**Genesis 2:4 thru Genesis 3**

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God began His revelation to man in the third section of Scripture (Genesis 2:4ff) by showing how He had brought certain things to pass from the first two sections (Genesis 1:1-2a and Genesis 1:2b-2:3). Everything in Genesis 2:4-25 forms commentary material on that which had preceded.

Verse four is an overview of chapter one, verses five and six cover events occurring on the second day, verse seven covers events occurring on the sixth day, verses eight through fourteen cover events occurring on the third day, and verses fifteen through twenty-five cover events occurring on the sixth day (with verse 19 relating to events on both the fifth and sixth days).

And, if a person wants to see where God places an emphasis very early in His revelation, that person might note the space given to the formation of Eve and her relationship to Adam (Genesis 2:18, 20-25). Details surrounding a portion of that which was revealed in Genesis 1:26-28 are given in this section, and *an unchangeable pattern* is established.

The bride of *the first man*, *the first Adam*, was removed from his body. She was formed from a part of his body, not from all of his body. And, once she had been formed, she was presented back to Adam to not only complete Adam but to reign as consort queen with him (cf. Genesis 1:26-28; 2:18-22).

Thus will it be with *the second Man*, *the last Adam*, and His bride. The bride will be removed from His body (the Church). She will be formed from a part of His body, not from all of His body. And, once the bride has been formed, she will be presented back to the second Man, the last Adam, Christ, to not only complete Christ but to reign as consort queen with Him (cf.1 Corinthians 15:45, 47; Hebrews 2:10; Revelation 2:26-27; 3:21; 19:7-8).

Now, note what was done throughout Genesis 2:4-25. Throughout this section God concerned Himself with placing foundational sinews, flesh, and skin on the skeletal structure previously revealed. And the foundational material set forth here can no more subsequently be changed than can the beginning skeletal structure itself. All later revelation must be in perfect accord with all earlier revelation, and vice versa.

Then, Genesis 3 reveals unchangeable foundational truths surrounding man’s fall and subsequent redemption. The actions of the first Adam establish a pattern, a mold, for the actions of the last Adam; and God’s actions surrounding redemption in this chapter form a pattern, a mold, for His actions surrounding man’s redemption at any future point in time.

Adam found his bride, a part of his very being, in a fallen state; and Adam was left without a choice as to his course of action. He could not now eat of the tree of life as God had previously commanded, for a part of his very being was in a fallen state (though the fall itself didn’t actually occur until Adam, as the federal head, had eaten of the forbidden fruit [evident from the sequence of events in Genesis 3:6-7]).

Following Eve partaking of the forbidden fruit, Adam could only cleave to his wife, as God had also previously commanded, placing himself in a fallen state *as a complete being*; and this would be with a view to redemption, wherein the man, *as a complete being*, might one day eat of the tree of life. That would be to say that Adam *partook of sin* to effect Eve’s redemption, with a view to both one day being able to partake of the tree of life together and, together, fulfilling the purpose for their creation in the beginning (Genesis 2:9, 16, 24).

And the antitype, following the established type, is quite easy to see. The last Adam found His bride in a fallen state and *was made sin* to effect her redemption, with a view to exactly the same thing set forth in the type — both one day partaking of the tree of life together and, together, fulfilling the purpose for man’s creation in the beginning (2 Corinthians 5:21; Revelation 2:7).

(Partaking of the tree of life has to do with *the acquisition of wisdom and knowledge to rule and reign* [see the author’s book, [Bible One - Arlen Chitwood's The Study of Scripture, Ch. 5](http://bibleone.net/SS05.htm)]. Christ Himself, being very God of very God, possesses such knowledge apart from partaking of the tree. But His bride in that day won’t. However, as Christ partook of food following His resurrection, He will just as easily be able to partake of the tree of life with His bride should He so choose.)

Then basic unchangeable truths surrounding God’s redemption of man have been established in Genesis 3. God, rejecting man’s efforts to do anything about his fallen state (i.e.,man’s efforts to replace the lost covering of Glory with a covering of fig leaves), slew animals and clothed Adam and Eve (Genesis 3:7, 21). This forever sets forth salvation, restoration, *entirely by/through divine intervention*, in perfect keeping with how God restored the ruined creation in Genesis 1:2bff — i.e., *entirely by/through divine intervention*.

Then, in Genesis 3, *death and shed blood* relative to man’s salvation, restoration, are introduced. And, with the introduction of shed blood, more foundational material is placed on the skeletal structure. And beyond this one finds *more and more and more* . . . .But all subsequent references to salvation, adding details to the structure, must be in perfect accord with previous revelation, *always* going back to and beginning with Genesis 1:2bff.

[Bible One - Arlen Chitwood's The Study of Scripture, Ch. 3, Excerpt](http://bibleone.net/SS03.htm)