

Genesis 2:21

## THE CREATION OF EVE -- A TYPE OF THE BRIDE OF CHRIST

*And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof; (Genesis 2:21)*

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And after Adam awoke he 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." Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.*

(Genesis 2:23-24) There can be no complete meaning of this event until we see how the Holy Spirit translates this event in the light of the Second Adam, the Lord Jesus.

Ephesians 5:30, speaking of the union of believers with Christ, says: *"For we are members of His body, of His flesh, and of His bones."* This is a direct reference to the words of Adam when he was saying, *"This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh."* Then in Ephesians 5:31-32, the Spirit in Paul quotes Genesis 2:23: *"For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh. This is a great mystery; but I speak concerning Christ and the church."*

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Now it's all clear, for Adam is a picture of Jesus, Who left His Father's house to gain His Bride at the price of His Own Life. Jesus, like the first Adam, must be put to sleep in order to purchase His Bride, the Church. Jesus was put to death. Jesus often called death 'sleep', as seen in His reference to the daughter of Jarius in Mark 5:39-40, and to Lazarus in John 11:11-14.

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Mark 5:39-40

*39 And when He was come in, He saith unto them, Why make ye this ado, and weep? the damsel is not dead, but sleepeth. 40 And they laughed Him to scorn. But when He had put them all out, He taketh the father and the mother of the damsel, and them that were with Him, and entereth in where the damsel was lying.*

John 11:11-14

*11 These things said He: and after that He saith unto them, Our friend Lazarus sleepeth; but I go, that I may awake him out of sleep. 12 Then said His disciples, Lord, if he sleep, he shall do well. 13 Howbeit Jesus spake of his death: but they thought that He had spoken of taking of rest in sleep. 14 Then said Jesus unto them plainly, Lazarus is dead.*

His body slept in the tomb three days and nights. His side also was opened like Adam's, and God brought forth a new creature, even flesh of his flesh, and bone of his bones. As the first Adam knew what had happened -- for it was only his body that slept -- so Christ knew all that happened, for He was very much alive when His earthly body was in the tomb of Joseph of Arimathea.

The Church, which is His Body, was also purchased by the Lord Jesus. It was a creation that was new, not by a natural birth, but by a supernatural operation of God. And this rib that He built into a woman was to become the helpmeet and bride of the bridegroom. God brought her unto the man.

This is what 1 Thessalonians 4:14 says: *For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will **God bring with Him**.* This will be the bringing of the rib back to the donor. The rib is a part of the Bridegroom, and will be complete in Him at the Second Coming of Christ.

This word translated here "*made he the woman*" in the Scripture, in the original Hebrew is "bannah" which occurs often in the Bible. Here and in Ezekiel 27:5 it is translated "made", but in all others it is translated "built".

So the verse would best read: "*The rib which the Lord God had taken from man **BUILDED** He into a woman.*" How long it took is not given, nor how long to build the bride we do not yet know. But God separated the rib from the man until the building was completed and then He brought her back to him.

I think spiritual-minded people will perceive that when the last man, woman, or child is made into the Body, the Church, and the building is complete -- a habitation of God through the Spirit -- THEN God will bring the Bride and the Bridegroom together. In other words, the Body and the "Head" will be brought together, "*That He might present it to Himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it be holy and without blemish.*" (Ephesians 5:25-27)

*"This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the Church* (Ephesians 5:32). It tells the story of Eve that became spotted, wrinkled and blemished by sin and had to be redeemed by the shedding of the blood of an animal so she could be clothed with the God-provided garments that would truly cover her nakedness.

When Paul quoted Genesis 2:24 and then called it a great mystery, "*for I speak concerning Christ and the church*" -- what is the great mystery? That the spotless Son of God should be willing to leave His Father's house and come into the world to save a filthy and fallen unfaithful wife.

The tempter came to Eve and not Adam, for God had spoken directly to Adam. *"And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, 'Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in THE DAY that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.'"*  
Genesis 2:16-17

These words came to Adam before Eve was created. Therefore Eve did not hear what God said; she only heard of it by Adam's mouth.

Adam was not directly tempted; it was only by way of his wife. When Eve fell, she never fell as the federal head, but as an individual. Satan worked on Adam through his wife, and satan works against Christ through the Church -- His Bride. Satan must have known the intense love of Adam for Eve, a love in its prime state that was of a far richer hew than any man's since the fall. Satan tried then to make this love of Adam for Eve "the cause" for him to fall to her level.

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Again, Adam knew God in the most perfect sense, as no human since has known Him. He knew what the penalty of sin was (Genesis 2:17). Adam knew he had lost his bride, for He was still innocent and holy when she had fallen into sin, and was under the death sentence.

Fellowship between them had been broken. An infinite gulf now separated them, for they are no longer ONE. Eve is a lost sinner and Adam is still a son of God. (Luke 3:38) Eve needed a redeemer and this redeemer must be her seed.

*"And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel."* (Genesis 3:15)

For none else but a human can atone for human sin. How could Eve bring forth a seed without a husband? They are separated now, for in Adam's perfect state, he could have no communion with a fallen creature, Eve. (2 Corinthians 6:14-16)

How can this gulf be spanned or communion restored? Eve did not have the ability to come up to Adam's level of innocence without a Redeemer. So it was that since Adam cannot lift Eve back up to his level, without a redeemer seed, he must lower himself to her level, assume her guilt, become partaker of her sin and condemnation; then, the separation between them being removed, he could become the father of her seed.

So Adam deliberately, willingly, and with full knowledge of the consequences, took the fruit from Eve's hand and did eat. He stooped to her level, assumed her guilt in order to bring forth the seed of the woman -- the Redeemer.

ADAM WAS NOT DECEIVED. He made Eve's sin his own responsibility, and made himself subject to death by becoming partaker of the curse of her sin. See 1 Timothy 2:12-13 *"And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression. Notwithstanding she shall be saved in childbearing, if they continue in faith and charity and holiness with sobriety."* 1 Tim. 2:14-15 Literally, the woman shall be saved by bearing a child. Eve must have a "seed", and that "seed" is Christ as seen in Galatians 3:16.

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*"Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similtude of Adam's transgression, who is the figure of him that was to come."* (Romans 5:14)

Adam's transgression was different from anyone else's. We sin because we are sinners by eliberately chose to share in the sin of Eve. This makes the Coming of Jesus more understandable. For we read that *"Christ loved the church and gave Himself for it."* (Ephesians 5:25)

Jesus gave Himself by leaving His Father's house and coming down to our level of a fallen race, and made Himself to become sin for us who knew no sin that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him (2 Corinthians 5:21).

Jesus took our sin and took our death, for His love knows no bounds. *"Who His own self bare our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness ... (2 Peter 2:24)*