

## Lesson Two — A Bride Taken from the Body

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Last week we looked at several keys in understanding and interpreting Scripture. Those keys were:

- **God gives knowledge a little at a time, from all the various sections of Scripture. It is given line upon line, precept upon precept (Isa. 28:9, 10).**
- **All Scripture is God-breathed, and useful in equipping the man of God to do good works (II Tim. 3:16, 17).**
- **All Scripture is about some facet of the person or work of Jesus Christ (Lk. 24: 27, 44).**

Of course as we study, we will see how all of this relates to our topic — the picture of marriage. I hope you will see how the details of Scripture all fit together, revealing the complete and accurate picture of marriage from God's perspective — the only perspective that counts.

### Day One — Man's Creation

If you were to pick up a book to read for pleasure, where would you begin reading? It goes without saying that you would begin at the beginning, right? Isn't it amazing how infrequently people begin reading the Bible *at the beginning*? Yet, we must recognize that God did not *haphazardly* begin where He began. Obviously, He began at this point *with purpose*. (Does this even need to be stated?)

In the first verse of all of Scripture, a simple statement is made: "*In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.*" In His revelation to man, at this point God has chosen not to give any more detail

in the creation of all the universe. Why would He leave out all the intricate detail of such phenomenal events, which must have occurred in the creation of the heavens and the earth? We simply need to understand and accept the fact that God's focus in His revelation to man is not on the detail of such phenomena as that involved in the creation of the expansive universe. Also, we must realize that God would have withheld such information with reason.

In the first verse of His complete revelation to man, God simply states that "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." In the first half of the second verse, God gives a description of the state the earth *subsequent to* His creating it. The simple statement — the earth "was formless and void, and darkness was over the surface of the deep [lit., *raging waters*]" — gives us the facts, but not much detail.

The second half of the second verse begins to reveal the movement of the Holy Spirit over the surface of the raging waters. Then Scripture begins to unfold minimal detail concerning the work of God as He brought order out of the disorder that was upon the earth.

Then the detail that is given in Genesis chapter one for each of the six days of work performed by God is in no way exhaustive! The first and second days are covered within three verses each; the third day is covered in five; the fourth day in six; the fifth day in four; and the sixth day is covered in eight verses. A total of twenty-nine verses detail the six days of work by God in Genesis chapter one. Again, this is in no way exhaustive!

Then we read —

#### **Genesis 2**

**1 Thus the heavens and the earth were completed, and all their hosts. 2 And by the seventh day God completed His work which He had done; and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done. 3 Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made.**

Chapter one is summarized in a single verse (2:1), followed by the mention of the "seventh day," which is mentioned no less than three times (2:2a, 2b, 3). While some detail surely seems to be missing here, there does appear to be focus on this seventh day. God set apart the seventh day purposely! Period.

God's work of bringing order (2:1) out of disorder (1:2a) was revealed to us in no more than thirty verses. Then "*He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done. Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all his work which God had created and made*" (2:2, 3). The remainder of the second chapter drops back and begins to reveal some of the detail of God creating the man and the woman, which is the subject of our study this week.

What is the point? The point is not so much what God *doesn't say*, but what He *does say*. The point is that in God's revelation to man, His focus is not on *how* He created a perfect creation and restored a ruined creation, but on the purpose *behind* His creation and restoration. This then sets the *stage for man's creation, the purpose for man's creation, where man fits in the overall scheme of things, and the rest following His work* — on the seventh day.

**Herein is something important to remember — as simple as this information seems, these first verses in Scripture form the foundational material upon which the remainder of the Scripture rests. And as one works his way through Scripture, it can be understood that in all respects God has given us the exact amount of detail that He wants us to have at any given point.**

Then by comparing Scripture with Scripture, more detail can be added to this information, as one works his way through the whole of Scripture studying it the way God gave it — from beginning to end, a little from

here, a little from there (Isa. 28: 9-11). In the end, we have more detail than what one could possibly learn throughout a lifetime of intensive study!

Perfect!

At this point in Scripture, this is the God-given amount of detail with which we are to work. And, in order to understand the picture of marriage properly, it is essential that we have a good grasp of the specific providentially given facts concerning the man and the woman's creation and their subsequent fall. To that end, we will continue to remember that we must study God's Word *according to the way He has given it*.

Now, let's look at the facts that are given concerning man's creation.

### Genesis 1

**26 Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." 27 And God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. 28 And God blessed them; and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."**

**29 Then God said, "Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the surface of all the earth, and every tree which has fruit yielding seed; it shall be food for you; 30 and to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the sky and to every thing that moves on the earth which has life, I have given every green plant for food"; and it was so.**

**31 And God saw all that He had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.**

According to God's Own words, what was His stated purpose for creating man (vv. 26, 28)?

This is God's plan. And God is the same yesterday, today, and forever. God has not changed His mind about His revealed purpose in creating man; and He will not! Also His subsequent redemption of mankind is with the same purpose in view — that they might rule (Gen. 1:26-28; Ex. 19:4-6). Man's redemption is for the same purpose surrounding man's creation. Redemption was made necessary (on God's part) due to the fall; the fall was made necessary (on Satan's part) due to God's stated purpose for man's creation. Therefore the purpose for redemption moves back to the beginning point — God created man to rule.

No matter what has happened *subsequent* to God creating man for a specified purpose, man will ultimately rule according to God's desire and plan, for God doesn't change His mind in matters of this nature (Ro. 11:29)! This fact will become very clear by the time we get to the end of this study.

In Genesis chapter two, God fills in the some of the details surrounding man's creation.

### Genesis 2

**7 Then the LORD God formed man of dust from the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.**

According to his verse, was man created *alive*, or was he created *without life*? How did he become a living being?

Tomorrow we will look at the creation and formation of the woman. We'll lay the foundational truths concerning marriage, and keep going with the view of putting together the picture of marriage as it is progressively given throughout the Bible, beginning with this foundational picture.

See you tomorrow.

## Day Two — Woman's Creation and Formation

Remember to pray for continual understanding.

Looking back at Genesis chapter one, we can see a phrase being repeated several times — six times, to be exact. Each time it is stated that God looked and saw what He had done, seeing that it “was good” (Gen. 1:4, 10, 12, 18, 21, 25). Then in v. 31 — “it was *very* good.” But now we come to a place where God makes a negative statement, “It is *not* good...” (2:18). This statement should cause us to sit up and take notice at *what is not good*. Underline *what is not good* when you come to it.

### Genesis 2

**18 Then the LORD God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone; I will make him a helper suitable for him.”**

What was “not good”?

What would God do to remedy the “not-good” situation?

In the passage exactly following, we see that God gave Adam the job of naming the animals, all the while Adam was to be looking to see if there existed a like kind to him, one who might be a suitable helpmate.

### Genesis 2

**19 And out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the sky, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called a living creature, that was its name. 20 The man gave names to all the cattle, and to the birds of the sky, and to every beast of the field, but for Adam there was not found a helper suitable for him.**

Now catch the following detail, as it is important beyond measure to our understanding of the importance of marriage —

**21 So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh at that place. 22 And the LORD God fashioned <01129> into a woman the rib which He had taken from the man, and brought her to the man. 23 And the man said, “This is now bone of my bones, And flesh of my flesh; She shall be called Woman, Because she was taken out of Man.” 24 For this cause a man shall leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave to his wife; and they shall become one flesh. 25 And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.**

NOTES:

List the explicit detail for how God created and formed the woman. What were the four or five steps involved (depending upon how you divide it up)? This is very important for further study.

1)

2)

3)

4)

5)

Let's look at the Hebrew word for *fashioned* in v. 22. The following definition is found in Strong's Exhaustive Concordance.

*fashioned* <01129> *banah*

to build (literally and figuratively): — (begin to) build(-er), obtain children, make, repair, set (up).

It should be noted that **the woman was created *in Adam* prior to her being brought into existence and formed, or built, as a separate person at a later time.** This will be an important fact to remember when we get to Day Five — the anti-type.

Let's look to see what Adam's response was when God presented the woman to him. Remember, that just prior to God causing Adam to fall asleep, he had just been naming the animals while looking for a suitable helper.

Continuing —

**23 And the man said, "This is now bone of my bones, And flesh of my flesh; She shall be called Woman, Because she was taken out of Man." 24 For this cause a man shall leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave to his wife; and they shall become one flesh. 25 And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.**

What did Adam name this newly formed being, and why did he name her that?

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Think for a moment. God said that “...it was *not good for the man to be alone*,” and therefore God took a part of Adam’s body and formed the woman to be his helper. His helper to do what? What did Adam need help to do? What was the woman to do along side of the man?

(In H. C. Leupold’s book LEUPOLD ON THE OLD TESTAMENT, Vol. I, pg. 130, he states:

“If a man is to achieve his objectives in life, he needs the help of his mate in every way, from the propagating of his kind down through the scale of his varied activities. Her position is further defined by the expression “like him,” literally “as agreeing to him,” or “his counterpart.” She is the kind of help man needs, agreeing with him mentally, physically, spiritually. She is not an inferior being.”)

**It should be noted that Adam named the woman “Woman (lit., *she was taken out of man*)” prior to the fall. It was only after the fall that he named her “Eve (lit., *mother of the living*).”**

In the way of review — *How* and *why* was the woman created, then formed? (This is important to grasp! Therefore, I am asking you to review this information through a three-part question, just to make sure that you have grasped what has just been shown. Read all three questions before you answer the first one.)

1) How was the woman created?

2) How was she formed?

3) Why was the woman’s creation necessary?

See you tomorrow.

## Day Three — The Surroundings of the Man and the Woman

Yesterday we highlighted the facts given to us in Scripture concerning the woman's creation. We have seen that:

- **God said that it was not good for the man to be alone.**
- **The woman had been created in Adam, and then God took a part of Adam's body out of his side, then formed her.**

Today we will look at the physical surroundings God gave the man, both *prior to* God forming the woman and *thereafter*.

Genesis chapter two fills in some of the detail of God's activities on the sixth day which is not given in Genesis chapter one. Prior to God forming the woman:

### **Genesis 2**

**8 And the LORD God planted a garden toward the east, in Eden; and there He placed the man whom He had formed. 9 And out of the ground the LORD God caused to grow every tree that is pleasing to the sight and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil...**

Underline the descriptive name of the two trees which are singled out in this passage.

Then God gives a command to the man:

**15 Then the LORD God took the man and put him into the garden of Eden to cultivate it and keep it. 16 The LORD God commanded the man, saying, "From any tree of the garden you may eat freely; 17 but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat from it you will surely die."**

What was God's command?

What would be the result if man disobeyed this command?

After pointing out both trees in the midst of the garden, and after giving the command to the man not to eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, we know that the man and woman disobeyed, ate the forbidden fruit and fell. Read the detail of the result of the disobedience with respect to the tree of life.

### **Genesis 3 [after the fall...]**

**22 Then the LORD God said, "Behold, the man has become like one of Us, knowing good and evil; and now, lest he stretch out his hand, and take also from the tree of life, and eat, and live forever" — 23 therefore the LORD God sent him out from the garden of Eden, to cultivate the ground from which he was taken. 24 So He drove the man out; and at the east of the garden of Eden He stationed the cherubim, and the flaming sword which turned every direction, to guard the way to the tree of life.**

Death means separation. The man died spiritually the very day he ate from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil (he became separated from God). Genesis 3:22 implies that the tree of life would allow the man and the woman *to live forever, even in a fallen state*. This is something God did not desire! Though the main purpose for the tree of life being present in the garden was not to extend eternal physical life to the man and woman, the implication is that eating from this tree in a fallen state would have caused the two to live eternally in that state — separated from God. The man and the woman were created to live forever already; only sin would bring about death. Once sin had entered into the picture, the ability to eat from the tree of life was withdrawn from the two, so that they would not live forever in their separated state.

The main purpose for the presence of the tree of life in the garden was obviously for another reason! We can find out the intended purpose of the tree of life by comparing Scripture with Scripture. First, we see the tree present when man was in a position to rule over the earth. When this scene changed, access to the tree was withdrawn. Then this tree comes back into the picture again in subsequent portions of Scripture. Let's go to *the end of Scripture*, to see what is said about *the tree of life* during a future time — a time when faithful redeemed men *will rule* with Christ, thus fulfilling man's created purpose.

There are passages in Revelation chapter two and three which deal with future promises given to Christians *who overcome through their faithfulness* to God during their Christian walk.

**Revelation 2**

**7 'He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes, I will grant to eat of the tree of life, which is in the Paradise of God.'**

What will an overcomer be allowed to do?

Where does this verse say the tree of life will be located in the future?

While this overcomer's promise has to do with eating from the tree of life in the paradise of God, another overcomer's promise in Revelation chapter two relates the overcomers' ability to rule with Christ:

**Revelation 2**

**26 'And he who overcomes, and he who keeps My deeds until the end, TO HIM I WILL GIVE AUTHORITY OVER THE NATIONS; 27 AND HE SHALL RULE THEM WITH A ROD OF IRON, AS THE VESSELS OF THE POTTER ARE BROKEN TO PIECES, as I also have received authority from My Father; 28 and I will give him the morning star.'**

So it is obvious that the tree of life will be present once again, when overcomers will rule with Christ.

Then there is another mention of the tree of life in Revelation chapter twenty-two:

**Revelation 22**

**14 Blessed are those who wash their robes, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter by the gates into the city.**

Revelation 22:14 describes a group of people who are considered "blessed." What have these people done in order to be considered "blessed"?

What two things will this group have the right to?

Another passage:

**Revelation 22**

**19 and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the tree of life and from the holy city, which are written in this book.**

Another type of person is described in v. 19. What will this person have done?

What two things will he *not* have the right to?

The previous passages reveal that the tree of life will be present during *the millennium*. The following passage deals with the fact that this tree will also be present in *the eternal ages to come* (after the thousand-year reign of Christ over the earth, when the Throne of the Father becomes one with the Throne of the Lamb). Specifically notice how many kinds of fruit this tree will bear.

**Revelation 22**

**1 And he showed me a river of the water of life, clear as crystal, coming from the throne of God and of the Lamb, 2 in the middle of its street. And on either side of the river was the tree of life, bearing twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit every month; and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.**

According to this passage, what will the leaves of this tree be used for?

How many kinds of fruit will the tree of life yield?

How often will the tree yield its fruit?

God has an affinity towards numbers! Numbers in Scripture have meaning in themselves. The number 12 has to do with *governmental perfection* (e.g. twelve tribes of Israel *will rule* over the nations). In the previous passage we see that the tree of life will bear *twelve* kinds of fruit every month. Interesting!

So we see that this tree is first-mentioned<sup>1</sup> in Scripture at a place and time wherein man had been created to rule over the earth (Gen. 2). Once the man disqualified himself from fulfilling his created role, he was immediately put out of the garden with cherubim being posted at the entrance to the garden to guard the

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<sup>1</sup> If you did the Biblical Survey study, do you remember reading the article entitled THE LAW OF FIRST-MENTION on page 36? Understanding this principle will help in understanding these facts concerning the tree of life.

way to the tree, so that the man and woman could not partake from the tree of life and live forever in a fallen, separated state (Gen. 3:22-24).

(Perhaps we may assume that the entrance to the garden remained likewise protected, from that point until the world-wide flood destroyed the whole earth about sixteen centuries later. Unless the garden was destroyed prior to the flood [with no mention of the fact in Scripture] then it seems probable that the destruction of the garden along with the two trees specifically mention in Genesis chapter two would have occurred during the flood, though information concerning this destruction is not mentioned in Scripture.)

Now watch this. At the end of Scripture, we see the tree of life coming back into view, when mankind is placed back into the position wherein they will rule. The tree of life comes back into view at a time and place when and where man is finally elevated to the place of rulership of the earth, alongside the Son of Man.

Okay. With all of this in mind, let's look to see how the tree of life is described in the Scriptures between the first and last mentions of this tree. The following verses give us valuable information pertaining to *the purpose* of this particular tree.

**Proverbs 3** [contextually, the pronoun "she" refers to *wisdom*]

**13 How blessed is the man who finds wisdom, And the man who gains understanding...  
...18 She is a tree of life to those who take hold of her, And happy are all who hold her fast.**

**Proverbs 11**

**30 The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, And he who is wise wins souls.**

**Proverbs 13**

**12 Hope deferred makes the heart sick, But desire fulfilled is a tree of life.**

**Proverbs 15**

**2 The tongue of the wise makes knowledge acceptable, But the mouth of fools spouts folly...  
...4 A soothing tongue is a tree of life, But perversion in it crushes the spirit.**

After looking closely at these passages, what can you learn about the tree of life from these passages?

We'll stop here for the day. I hope you are persevering in study, as we are laying down necessary foundational information toward developing the Scriptural picture of marriage. Keep seeking understanding for these things from the Lord. This will come together for you, as we continue to build the picture of marriage.

The homework for the next two days is a bit lengthy, so if you can adjust your time accordingly, it would be helpful.

## Day Four — The Fall

In the past three days we have studied the stated purpose for man, as well as the actual creation of the man and the woman. We have also looked at the commands God gave Adam prior to His forming the woman and placing the man and the woman in the garden. Today we want to see a little more of the detail of the ongoing story. Remember we are laying part of the foundation of the Bible, so these study days are important. Be sure to continue to pray for understanding.

Basically, here is a brief synopsis of the facts given in the first two chapters of God's Word:

- **In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.**
- **The earth was formless and void and darkness was over the surface of the raging waters.**
- **The Spirit of God moved, God spoke, and over a six-day period, the chaos was turned to order.**
- **On the sixth day, man was created in the image and likeness of God *with a view to the man along with the woman ruling over the earth.***
- **Two commands were given to the man *prior to* the woman being formed, and one command was given *following* the woman being formed.**
- **A part of the man's body was taken out of him and built into a woman, who was to be his helper/completer. She was named "woman" for she *was taken out of man.***
- **God rested on the seventh day and set this day apart as holy.**

Then in the past days of homework we have also learned that two trees were placed in the garden — the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. The man was told not to eat from the tree of the knowledge of the good and evil. But we know that he and his wife did eat, and therefore, they were cast out of the garden, so that they could not take from the tree of life and live forever in a fallen state.

So, let's read what happened. The "serpent of old" is introduced:

### Genesis 3

**1** Now the serpent was more crafty than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, "Indeed, has God said, 'You shall not eat from any tree of the garden?'"

**2** And the woman said to the serpent, "From the fruit of the trees of the garden we may eat; **3** but from the fruit of the tree which is in the middle of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat from it or touch it, lest you die.'"

**4** And the serpent said to the woman, "You surely shall not die! **5** For God knows that in the day you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

**6** 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 desirable to make one wise, she took from its fruit and ate; and she gave also to her husband with her, and he ate. **7** Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loin coverings.

**8** And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. **9** Then the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" **10** And he said, "I heard the sound of Thee in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid myself." **11** And He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" **12** And the man said, "The woman whom Thou gavest to be with me, she gave me from the tree, and I ate." **13** Then

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**the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this you have done?” And the woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”**

Summarize what happened in the various sections of this passage —

Verses 1-6:

Verse 7:

Verses: 8-13:

Continuing in Genesis chapter three, we will study the sections below and analyze carefully what is taking place in each one.

God deals with the serpent.

**14 And the LORD God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, Cursed are you more than all cattle, and more than every beast of the field; On your belly shall you go, and dust shall you 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 shall bruise you on the head, And you shall bruise him on the heel.”**

NOTES:

Essentially, who is being addressed here?

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Verse 15 reveals some important information. In v. 15a, who will have enmity with whom?

In 15b, who else will there be enmity between?

What will the seed of the woman do to the seed of “the serpent”?

What will the seed of “the serpent” do to the seed of the woman?

Continuing —

**16 To the woman He said, “I will greatly multiply Your pain in childbirth, in pain you shall bring forth children; yet your desire shall be for your husband, and he will rule over you.”**

NOTES:

Who is being addressed here?

List the ramifications of the sin for the woman:

Continuing —

**17 Then to Adam He said, “Because you have listened to the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree about which I commanded you, saying, ‘You shall not eat from it’; Cursed is the ground because of you; in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life. 18 Both thorns and thistles it shall grow for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field; 19 By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, because from it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”**

NOTES:

Who is being addressed in this portion?

List the ramifications of the sin for the man:

Even with these ramifications for both the man and woman in mind, what is the promise given in Genesis 3:15? Write it out in your own words.

Following his hearing the promise in Genesis 3:15, Adam changed his wife's name. Do you remember that he had previously named his wife "woman"? Why did he initially name her that?

But now Adam changes his wife's name to "Eve."

Continuing —

**20 Now the man called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all the living.**

The text gives the reason for Adam calling her "Eve." What is the stated reason?

Notice the flow of information as it is given in Genesis chapters two and three:

- 1) A command is given not to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil (2:16, 17), with death being the result of eating of this tree. (Death always means *separation*.)
- 2) Through the schemes of Satan, the man and the woman disobeyed God's command. Death was the result — the man and the woman found themselves naked and hid themselves from God. Man became separated from God.<sup>2</sup>
- 3) Judgment occurs in Genesis 3:14-19.
- 4) A promise is given to the serpent that there will be enmity between the seed of the serpent and the seed of the woman, indicating that there will be redemption through one born to the woman.
- 5) Based upon belief in the promise stated in 3:15, Adam changed his wife's name from "*she was taken out of man*" to "*the mother of all the living*."

Then, based upon Adam's statement of belief (the change of the woman's name)...*God moved!*

Continuing —

**21 And the LORD God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife, and clothed them.**

Previously in v. 7, the man and woman had sewn fig leaves together to cover their nakedness. But for God, this would not do. No works of man's hands would/could restore them to fellowship with God. Reconciliation would only be through God's actions — His provision of death and shed blood. In order to

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<sup>2</sup> For a better understanding on the Hebrews words "naked" in Gen. 2:25, and "naked" in Gen. 3:7, turn to the sheet entitled TWO DISTINCT HEBREW WORDS FOR "NAKED" on p. 223 in the Appendix.

cover their nakedness, God did the work of shedding blood, bringing about the death of one or more innocent animals.

Adam's disobedience literally changed all of mankind. As a result of Adam's sin, corruption entered the human race. No offspring born to Adam would be born apart from the effect of this sin.<sup>3</sup> And the evidence of this is seen in his immediate offspring — Cain rising up and killing his brother, Abel (Gen. 4). Ultimately, the lineal effect of Adam's sin is spelled out in the passage below. Underline the middle phrase of v. 3.

#### Genesis 5

**1 This is the book of the generations of Adam. In the day when God created man, He made him in the likeness of God. 2 He created them male and female, and He blessed them and named them Man in the day when they were created. 3 When Adam had lived one hundred and thirty years, he became the father of a son in his own likeness, according to his image, and named him Seth.**

What comparison can you make between Genesis 5:1 and 5:3?

That's it for today. See you tomorrow.

## Day Five — The Anti-type

With all the information we have learned this week, there is so much more to understand. There is good reason why God saw fit to give this exact detail *at the beginning* of His revelation — not only for the overall picture of marriage, but also the overall picture of Scripture. God could have chosen to give us great detail about His creation of the Universe. He could have chosen to give us great detail of the creation of the angels. He could have chosen to give us great detail of the angelic rebellion. But here at the beginning, His focus is on the detail concerning the creation of man — his purpose, his helpmate, his temptation, his fall, and his outcome. And again, this is all with reason and purpose, *much of which fits into the picture of marriage*. (Oh, that is so true!)

Today we are going to put some of what we learned from the first week of homework into practice — realizing that the whole Old Testament is speaking of, pointing to, Jesus Christ. Then as we recall various points that we have learned throughout this week's study of Adam, we will strive to see, at least in part, how it relates to Jesus Christ. Pray that you will learn all that God wants you to learn.

Romans 5:14b says that “**Adam was a type of Him Who was to come.**” From what you learned last week and from what you understand at this point, what would the statement in Romans chapter five mean?

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<sup>3</sup> The inherent sinful nature of man is passed through the man's seed, therefore, Jesus Christ had to be born to a virgin. It is for this reason that Gen. 3:15 specifically mentions “the seed of the woman.”

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Since this is true — that Adam was a type of Him Who was to come — what then could we learn from Adam and Eve that would teach us about Christ and His Bride? We must remember that the *type* always provides truth in relation to the *anti-type*, and vice-versa.

Let's look at how this begins to fit together within the confines of the picture of marriage.

Remember that prior to the woman being formed (lit., *built*) she had been created *in Adam*. If this is true in the type — Adam and his bride, it is also true in the anti-type — Christ and His Bride.

The following verse tells us the timing of when we were chosen in Christ:

### **Ephesians 1**

**...4 just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before Him.**

When were we chosen?

The following verse tells when names were written in the book of life of the Lamb:

### **Revelation 13**

**8 And all who dwell on the earth will worship him, everyone whose name has not been written from the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb who has been slain.**

When were names written in the book of life?

What can you learn about the Bride of Christ from these two passages?

We need to remember a couple of things here! Remember that God determined **that it was not good for the man to be alone** (*i.e.* he could not perform that for which he was created to do *alone*). Therefore, God made a *helper suitable for him*.

Remember, too, how God formed the woman: 1) God *caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam*, 2) He *removed a part of his body from his side*, 3) then *built the woman*, and 4) *presented her back to him*, so that 5) *the two could become one and rule over a restored earth*.

Once God took a part of Adam's body out of him, Adam was *incomplete*. But once God built the woman and presented her to him, he became *complete* again. And the two became *one*. (These things must be noted!)

Now the question is — since Jesus is the Anti-type of Adam (Rom. 5:14b), how does God form the Bride of Christ? Let's compare each step:

1) God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam. What about Christ?

Christ died. Remember that death is often referred to in Scripture as sleep (*cf.* John 11:11-13; Mk. 5:39; I Cor. 13:36; Acts 13:36; I Th. 4:13). With that in mind, read about Jesus *falling asleep* (*i.e.* dying):

**Romans 5:6** For while we were still helpless, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.

**Romans 14:9** For to this end Christ died and lived again, that He might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

**I Corinthians 15:3** For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures,

**II Corinthians 5:15** and He died for all, that they who live should no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died and rose again on their behalf.

**Colossians 1:22** yet He has now reconciled you in His fleshly body through death, in order to present you before Him holy and blameless and beyond reproach —

**Hebrews 2:9** But we do see Him who has been made for a little while lower than the angels, namely, Jesus, because of the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, that by the grace of God He might taste death for everyone.

**Revelation 5:9** And they sang a new song, saying, “Worthy art Thou to take the book, and to break its seals; for Thou wast slain, and didst purchase for God with Thy blood men from every tribe and tongue and people and nation.

**John 19:30** ...and He bowed His head, and gave up His spirit.

From what you see in these verses, what did Jesus do and why did He do it?

2) God removed a rib from Adam’s side. What about Christ?

**John 19**

**32** The soldiers therefore came, and broke the legs of the first man, and of the other man who was crucified with Him; **33** but coming to Jesus, when they saw that He was already dead, 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.

From where did the blood and water flow?

Just as the part of Adam’s body was removed from *his side* and was fashioned into a woman, it is necessary to note that blood and water flowed from Christ’s side. We’ll first deal with the blood. His shed blood accomplished redemption for us —

**Acts 20**

**28 “Be on guard for yourselves and for all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.**

**I Peter 1**

**18 knowing that you were not redeemed with perishable things like silver or gold from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers, 19 but with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, the blood of Christ.**

Apart from a blood sacrifice — the very blood that was shed at Calvary (the blood of Jesus) — the Church could not have come into being. Without His blood being shed, He could not have instituted the new creation in Christ — the Church, *which is the Body of Christ*. Remember the Church was *created in Christ from before the foundation of the world* (Eph. 1:4; Rev. 18:8). With that, the spiritual Body of Christ was formed. God had simply brought things to the place wherein He could bring about a deep sleep to fall upon Jesus (He died), and then God could *begin* the process of building the woman by opening up His side with both blood and water flowing out (see Mt. 16:18).

What about the water?

**John 13**

**5 Then He [Jesus] poured water into the basin, and began to wash the disciples’ feet, and to wipe them with the towel with which He was girded. 6 And so He came to Simon Peter. He said to Him, “Lord, do You wash my feet?” 7 Jesus answered and said to him, “What I do you do not realize now, but you shall understand hereafter.” 8 Peter said to Him, “Never shall You wash my feet!” Jesus answered him, “If I do not wash you, you have no part with Me.” 9 Simon Peter said to Him, “Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head.” 10 Jesus said to him, “He who has bathed needs only to wash his feet, but is completely clean; and you are clean, but not all of you.”**

Go back and underline what Jesus said to Peter when Peter was not going to let Him wash his feet.

Write out what Jesus told Peter if he did not allow Him to wash his feet (v. 8)?

(There is more about water in the following section and passage.)

3) God took that which was taken out of the Adam and built the woman. What about the Bride of Christ?

(As you read this next passage, notice how Paul relates the picture of marriage back to Genesis chapter two.)

**Ephesians 5**

**23 For the husband is the head of the wife, as Christ also is the head of the church, He Himself being the Savior of the body. 24 But as the church is subject to Christ, so also the wives ought to be to their husbands in everything. 25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her; 26 that He might sanctify her,**

having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, 27 that He might present to Himself the church in all her glory, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she should be holy and blameless. 28 So husbands ought also to love their own wives as their own bodies. He who loves his own wife loves himself; 29 for no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ also does the church, 30 because we are members of His body. 31 FOR THIS CAUSE A MAN SHALL LEAVE HIS FATHER AND MOTHER, AND SHALL CLEAVE TO HIS WIFE; AND THE TWO SHALL BECOME ONE FLESH. 32 This mystery is great; but I am speaking with reference to Christ and the church.

What does the water do for the Body (v. 26)?

What is the purpose for the washing of water (v. 27)?

How does Paul relate the picture of marriage to Adam and to Christ?

4) God presented the woman to Adam. What about the Bride of Christ?

There is coming a time when the Bride will be presented to the Son. Read about it —

**Revelation 19**

**6** And I heard, as it were, the voice of a great multitude and as the sound of many waters and as the sound of mighty peals of thunder, saying, “Hallelujah! For the Lord our God, the Almighty, reigns. 7 Let us rejoice and be glad and give the glory to Him, for the marriage of the Lamb has come and His bride (lit., *wife*) has made herself ready.” 8 And it was given to her to clothe herself in fine linen, bright and clean; for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.

5) Adam and his wife were to rule over a restored earth. What about Christ and His Bride?

Again, looking at Revelation 19:6-8, what is the context of this passage wherein the Bride makes herself ready? What is she making herself ready for? (Look at the end of v. 6.)

Compare what Adam and Eve were created to do with what Christ and His Bride will do at a future time.

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Now here is something important to note at this point, although a more complete understanding of this will come with the further study of succeeding types — Who will have made the Bride ready?

According to v. 8 how did she make herself ready?

There is a chart in the Appendix with columns on it for the TYPE and the ANTI-TYPE. Fill in the chart by writing down things that you learned about Adam and Eve in the column TYPE, and things that you have discovered about Jesus and His Bride (from the picture of Adam and his bride) in the column for ANTI-TYPE. We will continue using this chart throughout the study, so that by the end of this study, you will have a nice amount of information concerning marriage! This may prove to be invaluable for you.

I know this gives you a lot to think about. In the lecture, we will be dealing with Romans chapter five. If you have time, it would be a good idea for you to familiarize yourself with this chapter prior to us handling it in the lecture.

See you in class.