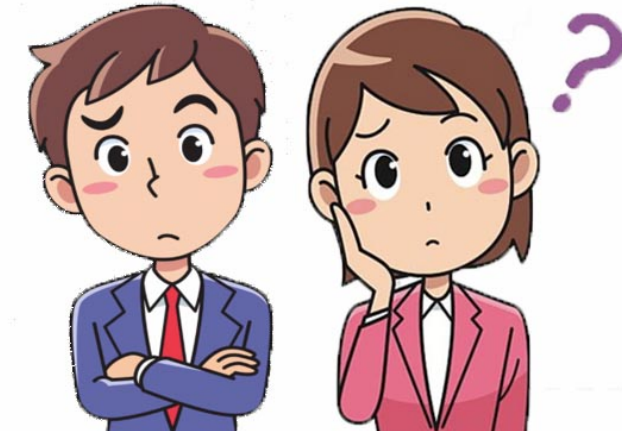


The Sin of ADAM and the Sin of EVE



God Almighty is establishing an eternal kingdom that spans across vast territories and into multiple dimensions comprised of His royal and holy children as well as subjects. This eternal, holy, royal God-family is in the making in two realms: heaven and earth. Creation in heaven and earth are still learning, still growing spiritually and neither one is ready.

The realm in heaven was created first and comprise of spiritual beings created having the fundamentals of God's word upon their waking moment. The realm on earth was created second and are mortals having no knowledge of God's word at birth. These two creations were made to complement each other. Both are from two very different learning environments given two very different roles living two very different stories are a witness as God doubles down in His use of number two.

God's word is recorded in the Bible. His penmanship is exquisite. His language is a journey beyond mortality into the vast wonders of eternity. His message to all of mankind is clearly preserved in His Holy Days, mirrored in His covenant people, and reflected in His stories of people: their conversations, their healings, their journeys, their everyday lives recorded in the Holy Bible to reveal a precious promise of salvation that is gift wrapped with the great honour of being a member of His holy, royal, ruling God-family.

God's use of numbers, mirroring and pictures, parables and parallels take Believers into God's heavenly world that reveals in high-definition clarity His saving plan for all of mankind and the union of two realms: heaven and earth when all things are restored.

The white elephant in the room is often preached but rarely understood. What is God teaching mankind about the sin of Adam and the sin of Eve and how important is it in the 21st century?

ADAM'S TYPE OF SIN

"Nevertheless, death reigned from Adam until Moses, even over those who had not sinned in **the likeness of the offense of Adam, who is a type of Him who was to come**" (Romans 5:14).

Adam's sin was a specific type.

It began in the garden of Eden. While Satan was conversing with Eve, Adam was there listening quietly. As head of the family, he was tasked with protecting his wife, both spiritually and physically and the children to come. But at that moment, he was lured into an internal battle of reasoning within himself the possibility that God Almighty might be holding something back from him. He knew he was a son of God, though mortal, his body shone like the sun. He knew of his brothers in the heavenly creation who are rulers, powers and authorities. He too was given rulership—on earth. Adam likely pondered a disparity that generated resentment because after Eve acted on Satan's words, Adam followed with an action that broke his covenant with God Almighty.

“But they [the house of Israel—10 tribes], **like Adam**, have **transgressed the covenant**; there they were **unfaithful to Me**” (Hosea 6:7).

Adam's sin was of the same type as the fallen house of Israel, specially the ten tribes of Israel who were divorced by God. They wanted to be like the nations around them whose kingdoms were grand and stature strong. The leaders of the ten tribes of Israel wanted to rule themselves so that they could self-direct and acquire superpower status, flaunt a massive army and push their influence across the whole world. They wanted an empire that was visually glorious with tall temples and government houses, vast jurisdictions and riches lavished with prestige. Serving and worshipping a fallen heavenly ruler instead of their God was acceptable to them in order to get what they craved. This was in complete opposite to God's plan for His people. He said that they would become a holy kingdom of royal priests where the inside was glorious and the outside was humble.

God responded to these carnal minded people, “You say, ‘We want to be like the nations like the peoples of the world, who serve wood and stone. But what you have in mind will never happen. As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign LORD, I will rule over you with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm and with outpoured wrath. I will bring you from the nations and gather you from the countries where you have been scattered—with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm and with outpoured wrath. I will bring you into the desert of the nations and there, face to face, I will execute judgement upon you’” (Ezekiel 20:32-35).

God is the potter and His people are the clay. He is working with them to bring them into repentance after they see and experience the horrors of their choices being like the nations. “As for you, O house of Israel’ God said, ‘Go and serve your idols, every one of you! But **afterward you will surely listen to me and no longer profane my holy name with your gifts and idols**” (Ezekiel 20:39).

God allows choices and the suffering that comes from those choices. From that time into the present, God gave each of the ten tribes of Israel their moment of glory with superpower status and it brought tyranny, suffering and sadness.

Adam's desire for power and glory by worshipping fallen angels broke the covenant he had made with God. Fortunately, God foresaw into the future and incorporated a saving plan for mortals before the foundation of the world. One, a type of Adam, was inserted into God's plan that repentant mankind could anticipate. One that would be the example for all of mankind to follow wherever he goes.

JESUS CHRIST IS A TYPE OF ADAM

Jesus Christ is that One who is a type of Adam. Where Adam and the fallen angels failed, Christ succeeded. This is why the Apostle Paul used the term "Adam" in I Timothy 3:13-14. "For **Adam** was formed first, then Eve. And **Adam** was not the one deceived; it was the woman who was deceived and became a sinner." The Apostle Paul is referring to Jesus Christ, the Adam—the last Adam. All of the angels in heaven understand God's word. They are not deceived by Satan's wily logic. If they sin, it is intentional.

God the Father loves the Son—the tested cornerstone and wearer of many crowns. Through his suffering, salvation came to all of mankind on earth. His love for God's word and His way brought the Father to trumpet His admiration, "Let all God's angels worship him... Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever, and righteousness will be the scepter of your kingdom. You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has set you above your companions by anointing you with the oil of joy" (Hebrews 1:6, 8-9).

Through Christ, mankind can live. "So it is written: 'The first man Adam became a living being;' **the last Adam a life-giving spirit**" (I Corinthians 15:45).

Finally, the last Adam, like there was an echo of Adams before, Christ achieved what previously could not be done. God Almighty is teaching the first creation in heaven the significance of His Son, Jesus Christ. Creation in both heaven and earth have learned that Jesus Christ is the perfect example for both creations in both realms.

"Nevertheless, death reigned from Adam until Moses, even over those who did not sin in the way that Adam transgressed. **He is a pattern of the One to come**" (Romans 5:14).

"The first man is from the earth, earthy; **the second man is from heaven**" (I Corinthians 15:47).

God's heavenly court comprised once of the great sons of God [Ezekiel 31] has fallen. God's penmanship is exquisite. When describing His heavenly world, He uses earthly descriptors to provide a rich picture. Trees image leaders. Lebanon is the name of His headquarters and heavenly court. Different types of trees image different types of leaders and the special qualities of those leaders are the same qualities in the trees. For example, the hardy Poplar tree can grow in poor and harsh conditions. Its valued quality is its ability to regenerate the soil and rebuild the environment. Cedar trees have the unique qualities that mirror the great leaders in God's headquarters. These tall and grand trees are dimensionally stable with a built-in thermal insulator. With oils that act as natural preservatives, these trees are resistant to bacteria and fungus. To top

it off, they release a fresh aroma that deters pests. God gave the name of His headquarters in heaven, 'Lebanon' to mirror on earth His stately and regal leaders—His pride and joy. Olive trees can produce fruit even when they are very old. This fruit when compressed produces a high-quality oil used in ancient times as fuel to shine light—like the work of the priesthood.

All of God's most esteemed sons in His heavenly court chose to ally with Satan. "Then **all the trees** [leaders] **of Eden, the CHOICEST and BEST OF LEBANON**, all the trees [heavenly sons of God filled with God's Holy Spirit] **that were well-watered**, were **CONSOLED IN THE EARTH BELOW**" (Ezekiel 31:16).

God is warring against them. "**Open your doors, O LEBANON** [name of God's headquarters], **that the fire may devour your cedars** [great leaders in God's heavenly court]! Wail, O cypress, for **the cedar has fallen**, because **the glorious trees have been destroyed**; Wail, O oaks of Bashan, for the **impenetrable forest has come down**" (Zechariah 11:2).

Pride comes before a fall. All of the fallen angels became proud and arrogant. "See, the Lord, the LORD Almighty, will lop off the boughs with great power. **The lofty trees will be felled; the tall ones will be brought low**. He will cut down the forest thickets with an ax; **LEBANON WILL FALL BEFORE THE MIGHTY ONE**" (Isaiah 10:33-34).

The fall of His heavenly court was painful for God because He loves all of creation. "Consider Assyria, once a cedar in Lebanon [once a great leader in God's headquarters]... it was proud of its height. I handed it over to the ruler of the nations, for him to deal with according to its wickedness... On the day it was brought down to the grave **I covered the deep springs with mourning for it...**" (Ezekiel 31:3, 10b, 15a). God wept.

In God's goodness, He saw a people who would grow from out of heinous wickedness to become eternally loyally and faithful. To these people, He opened the door to honor them as the new members of His NEW headquarters. "These are those who did not defile themselves with women [false religion], for they remained virgins. **They follow the Lamb wherever he goes**. They were purchased from among mankind and offered as firstfruits to God and the Lamb" (Revelation 14:4). With them a great multitude from each nation and tongue will bend their knee and worship Almighty God (Revelation 7:9).

GOD'S NEW LEBANON WILL SPROUTING

"In a very short time, will not Lebanon be turned into a fertile field and the fertile field seem like a forest?" (Isaiah 29:17).

"The righteous man will flourish like the palm tree; **he will grow like a cedar in Lebanon. PLANTED IN THE HOUSE OF THE LORD**, they will flourish in **the COURTS OF OUR GOD**. They will still yield fruit in old age; They shall be full of sap and very green" (Psalm 92:12-15).

“I [God] will be like the dew to Israel; he will blossom like the lily, and **he will take root like the cedars of Lebanon**. His shoots will sprout, and his beauty will be like the olive tree and **his fragrance like the cedars of Lebanon**” (Hosea 14:5-6).

God’s new government is sprouting and it will grow into a thick forest in Lebanon full of faithful and loyal leaders with many beautiful gifts and wonderful qualities to fill a multitude of positions.



SATAN’S FALL AND DESTRUCTION

Fallen angels were never deceived; their sins are intentional. They broke their covenant with God when they desired self-rule and authority beyond their own jurisdiction. Their pride and arrogance caused them to slip away and God’s Holy Spirit began to drain. In their emptiness, they now believe they can overthrow God Almighty.

“Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made” (Genesis 3:1a). Satan, through his tantalizing praises, turns pure hearts into bitterness. For people who continually enter into walks with Satan, he darkens their mind and the most glorious attributes of God. Satan who was at one time the most beautiful guardian angel of God has been demoted to a “beast of the field” and after leading Eve astray, God demoted him again to crawl on his belly until he is demoted again into mortality.

God foretells his outcome, “You said in your heart, ‘I will ascend to heaven; I will sit enthroned on the mount of assembly, on the utmost heights of the sacred mountain. I will ascend above the tops of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most Height.’ But you are brought down to the grave, to the depths of the pit. Those who see you stare at you, they ponder your fate: ‘Is this **the man** who shook the earth and made kingdoms tremble, **the man** who made the world a desert, who overthrew its cities and would not let his captives go home?’” (Isaiah 14:13-17).

Mortality is the fate of Satan and the fallen angels. They will be drained of all life and die like mortals.

“I said, ‘You are gods; you are all sons of the Most High. But **you will die like mere men; you will fall like every other ruler**” (Psalm 82:6).

Satan and his coalition of fallen angels work in darkness. They lead mankind into believing that they are invincible spiritual beings. That is one of the Satan’s many lies. His fate and the fate of all fallen angels is that they will fall from their thrones and die like mere men.

EVE THE MOTHER OF ALL ON EARTH WAS DECEIVED, LIKE ALL OF MANKIND

The creation of male and female was designed to show two leading roles in God’s kingdom: national and religious leadership. “So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him: male and female he created them” (Genesis 2:1). Both of these roles image God as He is both KING and LORD.

Understandably, both genders will share equally in heirship because both their roles are critical to the preservation of God’s kingdom.

“Husbands, in the same way, treat your wives with consideration as a delicate vessel, and with honor as **fellow heirs of the gracious gift of life**, so that your prayers will not be hindered” (1 Peter 3:7).

Eve, mankind was created second intentionally to teach mankind about two separate creations: one in heaven pictured in Adam and one on earth pictured in Eve.

Two creations comprise of the great witness for the need to marry the two. God’s plan from before creation was the marriage of nation and religion into righteous law and order.

The female gender mirrors all men and women on earth and the church whether righteous or ungodly. The destiny for all of mankind is to become a holy kingdom of royal priests.

God’s people were informed of their calling millennia ago. “And **unto Me you shall be a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.**’ These are the words that you are to speak to the Israelites” (Exodus 19:6).

God’s church was informed of their calling two thousand years ago. “But you are a **chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God’s own possession**, to proclaim the virtues of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light” (1 Peter 2:9).

God’s second creation on earth was foretold of their calling through the Apostle John. “And they sang a new song: You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with **your blood you purchased men for God from every tribes and language and people and nation. You have made them to be a kingdom of priests to serve our God and they will reign on the earth**” (Revelation 5:9-10).

The female gender is the image of theology: knowledge, understanding and wisdom all are used by the female pronoun.

With this understanding, the reading of Genesis 3:15 adds clarity to “I will put enmity between you [the serpent] and the woman [the church], and between your offspring and hers...” God is referring to the church who allowed sin to enter generating a constant battle between two forces: evil and good.

Also, “To the woman he said, ‘I will greatly increase your pains in childbearing; with pain you will give birth to children. Your desire will be for your husband, and he will rule over you’” (Genesis 3:16). Not only do women suffer while birthing children, on a spiritual level, the ministry, prophets and priesthood of God have been and continue to be persecuted, some tortured to death while preaching to birth a spiritually healthy congregation in this evil age.

Had Eve not sinned, God’s rulership and His ways would have prevailed birthing a congregation worldwide of righteous God-fearing and faithful people without suffering. From lemons to lemonade, God had planned from the foundation of the world the sacrifice of His Son for the saving of mankind.

“...but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or spot. **He was known before the foundation of the world**, but was revealed in the last times for your sake” (1 Peter 1:19-20).

“He was delivered up by **God's set plan and foreknowledge**, and you, by the hands of the lawless, put Him to death by nailing Him to the cross” (Acts 2:23).
Suffering is part of the spiritual growth of mankind.

“Be sober-minded and alert. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in your faith and in the knowledge that your brothers throughout the world are **undergoing the same kinds of suffering**. And **after you have suffered for a little while**, the God of all grace, who has called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself restore you, secure you, strengthen you, and establish you” (1 Peter 5:8-9).

Since all of mankind has fallen into sin, like Eve, they will desire Christ their Saviour and he will rule over them. Mankind needs his guidance and knows it. Even the ministry and priesthood misunderstand scripture and mislead the congregation is evidence of the need for the Word to interpret and clarify scripture.

THE ONLY TEACHER

Jesus Christ is the only teacher. ““Don’t let anyone call you ‘Rabbi,’ **for you have only one teacher**, and all of you are equal as brothers and sisters” (Matthew 23:8).

It may not be understood by the ministry and priesthood that only Jesus Christ can interpret scripture; he is the only teacher qualified to do that. Unfortunately, there are many different doctrines within Christian churches each strongly upholding their beliefs. The disunity from

teaching different doctrines will be resolved by Jesus Christ, the Word, when he returns. The ministry will follow the Apostle Paul's words to be silent. There will be no debating or pushing their interpretation of scripture onto Jesus Christ, the Adam who wasn't deceived. "And Adam was not the one deceived; it was the woman who was deceived and became a sinner. But women will be saved through childbirth, if they continue in faith, love and holiness with propriety" (I Timothy 2:14-15).

The Apostle Paul was specific to use Adam in verse 13 and 14 of I Timothy 2 because he is identifying Jesus Christ, the last Adam who was successful at withstanding Satan and not falling into sin. Christ is the Word; he knows God's word thoroughly. The use of the word "women" identifies the leaders of the church who lead the congregation astray following doctrines through their own interpretation.

The ministry and priesthood who continue in faith, love and holiness with propriety will birth a spiritually healthy congregation; only these churches will be saved. I Timothy 2:15 is not referring to physical women because men and women are saved only through the sacrifice of Christ. The Apostle Paul is using language that mirrors spiritual roles. Churches and the ministry of those churches will only be saved by preaching scripture leaning on the interpretation by Jesus Christ, **the last Adam**. Following the first Adam will lead to death.

There are times when scripture uses a specific gender but it refers only to the spiritual sense. The 144,000 people of Revelation do not defile themselves with false religion. They are virgins. These virgins are not 144,000 women. The use of the word virgin has the spiritual meaning that these men and women are totally faithful to God. "These are those who **did not defile themselves with women, for they remained virgins**. They follow the Lamb wherever he goes. They were purchased from among mankind and offered as firstfruits to God and the Lamb" (Revelation 14:4).

DECEPTION THROUGH IGNORANCE

Often mankind is well intentioned, but fall into sin simply through ignorance. Satan is well versed in the word of God. After fasting for forty days and forty nights, Jesus indeed was physically hungry, but spiritually full.

Satan attacked the physical state of Jesus and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread" (Matthew 4:3). Jesus quoted scripture and said, "It is written, 'Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God'" (Matthew 4:4).

This is a double-edged response because the word of God does have a physical filling component about it, but Satan would not have experienced that effect. During a rich spiritual conversation over a meal with friends and family it is both physically and spiritually filling, but the spiritual food will always outweigh the physical.

"Then the devil took Jesus to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down. For it is written: 'He will command his angels

concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone”.

Satan quoted Psalm 91:10-12. He knew that Jesus dwells in the shelter of God Almighty and God promises to protect everyone who comes to Him seeking refuge. God Almighty declares, “Because he loves me, I will rescue him, I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name... I will answer him, I will be with him in trouble... deliver him and honor him” (Psalm 91:14-15). This is the promise that God Almighty gives to those who love Him.

Jesus replied, “It is also written: ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test’” (Matthew 4:7). To put yourself in harms way, is a mockery of the power of Almighty God.

Now, the third time the devil took Jesus to a very high mountain and showed him the kingdoms on earth. Having the supreme authority in his evil kingdom to bestow a crown (Isaiah 23:8), Satan offered Jesus rulership over all the earth now—without having to die on the cross, if he bends his knee and worships him. Though Jesus so desired to rescue mankind, he didn’t entertain the thought for a second to worship Satan and violate his covenant with God as Adam and the fallen angels did. He immediately snapped, “Away from me, Satan! For it is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only’” (Matthew 4:10).

Jesus Christ is the Word. His perfect understanding of God’s way keeps him from falling into deception. Mankind is born without knowledge; mankind grows in grace and knowledge. Even babes in Christ have not matured to distinguish between right and wrong.

“Anyone who lives on milk, being still an infant, is **not acquainted with the teaching about righteousness**. But **solid food is for the mature**, who by constant use have **trained themselves to distinguish good from evil**” (Hebrews 5:13-14). Satan knew Eve was still a babe in Christ, unable to distinguish between good and evil.

Immature Judo-Christians often lean on their own understanding, as Eve did. They honestly think their way is right, until the consequences occur and they regret their actions.

“There is a way that appears to be right, but in the end, it leads to death” (Proverbs 14:12).

“What fruit did you reap at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? The outcome of those things is death” (Romans 6:21).

JESUS SPOKE ONLY THE WORDS OF HIS FATHER

Jesus is the example for mankind. He came to earth not to fulfill his own agenda or preach his own theology. He came to do many things, but most of all, to fulfill God’s salvation plan for mankind.

“For I did not speak on my own, but **the Father who sent me commanded me to say all that I have spoken**. And I know that **His command leads to eternal life**. So, **I speak exactly what the Father has told Me to say**” (John 12:49-50).

The wise counsellor for mankind is Jesus Christ. He only is the perfect interpreter of scripture with a perfect understanding of God's word.

“The way of a fool is right in his own eyes: but **he that listens to counsel is wise**” (Proverbs 12:15).

God Almighty is the source of perfection. Adam lost trust in God and Eve trusted and acted on her own thinking. She assessed what Satan said and it appeared on the outside to be a good thing—“wise”. When the Apostle John saw “the woman—the great prostitute” he was amazed because on the outside she looks good. The angel with the Apostle John said, “Why are you astonished?” (Revelation 17:7). On the outside, things can look right and good. Calling on God for His knowledge, understanding and wisdom is the only safe way to keep from being deceived. Christ is the conduit for all of mankind in prayer to speak directly to our loving and wise Father in heaven.

These mortal bodies worked to teach mankind important spiritual matters which will become common knowledge under Christ's rule. God is transparent, though His use of imagery, mirroring, parallels, parables is often a mystery to those who don't ask for understanding and those following teachers who rely on their own interpretations.

God loves the relentless spiritual explorer. “It is the glory of God to conceal a thing: but the honour of kings is to search out a matter” (Proverbs 25:2). However, if the waters become muddy, turn to God and simply ask for his knowledge, understanding and wisdom. He will never decline this request.

CONCLUSION

The sin of Adam mirrors the sins of the fallen angels in heaven who knew better but were enticed by Satan to desire self-direction, self-reliance, self-glory and rulership beyond their jurisdiction and in turn, they were brought into his coalition to battle against God Almighty.

The sin of Eve was caused by relying on self-reasoning. It is the act of using human thinking that always appears to be right but leads to death. This is the sin of all of mankind who through God's grace has a salvation plan that is brought into fruition when mankind repents, accepts Christ as their Saviour, then God gives them His Holy Spirit which supersedes the spirit of man providing them clarity of thought that leads to righteous actions.

Christ set the example. He spoke only the words given to him by God Almighty because he knows God's words only bring life and this life, Christ made possible again for all mankind on earth. Whether the sins were of the type of Adam or Eve, all is forgiven for those who repent for our Father in heaven loves all of mankind and wishes that nobody choose death, but life eternal.

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