

Shadows of Christ & His Bride

Lesson #1

Introduction

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The Old Testament is the New Testament Concealed.
The New Testament is the Old Testament Revealed.
Christ is promised in the Old and revealed in the New.

Rom. 15:4 For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope.

Luke 24:25-27, 44 Then He said unto them, O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken: Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into His glory? And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, He explained unto them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself. ⁴⁴Jesus said, 'All things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms *concerning Me.*'"

Consider: When Jesus revealed Himself to the 2 disciples on the road to Emmaus following His resurrection, He simply called their attention to the Word of God, the Old Testament Scriptures. He opened these Scriptures to their understanding.

Heb. 10:7 Jesus said, 'Behold, I have come—in the volume of the book it is written of Me.

Ps. 40:7 Then said I, Lo, I come: in the volume of the book it is written of Me.

The Old Testament Scriptures form the beginning point where God initially formed foundational truths, first-mention principles, etc. To study those things which God has revealed about His Son would include everything in Scriptures. [Col. 1:15-19]
God's Son is the Word made Flesh. [John 1:1, 2, 14].

"Shadows" are a fitting way to describe the types of Christ in the Old Testament because shadows provide an idea of what something looks like without completely revealing the object. A shadow is evidence that something is casting it, or in the case of Christ, it is Someone. Shadows have no substance. They are not the reality.

Types are "shadow(s) of things to come, but the substance is of Christ" [Col. 2:17].

God placed anticipations of Christ in the laws, events, and people of the Old Testament.

5 fingers that pointed to Christ, the Lamb of God which takes away the sin of the world.

➤ The Ark Isaac Passover Lamb Brazen Serpent Scapegoat

The most frequently cited example of typology involves Isaac and Jesus. Isaac is typical of Jesus in that both were only sons of promise who were objects of sacrifice for their fathers. Typology is the great unexplored mine in the Old Testament.

Studying the types will open the door to an inexhaustible wealth of information which God has provided, information necessary to properly understand God's revelation to man.

Ignoring the types will produce the opposite result and leave this door closed.

Jesus in John 5:39-40; 46-47: Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me. ⁴⁰ And ye will not come to me, that ye might have life.

⁴⁶ For had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed me; for he wrote of me.

But if ye believe not his writings, how shall ye believe my words?

- Jesus referred to the Old Testament Scriptures.
- None of the New Testament had been written at this time.

Man's failure to understand the extent and purpose of types in the Old Testament stems from his failure to heed the words of Jesus:

"Search the scriptures [O.T. Scriptures] ...they are they which testify of me."

- "Search" in the Greek text implies a close examination, a thorough search.
- The sense of a hunter stalking game, who directs all his attention to marks which will lead to the quarry.

An individual searching the Scriptures in this manner will fix all his attention on the Scriptures, closely examining and thoroughly searching every aspect of this revelation.

The Doctrine Of The Two Adams is unfolded in the latter part of Romans 5

Romans 1-3 Man's CONDEMNATION before a holy God.

Romans 3-5 JUSTIFICATION [man being declared righteous by God based on the Cross; work of Christ and according to the riches of God's grace].

Romans 5:12-21 CONDEMNATION & JUSTIFICATION compared and contrasted.

Note Words of COMPARISON: "AS . . . (EVEN) so . . ." [Rom. 5:18,19,21].

Note Words of CONTRAST: "NOT AS"; "MUCH MORE" [Rom. 5:15,17,20].

Notice TWO MEN who are compared and contrasted: Adam and Christ

Notice TWO ACTS: Adam's act of disobedience when he ate the forbidden fruit.
Christ's act of obedience when He died on the cross [Phil.2:8]

Notice TWO RESULTS: Because of Adam: Death, Judgment, & Condemnation.
Because of Christ: Life, Righteousness & Grace.

Notice that Adam and Christ were representative men who acted on man's behalf.

- Adam sinned for us and Christ died for us.

It is very important to see Our History in Adam and to see Our History In Christ.

- When Adam sinned in the garden of Eden, You Were There!
In Adam you sinned, and you died.
- Likewise, it is vital to realize that when Christ died on the cross, You Were There!
"Were you there when they crucified my Lord?"--YES!

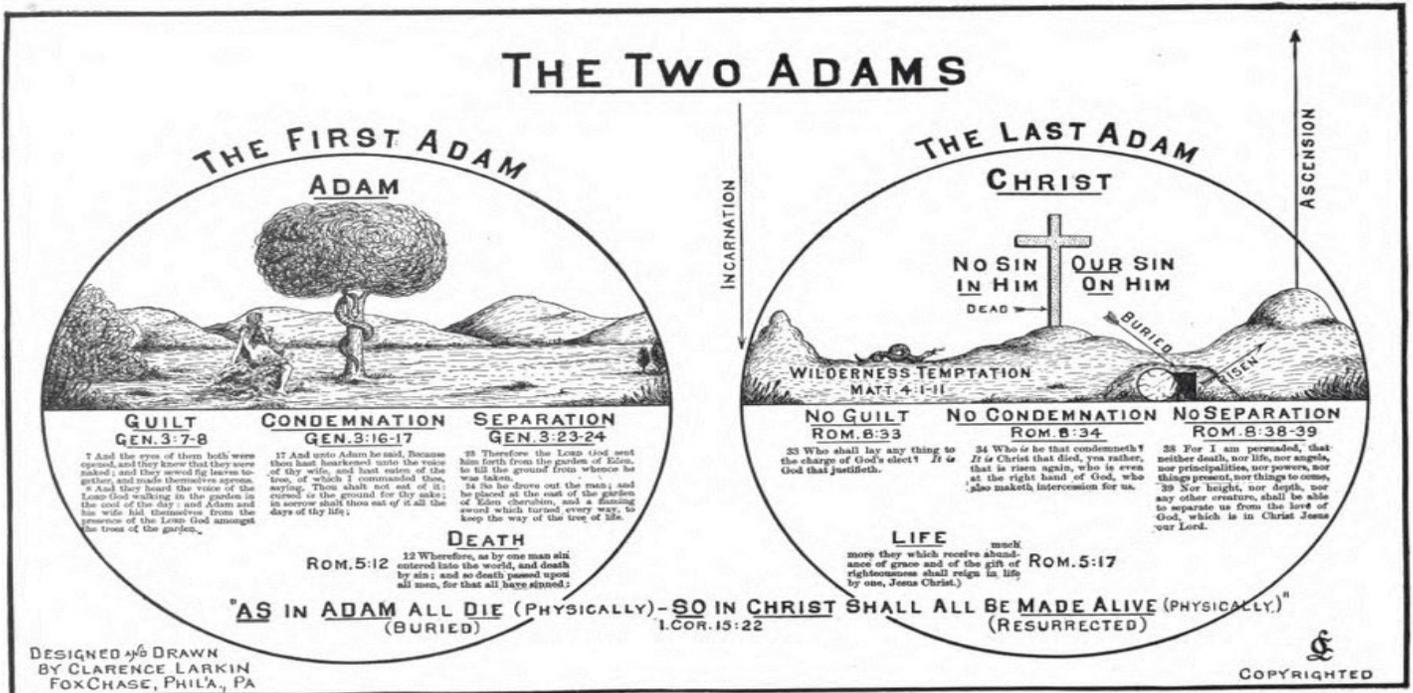
The main point of the section is the triumph of God's grace over sin [Rom. 5:20-21].

The key phrase is "MUCH MORE" [Rom. 5:15,17,20].

Rom. 5:12, 14 Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:

¹⁴ Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression, who is the figure of him that was to come.

- Adam [1st Adam] "is a type of Him [2nd Adam] who was to come."



Compare Adam and Jesus

1. A Miraculous Beginning

The first man, Adam, was created by God, in His image and likeness, directly from the dust of the ground. God breathed into Adam's nostrils the breath of life, and he became a living soul.

Gen. 1:26-27; 2:7

God created Adam by His word on the sixth day of Creation week.

While Adam was made in the image of God, Christ is 'the image of the invisible God' [Col. 1:15].

The last Adam, Jesus Christ, was the One through whom God created all things.

John 1:1-3; Colossians 1:15-20; Hebrews 1:2

Thus, Jesus was pre-existent with God the Father and God the Holy Spirit before Adam lived. [John 8:58; Micah 5:2] Nevertheless, in His humanity, He too had a miraculous beginning when He was incarnated as a human being—conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

Matthew 1:20-23; Luke 1:26-35

2. Perfect, Innocent, Holy

Adam was created a perfect man, in full possession of all human faculties, and with a God-consciousness which enabled him to have spiritual communion with God.

Initially innocent, sinless, and holy, he was in a right relationship to God, to woman, to himself, and to the natural world around him.

The last Adam, Jesus, was also perfectly man, one with God [John 10:30; 17:21-22], innocent, sinless, and holy [Heb. 7:26]. Scripture refers to Christ as the 'second man' [I Cor. 15:47].

There have been many men since Adam, but Jesus Christ was only the *second man* to ever be completely without sin.

3. Humanity's Head

Adam is the head of the human race. Jesus Christ is the head of redeemed humanity. [Eph. 5:23]. Since Christ died once for all time [Hebrews 7:27; 9:28; 10:10-14], there will never be the need for any further 'Adam.' He is the *last* Adam.

4. Both Givers Of Life

Adam, made from the dust of the ground, became a living person when he was given the breath of life from God. Every human being since that time shares the same characteristics.

The last Adam, Jesus Christ, is a life-giving Spirit. He communicates 'life' and 'light' to all men, and gives eternal life to those who receive Him and believe on His name, giving them 'power to become the sons of God' [John 1:1-14].

Because Christ rose from the dead, He is "a life-giving spirit" who entered into a new form of existence. He is the source of the spiritual life that will result in believers' resurrection. Christ's new glorified human body now suits His new, glorified, spiritual life—just as Adam's human body was suitable to his natural life. When believers are resurrected, God will give them transformed, eternal bodies suited to eternal life.

5. Two Rulers

Adam, representing mankind, was given dominion over the created world [Gen.1:26].

After being raised from the dead, Jesus Christ was elevated to God's right hand, and given dominion over all things, which were 'put under his feet.' [I Cor. 15:27; Eph. 1:20-22].

The first Adam was lord over a limited domain, the last Adam is Lord of all [Acts 10:36].

6. A Deep Sleep Produces A Beautiful Bride

God put Adam into a deep sleep, during which time God made Adam's bride, Eve, from his side.

➤ A wound in Adam's side produced a bride.

After the Last Adam, Jesus, died upon the cross, suffering the sleep of death for everyone, His side was pierced by a spear thrust. In His death, He paid the penalty for man's sins.

Those who repent & put their faith in Him are united with Christ in a relationship which the Bible likens to that of a bride towards her husband. We are BETROTHED to Christ.

7. A Momentous Testing

At the beginning of Adam's life he underwent a period of testing: would he obey God?

Gen. 2:16-17 And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.

Responsibility: Adam, being the first human created, was and is the federal (or responsible) head of the human race. He was thus the one whose attitude towards God determined the course of human history. Eve, being made chronologically after Adam, as well as from Adam, is not assigned this responsibility in the Bible, even though she ate the forbidden fruit a few moments before Adam did [Gen. 3:6].

Gen. 2:16-17 It was Adam to whom God had given the command not to eat.

Gen. 3:6 Adam was with Eve when she ate the fruit.

Sin is basically the desire to live independently of and in rebellion against God.

I Tim. 2:14 And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived, was in the transgression.

➤ It therefore appears that Adam made a deliberate choice to disobey God.

At the beginning of the last Adam's ministry, Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted or tested by the devil. [Matt. 4:1; Luke 4:1-3]

8. A Great Failure & A Great Victory

The first Adam failed the test, and in doing so involved all humanity in his defeat, dragging the human race down with him. As a result, in Adam we all stand condemned, spiritually bankrupt, enslaved to sin, and expelled from Paradise. [Romans 5:12]

The last Adam, Jesus, was victorious over sin, the flesh, and the devil. As a result, in Christ, believers stand justified and redeemed, spiritually wealthy, liberated from sin, and included in the Paradise of God. [Rom. 5:18; Rev. 2:7]

I Cor. 15:21-22, "For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive."

9. Disobedience vs Obedience

The first Adam disobeyed God.

The last Adam was 'obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.' [Phil. 2:8]

10. Judgment and Death

The first Adam experienced the judgment of God.

He ultimately died and his body turned to dust. Because of his sin, death came upon all men:

Rom. 3:23 For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God.

The last Adam, Jesus Christ, died on the cross to atone for sin [Isa. 53:5; I Pet 3:18; Heb. 2:9].

He did not stay dead, nor did His body 'see corruption' [Acts 2:27; 13:35-37].

On the third day He rose again, thereby overcoming the devil and the power of death for all those who believe in Him [Heb. 2:14], and bringing resurrection from the dead [I Cor 15:22-23].

11. Curse and Restoration

Creation was originally 'very good' [Gen. 1:31], so the 'last enemy', death [I Cor. 15:26] was absent. All animals were originally given plants to eat [Gen. 1:30].

The actions of the first Adam brought a reign of death and bloodshed upon a once-perfect world, which has been groaning in pain since that time. [Rom. 8:22].

Because of the bloodshed in death by the last Adam, this curse of death and bloodshed will be removed, and creation restored to a sinless, deathless state [Rev.21:1; 21:4; 22:3].

Conclusion

We are all connected with the first Adam (the natural and legal head of the human race) as depraved and guilty sinners, and so are included in the sentence of death which God pronounced on him.

However, all who are connected with the last Adam, Jesus, through repentance and faith in His redeeming work, are forgiven, have 'received the free gift of righteousness', and so 'have passed from death to life' [Col. 1:14; Rom. 5:17; I John 3:14].

Man was created for a specific purpose, revealed at the time of his creation.

Gen. 1:26-28 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion [Heb. Radah = rule] over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

²⁷ So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him;

male and female created he them. ²⁸ And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moves upon the earth. God gave the 1st Adam and his bride an incredible gift: royal position; royal mandate; dominion. However, sin entered the world and the 1st Adam and his bride lost their original purpose.

Created originally in the image of God, redeemed mankind has been elevated by means of a divine genetic process known as the new birth to the highest rank of all created beings.

I Cor. 6:17 But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit.

Eph. 3:15 Through the new birth, we become members of God's family.

I John 3:2a Now we are the sons of God...

II Pet. 1:4a Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature,

God purposed to have a family of His very own, not only created but also generated by His own life. God conceived the infinitely vast and infinitely wise plan of creation plus redemption through the new birth, in order to bring "many sons to glory." [Heb. 2:10]

God purposed that those who came to Him should become like his Son so that His Son would be the Firstborn, with many brothers. [Rom. 8:29]

Key: Christ is the Prototype after which all other sons are being fashioned.

Consider: A prototype is first designed, handcrafted and tested before it is committed to an assembly line.

The purpose of an assembly line is to produce exact duplicates, perfect copies of the original.

God's purpose in redemption: to produce by means of the new birth, an entirely new and unique species, exact replicas of His Son with whom He will share His glory and His dominion and who will constitute a royal progeny and form the governing and administrative staff of His eternal kingdom.

Man, created in God's image, after God's likeness, was created to Rule the Earth. The man was NOT to rule alone. God put the man to sleep, opened his side, took a rib from his side and formed "an helpmeet" for the man. She was called woman because she was taken out of man. The woman, bone of man's bones and flesh of man's flesh, was presented back to the man who was now complete. [Gen. 2:18-24] She was to rule with the man. [Gen. 1:27-28] This formed an unchangeable principle which God established in the beginning. The man could NOT rule alone. Rather, he MUST rule as a complete being.

Paul Billheimer: One purpose from eternity is the production and preparation of an Eternal Companion for the Son. This is the Bride, the Lamb's Wife. Since she is to share His throne, she must be trained, educated and prepared for her queenly role.

In view of God's established pattern in Genesis regarding man and his bride together ruling and having dominion, Jesus Christ, at the time He rules the earth, must have a bride [wife] to rule with Him. The Son though does NOT presently possess a wife. He has a BETROTHED bride.

Dispensationalism is the system of study that provides the best, most literal hermeneutic [method of Bible interpretation]. The Greek word from which we get dispensation appears 7 times in the New Testament. It is translated "dispensation" in 4 of the 7 and in Paul's writings. [I Cor. 9:17; Eph. 1:10; Eph. 3:2; Col. 1:25]

Other meanings of dispensation are stewardship, administration and economy.

Consider: Scripture studied this way yields:

- a. It gives a correct view of the distinct differences between Israel and the Church.
- b. It gives a clear view of God's elect, His redeemed, and His plan - past, present and future.
- c. A watchful attitude in a believer's life

The Scriptures divide time (from the creation of Adam to the "new heaven and a new earth" of Rev. 21: 1) into 7 unequal periods, called dispensations (Eph. 3:2).

DISPENSATION = A moral or probationary period in the world's history

The classic seven dispensations are Innocence, Conscience, Government, Promise, Law, Grace [Church Age], and Millennial Kingdom. In each, there is a recognizable pattern of how God worked with those living in the dispensation.

1. God gives man a test and/or command, a responsibility.
2. Man fails to meet God's requirement.
3. God brings judgment because of the failure.
4. God extends grace and hope for the future.

Each dispensation may be regarded as a new test of man, and each ends in judgment, marking his utter failure in every dispensation. Four of these dispensations have been fulfilled.

Dispensation #5 has completed 483 years out of 490 years.

We are living in the sixth. Then dispensation #5 will complete its last 7 years.

We have still before us the seventh, and last: the millennium.

I. Dispensation of Innocence [Gen. 1:26-30 and 2:15-17 = Responsibility; Gen. 3:1-6 = Failure]

- God created man to live in perfect harmony with Himself. They were created in the image of God and innocent of sin. [Gen. 1:27]. They were ignorant of good and evil.
- They had an eternal soul, a free will and the ability to procreate.
- They walked and worked with God, who interacted with His creation. [Gen. 2:15]

Stewards: Adam and Eve

The Period: From the creation of man to The Fall & Expulsion

Responsibility: To obey God (Genesis 1:26-28; 2:15-17); Do Not Eat Of 1 Tree

Commands: Replenish the earth, Subdue the earth, Have dominion over the animals, Care for the garden - God warned of the punishment for disobedience.

Failure: Disobedience (Genesis 3:1-6)

Judgment: Curse and death (Genesis 3:7-19); God drove out the man.

Grace: A new chance and the promise of a Redeemer (Genesis 3:15)

God's mercy: He killed an innocent animal and provided skins to cover over or atone for their sin. The slaughter of the animals introduced the Biblical principle:

"Without the shedding of blood, there is no remission of sin". [Heb. 9:22]

II. Dispensation of Conscience—Genesis 3:23 to 9:29

- Demonstrates what mankind will do if left to his own will and conscience which has been tainted by the inherited sin nature. Man has a knowledge of good and evil.
- Man's conscience will be the basis for right moral judgment.

Major aspects:

- ❖ Curse on the serpent and on nature
- ❖ Change in womanhood and childbearing
- ❖ Imposing of difficult work on mankind to produce food
- ❖ Promise of Christ as the seed who will bruise the serpent's, Satan's, head.

Stewards: Cain and Seth and their families

The Period: Expulsion from the Garden of Eden until the Flood, about 1,656 years

Responsibility: To do good and offer blood sacrifices (Genesis 3:7, 22; 4:4)

Failure: Wickedness (Genesis 6:5-6, 11, 12)

"All flesh had corrupted his way on the earth. The wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually."

[Gen. 3:7, 22; Gen. 6:5, 11-12; Gen. 7:11-12, 23]

Judgment: The worldwide Flood (Genesis 6:7, 13; 7:11-14)

Grace: Noah and his family are saved (Genesis 6:8-9; 7:1; 8:1)

A remnant to continue His sovereign plan for mankind.

Purpose of 7 Dispensations: Demonstrate there are no conditions under which natural man can behave in a manner acceptable to God. Each Dispensation emphasizes that the believer of any Dispensation must first and foremost be obedient to God. Disobedience always leads to disaster. Each Dispensation is a test from God to man to emphasize God knows best. The Dispensations also emphasize the fact God is faithful though we are often faithless.

From the very beginning God emphasized the Coming Redeemer, the Blood Atonement and all because of God's Amazing Grace.

During this dispensation, #6, which has lasted about 2,000 years, God has sent the Holy Spirit into the world to acquire a bride for His Son [seen typically in Gen. 24].

Once the Spirit's mission has been completed, the church will be removed from the earth, the Judgment Seat of Christ will commence and then the Bride of Christ will be presented to the Son.

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Maintaining the pattern God established in Genesis, then the Second Man, the Last Adam, can take the scepter and rule the earth, in complete accord with God's original intention for man, revealed at the time of his creation.

If one wants to know the meaning and purpose of history, he must look at the end, the final outcome. Christ, the Second Man, the Last Adam, [Rom. 5:14] will one day fulfill prophecy and take the scepter and rule the earth. Recall Jacob's blessing and prophecy regarding his 4th son, Judah.

Gen. 49:10 The scepter will not depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, until Shiloh [Jesus Christ; Messiah] comes and to him *shall be* the obedience of the peoples.

➤ Scepter symbolized a ruler's absolute power and authority over a tribe or nation.

Centuries later, when Jacob's descendants formed a nation in the Promised Land and kings began to rule, it was the line of Judah that became the royal line. Starting with David, the line of Judah's kings continued through Solomon, Rehoboam, Abijah, and many others, all the way through Zedekiah, the last king of Judah. Jacob's prophecy came true: the tribe of Judah possessed the scepter—the kings of the Davidic dynasty were all descended from Jacob's fourth son, Judah.

Jacob was also giving a divine prediction of one Descendant, Shiloh [Jesus Christ], who would come from the line of Judah and to whom *shall be* the obedience of the peoples.

God later tells King David, a descendant of Judah, that his throne would be established *forever*, confirming that the Messiah would be descended from him [II Sam. 7:8-16].

Jesus Christ, the Son of David, whose kingdom is eternal [II Pet. 1:11] fulfills this prophecy.

Jesus is "the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David" [Rev. 5:5].

A 4,000-year-old prophecy, "the scepter will not depart from Judah," will be fully realized some day when Jesus, the King of kings and Lord of lords, returns with His saints and angels.

The Lion of the tribe of Judah will wield the scepter:

Jude 1:14-15 It was also about these people that Enoch, in the seventh generation from Adam, prophesied, saying, "Behold, the Lord has come with many thousands of His holy ones, to execute judgment upon all, and to convict all the ungodly of all their ungodly deeds which they have done in an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him."

Psalm 2:6-8 Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion.⁷ I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee.

⁸ Ask of me and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession.

Since prophecy is history written in advance, we have history's final chapter in Revelation. What emerges as the finished product? The Eternal companion of Jesus Christ.

The spotless, Bride of Christ, united with Him and seated with Him upon the throne - - ruling and reigning with Him.

Rev. 5:9-10 Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; ¹⁰ And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.

Rev. 19:7-8, 11, 14 Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honor to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. ⁸ And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteous acts of saints.

¹¹ And I saw heaven opened and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. ¹⁴ And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.

The idea of the believer's future inheritance is a central theme of the Bible. All Christians are heirs of God but not all are co-heirs with Christ. All will have God as their inheritance but not all will "receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward." [2023 Lesson #45: pages 4-5]

Billheimer: Consider: The way in which we live our lives now will apparently determine our degree of enjoyment of His millennial kingdom. Our closeness to Christ now will exactly parallel our closeness to Him then. As we are now, so we will be then.

The destiny, the inheritance, is the future reward Scripture exhorts man to pursue:

Col. 3:24 *Knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance: for you serve the Lord Christ.*

Rom. 8:16-18 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: ¹⁷ And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together. ¹⁸ For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

What is the final significance of human life? For what are we living?

God's purpose in calling me and saving me is to place me back in the position for which I was originally created. He desires for me to be a joint-heir with His Son, Jesus Christ who will rule and reign over all during His Millennial Kingdom.

Phil. 3:14-15 I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

¹⁵ Let us therefore, as many as be perfect [mature], be thus minded: and if in anything ye be otherwise minded, God shall reveal even this unto you.

I Cor. 2:9 But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him.

Consider: The crown is only for the ones who conquer or overcome

Rev. 3:21 To him that overcomes will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in His throne.

Eph. 1:18 The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of His calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, Notice these 4 weighty words in Ephesians 1:18: riches, glory, inheritance, and saints. The hope of our calling is that we partake of this rich inheritance.

Acts 20:32 And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified

Lesson Takeaways:

1. Man was created in the image and likeness of God.
2. God's Purpose: Adam/Bride rule and reign and have dominion—royal position/mandate.
3. Principle: Man wasn't complete; needed help-meet.
4. Principle: Man could not rule alone. He must rule as a complete being.
5. The Bride was formed or fashioned out of the body of Adam.
6. The Bride was part of Adam's body but the bride was taken out of Adam's body.
7. God presented the woman, bride, back to Adam.
8. God's purpose for eve, bride of Adam 1, was to be a joint-heir with him.
9. Adam & his bride lost their original purpose > to rule, reign & have dominion.
10. Adam 1 is a type of Jesus Christ - Adam 2
11. Eve, bride of Adam 1, is a type of the bride of Adam 2, Jesus Christ.
12. God's desire is for Adam 2 to have a family who are in the image of Jesus Christ.
13. God's purpose for Jesus Christ, Adam 2, and His bride which is taken from his body, is to rule/reign.
14. God desires for us to be kings and priests - rule and reign.
15. God desires for the bride of Adam 2 to be a joint-heir with Jesus Christ.
16. God promises this position for those who overcome.

Truth: All born-again believers since Pentecost comprise the Body of Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ is seen as the "head" of the body, which is the church, while the "members" of the body are seen as members of the Church, members of His body.

Consider: Eve was part of Adam's body, but she was taken out of his body.

To follow the pattern set forth in *Genesis*, should we consider that:

The Bride of Jesus Christ is part of His body, but His Bride will be taken out of His body?