5; cf. Rom. 5:12, 14, 17, 1Cor. 15:22.

III. God's way of dealing with the first fall of man.

- A. God was seeking man, not to condemn him but to preach gospel to him; He came to save not to judge—Gen. 3:9-13; cf. John 3:17; Luke 19:10.
- B. God immediately judged the serpent—Gen. 3:14.
 1. "Upon your stomach you will go" —as God judged the serpent, He limited Satan's activity and move to the earth.
 2. "And dust you will eat for all the days of your life" —the serpent was limited to eating only dust which is man made from dust—cf. 1Pet. 5:8.
- C. In Genesis 3:15, God gave man the wonderful promise of good news.
 1. There will be enmity between the serpent and the woman, and between the seed of the serpent and the seed of the woman—v.15; Rev. 12:4; cf. 1John 3:12.
 - a. The woman signifies first Eve and then the virgin Mary; she also signifies all the people of God who take the position of a woman before Him, trusting in Him—Gen. 3:20; Isa. 7:14; cf. Rev. 12:1.
 - b. The seed of the woman is the incarnated Jesus Christ, as an individual aspect, and also the overcoming believers, as a corporate aspect—Matt. 1:23; Gal. 4:4; cf. Rev. 12:5, 9.
 - c. Bruising of serpent's head by the seed of the woman is the destroying of Satan, the one who has the might of death, by the Lord Jesus through His death on the cross—Heb. 2:14; 1John 3:8.

- d. The seed in Genesis 3:15 is fully developed in Revelation 12 in which God's intention is shown to bring forth the man-child—the stronger part of God's people—whom He will use to defeat His enemy and bring in His kingdom—v.5; vv.10-11.
2. Through the Lord's death on the cross, Satan, the old serpent, was judged and cast out; that judgement will ultimately be carried out by the overcomers as the man-child, the corporate seed of the woman—John 12:31; 16:11; Rev. 12:9.

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Reference Scripture Verses:

Gen. 2:18-24. **18** And Jehovah God said, It is not good for the man to be alone; I will make him a helper as his counterpart. **19** And Jehovah God formed from the ground every animal of the field and every bird of heaven, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called any living animal, that was its name. **20** And the man gave names to all cattle and to the birds of heaven and to every animal of the field, but for Adam there was not found a helper as his counterpart. **21** And Jehovah God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs and closed up the flesh in its place. **22** And Jehovah God built the rib, which He had taken from the man, into a woman and brought her to the man. **23** And the man said, This time this is bone of my bones And flesh of my flesh; This one shall be called Woman Because out of Man this one was taken. **24** Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and shall cleave to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. **25** And both the man and his wife were naked and were not ashamed before each other.

Gen. 3:1-24. **1** Now the serpent was more crafty than every other animal of the field which Jehovah God had made. And he said to the woman, Did God really say, You shall not eat of any tree of the garden? **2** And the woman said to the serpent, Of the fruit of the trees of the garden we may eat; **3** But of the fruit of the tree which is in the middle of the garden, God has said, You shall not eat of it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die. **4** And the serpent said to the woman, You shall not surely die! **5** For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will become like God, knowing good and evil. **6** And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make oneself wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband with her, and he ate. **7** And the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves. **8** And they heard the sound of Jehovah God walking about in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of Jehovah God among the trees of the garden. **9** And Jehovah God called to the man and said to him, Where are you? **10** And he said, I heard the sound of You in the garden, and I was afraid because I am naked; so I hid myself. **11** And He said, Who told you that you are naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat? **12** And the man said, The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate. **13** And Jehovah God said to the woman, What is this that you have done? And the woman said, The serpent deceived me, and I ate. **14** And Jehovah God said to the serpent, Because you have done this, You are cursed more than all the cattle And more than all the animals of the field: Upon your stomach you will go, And dust you will eat All the days of your life. **15** And I will put enmity Between you and the woman And between your seed and her seed; He will bruise you on the head, But you will bruise him on the heel. **16** To the woman He said, I will greatly multiply Your pain in your childbearing; In pain you will bring forth children. And your desire will be to your husband, And he will rule over you. **17** And to Adam He said, Because you listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree concerning which I commanded you, saying, You shall not eat of it; Cursed is the ground because of you; In toil will you eat of it All the days of your life. **18** And thorns and thistles it will bring forth for you, And you will eat

the herb of the field; **19** By the sweat of your face You will eat bread Until you return to the ground, Because from it you were taken; For dust you are, And to dust you shall return. **20** And the man called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. **21** And Jehovah God made for Adam and for his wife coats of skins and clothed them. **22** And Jehovah God said, Behold, the man has become like one of Us, knowing good and evil; and now, lest he put forth his hand and take also from the tree of life and eat and live forever - **23** Therefore Jehovah God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to work the ground from which he was taken. **24** So He drove the man out, and at the east of the garden of Eden He placed the cherubim and a flaming sword which turned in every direction to guard the way to the tree of life.

I.

Rom. 5:14 But death reigned from Adam until Moses, even over those who had not sinned after the likeness of Adam's transgression, who is a type of Him who was to come.

Isa. 54:5 For your Maker is your Husband; Jehovah of hosts is His name. And the Holy One of Israel is your Redeemer; He is called the God of all the earth.

Rev. 19:7 Let us rejoice and exult, and let us give the glory to Him, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready.

Eph. 5:25-27. 25 Husbands, love your wives even as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her **26** That He might sanctify her, cleansing *her* by the washing of the water in the word, **27** That He might present the church to Himself glorious, not having spot or wrinkle or any such things, but that she would be holy and without blemish.

John 12:24 Truly, truly, I say to you, Unless the grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it abides alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.

John 19:32-34. 32 The soldiers therefore came and broke the legs of the first man and of the other man who had been crucified with Him. **33** But coming to Jesus, when they saw that He had already died, they did not break His legs; **34** But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately there came out blood and water.

1Pet. 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has regenerated us unto a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

John 3:29-30. 29 He who has the bride is the bridegroom; but the friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices with joy because of the bridegroom's voice. This joy of mine therefore is made full. **30** He must increase, but I *must* decrease.

1Cor. 6:17 But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit.

Eph. 5:31-32. 31 For this cause a man shall leave his father and mother and shall be joined to his wife, and the two shall be one flesh. **32** This mystery is great, but I speak with regard to Christ and the church.

Rev. 22:17 And the Spirit and the bride say, Come! And let him who hears say, Come! And let him who is thirsty come; let him who wills take the water of life freely.

II.

Matt. 4:3 And the tempter came and said to Him, If You are the Son of God, speak that these stones may become loaves of bread.

John 8:44 You are of *your* father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks the lie, he speaks *it* out of his own *possessions*; for he is a liar and the father of it.

Rev. 12:9 And the great dragon was cast down, the ancient serpent, he who is called the Devil and Satan, he who deceives the whole inhabited earth; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast down with him.

Rev. 20:2 And he laid hold of the dragon, the ancient serpent, who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years

2Cor. 11:3 But I fear lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, your thoughts would be corrupted from the simplicity and the purity toward Christ.

1Pet. 3:7 Husbands, in like manner dwell together with *them* according to knowledge, as with the weaker, female vessel, assigning honor to *them* as also to fellow heirs of the grace of life, that your prayers may not be hindered.

Isa. 54:5 For your Maker is your Husband; Jehovah of hosts is His name. And the Holy One of Israel is your Redeemer; He is called the God of all the earth.

1Cor. 11:3 But I want you to know that Christ is the head of every man, and the man is the head of the woman, and God is the head of Christ.

1Tim. 2:14 And Adam was not deceived; but the woman, having been quite deceived, has fallen into transgression.

Rom. 7:17 Now then *it is* no longer I *that* work it out but sin that dwells in me.

Eph. 2:5 Even when we were dead in offenses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved)

Rom. 5:19 For just as through the disobedience of one man the many were constituted sinners, so also through the obedience of the One the many will be constituted righteous.

Matt. 7:17-18. 17 Even so every good tree produces good fruit, but the corrupt tree produces bad fruit. **18** A good tree cannot produce bad fruit, neither can a corrupt tree produce good fruit.

Rom. 7:20-21. 20 But if what I do not will, this I do, *it is* no longer I *that* work it out but sin that dwells in me. **21** I find then the law with me who wills to do the good, that is, the evil is present with me.

Rom. 5:18 So then as *it was* through one offense unto condemnation to all men, so also *it was* through one righteous act unto justification of life to all men.

Heb. 10:19-20. 19 Having therefore, brothers, boldness for entering the *Holy of Holies* in the blood of Jesus, **20** Which *entrance* He initiated for us as a new and living way through the veil, that is, His flesh,

Rom. 5:12 Therefore just as through one man sin entered into the world, and through sin, death; and thus death passed on to all men because all have sinned –

Rom. 5:14 But death reigned from Adam until Moses, even over those who had not sinned after the likeness of Adam's transgression, who is a type of Him who was to come.

Rom. 5:17 For if by the offense of the one death reigned through the one, much more those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.

1Cor. 15:22 For just as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all will be made alive.

III.

John 3:17 For God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through Him.

Luke 19:10 For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which is lost.

1Pet. 5:8 Be sober; watch. Your adversary, the devil, as a roaring lion, walks about, seeking someone to devour.

Rev. 12:4 And his tail drags away the third part of the stars of heaven, and he cast them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was about to bring forth, so that when she brings forth he might devour her child.

1John 3:12 Not as Cain was of the evil one and slew his brother. And for what reason did he slay him? Because his works were evil, and his brother's, righteous.

Isa. 7:14 Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin will conceive and will bear a son, and she will call his name Immanuel.

Rev. 12:1 And a great sign was seen in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon underneath her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars;

Matt. 1:23 "Behold, the virgin shall be with child and shall bear a son, and they shall call His name Emmanuel" (which is translated, God with us).

Gal. 4:4 But when the fullness of the time came, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under law,

Rev. 12:5 And she brought forth a son, a man-child, who is to shepherd all the nations with an iron rod; and her child was caught up to God and to His throne.

Rev. 12:9 And the great dragon was cast down, the ancient serpent, he who is called the Devil and Satan, he who deceives the whole inhabited earth; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast down with him.

Heb. 2:14 Since therefore the children have shared in blood and flesh, He also Himself in like manner partook of the same, that through death He might destroy him who has the might of death, that is, the devil,

1John 3:8 He who practices sin is of the devil, because the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.

Rev. 12:10-11. 10 And I heard a loud voice in heaven saying, Now has come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ, for the accuser of our brothers has been cast down, who accuses them before our God day and night. **11** And they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony, and they loved not their soul-life even unto death.

John 12:31 Now is the judgment of this world; now shall the ruler of this world be cast out.

John 16:11 And concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world has been judged.

Rev. 12:9 And the great dragon was cast down, the ancient serpent, he who is called the Devil and Satan, he who deceives the whole inhabited earth; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast down with him.