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INTRODUCTION

The Bible is God's message to men. Its 66 books are divided into two main parts, the Old Testament and the New Testament. Each part of the Bible helps us to understand the other part.

The Old Testament was written many years ago, before the Lord Jesus Christ was born, but it is valuable to us today because the Holy Spirit led holy men of God to write the things God wanted men to know.

Parts of the Old Testament tell what would happen later, but some of these prophecies have not yet been fulfilled. Some of the writers of the Old Testament prophesied about Christ.

There are many wonderful pictures of Christ in the Old Testament even though it was written before He was born. These pictures make us think of His life, His death, His resurrection, the work He is doing at the present time, and the glory that will be His in the future. We can see these pictures in the lives of people who lived in Old Testament times and in the things which happened to the people of Israel. Also the furniture in the Tabernacle teaches us wonderful lessons about the beauties of Christ and about His perfect work.

Some of the events which happened long ago are very clearly pictures of Christ. Then there are other

pictures of our Lord which are not as clear. They are like the shadow of a man which can be seen before the man himself appears. These things are pictures of Christ, but only in part and not very plainly.

We must read the New Testament if we want to understand these things. In it we will find verses which explain very clearly the meaning of these pictures. We shall therefore look for pictures of Christ in the Old Testament and then go to the New Testament to understand their meaning.

We shall use the whole Bible as we read do these lessons, in order to learn about our Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. Ask God to reveal Christ to you in these pictures. You will be surprised and filled with wonder as you see how the Old Testament and the New Testament together reveal to us the beauty of the Lord Jesus Christ and His wonderful works.

The following verses show that it was God who gave us the Holy Scriptures through the apostles. They also show that the Old Testament prophets prophesied about the Lord Jesus Christ. Be sure to read these verses: 2 Timothy 3.16; 2 Peter 1.20,21; John 8.56; 5.39,46; Hebrews 10.7; Matthew 22.45.

LESSON 1

PICTURES OF CHRIST

ADAM, A PICTURE OF CHRIST

READ: Genesis 1.26-28; 2.7,8,15

We read about Adam in the Old Testament, but the New Testament tells us that Adam was a picture of Christ, Romans 5.14. He was like Christ in some things but he was also very different from Christ.

First read Genesis 1.26-28; 2.7,8,15. In these verses we see that Adam was the first man. God formed him from the dust of the ground, breathed into him the breath of life, and Adam became a living being.

Now read 1 Corinthians 15.45. This verse also tells us that Adam was created a living being, the first man. He is the head of the first creation.

This same verse calls Christ the last Adam, and verse 47 of the same chapter calls Him the second Man. He is the Head of the new creation.

The first man (Adam) was made of earth. The last Adam is the life-giving Spirit and came from heaven, 1 Corinthians 15.47,48.

We see therefore that Adam resembles Christ, but that he is also different from Christ. Adam was made in the image of God, Genesis 1.26. Christ is the exact likeness of the invisible God, 2 Corinthians 4.4; Colossians 1.15; He is God in human form, 1 Timothy 3.16.

Adam is called the first Adam. Christ is the last Adam. We were born into this world with a human body and a nature like that of the first Adam, but we will wear the likeness of the last Adam if we are born through the Spirit, by believing in the Lord Jesus Christ. Now we wear the likeness of the man made of earth, but in Christ we shall wear the likeness of the Man from heaven, 1 Corinthians 15.45-49. Read also 1 John 3.2; Philippians 3.20,21.

The Lord Jesus said to Nicodemus that no one can see the Kingdom of God unless he is born again, John 3.3. He also said that flesh gives birth to flesh and Spirit gives birth to spirit, and that we should not be surprised to hear that we must be born again, John 3.6,7.

In Adam we inherit the judgment of death, but those who believe in Christ inherit eternal life.

Now let us read Romans 5.15-19. In these verses we see five things. We receive the following:

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| 1. Through one man (Adam) | SIN and DEATH, v.15 |
| Through one Man (Christ) | GRACE and a FREE GIFT |

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| 2. Through one man (Adam) | JUDGMENT (guilty), v.16 |
| Through one Man (Christ) | UNDESERVED GIFT (not guilty) |
| 3. Through one man (Adam) | DEATH, verse 17. |
| Through one Man (Christ) | LIFE |
| 4. By the one sin of one man (Adam) | all were condemned verse 18 |
| By the one righteous act of one Man (Christ) | all receive righteousness and life |
| 5. Because one man (Adam) disobeyed | many were made sinners verse |
| 19 Because of the obedience of one Man (Christ) | many will be put right with God |

ADAM RECEIVED A BRIDE

We will now go on to show in what ways Adam was like Christ. God gave Adam a wife; and God gave Christ the Church to be His bride.

Adam was alone in the garden of Eden. There were birds and animals there, but there was no one to help Adam.

God said it was not good for a man to be alone, so He made Adam sleep and removed a bone from his side. From this bone He made a wife for Adam and gave her to him. Read Genesis 2.20-22. Adam called his wife woman because she was made of his bone and flesh, Genesis 2.23.

Much the same happened with regard to the Church, the Bride of Christ. Christ got His Bride through deep sleep, that is, through death. God gave Him the Church to be His Bride because He suffered and died for sinners.

In John 12.24 we read that a seed is a picture of Christ's death. A seed remains alone if it stays outside of the ground. It dies when it is put into the ground, but it produces a harvest of many seeds through dying. This is a picture of the death and resurrection of Christ which produced the Church.

The Church is the Body of Christ - His bones, His hands. Christ is our Head and we are part or members of His body, Ephesians 1.22,23; 1 Corinthians 12.27. Christ loved the Church and gave His life for it, Ephesians 5.23-27. So the Church is the Bride of Christ, made up of people whom the Father gave to Him, John 17.24.

ADAM RULED OVER ALL LIVING CREATURES

God told Adam and his wife to rule over all living creatures, Genesis 1.26-28.

Christ has been given all authority, Matthew 28.18. He will rule as King of kings. His enemies will become the footstool under His feet. Read Revelation 11.15; Psalm 72.8; Zechariah 9.10; Psalm 110.1.

Christ will have authority over the whole earth and will rule it with an iron rod. His Bride, the Church, will rule with Him, Revelation 2.26,27; 3.21; 20.6. Every creature will be subject to Him, Hebrews 2.6-8. Every tongue will confess that Jesus is Lord for the glory of God the Father, Philippians 2.9-11.

Adam's rule in the garden of Eden is a picture of the rule of Christ over the whole world.

TEST PICTURES 1

Place a T or F for your answer at the beginning or end of the question;

1. The Old Testament helps us to understand the new.
2. Christ is called the second Adam
3. Sin came into the world when Cain killed Abel

4. In the future all born again believers will be like Christ
5. Nicodemus was a good man, and didn't need to be born again.

Fill in the missing word/s:

6. God gave Christ the church as His _____
7. God put Adam into a _____ and from his rib He made Eve
8. Adam was to have _____ over the whole earth
9. The enemies of Christ, God will make them the _____ under His feet.
- 10: The Church will _____ with Christ in a kingdom to come

Name:

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