**The Bride in Genesis BOOK**

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FOREWORD

Man was created for *a specific purpose*, revealed at the time of his creation. Immediately following the restoration of the ruined earth ([Genesis 1:2-25](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+1.2-25&t=NKJV) [2b]) — a ruin resulting from Satan’s previous aspirations to “*be like the Most High*” ([Isaiah 14:12-17](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Isaiah+14.12-17&t=NKJV); [Ezekiel 28:14-19](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Ezekiel+28.14-19&t=NKJV)) — God not only announced the creation of man (an entirely new entity in the universe) but the reason for man’s creation as well:

*Then God said, “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion* [Hebrew: *radah*, ‘rule’] *over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”*

*So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.*

*Then God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion* [Hebrew: *radah*, ‘rule’] *over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”* ([Genesis 1:26-28](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+1.26-28&t=NKJV))

Man, created in God’s image, after God’s likeness, was created *to rule the restored domain*. He was created to rule the domain in the stead of the incumbent ruler, Satan, along with his angels ([Genesis 1:26-28](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+1.26-28&t=NKJV)).

And man was not to rule this restored domain alone. The woman — who had been created in the man, removed from the man after the man had been put to sleep, formed into “an helpmeet” for the man (who would be his wife), and then presented back to the man ([Genesis 2:18-22](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+2.18-22&t=NKJV)) — was to rule with the man ([Genesis 1:27-28](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+1.27-28&t=NKJV)).

The woman, who was bone *of man’s bones, and flesh of his flesh* ([Genesis 2:23](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+2.23&t=NKJV)), had to rule with the man. The woman, because she was a part of the man’s very being, *completed the man; and the man could not rule as an incomplete being.*

The man and the woman ruling together — *the king, with his consort queen* — formed *one complete being* on the throne. Both had to rule *together* in this respect, else there could be no rule.

This is a principle surrounding the purpose for man’s creation, having to do with *the manner in which man was to rule*, which God established at the time of man’s creation. And this principle *cannot* be violated.

Understanding this principle will shed light upon numerous things seen in the opening three chapters of Genesis. Why did Adam, *though not deceived*, partake of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil following Eve partaking of this tree? The answer is the same as the reason why Christ, *who knew no sin*, was made “*sin for us*” when He found His bride in the same condition in which Adam found Eve ([Genesis 3:6](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+3.6&t=NKJV); [2 Corinthians 5:21](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=2Corinthians+5.21&t=NKJV); [1 Timothy 2:14](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=1Timothy+2.14&t=NKJV)).

Adam could not rule apart from Eve; and Eve, following the time when she had eaten of the forbidden fruit, was no longer in a position to rule with Adam. Thus, Adam could not have fulfilled the purpose for his creation had he not acted *exactly* as he did. Adam acted with a view to Eve’s redemption, in order that he, *as a complete being* (Adam, with Eve), might one day fulfill the purpose for man's creation.

Nor can the second Man, the last Adam, rule apart from a wife. He, as the “first Adam,” found His bride in a fallen state. And He acted in complete accord with the established type, with a view to exactly the same thing seen in the type. He who knew no sin was made “*sin for us*,” with a view to both He and a redeemed wife one day taking the scepter and ascending the throne together.

This book, The Bride in Genesis, deals with the various ramifications of this whole overall thought, drawn from different parts of the book of Genesis. And if man would properly understand that which God has revealed on the subject, he must begin where God began and view the matter from the perspective in which God established this relationship in the beginning, as set forth in His unchangeable Word.

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INTRODUCTION

Types and Antitypes

*Then He said to them, “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken!*

*Ought not the Christ to have suffered these things and to enter into His glory?”*

*And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself*. ([Luke 24:25-27](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Luke+24.25-27&t=NKJV))

Jesus, revealing Himself to the two disciples on the Emmaus road following His resurrection, used *one means alone*. He simply called their attention to the Word of God, opening the Scriptures to their understanding.

Jesus began with Moses and progressed to the other prophets, revealing “*to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself*” ([Luke 24:27](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Luke+24.27&t=NKJV)). And later that day, when He broke bread in their presence — because of His having previously revealed Himself through the Scriptures — “*their eyes were opened*” ([Luke 24:28-31](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Luke+24.28-31&t=NKJV)).

The clear statement is made that *all of the Old Testament Scriptures* are about the person and work of Christ. The Old Testament Scriptures form *one continuous revelation* concerning that which God, not man, has to say about the matter; and God has provided this revelation of His Son by structuring His Word after a particular fashion.

The Old Testament Scriptures not only provide an account of true history, but, through this history, these Scriptures also provide an account of *all the various facets of the person and work of God’s Son — past, present, and future*. And the latter has been accomplished by God structuring Old Testament history after such a fashion that this history is *highly typical* in nature.

The Old Testament scriptures form *the beginning point.* This is where God set the matter forth *first*. And, accordingly, any correct study surrounding *anything* that God has revealed about His Son — which would include *everything* in Scripture ([Colossians 1:15-19](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Colossians+1.15-19&t=NKJV)), for He is the Word made Flesh ([John 1:1-2](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=John+1.1-2&t=NKJV), [14](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=John+1.14&t=NKJV)) — *must* begin where God began with the matter. Such a study *must begin in the Old Testament with Moses*.

And, not only must such a study begin in the Old Testament, but these Old Testament Scriptures *must be viewed after a certain fashion*. They *must* be viewed after the fashion in which they were written. They must be viewed after the fashion in which God structured Old Testament history, *after a typical fashion*. Only by so doing can man come into a correct understanding of that which God has revealed.

Place and Importance of Types

Typology is the great unexplored mine in the Old Testament. Studying the types will open the door to an inexhaustible wealth of information that God has provided, information necessary to properly understand God’s revelation to man. On the other hand, it goes without saying that ignoring the types, as so many have done, will produce the opposite result and leave this door closed.

Note Paul’s statement concerning this matter in his first epistle to the Christians in Corinth:

*Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples* [Gk., *tupoi*, ‘types’] *and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world* [Gk., *aionon*, ‘ages’] *are come*” ([1 Corinthians 10:11](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=1Corinthians+10.11&t=NKJV); *cf*. [1 Corinthians 10:6](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=1Corinthians+10.6&t=NKJV))

[1 Corinthians 10:11](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=1Corinthians+10.11&t=NKJV) draws from a context ([1 Corinthians 10:1-10](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=1Corinthians+10.1-10&t=NKJV)) that refers to the history of Israel, extending from events immediately following the death of the firstborn in Egypt to the overthrow of an entire accountable generation in the wilderness, save Caleb and Joshua ([Exodus 12](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Exodus+12&t=NKJV)-[Deuteronomy 34](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Deuteronomy+34&t=NKJV)).

However, the thought of events occurring as types in [1 Corinthians 10:11](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=1Corinthians+10.11&t=NKJV) *must*, of necessity, encompass a much larger scope than this one segment in the history of Israel, which it does. Christ’s statements in [Luke 24:25-27](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Luke+24.25-27&t=NKJV), [44](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Luke+24.44&t=NKJV); [John 5:45-47](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=John+5.45-47&t=NKJV), along with the evident structure of Old Testament history, leave no room to question the fact that all of Old Testament history must be viewed as highly typical.

Old Testament typology begins, not with the death of the firstborn in [Exodus 12](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Exodus+12&t=NKJV), but with the account of the creation of the heavens and the earth in the first verse of [Genesis 1](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+1&t=NKJV). *Biblical typology begins at the point where biblical history begins.*

God, in the beginning, *created* the heavens and the earth. And at a later point in time, the creation, because of an act of Satan, was reduced to a ruin. Then, at a still later point in time, God set about to restore this ruined creation over a six-day period. And He created man on the sixth day, following the completion of the restoration of the ruined material creation. God then rested on the seventh day ([Genesis 1:1-2:3](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+1.1-2.3&t=NKJV)).

This entire account in the opening verses of Genesis is fraught with significance and meaning. The account has not only been arranged in *a typical fashion* but, within this typical fashion, it has been set in *a septenary structure* as well. The entire 7,000-year history of man can be seen in these verses through the manner in which God structured His Word at the very outset. Beginning with the creation of the heavens and the earth, the whole of that which God revealed throughout all subsequent Scripture can be seen in four parts:

1) Creation ([Genesis 1:1](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+1.1&t=NKJV)).

2) Ruin ([Genesis 1:2a](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+1.2a&t=NKJV)).

3) Restoration ([Genesis 1:2-25](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+1.2-25&t=NKJV) [2b]).

4) Rest ([Genesis 2:1-3](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+2.1-3&t=NKJV)).

(This *typical account*, with its septenary structure [[Genesis 1:1-2:3](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+1.1-2.3&t=NKJV)], actually forms the foundation upon which the whole of subsequent Scripture rests. And all subsequent Scripture, seen in its true light in this respect, merely forms a commentary on that revealed at the beginning, in [Genesis 1:1-2:3](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+1.1-2.3&t=NKJV) [*ref*., the author’s book, in this site, [The Study of Scripture BOOK](https://www.koffeekupkandor.com/the-study-of-scripture.php), chapters 1-4].)

In [Genesis 3](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+3&t=NKJV), the original type of the coming Redeemer is set forth in the act of Adam after Eve had sinned. Adam partook of that which was associated with sin (fruit from the same tree that Eve had partaken of, the tree of the knowledge of good and evil) in order to bring about Eve’s redemption; and this was done with a view to both Adam and Eve one day being able to partake of the tree of life together.

The second Man, the last Adam, Christ, was made “*sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him*” ([2 Corinthians 5:21](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=2Corinthians+5.21&t=NKJV); *cf*. [Romans 5:14](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Romans+5.14&t=NKJV); [1 Corinthians 15:45](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=1Corinthians+15.45&t=NKJV)). And, in complete accord with the types, this, as well, was done with a view to Christ and His bride one day being able to partake of the tree of life together.

Then [Genesis 4](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+4&t=NKJV), providing additional commentary on that which is revealed in chapter three, sets forth the death of Abel at the hands of Cain; and this forms a type of the death of Christ at the hands of Israel.

[Genesis 5-9](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+5-9&t=NKJV) set forth the generations of Adam, followed by the Noachian Flood, with a new beginning following the Flood. Two individuals stand out prominently in the latter part of the genealogical record: Enoch, *the seventh from Adam*; and Noah, *the tenth from Adam*.

(“Seven” and “ten” are numbers that Scripture uses to show *completeness*. “Seven” shows *the completeness of that which is in view* [used as God’s number in this respect], and “ten” shows *numerical completeness*.)

Enoch, at the end of one complete period of time, was removed from the earth before the Flood. Noah, at the end of another complete period of time, was left on the earth to pass through the Flood.

“The Flood” is a type of *the coming Tribulation*. “Enoch” typifies *the one new man “in Christ”* (comprised of all Christians), who will be removed at the end of the present dispensation, at the end of one complete period of time. And “Noah” typifies *the nation of Israel*, which will be left on the earth to pass safely through the Tribulation, “*the time of Jacob’s trouble*” ([Jeremiah 30:7](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Jeremiah+30.7&t=NKJV)) — completing the last seven years of the previous dispensation, at the end of another complete period of time, with a new beginning, the Messianic Era, to follow.

Genesis, as well, is the book in which we are first introduced to Melchizedek, a king-priest in Jerusalem ([Genesis 14:18-20](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+14.18-20&t=NKJV)). And Melchizedek typifies Christ in His coming glory as the great King-Priest in Jerusalem ([Psalm 110:1ff](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Psalm+110.1ff&t=NKJV); [Hebrews 5-7](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Hebrews+5-7&t=NKJV)).

It is in Genesis that we find Scripture forming detailed dispensational structures, as previously seen in chapter five through nine. Another such structure — covering events extending from the birth of Christ to the Messianic Kingdom — can be seen in [Genesis 21-25](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+21-25&t=NKJV) (dealt with in chapter 2 of this book).

And Genesis is the book that contains one of the most complete overall types of Christ to be found in the Old Testament — the life of Joseph, beginning in [Genesis 37](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+37&t=NKJV) (dealt with in chapters 4-6 of this book).

“No one, I suppose, who has ever thought upon it, can doubt that this history [that of Joseph] is typical”. ~ *Andrew Jukes*

Note Jesus’ statement, followed by Luke’s comment, after Jesus had suddenly appeared in the midst of His disciples in His resurrection body:

*Then He said to them, “These are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms concerning Me.”*

*And He opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the Scriptures.* ([Luke 24:44-45](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Luke+24.44-45&t=NKJV)).

During His earthly ministry, Jesus often drew from the Old Testament to teach spiritual lessons concerning Himself. He drew from things surrounding the tabernacle, and from various experiences of the Israelites: “*I am the door*” ([John 10:7](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=John+10.7&t=NKJV), [9](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=John+10.9&t=NKJV)); “*I am the bread of life*” ([John 6:35](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=John+6.35&t=NKJV), [48-51](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=John+6.48-51&t=NKJV)); “*I am the light of the world*” ([John 9:5](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=John+9.5&t=NKJV)). Jesus told Nicodemus that the serpent lifted up in the wilderness foreshadowed that which was about to happen to the Son of Man, who must also be lifted up ([John 3:14](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=John+3.14&t=NKJV)). In response to the scribes and Pharisees request for a sign, Jesus declared that the experiences of Jonah foreshadowed things that He would experience ([Matthew 12:38-41](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Matthew+12.38-41&t=NKJV)). Note also His reference to Solomon in this same passage ([Matthew 12:42](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Matthew+12.42&t=NKJV)).

Referring to conditions that would prevail upon the earth immediately before His return, Jesus called the disciples’ attention to the days of Noah and the days of Lot ([Luke 17:26-32](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Luke+17.26-32&t=NKJV)). Events during the days of these two men typify events that are presently beginning to occur on earth, events that will come to full fruition immediately preceding Christ’s return.

Then, during the latter part of His ministry Jesus taught by parables. And many things in these parables can be properly understood only in the light of the Old Testament types and symbols.

John the Baptizer referred to the position that Christ occupied in relation to an Old Testament type when he said, “*Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!*” ([John 1:29](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=John+1.29&t=NKJV)). Paul spoke of this same truth when he declared Christ to be “*our Passover*” ([1 Corinthians 5:7](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=1Corinthians+5.7&t=NKJV)).

The writer of Hebrews derived the major portion of the teachings in his book from Old Testament typology, and this book cannot be properly understood apart from viewing material in the book in a type-antitype framework.

[Hebrews 3](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Hebrews+3&t=NKJV); [4](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Hebrews+4&t=NKJV) are built around the wilderness journey of the Israelites. And the key to a correct interpretation and understanding of the passage in Hebrews that gives so many a problem, [Hebrews 6:4-6](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Hebrews+6.4-6&t=NKJV), is to be found by contextually paralleling that which is stated in the passage with a type-antitype treatment of chapters three and four.

In [Hebrews 5](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Hebrews+5&t=NKJV); [6](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Hebrews+6&t=NKJV); [7](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Hebrews+7&t=NKJV) Melchizedek is mentioned nine times; and, in the light of that which is revealed about Melchizedek in the Old Testament, the things stated about Melchizedek in these chapters can only be Messianic in their scope of fulfillment (*cf*. [Genesis 14:18-19](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+14.18-19&t=NKJV); [Psalm 110:1-4](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Psalm+110.1-4&t=NKJV)).

In [Hebrews 8](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Hebrews+8&t=NKJV); [9](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Hebrews+9&t=NKJV); [1](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Hebrews+1&t=NKJV)0 the tabernacle with its Levitical priesthood and sacrificial system is said to be a “*pattern*” (Greek: *tupos*, type [[Hebrews 8:5](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Hebrews+8.5&t=NKJV)]). And in [Hebrews 11](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Hebrews+11&t=NKJV); [12](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Hebrews+12&t=NKJV), numerous Old Testament individuals who typify some aspect of the work of the triune Godhead in the history of Israel or in the life of the Christian are set forth.

Extent and Purpose of Types

The extent of types in the Old Testament would have to be classed as *inexhaustible*. Many times a complete type can be found in a single verse; other times complete types can be found in several verses taken together, or in an entire chapter; and other times complete types can be found in several chapters taken together, or in an entire book viewed as a whole. *No portion of Old Testament history can be placed outside the scope of biblical typology. Events in the Old Testament are true history that are fraught with types and meaning.*

The Old Testament is written in such a manner that God has interwoven prophetic types into historic events. *No proper study of either the Old or New Testaments can ignore types and antitypes*. Accordingly, a basic value of any Bible commentary, particularly one dealing with Old Testament history, would have to be that commentary’s treatment of types and antitypes. The reason for this is very simple: The Old Testament is highly typical. The New Testament is simply the Old revealed. Thus, within the biblical framework of correctly teaching and understanding the Word of God, types and antitypes *MUST* occupy a prominent place.

Jesus said,

*You search the Scriptures . . . these are they which testify of Me . . .*

*For if you believed Moses, you would believe Me; for he wrote about Me*. ([John 5:39](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=John+5.39&t=NKJV), [46](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=John+5.46&t=NKJV); *cf*. [John 1:45](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=John+1.45&t=NKJV))

The Scriptures to which Jesus referred in verse thirty-nine were the Old Testament Scriptures. Not a single book of the New Testament had been written at this time. Man’s failure to understand the extent and purpose of types in the Old Testament stems from his failure to heed the words of Jesus: “Search the scriptures [the Old Testament Scriptures] . . .*these are they which testify of Me*.”

The word for “search” in the Greek text implies *a close examination, a thorough search*, and the word is used in this passage in the sense of a hunter stalking game, who directs all his attention to marks that will lead to the quarry. An individual searching the Scriptures in this manner will fix all his attention on the Scriptures, closely examining and thoroughly searching every aspect of this revelation. The folly of those who refuse to dwell deeply in the Word can immediately be seen. Such Christians are not only robbing themselves of great spiritual blessings, but, if occupying teaching positions, they are also robbing others of these same blessings.

When Jesus met the two disciples on the road to Emmaus following His resurrection, He reprimanded them for not believing *ALL* that the Prophets had written. And, as previously seen, He then began at “*Moses and ALL the prophets*,” and “expounded unto them in *ALL* the Scriptures the things concerning Himself” ([Luke 24:25-27](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Luke+24.25-27&t=NKJV)).

The specific statement is made in [Luke 24:27](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Luke+24.27&t=NKJV) that *ALL* of the Old Testament Scriptures are about Christ. If one has a mind for the things of God, according to this verse, he can turn to any portion of the Old Testament and study about Christ. *ALL* of the Old Testament Scriptures — beginning with Moses — constitute *a complete revelation of Jesus Christ*. The record of creation, all subsequent events, and all individuals, *together*, form the complete Old Testament revelation that God gave to man concerning *all the various facets of the person and work of His Son*.

The Son was with the Father in the beginning. Apart from Him not one thing that presently exists came into existence. Or, for that matter, neither does it continue to exist (*cf*. [Genesis 1:1](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+1.1&t=NKJV); [John 1:1-3](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=John+1.1-3&t=NKJV); [Colossians 1:16-17](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Colossians+1.16-17&t=NKJV)). The *entire* Old Testament — Genesis through Malachi — is about Him. Then, “*the Word became flesh and dwelt among us* . . . .” ([John 1:14a](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=John+1.14a&t=NKJV)). From that point, the New Testament *continues* to be a revelation of God’s Son.

And the last book in the Bible — the book of *Revelation*, the Revelation of Jesus Christ — is the capstone of all previous revelation, arranging in final and complete form the summation of all things that were previously revealed, beginning with “*Moses and all the prophets*.”

When the late Dr. M. R. DeHaan, near the close of his ministry, began to study and arrange material for a series of radio messages, entitled, *Portraits of Christ*, he was amazed by what he found. In the introduction to a book that was later published from this series, entitled, Portraits of Christ in Genesis, Dr. DeHaan states:

“At first the publication of a book entitled ‘Portraits of Christ’ was intended to be a study of portraits of Christ in the entire Bible. However, as I began to collect material, I realized what a hopeless task I was undertaking, and so I next limited it to portraits of Christ in the Old Testament. Again, I had not gone very far when I realized that this too was a Herculean task which could hardly be done in one volume, or even many volumes. As a result, it was shortened to ‘Portraits of Christ in the Pentateuch,’ the books of Moses. Then, finally, after completing but one chapter, I realized that I could not even begin to discuss thoroughly the portraits of Christ in the first book of the Bible alone, the book of Genesis.

After many years of Bible study, I was amazed at the volume of material and subject matter in the book of Genesis alone, which was the revelation of the Lord Jesus Christ. The last book of the Bible opens with ‘the Revelation of Jesus Christ,’ and this may well be taken to be the title of the entire Bible, from the very first verse of Genesis, chapter one, until the close of the book of Revelation. It is one continuous, progressive revelation concerning the Altogether Lovely One, the Son of God, and the Son of Man.”

Fundamentals of Types

A basic, fundamental rule to remember about types is the rule of “first mention.” The first time a type is recorded in Scripture *the pattern is set*. Once the pattern is set, *no change can ever occur*. Later types will add information and cast additional light on the original type, but the original was *set perfect* at the beginning and *remains unchanged* throughout Scripture.

Another fundamental rule to remember about types is in the area of “doctrine.” It is often taught that types are given merely for illustrations, and doctrine cannot be taught from types. Suffice it to say, types are far more than mere illustrations, and in the area of doctrine it would be well to ask a question, followed by a statement: “Who said doctrine cannot be taught from types? Certainly not the Scriptures!”

(“Doctrine” and “teaching” are translations of noun and verb forms of the same word in the Greek text — *didaskalia* and *didasko*. “Teaching” is “doctrine”; “doctrine” is “teaching.” And if “teaching” cannot be drawn from the types, of what value are the types?

One overall thought though should suffice to quell any ideology that doctrine/teaching cannot be drawn from the types: Who made [designed] the type? And who made [designed] the antitype?

Doctrine/teaching can be drawn from either or from both together. Because of the very nature of the origin of both — *through God’s sovereign control of all things* — there can be absolutely no difference between the two in this respect. Both could only have been designed and put together with the same perfection that exists within the Godhead.

The types form a part of the Word that was made Flesh. To *see imperfection* in the types is to see *imperfection* in the Word made Flesh; to see *perfection* in the Word made Flesh is to see *perfection* in the types.)

Types and antitypes are exact replicas of one another. The antitype is an exact imprint or duplicate of the type. The tabernacle was formed in exact detail, in every respect, to an existing tabernacle in heaven, “*according to the pattern* [Greek: *tupos*]” given to Moses in the mount ([Hebrews 8:5](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Hebrews+8.5&t=NKJV)). The “*print* [Greek: *tupos*] *of the nails*” in the hands of Christ were exact imprints of the nails that had been driven into His hands ([John 20:25](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=John+20.25&t=NKJV)). The truth about biblical doctrine/teaching and types is that since the antitype is an exact imprint or duplicate of the type, doctrine/teaching can be derived from either. No distinction, one from the other, can be made in this respect.

Another fundamental rule to remember is that types, contrary to common belief, “*DO NOT break down*.” To say that types break down is to say that types are imperfect. God established the types, and He established these types *perfectly*. Types break down only in the minds of finite man. If a man knew all there were to know about any particular type, that type could be followed to its nth degree and never break down.

*NOTHING* happened in a haphazard manner in the Old Testament. *EVERYTHING* occurred according to a divine plan, established before the creation of the heavens and the earth ([Hebrews 1:3](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Hebrews+1.3&t=NKJV); [Ephesians 3:11](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Ephesians+3.11&t=NKJV)). And events throughout the Old Testament happened as “types” in order that God might have these events and experiences of individuals to draw upon, allowing the Spirit of God to use these events and experiences to instruct Christians in the deep things of God.

“*Types are as accurate as mathematics*.” ~F. B. Meyer

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Chapter One

**Adam and Eve**

*Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned.*

*For until the law sin was in the world, but sin is not imputed when there is no law.*

*Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who had not sinned according to the likeness of the transgression of Adam, who is a type of Him who was to come.* ([Romans 5:12-14](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Romans+5.12-14&t=NKJV))

The account of Adam and Eve in [Genesis 1-3](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+1-3&t=NKJV) provides not only the one true account of man’s beginning, but this account also provides *the original type of Christ and His bride*. God has interwoven great spiritual lessons into the account of man’s historic beginning, reflecting upon the person and work of His Son.

Adam was *the first man* upon the earth. He was also *a type* of Christ, the second Man, the last Adam ([1 Corinthians 15:45-47](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=1Corinthians+15.45-47&t=NKJV)). The experiences of Adam and Eve *prefigure* the experiences of Christ and His bride. *The basic principles* relating to the formation of the bride and the redemptive work of the Son in relation to the bride are set forth in these chapters and *remain unchanged* throughout Scripture.

Formation of the Bride

*So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.*

*And the LORD God said, “It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him.”*

*And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place.*

*Then the rib that the LORD God had taken from man He made into a woman, and He brought her to the man*. ([Genesis 1:27](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+1.27&t=NKJV); [2:18](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+2.18&t=NKJV), [21-22](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+2.21-22&t=NKJV))

1) Out of the Body

Eve was created *in Adam* at the very beginning, but was not brought into existence as a separate entity until a later point in time. Adam was put to sleep, his side opened, and from this opened side God took one of his ribs and formed Eve. Eve was taken out of Adam and then presented back to Adam for a “*helper*.” Eve was a part of the very being of Adam; and, resultantly, separate from Eve, Adam was *incomplete*. In this respect, Eve, being presented back to Adam for a “*helper*,” *completed Adam and provided completeness for Eve as well*. And, in the highest sense, God looked upon the existing union as “*one flesh*” ([Genesis 2:21-24](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+2.21-24&t=NKJV)).

The bride of Christ has existed *in the Son* from eternity. The bride’s existence and salvation date from “*before the foundation of the world*” ([Ephesians 1:4](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Ephesians+1.4&t=NKJV); [Revelation 13:8](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Revelation+13.8&t=NKJV)). The bride, however, could not be brought into existence as a separate entity until after the Son had been put to sleep and His side opened.

This occurred at Calvary. The Son was put to sleep (the Son died), and His side was opened. And “*blood*” and “*water*” flowed forth out of this opened side — the two elements necessary to bring into existence the bride, separate from the body, but still part of the body ([John 19:34](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=John+19.34&t=NKJV)).

Once the complete, redeemed bride has been brought into existence through the means that God has provided, the bride will be presented back to the Son, *completing the Son and providing completeness for the bride as well* ([Hebrews 2:10](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Hebrews+2.10&t=NKJV)). And, in the highest sense, God will look upon the existing union as “*one flesh*” ([Ephesians 5:26-32](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Ephesians+5.26-32&t=NKJV)).

God’s past work having to do with bringing Eve into existence and His present work (to be completed in the future) having to do with bringing His Son’s bride into existence *must* be studied in the light of one another. In [Genesis 2:22](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+2.22&t=NKJV) God took a rib from Adam’s side and “*made into a woman*.” The Hebrew word translated “*made*” in this verse is *banah*, which means, “to build.” As previously seen, Eve was created in Adam at the beginning, later taken out of Adam, built into a bride, and then presented back to Adam.

In [Matthew 16:18](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Matthew+16.18&t=NKJV) Christ said, “. . . *on this rock I will build My Church*.” The Church (in the sense in which the word is used in [Matthew 16:18](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Matthew+16.18&t=NKJV)), created in Christ from eternity, is presently being called out of the body and built into a bride. And the time when this process will be completed and the bride presented back to the Son lies in the future.

(The word “Church” comes from a compound Greek word [*ekklesia*], which means, “called out” [*ek*, ‘out’; *klesis*, ‘to call’] And this word is used in the New Testament more than one way. It is used during the present dispensation relative to *all of the saved* [*e.g.*, [Revelation 2](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Revelation+2&t=NKJV); [3](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Revelation+3&t=NKJV)], for the bride has yet to be *singled out* and *set apart* from the remainder of the saved.

That is to say, *the bride*, though presently being “called out” of the “called,” has yet to be *set apart as a separate entity.* However, looking beyond this present dispensation [following that time when the bride will have been set apart in the preceding manner], the use of the word *ekklesia* becomes *more restrictive* in the way that the matter is looked upon in the New Testament [*cf*. [Hebrews 12:23](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Hebrews+12.23&t=NKJV)].

Referring to *time* beyond the present dispensation, the word *ekklesia* is used relative to those who will be placed as firstborn sons, adopted [“adoption” (Greek: *huiothesia*) means *son-placing*] — placed *in a position to rule and to reign* [adopted into, placed in a “firstborn” position]. *Within the human realm, firstborn sons alone can rule* [for more information on the preceding, refer to the author’s book, in this site, [God’s Firstborn Sons BOOK](https://www.koffeekupkandor.com/gods-word-six.php#God%E2%80%99s%20Firstborn%20Sons%20BOOK)].

And these sons, looked upon in another respect, will rule as consort queen with God’s Son, Jesus. These will be the ones who, in accord with Genesis chapter two, will be removed from Christ’s body, forming the bride of the second Man, the last Adam.

The “called out” being removed from the “called” comprises that which is in view through Paul’s reference to an “out-resurrection” in [Philippians 3:11](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Philippians+3.11&t=NKJV) [“resurrection,” KJV; Greek: *exanastasis*, “out-resurrection”]. The word *exanastasis* is a compound Greek word that literally means “to stand up out of.” The word has to do with a smaller group standing up out of a larger group — the “called out” being removed from the “called.” And this will result from issues and determinations emanating from the judgment seat.

Remaining within the future scope of the matter and the exact meaning of the word *ekklesia* [called out], the clear teaching of Scripture attests to the fact that those who will form the Church in that coming day are not those presently being removed from the world. Those taken from the world are the “called.” All Christians are “called,” removed from the world. But not all Christians will be among the “called out,” which will be taken from the called, the saved, the body, forming the Church as it will be viewed yet future.

In the preceding respect, the Church in that coming day will be the body of Christ [*cf*. [Colossians 1:18](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Colossians+1.18&t=NKJV)] in the same sense that Eve was the body of Adam. She was *bone of his bones, and flesh of his flesh* [[Genesis 2:23](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+2.23&t=NKJV)]. *ALL* of Eve was *of* Adam’s body, but she was not *ALL* of Adam’s body. “*For we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones*” [[Ephesians 5:30](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Ephesians+5.30&t=NKJV)]. *ALL* of the bride will be of Christ’s body, but not *ALL* of His body.

For additional information on both the out-resurrection and the called and the called out, refer to Appendixes, [Bible One - Bride in Genesis, Appendixes, by Arlen Chitwood](http://bibleone.net/BiG_A.htm), 1 and 2 of this book, and in this site

[The Tree of Life](https://www.koffeekupkandor.com/gods-word-one.php#The%20Tree%20of%20Life) and [The Out-Resurrection and The Tree of Life](https://www.koffeekupkandor.com/gods-word-three.php#The%20Out-Resurrection%20and%20The%20Tree%20of%20Life) respectively.)

Thus, contrary to that which is commonly believed and taught in Christendom, the bride — in either the type or the antitype — *does not constitute all of the body*. Just as Eve was taken out of Adam’s body, the bride of Christ will be taken out of the Son’s body. The entire body over which He is the Head consists of all the saved during this present dispensation. But the bride consists of *a smaller group* that is presently being called out of the larger group, *i.e.*, called out of the body.

All of the saved are “called” and form part of the body, but only the “called out” — *those to be taken out of the body* — will form the bride of Christ. The bride will be *a selection out of a selection: “For many are called, but few are chosen* [*lit*., ‘few are called out’]” ([Matthew 22:14](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Matthew+22.14&t=NKJV)). The type has been set, and the antitype *MUST* follow the type in exact detail.

Note that man had no part in God’s work surrounding the formation of Eve — from the time of her creation in Adam, to the time when she was presented back to Adam. Nor can man have a part in the formation of the Son’s bride. It was Christ, not man, who said, “. . . *I WILL BUILD My Church*.”

2) Blood and Water

The two elements from the opened side of Christ, necessary to bring into existence the bride, are “blood” and “water.” The correct order is — as in Scripture — *blood* first, and then *water*.

To correctly understand the place of both *blood* and *water* in the formation of the bride, a person must again look to Old Testament typology. Worship in Israel centered on the tabernacle, and later the temple. Blood sacrifices to atone for sin took place at the brazen altar in the courtyard, and priests from the tribe of Levi ministered on behalf of Israelites for whom blood sacrifices had been offered.

The priests ministered between the brazen altar and the Holy Place. Between these two points lay the brazen laver filled with water. The priests’ hands and feet became defiled as they ministered in the courtyard, and they had to wash these parts of their bodies on their journey toward the Holy Place. And *blood* at the brazen altar and *water* at the brazen laver constituted the two elements that the priests had to avail themselves of *BEFORE* they could enter into the Holy Place.

In this same respect, in the antitype, Christians themselves are priests today ([1 Peter 2:9-10](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=1Peter+2.9-10&t=NKJV)). Christians, as the Old Testament priests, have direct access to that typified by the blood shed at the brazen altar, the water at the brazen laver, and entrance into the Holy Place.

And moving the present priesthood of Christians into the Messianic Era, Christians occupying positions with Christ will, in that day, constitute *a kingdom of priests*, or individually, *king-priests* ([Revelation 1:6](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Revelation+1.6&t=NKJV); [5:10](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Revelation+5.10&t=NKJV)). And this kingdom of priests, these king-priests, will then rule the earth with *the great King-Priest after the order of Melchizedek* ([Hebrews 6:18-20](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Hebrews+6.18-20&t=NKJV)).

The blood of Christ has been shed, and through this shed blood we presently possess eternal salvation. An individual, having appropriated the blood shed at the brazen altar (pointing to Christ’s finished work at Calvary), is in a position to approach the Holy Place and have fellowship with the Father in the Holy of Holies through the rent Veil, through the “*one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus*” ([1 Timothy 2:5](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=1Timothy+2.5&t=NKJV); [Hebrews 10:19](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Hebrews+10.19&t=NKJV)). But the brazen laver filled with water stands in his path. The water speaks of continual cleansing from the defilement of this world *after* an individual has been saved through a Sacrifice typified by the sacrifices occurring at the brazen altar. And this continual cleansing is effected through Christ’s high priestly ministry on the basis of His shed blood presently on the mercy seat in the tabernacle in heaven.

The Christian though must allow Christ to cleanse him from accrued defilement. The Christian must act *himself* if cleansing is to occur.

In the ministry of the priests in Israel in the Old Testament, water was present in the laver in the courtyard of the tabernacle, but a priest had to act *himself*. He, *as an individual,* had to wash his hands and his feet. Then the entire matter of sin among the people of God was dealt with in relation to blood on the mercy seat in the Holy of Holies once a year.

Viewing both aspects of the typology seen in the priestly ministry surrounding the tabernacle in this respect (priestly ministry surrounding both the laver and the mercy seat, following the offering of a blood sacrifice at the brazen laver), continual cleansing seen at the laver is effected through Christ’s present work as High Priest in the heavenly sanctuary; and He performs this work in a continuous manner on the basis of His shed blood on the mercy seat. But, just as a priest in Israel had to act *himself* (he had to wash his hands and feet at the laver), so does the Christian have to act *himself*. The Christian *himself* has to confess his sins ([1 John 1:6-2:2](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=1John+1.6-2.2&t=NKJV)).

The necessity of cleansing for the bride after this fashion, taught in spiritual lessons drawn from the tabernacle, is vividly set forth in the words of Jesus to Peter in [John 13:8-10](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=John+13.8-10&t=NKJV):

*Peter said to Him* [Jesus], *“You shall never wash my feet!” Jesus answered him, “If I do not wash you, you have no part with Me.”*

*Simon Peter said to Him, “Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head!”*

*Jesus said to him, “He who is bathed needs only to wash his feet, but is completely clean . . . .”*

In the Greek text there are two different words translated “wash” in these verses — *nipto* and *louo*. *Nipto* means to wash *a part of the body*; and *louo* means to wash *the entire body*. The word *nipto* (partial washing, a part of the body) is used in verse eight, and both words are used in verse ten. The first word in verse ten is *louo* (complete washing, all of the body), and the second word is *nipto* (partial washing, part of the body).

In verse eight, Jesus told Peter that apart from parts of the body being washed, Peter could have no part *WITH* Him. Peter’s response in verse nine indicates that he did not yet understand the significance of this partial washing. Peter, desiring to assure himself of having a part *WITH* Christ, requested more than a washing of part of his body. Peter requested that his complete body be washed.

However, Jesus told Peter that the one who had been completely washed (*louo*) needed only a partial washing (*nipto*). Peter had been completely cleansed once — a one-time event that could *never* be changed, altered, or repeated. But living in a body of death in this present world, Peter would become defiled over and over, requiring continual partial cleansings. And apart from these partial cleansings, Peter could have no part *WITH* Christ.

Christians have been completely washed once. This cleansing can never be changed, altered, or repeated. However, just as the priests in the Old Testament ministering between the brazen altar and the Holy Place continually became defiled and had to wash their hands and feet at the brazen laver, the priests in the New Testament (Christians) continually become defiled in their present pilgrim walk, and must, time after time, avail themselves of cleansing through the antitype of the cleansing provided by water in the laver before they can enter into the Holy Place and have *fellowship “with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ”* ([1 John 1:3-2:2](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=1John+1.3-2.2&t=NKJV)).

Christians are *IN* Christ, eternally safe and secure because of a complete cleansing (*louo*). But apart from partial cleansings (*nipto*) from the defilement of this world through confession of sin, Christians cannot have a part *WITH* Christ.

The truths taught by Christ through washing the disciples’ feet are the same truths taught by the blood and water flowing from the opened side of Christ. The blood alone is sufficient to place one *IN* Christ, but the water is also required if one is to have a part *WITH* Christ. Both elements are necessary to bring the bride into existence, who is to be taken out of the body.

Fall and Redemption of the Bride

*For Adam was formed first, then Eve.*

*And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived, fell into transgression*. ([1 Timothy 2:13-14](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=1Timothy+2.13-14&t=NKJV)).

1) Satan’s Method

In the Genesis account of the fall ([Genesis 3](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+3&t=NKJV)), Satan entered into the serpent of the field and approached Eve with the question, “*Has God indeed said, ‘You shall not eat of every tree of the garden’* ([Genesis 3:1b](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+3.1b&t=NKJV))*?*” Satan, in order to bring about the fall of Adam, approached Eve and dealt with her on the basis of that which God had said. Eve’s response and Satan’s action following her response are quite revealing. In answering Satan, Eve not only *altered* but also *added* to the Word of God. Satan then *cast doubt* on the veracity of God’s Word, resulting in Eve’s sin, and the subsequent fall of Adam as the federal head of the new creation ([Genesis 3:2-6](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+3.2-6&t=NKJV)).

This is the first mention of Satan in Scripture, and several things stand out prominently in this first-mention account surrounding satanic activity: *Satan’s ways are subtle, and he uses the Word of God*; and, according to the rule of first-mention in Scripture, *Satan’s methods can only remain unchanged throughout all of subsequent Scripture*.

Satan has appeared down through the years as an “angel of light,” and his ministers appear as “ministers of righteousness” ([2 Corinthians 11:14-15](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=2Corinthians+11.14-15&t=NKJV)). His primary attack has always been *against the people of God, through the Word of God*. Thus, it is vitally important that Christians not only know exactly what God has said in His Word, but also know that God has spoken with *finality*.

The final court of appeals *must always be the Word of God*, never man’s reasoning or interpretation.

Adam was brought into existence to have *dominion over the earth* ([Genesis 1:26-28](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+1.26-28&t=NKJV)). This was the dominion that Satan possessed ([Ezekiel 28:14](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Ezekiel+28.14&t=NKJV); [Luke 4:5-6](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Luke+4.5-6&t=NKJV)). Satan knew that the supplanter (Adam) was on the scene; and in order to retain his position as the earth’s ruler, he knew that Adam, through sin, must be disqualified.

Satan, however, did not approach Adam directly. Instead, knowing the position that Eve occupied in relation to Adam (a part of Adam’s very being), Satan approached and deceived Eve. Then, Eve’s sin placed Adam in the peculiar position of *having no choice* other than to also partake of the forbidden fruit.

God had given Adam three commands:

1) *Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat.* ([Genesis 2:16b](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+2.16b&t=NKJV))

2) *but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat*. ([Genesis 2:17a](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+2.17a&t=NKJV))

3) *Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh*. ([Genesis 2:24](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+2.24&t=NKJV))

In [Genesis 2:16-17](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+2.16-17&t=NKJV), God’s commands allowed man to eat of every tree in the garden except the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Among the trees provided for food was the tree of life, which had to do with “life” *in relation to the purpose for man’s creation*, not with natural life.

Man existed in a sinless, undying state prior to the fall. And in this condition, man, naturally, had no need for fruit from a tree to prolong his life. Thus, the tree of life could have had nothing to do with the longevity of natural life before the fall.

A tree can bring forth only “*according to its kind*” ([Genesis 1:11](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+1.11&t=NKJV)), and this can never be changed or altered. A tree providing fruit for one purpose before the fall could not provide fruit for another purpose following the fall. The tree of life, in keeping with the purpose for man’s creation, could only have had to do with “life” in relation to *regality* (something clearly seen in related Scripture), not in relation to natural life. Nor could this tree perpetuate natural life following the fall, for, again, a tree can only bring forth “*according to its kind*.” Rather, the fruit from this tree, contextually, had to do with *regality*. As seen from related Scripture, fruit from this tree would have provided *the wisdom and knowledge for man to rule and reign.*

(Refer to Appendix 2, [Bible One - Bride in Genesis, Appendixes, by Arlen Chitwood](http://bibleone.net/BiG_A.htm), in this book, and in this site

[The Tree of Life](https://www.koffeekupkandor.com/gods-word-one.php#The%20Tree%20of%20Life) and [The Out-Resurrection and The Tree of Life](https://www.koffeekupkandor.com/gods-word-three.php#The%20Out-Resurrection%20and%20The%20Tree%20of%20Life) for a detailed exposition of the purpose for the tree of life and why it was *absolutely necessary* for Adam not only to eat of this tree but to eat of this tree *as a complete being* [Adam, with Eve] if he was to fulfill God’s purpose for his creation.

Understanding God’s purpose for the tree of life is intimately connected with understanding a number of things dealt with at the very outset of Scripture. It is intimately connected with understanding the purpose for man’s creation, that which Adam did following Eve partaking of the forbidden fruit, the purpose for man’s redemption, and that which lies out in the future for man.)

Following the fall, man was barred from the tree of life, for eating of this tree at that time could have provided him, not with longevity of natural life, but with the wisdom and knowledge to do something (rule and reign) that he was no longer in a position to do. It would have allowed man to live in a realm where he was no longer in a position to live.

In this light, in reality, man’s initial act resulting in the fall, which became sin following the fall, was his failure to eat of the tree of life, as God had previously commanded. Had Adam eaten of this tree before the fall, the only logical conclusion that follows is that the fall would not have occurred (else man would have found himself occupying the same position as Satan — a realm in which he was no longer in a position to occupy, ruling and reigning over the earth in a fallen condition).

2) God’s Provision

In [Genesis 2:24](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+2.24&t=NKJV) God told Adam to cleave to his wife. Once Eve had disobeyed God by partaking of the forbidden fruit, Adam was then in no position to eat of the tree of life. A part of his very being, Eve, who was *bone of his bones and flesh of his flesh* ([Genesis 2:23](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+2.23&t=NKJV)), had eaten of the forbidden fruit and was in a fallen state.

Eve in her fallen state was no longer in a position to eat of the tree of life. Even though Adam hadn’t sinned, he was incomplete without Eve, who had sinned. Thus, Adam, being incomplete without Eve, could not now eat of the tree of life. Neither Adam nor Eve could eat of the tree of life after Eve had partaken of the forbidden fruit. Adam, in order to one day eat of the tree of life *as a complete being, had no choice other than to cleave to his wife by also partaking of the fruit from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.*

Once Adam had partaken of the forbidden fruit, *the complete being of Adam became in a fallen state*. This is the point where the fall actually occurred — the federal head of the new creation himself partaking of the forbidden fruit. And that which Adam did was the only possible course of action for him to take in order to bring about Eve’s redemption, allowing Adam, *as a complete being* (Adam, with Eve), to one day find himself in a position to eat of the tree of life.

Adam was NOT deceived, but sinned with full knowledge of that which he was doing ([1 Timothy 2:14](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=1Timothy+2.14&t=NKJV)). God then provided a blood sacrifice and clothed Adam and Eve with coats of skins ([Genesis 3:21](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+3.21&t=NKJV)).

And the subsequent removal of man from the garden in Eden was not God’s judgment upon man for his sin. This removal was to prevent man from eating of the tree of life, something that he was no longer in a position to do ([Genesis 3:22-24](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+3.22-24&t=NKJV)).

(Note that man, in his unfallen state, may very well have possessed mental capabilities far beyond that which man, in his fallen condition, is able to possess today. This would provide the answer concerning how Adam was able to reason all of this out after the manner evident in the account, seen through comparing Scripture with Scripture.)

The original type of Christ’s redemptive work on behalf of His bride has forever been set forth in the act of Adam after Eve had sinned.

The first Adam found his bride in a fallen state. He then partook of sin to bring about Eve’s redemption, *in order that both might one day be able to eat of the tree of life together and realize that which is involved through eating fruit from this tree.*

The last Adam, likewise, found His bride in a fallen state. He who knew no sin was then made “*sin for us that we might become the righteousness of God in Him*.” ([2 Corinthians 5:21](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=2Corinthians+5.21&t=NKJV)). The “*LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all*” ([Isaiah 53:6](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Isaiah+53.6&t=NKJV)). He “*bore our sins in His own body on the tree*” ([1 Peter 2:24](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=1Peter+2.24&t=NKJV)). *Jesus was made sin to redeem His bride in order that both might one day be able to eat of the tree of life together and realize that which is involved through eating fruit from this tree.*

In the first three chapters of Genesis, *both the purpose and means of our salvation are set forth*.

The first Adam was created to rule the earth, and Eve was removed from his body to rule as consort queen with him. But Adam, through an encounter with Satan, resulting in the fall, forfeited his right to rule the earth.

Then, the last Adam, through an encounter with Satan ([Matthew 4:1-11](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Matthew+4.1-11&t=NKJV)), has shown Himself fully qualified to rule the earth; and through His subsequent finished word on Calvary ([John 19:30](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=John+19.30&t=NKJV)), He has also provided a means of redemption for that which the first Adam forfeited in the fall. And the last Adam, as the first Adam, will have a bride taken from His body, *who will rule the earth as consort queen with Him.*

“The secret of Adam is the secret of the Messiah . . . As the first man was the one that sinned, so shall the Messiah be the one to do sin away.” — *A Jewish Rabbi of antiquity*

(*Redemption*, provided through or because of Christ’s finished work at Calvary, involves far more than man’s eternal salvation. It involves [allows for] *the redemption of the forfeited inheritance, the earth*, yet future; and it involves [allows for] *the redemption of the bride*, which will occur at the same time as the redemption of the forfeited inheritance.

For information on the redemption of the forfeited inheritance and the redemption of the bride, refer to the author’s books, [The Time of the End BOOK](https://www.koffeekupkandor.com/gods-word-in-revelation.php#The%20Time%20of%20the%20End), Chapters 8, 9, 19, and [Mysteries of the Kingdom BOOK](https://www.koffeekupkandor.com/gods-word-five.php#Mysteries%20of%20the%20Kingdom%20BOOK), chapters 8, 10, 11, both in this website.)

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Chapter Two

**Isaac and Rebekah**

*Now Abraham was old, well advanced in age; and the LORD had blessed Abraham in all things.*

*So Abraham said to the oldest servant of his house, who ruled over all that he had, “Please, put your hand under my thigh,*

*and I will make you swear by the LORD, the God of heaven and the God of the earth, that you will not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I dwell;*

*but you shall go to my country and to my family, and take a wife for my son Isaac.” . . .*

*So the servant put his hand under the thigh of Abraham his master, and swore to him concerning this matter.*

*Then the servant took ten of his master's camels and departed, for all his master's goods were in his hand. And he arose and went to Mesopotamia, to the city of Nahor.* ([Genesis 24:1-4](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+24.1-4&t=NKJV), [9-10](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+24.9-10&t=NKJV))

There are five chapters in the book of Genesis ([Genesis 21-25](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+21-25&t=NKJV)) that foreshadow in type the complete history of Israel and the Church, from the birth of Israel’s Messiah to that future time when Israel’s Messiah returns and restores the kingdom to the nation.

Within that which is revealed in these five chapters, following the crucifixion of the nation’s Messiah, *Israel is set aside* ([Genesis 22](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+22&t=NKJV); [23](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+23&t=NKJV)). Then, with the nation set aside, God, in the antitype of that which is seen in [Genesis 24](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+24&t=NKJV), sends the Holy Spirit into the world *to procure a bride for His Son*.

And once the bride has been procured, the bride is removed. Israel is then brought back into the picture, *with the nation being restored as the wife of Jehovah and the Millennial Kingdom being ushered in* (chapter 25).

The Dispensational Framework of [Genesis 21-25](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+21-25&t=NKJV)

In [Hebrews 11:17-19](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Hebrews+11.17-19&t=NKJV), recounting events in [Genesis 22:1-14](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+22.1-14&t=NKJV) (the offering of Isaac), Abraham is said to have received his son in a “*figurative sense*” ([Genesis 22:19](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+22.19&t=NKJV)). And these verses reflect back upon this whole panorama of events — Abraham offering his son on a particular mountain in the land of Moriah, with a ram dying in the stead of his son (the son looked upon as dead [having died in a substitute — in the ram; [Genesis 22:13](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+22.13&t=NKJV)]). And it was immediately following these events that Abraham received his son in a “*figurative sense*” (the son alive on the third day [pointing to resurrection on the third day; [Genesis 22:4](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+22.4&t=NKJV)]).

The Greek word translated “*figurative sense*” (NKJV or as in the KJV: “figure”) in [Hebrews 11:19](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Hebrews+11.19&t=NKJV) is *parabole* in the Greek text, the word from which we derive our English word “parable,” which is simply an Anglicized form of the Greek word. The word *parabole* is a compound word meaning “to cast alongside” (*para*, “alongside”; and *bole*, “to cast”). A “parable,” defined from the meaning of the word itself, is simply *one truth placed alongside of a previous truth to help explain the previous truth.*

Thus, Abraham receiving his son in the manner seen at the conclusion of the account in [Genesis 22:1-14](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+22.1-14&t=NKJV) is associated in [Hebrews 11:19](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Hebrews+11.19&t=NKJV) with God’s provision of additional truth, reflecting back on previous truth. Abraham’s actions form one truth reflecting back on previous truth, given to help explain the previous truth (by providing additional light). And the previous truth would take one all the way back to that which began to be revealed in the opening chapters of Genesis, forming types of the future work of the Son at Calvary (ref., Chapter 1 in this book).

As well, the word *parabole* in [Hebrews 11:19](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Hebrews+11.19&t=NKJV) is used in a similar respect to the way that the Greek word *tupos* (type) is used. Abraham receiving his son *in* (in the form of) *a parable* (God placing subsequent truth alongside previous truth) formed a subsequent type to previous types seen in the opening chapters of Genesis, providing additional light upon the subject.

(The words *tupos* [type] and *parabole* [parable] were both used earlier in Hebrews, referring to the tabernacle [in [Hebrews 8:5](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Hebrews+8.5&t=NKJV) (*tupos*, translated “pattern,” KJV/NKJV) and in [Hebrews 9:9](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Hebrews+9.9&t=NKJV) (*parabole*, translated “figure,” KJV; and “symbolic,” NKJV)]. In this respect, the word *parabole* in [Hebrews 9:9](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Hebrews+9.9&t=NKJV); [11:19](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Hebrews+11.19&t=NKJV) would not only have to do with truth placed alongside of previous truth but, as well, with truth placed alongside of that which the type foreshadowed — future truth.

Abraham receiving his son in a parable would be truth placed alongside that which would occur 2,000 years in the future — the Father receiving His Son in exactly the same manner in the antitype. Thus, *tupos* and *parabole* become somewhat interchangeable words in this account [as well as the use of the two words earlier relative to the tabernacle].)

It then follows in these five chapters ([Genesis 21-25](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+21-25&t=NKJV)) that “Abraham” is a type of *God the Father*, “Isaac” a type of *God the Son*, and Abraham’s two wives (“Sarah” in [Genesis 23](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+23&t=NKJV), and “Keturah” in [Genesis 25](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+25&t=NKJV)) are types of Israel, *the wife of Jehovah*. Then, Abraham sending his “servant” into Mesopotamia to procure a bride for his son between the time Sarah dies and the time he marries Keturah could point to only one thing — God sending *the Holy Spirit* into the world to procure a bride for His Son between the time Israel is set aside and the time Israel is restored. Thus, one can immediately see that there is a God-provided, dispensational framework of events in these five chapters.

1) The Birth of Isaac ([Genesis 21](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+21&t=NKJV))

Isaac was born in a supernatural manner at a set time. Sarah was barren and beyond the age of childbearing, but God intervened, returned to Sarah “*according to the time of life*,” and “*Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the set time of which God had spoken to him*.” ([Genesis 17:1-7](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+17.1-7&t=NKJV), [16-21](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+17.16-21&t=NKJV); [18:10-14](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+18.10-14&t=NKJV); [21:1-7](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+21.1-7&t=NKJV)).

The birth of Christ occurred in a supernatural manner at a set time ([Galatians 4:4](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Galatians+4.4&t=NKJV)). Israel, as Sarah, was barren ([Matthew 21:19](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Matthew+21.19&t=NKJV)); but, through a supernatural work, as seen in the type, Israel brought forth God’s Son. God Himself became flesh in the person of His Son — the God-Man ([John 1:14](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=John+1.14&t=NKJV)).

*“Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit”* ([Matthew 1:18](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Matthew+1.18&t=NKJV)).

2) The Offering of Isaac ([Genesis 22](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+22&t=NKJV))

Years later, God instructed Abraham to offer his son for a burnt-offering upon a particular mountain in the land of Moriah. After Abraham and Isaac were on the mountain, God provided a substitute to die in Isaac’s stead. Isaac paid the penalty for sin through a ram slain in his stead — a substitutionary atonement ([Genesis 22:13](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+22.13&t=NKJV)). Then, resurrection is seen through Abraham receiving his son on the third day in *a parable* ([Genesis 22:4](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+22.4&t=NKJV)), reflecting back on previous types but also pointing forward to the resurrection of God’s Son in the antitype on the third day.

God offered His Son at Calvary on a particular mountain in the land of Moriah. And God’s Son may very well have died on the exact spot that Abraham offered his son. God, 2,000 years earlier, in the type, was very particular about the place in which Abraham was to offer his son; and this place was afterwards called “Jehovah-jireh,” meaning, “*In the mount of the Lord it shall be seen* (KJV) [*lit*., ‘In the Mount of The LORD it shall be provided’ (NKJV)]” (*cf*. [Genesis 22:2](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+22.2&t=NKJV), [14](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+22.14&t=NKJV)).

A substitutionary atonement for man was provided at Calvary. God Himself in the person of His Son — the Passover Lamb — paid the penalty for sin. God purchased man’s salvation with His own blood ([Acts 20:28](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Acts+20.28&t=NKJV)). The Jewish Passover, 33 A.D., was *the day God died* — to be raised from the dead on the third day ([Genesis 22:4](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+22.4&t=NKJV); [Luke 24:21](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Luke+24.21&t=NKJV)).

3) The Death of Sarah ([Genesis 23](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+23&t=NKJV))

Following the offering of Isaac, the wife of Abraham, Sarah, died. This can only point to that which occurred following the offering of Jesus. It was at this time that the wife of God the Father, Israel (a divorced wife, awaiting restoration), was set aside for a revealed time and purpose.

4) The Bride for Isaac ([Genesis 24](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+24&t=NKJV))

Following the death of Sarah, Abraham sent his eldest servant into Mesopotamia to procure a bride for Isaac. This can only point to that which occurred following the setting aside of Israel — God the Father then sent the Holy Spirit into the world to procure a bride for His Son.

After Abraham’s servant had procured the bride, he removed the bride from Mesopotamia and returned to Abraham’s home with the bride. This can only point to that which the Holy Spirit will do after He has procured the bride. The Holy Spirit will then remove the bride from the world and return to the Father’s home with the bride.

5) The Remarriage of Abraham ([Genesis 25](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+25&t=NKJV))

Following the completion of the servant’s mission in Mesopotamia, Abraham again took a wife, Keturah. Abraham’s previous wife, Sarah, had been *barren* in childbearing; but Keturah was *very fruitful.*

This can only point to that which will occur relative to God and Israel after the Holy Spirit completes His mission in the world. God, following this time, will again take Israel unto Himself as His wife. Israel today is the adulterous, divorced wife of Jehovah. But in that future day, following Israel’s repentance, the nation will be cleansed of her harlotry. And, as Abraham married Keturah following the procurement of a bride for his son, God will remarry Israel following the procurement of a bride for His Son. Then, as Keturah was very fruitful where Sarah was barren ([Genesis 16:1](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+16.1&t=NKJV); [25:2](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+25.2&t=NKJV)), restored Israel will be *very fruitful* where the nation in the past was *barren* ([Jonah 1:1ff](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Jonah+1.1ff&t=NKJV); [3:1ff](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Jonah+3.1ff&t=NKJV)).

Scope of [Genesis 24](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+24&t=NKJV)

With the complete picture before us concerning events both before and after the bride has been called out, one can immediately see the proper time in which events surrounding the procurement of a bride for God’s Son occur. According to the type, *they must occur during the present dispensation, while Israel is set aside*.

The journey of Abraham’s servant into the far country and his search for and procurement of a bride for Isaac will form the material for the remainder of this chapter.

1) Old Age of Abraham ([Genesis 24:1](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+24.1&t=NKJV))

This typifies the eternity of God. God’s plans and purposes date from eternity ([Acts 15:18](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Acts+15.18&t=NKJV)). The bride was chosen in the Son from “*before the foundation of the world*” ([Ephesians 1:4](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Ephesians+1.4&t=NKJV)). As Eve was created in Adam at the beginning, but not removed as a separate entity until Adam was put to sleep and his side opened, thus it is with the bride of Christ. The bride was created in the last Adam from eternity, but could not be removed as a separate entity until Christ had been crucified and His side opened, from whence blood and water flowed forth — the two elements necessary to bring the bride into existence (*ref*. Chapter 1 in this book).

2) Servant of Abraham ([Genesis 24:2](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+24.2&t=NKJV))

The eldest servant of Abraham is not named in [Genesis 24](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+24&t=NKJV). Though some individuals attempt to identify this servant with a previously named servant in [Genesis 15:2](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+15.2&t=NKJV) — “*Eliezer of Damascus*” — his identity in chapter twenty-four is unrevealed and unknown. About fifty years had elapsed between the events in chapters fifteen and twenty-four, and the two servants mentioned may or may not be the same person.

The servant, typifying the Holy Spirit, was sent into Mesopotamia for a specific purpose, given in the chapter. He was sent into Mesopotamia to search for and procure a bride for Abraham’s son. And the purpose for the Holy Spirit being sent into the world in the antitype must be exactly the same — to search for and procure a bride for God’s Son.

3) Covenant with Abraham ([Genesis 24:2-9](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+24.2-9&t=NKJV), [37](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+24.37&t=NKJV))

Before Abraham’s servant traveled to Mesopotamia to search for and procure a bride for his master’s son, Abraham made the servant swear “*by the LORD, the God of heaven and the God of the earth"*, that he would take a wife for his son *only from among his own kindred, in his own country* ([Genesis 24:3-4](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+24.3-4&t=NKJV)).

The servant left Abraham’s house to go into Mesopotamia with the specific instructions that the bride for Isaac was to be taken *only from the family of Abraham*. The bride would be removed from the family (called out of the family) and constitute only a small part of the family.

In like fashion, remaining completely within that which is revealed in the type, the Holy Spirit presently in the world searching for a bride for God’s Son *would have to be conducting this search under the same instructions seen in the type*. The Spirit presently in the world, searching for the bride, of necessity, would have to be conducting this search under a single, direct command from the Father: *The bride for God’s Son must be taken only from among members of the family, from among the saved.*

The type in [Genesis 24](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+24&t=NKJV) requires that the bride be *called out of the called, called out of the saved*, not called out of the unsaved (represented by the Canaanite in the type). And this is in complete accord with the previous type, where Adam’s bride was *removed from his body* ([Genesis 2](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+2&t=NKJV)).

(Genesis chapter twenty-four provides a good illustration of how a subsequent type will shed additional light on a previous type [[Genesis 2](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+2&t=NKJV)] while remaining in complete agreement, in every detail, with the previous type.)

Abraham’s son was not to be brought into Mesopotamia again ([Genesis 24:6](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+24.6&t=NKJV)). And the task of procuring the bride was left entirely to Abraham’s servant, who was sent into Mesopotamia *alone*. In like manner, God’s Son is not to be brought into the world again; and the work of procuring the bride has been left entirely to the Holy Spirit, who was sent into the world *alone*. Christ died ONCE to pay the ransom for the bride — His own blood. And the Son, as Isaac, remains at home with the Father while the Holy Spirit, as Abraham’s servant, searches for and procures the bride in the world.

(There are two main realms in which the Spirit works in the world today — breathing life into the one who has no life [the salvation of the unsaved], and the search for a bride for God’s Son [which has to do with *a work among the saved, a work among those in whom He had previously breathed life*]. And the latter, the search for a bride for God’s Son, *occurring among the saved alone, has to do with the saving of the soul*.

The Spirit was already in the world to do a work among the unsaved [and had been since that seen in [Genesis 1:2b](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+1.2b&t=NKJV) ff], but the Spirit is also seen being sent into the world at the beginning of this present dispensation to search for and procure a bride for God’s Son [[Acts 2:1ff](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Acts+2.1ff&t=NKJV)].)

4) Possessions of Abraham ([Genesis 24:10](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+24.10&t=NKJV))

Abraham’s servant took ten camels laden with his master’s goods and departed into Mesopotamia. “Ten” in Scripture is the number of *ordinal completion*. “Ten camels” were required because ALL *of the master’s goods were in his hands.*

The Holy Spirit presently in the world has in His possession ALL *of the Master’s goods*, which are to be found in the Word of God alone. The Holy Spirit — the One who gave this Word, the One in possession of these goods — is the only One who can, and will, reveal them to the prospective bride.

And it should go without saying that any Christian who reads and studies God’s revelation MUST do so under the leadership of the Holy Spirit, who both gave and reveals the Word. The Bible remains *a closed book* to all others.

5) Divine Intervention in the Search ([Genesis 24:11-15](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+24.11-15&t=NKJV), [40](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+24.40&t=NKJV))

It was God who brought about the meeting of Abraham’s servant and Rebekah. As Abraham’s servant stood by a particular well of water, Rebekah approached to draw water from the well. Every aspect of the search for the bride is marked by divine intervention and fraught with spiritual significance.

The Holy Spirit is in the world today standing by a particular Well of Water (a type of the Word of God; *cf*. [Isaiah 12:3](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Isaiah+12.3&t=NKJV); [55:1](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Isaiah+55.1&t=NKJV)). And the bride is the one who comes to the Well to draw Water.

6) Qualities of the Bride ([Genesis 24:15-22](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+24.15-22&t=NKJV))

The bride being sought by the Holy Spirit in the world today is:

a) From the Family ([Genesis 24:15](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+24.15&t=NKJV))

The bride is being called out of the new creation in Christ where there is neither Jew nor Gentile. Those within this new creation are referred to as both “*children*” and “*sons*” of God, awaiting the adoption into a *firstborn* status. They are “*Abraham’s seed* [by being ‘*in Christ*,’ who is Abraham’s Seed], *and heirs according to the promise* [heavenly, not earthly]” (*cf*. [Genesis 22:17](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+22.17&t=NKJV); [Romans 8:17](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Romans+8.17&t=NKJV); [Galatians 3:29](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Galatians+3.29&t=NKJV)).

b) A Virgin ([Genesis 24:16](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+24.16&t=NKJV))

This aspect of the bride is further illustrated in the parable of the ten virgins ([Matthew 25:1-13](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Matthew+25.1-13&t=NKJV)). Many Bible students associate these ten virgins with Israel awaiting the coming of the nation’s Messiah, but such an interpretation of the passage is not biblically possible. These ten virgins are associated with *the kingdom of the heavens* ([Matthew 25:1](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Matthew+25.1&t=NKJV)), which had previously been taken from Israel ([Matthew 21:43](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Matthew+21.43&t=NKJV)).

(In reality, throughout the present dispensation, Israel occupies the place of an adulterous woman, not a virgin. And Israel will not forsake her harlotry, or be cleansed relative to her harlotry, until AFTER the nation’s Messiah returns [[Hosea 2](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Hosea+2&t=NKJV); [3](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Hosea+3&t=NKJV); *cf*. [Hosea 5:15-6:2](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Hosea+5.15-6.2&t=NKJV)].)

The ten virgins represent those to whom the offer of the kingdom of the heavens is presently being extended. They, thus, could only represent ALL of the saved (“ten,” showing *ordinal completion*) during the present dispensation (all of the called). And the five wise virgins, singled out from among the ten (singled out from among all of the called), would represent those who will form the bride (those called out of the called).

All ten of the virgins possessed lamps with oil ([Matthew 24:1](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Matthew+24.1&t=NKJV), [7-8](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Matthew+24.7-8&t=NKJV) ASV). The request of the five foolish virgins in [Matthew 25:8](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Matthew+25.8&t=NKJV) should read, “*Give us of your oil; for our lamps are going out*” (*ref*., ASV, NASB, NIV). The difference between the wise and foolish virgins lay, not in the thought that the foolish had no oil (otherwise, their lamps could not be “*going out*”), but in the fact that the wise virgins possessed *an extra supply of oil*.

“Oil” is symbolic of *the Holy Spirit* ([Leviticus 8:10-12](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Leviticus+8.10-12&t=NKJV); [21:12](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Leviticus+21.12&t=NKJV); [1 Samuel 10:1](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=1Samuel+10.1&t=NKJV), [6](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=1Samuel+10.6&t=NKJV); [16:13](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=1Samuel+16.13&t=NKJV)). The five wise virgins possessing an extra supply of oil typify Christians possessing an extra supply of the Holy Spirit, *i.e*., Christians filled with the Holy Spirit; and the five foolish virgins *lacking the extra supply* of oil typify Christians lacking an extra supply of the Holy Spirit, *i.e.*, Christians not filled with the Holy Spirit.

All ten of the virgins in Matthew chapter twenty-five went forth to meet the Bridegroom *together* — just as all Christians will go forth to meet the Bridegroom together. But only those five wise virgins with an extra supply of oil entered into the marriage festivities ([Matthew 25:10](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Matthew+25.10&t=NKJV)). Thus, will it be in the future experience of Christians relative to being filled or not being filled with the Holy Spirit.

c) Able to Draw Water from the Well ([Exodus 2:16-22](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Exodus+2.16-22&t=NKJV))

The bride is to be taken from Christians who are able to draw from the Word of God. Not only was Isaac’s bride found by a well, but also Jacob’s bride ([Genesis 29:6-10](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+29.6-10&t=NKJV)), and Moses’ bride ([Exodus 2:16-21](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Exodus+2.16-21&t=NKJV)).

There is a close connection between being filled with the Spirit and dwelling deeply in the Word of God. Ephesians and Colossians are companion epistles and parallel one another in a number of places. One parallel is found by comparing [Ephesians 5:18-20](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Ephesians+5.18-20&t=NKJV) with [Colossians 3:16-17](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Colossians+3.16-17&t=NKJV).

In Ephesians, Christians are told,

*And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit,*

*speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord,*

*giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ”*  ([Ephesians 5:18-20](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Ephesians+5.18-20&t=NKJV))

Then, in Colossians, Christians are told,

*Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.*

*And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.”* ([Colossians 3:16-17](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Colossians+3.16-17&t=NKJV))

Note the contextual parallel between the command to “*be filled with the Spirit*” in Ephesians and the command to “*let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom*” in Colossians. The inference is clear that a Christian who is “*filled with the Spirit*” is one who *has allowed the Word of Christ to dwell in him richly in all wisdom*. And this is not simply a reference to possessing knowledge of the Word of God. Rather, it has to do with possessing *knowledge of the Word of God, connected with wisdom from above*. It is allowing the Word to dwell in an individual, *in all wisdom*, as he studies and prays over this Word under the leadership of the Holy Spirit.

The bride is to be made up of such Christians — dwelling near and drawing from the Well — who are being called out of the larger body of Christians. Christians possessing knowledge of the Word, in line with that revealed in [Ephesians 5:18-20](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Ephesians+5.18-20&t=NKJV) and [Colossians 3:16-17](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Colossians+3.16-17&t=NKJV), will find themselves in a position to overcome in the present spiritual warfare ([Ephesians 6:10ff](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Ephesians+6.10ff&t=NKJV)). And the inverse of that would be true for Christians lacking such knowledge of the Word.

7) Riches of Abraham Revealed ([Genesis 24:53](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+24.53&t=NKJV))

Abraham’s servant brought forth “*jewelry of silver, jewelry of gold, and clothing*,” and gave them to Rebekah. And he gave also to her brother and to her mother “*precious things*.” The riches of the father — belonging to Isaac ([Genesis 24:36](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+24.36&t=NKJV)) — were revealed and given to Rebekah. Some of the precious things among these riches were even distributed among other members of the family.

During the present dispensation, the Holy Spirit brings forth treasures, revealing them to the bride. These treasures are found in the Word of God, and are brought forth as the bride, under the leadership of the Holy Spirit, dwells deeply in the Word of God.

These treasures are presently being revealed to the bride ([1 Corinthians 2:9-10](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=1Corinthians+2.9-10&t=NKJV)) to show the bride that which will belong to her when she inherits with the Son in the coming age ([John 16:15](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=John+16.15&t=NKJV); [Ephesians 3:6](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Ephesians+3.6&t=NKJV), [8](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Ephesians+3.8&t=NKJV); [1 Peter 1:4](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=1Peter+1.4&t=NKJV)). And according to the type, some of the precious things belonging to the Son are even revealed to other members of the family — Christians who will not participate in the activities awaiting the bride.

If one understands the work of the Holy Spirit in the world as set forth in [Genesis 24](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+24&t=NKJV), he will have little problem with that which is erroneously being promulgated in almost the whole of Christendom relative to the work of the Holy Spirit during the present dispensation. Invariably, Christians link the Spirit’s work during the present dispensation primarily with a work surrounding the gospel of grace. Though this is a work of the Spirit during the present dispensation, *it is not a work peculiar to the present dispensation*; and it has *absolutely nothing* to do with the reason why the Spirit was sent into the world in the antitype of that which is seen in Genesis chapter twenty-four, on the day of Pentecost in 33 A.D.

The Holy Spirit has always been in the world relative to *His unchanging work* surrounding salvation by grace, breathing life into the one who has no life (spiritual life). This *must* be the case, for, according to the original type ([Genesis 1:2-5](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+1.2-5&t=NKJV)), He is the One who moved/presently moves upon the ruined creation, effecting a change, with subsequent types pointing to the fact that He is the One who does a work among the unsaved, based on death and shed blood, causing the person to pass “*from death to life*” (*cf*. [Genesis 2:7](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+2.7&t=NKJV); [Ezekiel 37:1-10](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Ezekiel+37.1-10&t=NKJV); [John 5:24](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=John+5.24&t=NKJV); [Ephesians 2:1](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Ephesians+2.1&t=NKJV), [5](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Ephesians+2.5&t=NKJV)). And apart from this work of the Spirit, there could have been no salvation for man during prior dispensations and nor can there be salvation for man during the present dispensation.

It is only during the present dispensation — extending from Pentecost to the rapture, a 2,000-year period — that the work of the Spirit is seen in *a different capacity* than it is seen in any previous dispensation (though His work relative to salvation by grace remains *exactly the same during the present dispensation as in any previous dispensation — breathing life into the one previously having no life, performed on the basis of death and shed blood*). The Spirit is seen being sent at the beginning of this dispensation to perform *a work completely peculiar to the present dispensation*, which has nothing to do with salvation by grace.

Rather, the work that He was sent to perform during the present dispensation has to do *solely with searching for and procuring a bride for God’s Son*. And this special, particular work (*e.g*., [Ephesians 1:13-14](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Ephesians+1.13-14&t=NKJV)) should *never* be confused with the Spirit’s continuing work relative to salvation by grace.

Abraham’s servant was in Mesopotamia to seek a bride for Isaac. This was his mission, and *nothing* could turn him aside from this task. Once the prospective bride had been found, Abraham’s servant began to reveal the possessions, wealth, and glories belonging to Isaac. These had been entrusted to Abraham’s servant during the time which he was to spend in Mesopotamia searching for the bride.

In like manner, the Holy Spirit is presently in the world seeking a bride for God’s Son, Jesus. This is His mission, and *nothing* will turn Him aside from this task. Once a prospective member of the bride has been found, the Holy Spirit begins to reveal the possessions, wealth, and glories belonging to God’s Son. These have been entrusted by the Father to the Holy Spirit during the time when He is in the world searching for the bride.

8) Invitation to the Bride ([Genesis 24:58](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+24.58&t=NKJV))

After Rebekah had been shown the possessions, wealth, and glories of Isaac — which could be hers as the bride of Isaac — she was extended a simple invitation: “*Will you go with this man?*” Her answer was equally simple: “*I will go*.” Note that Rebekah did not have to go. A negative answer would not have changed her family status. But such an answer would have changed her status forever in relation to the bride and the inheritance awaiting the bride.

Likewise today, after the Holy Spirit has revealed to Christians the possession, wealth, and glories awaiting them as joint-heirs with the Son, the simple invitation is extended: “*Will you go?*” The Christian himself must decide whether he would be content just to be a member of the family, or whether he desires to inherit with the Son and participate in His glory. There is no force or coercion — just a simple invitation.

It is interesting to note that immediately after Rebekah made her decision to go with Abraham’s servant and be the bride of Isaac, other members of her family sought to delay her journey. It is the same among members of the family today (among other Christians today). Once a Christian decides, “*I will go*,” and begins to govern his life accordingly, he experiences trouble. And this trouble invariably emanates from other family members — from other Christians who have little or no appreciation of these things (*cf*. [Matthew 13:20-21](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Matthew+13.20-21&t=NKJV)).

9) Journey toward Isaac’s Home ([Genesis 24:61](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+24.61&t=NKJV))

*Then Rebekah and her maids arose, and they rode on the camels and followed the man. So the servant took Rebekah and departed.*

The servant took Rebekah and her damsels out of the land on *ten camels* and journeyed toward Isaac’s home (the number of camels is not given at the time of departure but inferred from the number of camels [ten] that the servant had when he came into the land [[Genesis 24:10](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+24.10&t=NKJV)]). “Ten” — the number of *ordinal completion* — signifies that ALL of the damsels went out to meet Isaac (*cf*. [Matthew 25:1-13](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Matthew+25.1-13&t=NKJV); [Luke 19:12-24](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Luke+19.12-24&t=NKJV)).

For Christians who have eyes to see, this hardly needs comment. The antitype is easily seen. After the Holy Spirit has procured the bride, ALL Christians (the dead raised and removed with the living) will depart this world with the Holy Spirit and journey toward the Son’s home. This will take place at the end of the present dispensation, after the Father has prospered the Holy Spirit’s journey in the far country ([Genesis 24:21](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+24.21&t=NKJV)). After a sufficient number of Christians, necessary to occupy the positions of power and authority in the coming kingdom of Christ, have been called out — responded in a positive manner to the question, “*Will you go*” — The events of [1 Thessalonians 4:16-17](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=1Thessalonians+4.16-17&t=NKJV), synonymous with that foreshadowed by [Genesis 24:61](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+24.61&t=NKJV), will occur.

10) Meeting of Isaac and Rebekah ([Genesis 24:62-67](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+24.62-67&t=NKJV))

Rebekah went forth toward Isaac’s home, and Isaac came forth toward Rebekah’s home. Their meeting occurred between these two places, at “*evening*” ([Genesis 24:63](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+24.63&t=NKJV)). They then journeyed to Isaac’s home, where Rebekah became Isaac’s wife.

Christians and the Lord Jesus Christ will meet part way between earth and heaven, at “*evening*” — at the end of the present dispensation. The bride will then go with the Bridegroom to His home, where she will become His wife.

When Rebekah met Isaac, she put on her veil and was separated from the other damsels who accompanied her. When the bride meets the Bridegroom, she will put on her veil (a type of the wedding garment) and be separated from the other Christians who accompany her (*cf*. [Matthew 22:11-14](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Matthew+22.11-14&t=NKJV); [Revelation 19:7-8](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Revelation+19.7-8&t=NKJV)).

This separation of Christians, in the antitype, will occur at the Judgment Seat of Christ. And the bride will then subsequently be allowed to “*array herself in fine linen, bright and pure*” (ASV) and be revealed as the prospective wife of the Lamb for all to behold ([Revelation 19:7-10](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Revelation+19.7-10&t=NKJV)).

This is the time which the entire creation — presently groaning and travailing under the bondage of sin — is awaiting ([Romans 8:18-23](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Romans+8.18-23&t=NKJV)). This is the time when the true Hallelujah Chorus will be sung:

*After these things I heard a loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, saying, “Alleluia! Salvation and glory and honor and power belong to the Lord our God!” . . .*

*Again they said, “Alleluia!” …*

*And the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God who sat on the throne, saying, “Amen! Alleluia!”*

*Then a voice came from the throne, saying, “Praise our God, all you His servants and those who fear Him, both small and great!”*

*And I heard, as it were, the voice of a great multitude, as the sound of many waters and as the sound of mighty thunderings, saying, “Alleluia! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigns!*

*Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage* [‘marriage festivities’] *of the Lamb has come* . .. .” ([Revelation 19:1](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Revelation+19.1&t=NKJV), [3](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Revelation+19.3&t=NKJV), [4-7a](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Revelation+19.4-7a&t=NKJV) [3a])

(For information on the wedding festivities in [Revelation 19:7-9](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Revelation+19.7-9&t=NKJV), which immediately precede the bride becoming the Lamb’s wife, refer to the author’s book, in this site, [The Time of the End BOOK](https://www.koffeekupkandor.com/gods-word-in-revelation.php#The%20Time%20of%20the%20End), Chapter 30, “The Marriage Supper of the Lamb.”)

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Chapter Three

**Jacob and Rachel**

*Then Isaac called Jacob and blessed him, and charged him, and said to him: “You shall not take a wife from the daughters of Canaan.*

*Arise, go to Padan Aram, to the house of Bethuel your mother's father; and take yourself a wife from there of the daughters of Laban your mother's brother” . . .*

*Then he [Jacob] dreamed, and behold, a ladder was set up on the earth, and its top reached to heaven; and there the angels of God were ascending and descending on it.*

*And behold, the LORD stood above it and said: “I am the LORD God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and your descendants.*

*Also your descendants shall be as the dust of the earth; you shall spread abroad to the west and the east, to the north and the south; and in you and in your seed all the families of the earth shall be blessed.*

*Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have spoken to you.”*

*Then Jacob awoke from his sleep . . .*

*And he called the name of that place Bethel . .* . . ([Genesis 28:1-2](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+28.1-2&t=NKJV), [12-16](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+28.12-16&t=NKJV), [19a](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+28.19a&t=NKJV) [16a])

The experiences of Jacob constitute one of the numerous dual types found throughout Scripture. That which God revealed through Jacob sets forth typical experiences of God’s two firstborn Sons — *Jesus* and *the nation of Israel.*

A primary reference associating “Jacob” with *the nation of Israel* can be seen through the manner in which God dealt with his descendants. Jacob’s descendants were to be multiplied as “*the dust of the earth*” ([Genesis 28:14](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+28.14&t=NKJV)). And this would parallel a previous statement concerning Isaac’s descendants, which were to be multiplied “*as the stars of heaven*” ([Genesis 26:4](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+26.4&t=NKJV)).

To understand that which is in view, one must go back to a prior section of Scripture where reference is made to Abraham’s descendants in relation to both *heavenly* and *earthly* realms:

*blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply your descendants as the stars of the heaven and as the sand which is on the seashore; and your descendants shall possess the gate of their enemies.*

*In your seed* (descendants) *all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice”* ([Genesis 22:17-18](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+22.17-18&t=NKJV); *cf*. [Genesis 14:19-20](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+14.19-20&t=NKJV)).

Abraham and his lineage were to realize both *heavenly* and *earthly* promises and blessings. And, realizing these promises and blessings, the descendants of Abraham were to *“possess the gate of their enemies” in both realms*.

The “*gate*” was where *the affairs of a city were transacted in that day* (*e.g.*, [Ruth 4:1ff](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Ruth+4.1ff&t=NKJV)). Individuals “*possessing the gate* [of a city]” would be looked upon as *controlling the affairs of that city.* And, reflecting back on the purpose for man’s creation in the beginning ([Genesis 1:26-28](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+1.26-28&t=NKJV)), possessing the gate of the enemy in both *heavenly* and *earthly* realms for man would refer particularly to *governmental control* in these realms.

The reference is to a time yet future, when the Seed (descendants) of Abraham (*Christ, Israel*, and *the Church* [which will occupy the position of a third firstborn son following the adoption]) will control the affairs of state presently controlled by the enemy. The “*enemy*” who controls affairs in the heavenly realm is *Satan and his angels*; and the “*enemy*” who controls affairs in the earthly realm is *the Gentile nations*, ruling under Satan and his angels (*cf*. [Psalm 110:1](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Psalm+110.1&t=NKJV); [Daniel 10:12-20](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Daniel+10.12-20&t=NKJV); [Luke 19:27](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Luke+19.27&t=NKJV); [Ephesians 6:12ff](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Ephesians+6.12ff&t=NKJV); [Revelation 12:7-10](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Revelation+12.7-10&t=NKJV)).

Israel during Old Testament times was made the repository for both *heavenly* and *earthly* promises and blessings, for no other seed (descendants) of Abraham (within the lineage associated with these blessings and promises [*cf*. [Genesis 17:18](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+17.18&t=NKJV), [21](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+17.21&t=NKJV); [21:12](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+21.12&t=NKJV)]) existed at that time.

However, at Christ’s first coming, Israel rejected and forfeited the proffered heavenly sphere of the kingdom, wherein the heavenly promises and blessings lay. And after Israel had rejected and forfeited this heavenly sphere of the kingdom, God called an entirely new creation into existence, with a view to this new creation being the recipient of that which Israel had rejected ([Matthew 21:33-43](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Matthew+21.33-43&t=NKJV); [2 Corinthians 5:17](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=2Corinthians+5.17&t=NKJV); [1 Peter 2:9-10](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=1Peter+2.9-10&t=NKJV)).

“Christians,” who are *Abraham’s seed* (descendants) by their positional standing *in Christ* (who is Abraham’s Seed), are now the ones in line to inherit *the heavenly promises and blessings within the heavenly sphere of the kingdom that Israel rejected* ([Galatians 3:29](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Galatians+3.29&t=NKJV); [Ephesians 1:10-14](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Ephesians+1.10-14&t=NKJV)). And it is among Christians, those comprising the *“one new man,” the new creation “in Christ,”* that the Spirit is presently conducting His search for a bride for God’s Son.

As previously seen, the bride for God’s Son must come from God’s own family (*ref*. Chapter 2 in this book). And God’s family in this respect can’t be a reference to Israel (for Israel, previously the wife of Jehovah, though now divorced, is destined to one day be restored [[Isaiah 54:5](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Isaiah+54.5&t=NKJV); [Jeremiah 3:14](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Jeremiah+3.14&t=NKJV); [Hosea 2:19](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Hosea+2.19&t=NKJV), [20](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Hosea+2.20&t=NKJV)]). The bride can come only from *the new creation “in Christ,”* for, aside from Israel, God has no other family members on earth. And this *new creation*, unlike Israel, *does not* possess a past or future connection with God in relation to marriage ([2 Corinthians 11:2](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=2Corinthians+11.2&t=NKJV); [Ephesians 1:12-15](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Ephesians+1.12-15&t=NKJV); [5:21-32](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Ephesians+5.21-32&t=NKJV)).

(Christ, the second Man, the last Adam, can no more rule apart from possessing a wife to rule with Him than could the first man, the first Adam have ruled in this capacity in the type.

Adam was *incomplete* without Eve. She was part of his very being and *completed* Adam [[Genesis 2:23-24](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+2.23-24&t=NKJV)]. Adam could only have taken the scepter and ascended the throne as *a complete being,* which would have required Eve to be at his side as consort queen. And so must it be in the antitype surrounding Christ and His wife.

God established a principle concerning the matter at the time of Man’s creation — “. . . *let them* [the man and the woman together] *have dominion*” [[Genesis 1:26-28](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+1.26-28&t=NKJV)]. And this principle *cannot* be violated. Man *cannot* rule this earth, fulfilling the purpose for his creation, apart from the Husband-wife relationship — whether relating to Israel or the Church.)

After the Spirit has procured the bride and after God subsequently concludes His unfinished dealings with Israel (seven years yet remain — Daniel’s unfulfilled 70th Week), that which is stated in [Genesis 22:17](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+22.17&t=NKJV) will then be brought to pass. The Seed (descendants) of Abraham, both *heavenly* and *earthly*, will then *possess the gate of the enemy.*

The Seed (descendants) of Abraham will control the affairs of state from both *heavenly* and *earthly realms* — Christ and His wife from *a heavenly realm*, and God and Israel from *an earthly realm*.

Christ and His wife will rule from the heavenly Jerusalem over the nations of the earth. Christ will be seated on His own throne, and His wife will be seated on this throne with Him as well ([Revelation 2:26-27](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Revelation+2.26-27&t=NKJV); [3:21](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Revelation+3.21&t=NKJV)).

On earth, Israel will be restored as the wife of Jehovah, and the theocracy will be restored to Israel. And, in keeping with the principle that God Himself set forth in the beginning, Jehovah’s wife on earth can no more rule apart from a Husband (the King [God], with His consort queen [Israel]) than can Christ’s wife rule in the heavens apart from a Husband (the King [Christ], with His consort queen [the Church]). God will have to rule on earth in the midst of Israel, within an existing Husband-wife relationship ([Genesis 1:26](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+1.26&t=NKJV); [Joel 2:27](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Joel+2.27&t=NKJV)).

God’s rule on earth in the midst of Israel though may possibly be brought to pass through His Son, who is God manifested in the flesh. The Father will turn the kingdom over to the Son, with the Son inheriting all things; and the Son will occupy *a dual position* in the kingdom. Not only will God’s Son be seated on *His own throne in the heavens*, but He will also be seated on *David’s throne on the earth*, in the midst of Israel ([Luke 1:31-32](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Luke+1.31-32&t=NKJV); [Revelation 3:21](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Revelation+3.21&t=NKJV)). He will have *a dual reign* in this respect and may very well be recognized as Jehovah Himself relative to the Husband-wife relationship that must exist between God and Israel in that day.

In [Genesis 28](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+28&t=NKJV), though the things promised Jacob are in connection with *the earthly realm* of the kingdom, Jacob, at this time, would have had just as much claim as Isaac to promises and blessings in *the heavenly realm* as well. The reference to *heavenly* for one (Isaac) and *earthly* for the other (Jacob) was apparently for an emphasis that God wanted to make at these two points in His Word relative to different things revealed concerning each individual, for both men could only have had an equal claim to *both realms*. That would be to say, God wanted to call particular attention to things concerning *the heavenly realm* at one point in His Word when dealing with Isaac and to things concerning *the earthly realm* at another point in His Word when dealing with Jacob, though both, in actuality, would pertain equally to both men.

Jacob – A Type of Israel

Jacob, like the nation of Israel, left the land covenanted to his fathers and became a merchantman and a wanderer in a strange land. But Jacob, like Israel, possessed God’s promise that in all places where he went, God would be with him and eventually restore him to his own land.

While in a strange land Jacob went to Laban, his mother’s brother, began to serve Laban, was mistreated by Laban, but became a crafty merchantman who grew wealthy at Laban’s expense.

Israel, in a strange land during the times of the Gentiles, has served Gentile causes and has been mistreated by the Gentiles. And the Jewish people, in turn, as Jacob, have become crafty merchantmen who are growing wealthy at the expense of the Gentiles.

(“Laban,” though *Abraham’s kinsman* [[Genesis 24:15](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+24.15&t=NKJV), [29](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+24.29&t=NKJV)], can typify *the Gentiles* because, as Esau, he is not part of the lineage of Abraham through Isaac, Jacob, and Jacob’s twelve sons.)

After acquiring a certain amount of wealth from Laban, Jacob expressed a desire to return to the land of his fathers ([Genesis 30:25-26](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+30.25-26&t=NKJV)). But the time for his return, although near, had not arrived. God’s command for Jacob to return came only *after Jacob had acquired ALL of Laban’s wealth* ([Genesis 31:1-3](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+31.1-3&t=NKJV)).

From [Genesis 28:15](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+28.15&t=NKJV) to [Genesis 31:3](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+31.3&t=NKJV) God *did not* speak to Jacob. *The heavens remained closed during the entire time of Jacob’s exile*. God *did not* speak to Jacob *until it was time for him to return*. Jacob then returned to *Bethel* (meaning, “the house of God”), the same place from which he had departed at the beginning of his exile, bearing the riches of Laban ([Genesis 28:19](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+28.19&t=NKJV); [31:17-18](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+31.17-18&t=NKJV); [35:1](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+35.1&t=NKJV), [8](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+35.8&t=NKJV)). And at Bethel the Abrahamic covenant, concerning ownership of the land, was *reaffirmed* to Jacob ([Genesis 35:9-12](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+35.9-12&t=NKJV)).

Israel today has acquired a certain amount of wealth from the Gentiles (though far from *all wealth*) and is expressing a desire to return to the land. But the time for Israel’s return, although near, has not arrived. We’re still living during the Times of the Gentiles, and God *has not* issued the command for Israel to return.

The present return of a remnant to the land is NOT the restoration prophesied numerous times in the Old Testament and set forth in type by the experiences surrounding Jacob’s return. This return has occurred during a time when the heavens, relative to Israel, *remain closed*. This return (resulting from a Zionistic movement that began during the closing years of the nineteenth century) has occurred during that period depicted by Jacob’s exile, from [Genesis 28:15](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+28.15&t=NKJV) to [Genesis 31:3](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+31.3&t=NKJV).

This present return of the Jewish people has occurred *during the Times of the Gentiles, during their time of exile, while the heavens remain closed, prior to their acquisition of ALL the wealth of the Gentiles, and prior to God’s command for the Jewish people to return.*

Regardless of that which has occurred, *that which is revealed in the Word cannot change*. The Word of God *clearly declares* that during the entire time of Israel’s present exile, *the Times of the Gentiles will continue, the heavens will remain closed*, *and God will not speak to Israel again until that time which is foreshadowed by* [*Genesis 31:3*](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+31.3&t=NKJV) (*cf*. [Jeremiah 30:3](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Jeremiah+30.3&t=NKJV), [7-10](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Jeremiah+30.7-10&t=NKJV), [18](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Jeremiah+30.18&t=NKJV); [31:8-9](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Jeremiah+31.8-9&t=NKJV)).

God’s command for Israel to return will come *only after the Times of the Gentiles has ended, only after the exile has ended, only after the heavens have once again been opened* ([Genesis 31:3](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+31.3&t=NKJV)), *and only after Israel has come into possession of ALL the wealth of the Gentiles* ([Isaiah 60:5](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Isaiah+60.5&t=NKJV), [11](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Isaiah+60.11&t=NKJV) [“forces,” KJV, should be translated “wealth,” or “riches”; *ref*. ASV, NASB, NIV, NKJV]).

*Only then* will God restore His people to the land; *only then* will the Jewish people hear God’s command to return to Bethel and hear His voice once again, *reaffirming the Abrahamic covenant to them* (*cf*. [Exodus 2:23-3:10](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Exodus+2.23-3.10&t=NKJV)).

(The remnant of Jews presently in the land, comprised of those returning *before it is time for the Jewish people to return*, almost 6,000,000 strong today, will be uprooted and driven back out among the nations in the middle of the coming Tribulation. God, because of the continued disobedience of His people, over centuries of time, drove the Jewish people out among the nations for a purpose, yet to be realized — *repentance*. And it is *out among the nations*, not in the land, that God will deal with His people relative *to repentance*, with a view *to restoration*.

Refer to the author’s book, in this site, [Mysteries of the Kingdom BOOK](https://www.koffeekupkandor.com/gods-word-five.php#Mysteries%20of%20the%20Kingdom%20BOOK), chapter 2, “I Will Return,” for more information on this subject.)

Note God’s command to Jacob with respect to his return to the land — completely within God’s timing, not Jacob’s — and that which followed:

*Then the LORD said to Jacob, “Return to the land of your fathers and to your family, and I will be with you.”* ([Genesis 31:3](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+31.3&t=NKJV))

*The land which I gave Abraham and Isaac I give to you; and to your descendants after you I give this land.* ([Genesis 35:12](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+35.12&t=NKJV))

In complete accord with these verses — the heavens being opened *again* and God *again* speaking to Jacob — God will one day *again* resume His dealings with Israel. And in that coming day, the Jewish people will be commanded to return to the land of their fathers (*God’s land* [[Joel 3:2](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Joel+3.2&t=NKJV)], typified by Jacob’s return to *Bethel*, “*the house of God*”). And once back in the land, as following Jacob’s return, God will *reaffirm* the Abrahamic Covenant to Israel.

The Jewish people will be brought back into the land, possessing the wealth of the Gentiles (as Jacob returned to Bethel bearing Laban’s wealth). And not only will Israel possess the Gentile’s wealth, but the Gentiles will be subservient to Israel, as Israel dwells in the most valuable piece of real estate on the face of the earth (*cf*. [Isaiah 14:1-2](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Isaiah+14.1-2&t=NKJV); [60:10-12](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Isaiah+60.10-12&t=NKJV); [61:5-6](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Isaiah+61.5-6&t=NKJV) ASV).

Once back in the land, “Jacob’s” name was changed to *Israel*. “Jacob” means, *Supplanter*; “Israel” means, *a Prince with God*. And Esau, whose descendants were the bitter enemies of the Israelites during the wilderness journey under Moses, was no longer Jacob’s enemy ([Genesis 34-35](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+34-35&t=NKJV)).

In that future day when Israel returns to the land, the nation will no longer be the crafty supplanter, but will be *a Prince with God*. Nor will the descendants of Esau continue to be Israel’s enemy. The land of Edom, as Babylon and Egypt, will be desolated because of “*the violence against the children of Judah, because they have shed innocent blood in their land*” (Egypt though only for the first forty years of the Messianic Era [[Isaiah 19:5-9](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Isaiah+19.5-9&t=NKJV), [22-25](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Isaiah+19.22-25&t=NKJV); [Jeremiah 49:17-18](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Jeremiah+49.17-18&t=NKJV); [Ezekiel 29:10-15](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Ezekiel+29.10-15&t=NKJV); [Joel 3:19](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Joel+3.19&t=NKJV)]). And any Edomites, as all other Gentiles entering the kingdom, will be subservient to Israel.

(For more information on the presently existing Middle East situation, along with God’s timing for His future restoration of the Jewish people to their land, refer to Appendixes 1 and 2 of the author’s book, in this site, [The Time of the End BOOK](https://www.koffeekupkandor.com/gods-word-in-revelation.php#The%20Time%20of%20the%20End) — “The Intractable Middle East Problem,” and “The Death of the High Priest.”)

Jacob – A Type of Christ

Jacob, like Jesus, left his home and went into a far country. And Jacob in this far country is seen obtaining a bride.

(Drawing from the previous type [Isaac and Rebekah in [Genesis 24](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+24&t=NKJV)], the Son was seen remaining in heaven with the Father, while the Spirit was sent into the world to procure a bride for God’s Son. Drawing from the account of Jacob and Rachel, another facet of the matter is presented. The work of the Son is seen as well. But the emphasis surrounding the Son’s role in the matter is placed upon His work leading into and surrounding Calvary, along with His work as High Priest in the heavenly sanctuary during the present dispensation.

Christ’s present work in the heavenly sanctuary is not part of the Spirit’s search for the bride on earth, though intimately associated with this search. Christ is presently providing a cleansing, on the basis of His own blood on the mercy seat in the heavenly sanctuary, for the kingdom of priests, the king-priests, about to be brought forth. And this kingdom of priests, these king-priests, would be synonymous with the bride for whom the Spirit presently searches.

Then, again, *nothing* has ever occurred or ever will occur apart from the Son. He, within a correct Scriptural framework of viewing matters, *cannot be separated from anything that occurs — past, present, or future* [*cf*. [John 1:1-3](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=John+1.1-3&t=NKJV); [Colossians 1:15-18](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Colossians+1.15-18&t=NKJV)].)

Jacob’s bride, as in the previous type (Isaac’s bride in [Genesis 24](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+24&t=NKJV)), was to be taken *only from the family of Abraham*. Jacob was specifically charged not to take a wife “*of the daughters of Canaan,*” exactly as Abraham had previously instructed his servant before sending him to acquire a bride for Isaac ([Genesis 28:1](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+28.1&t=NKJV); *cf*. [Genesis 24:3](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+24.3&t=NKJV)). And, as in the experiences of Isaac and Rebekah, this once again sets forth the truth that the bride is to be taken from the family of Abraham (from the saved), not from those represented by the Canaanites (the unsaved).

Jacob met Rachel by a well of water and fell in love with her ([Genesis 29:6-18](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+29.6-18&t=NKJV)). As with Rebekah, so with Rachel — the bride is taken from those who draw from the Well, from those who dwell deeply in the Word of God (*ref*. chapter 2 in this book).

Jacob became a servant and worked a total of fourteen years to obtain Rachel ([Genesis 29:18-28](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+29.18-28&t=NKJV)). Jesus, to obtain His bride, “*made Himself of no reputation*, *taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross”* ([Philippians 2:7-8](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Philippians+2.7-8&t=NKJV)).

After completing his commitment as a servant to Laban, Jacob took Rachel and returned to his own country ([Genesis 31:17](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+31.17&t=NKJV)). After the Lord Jesus Christ completes His commitment to the Father on behalf of His bride (servitude on earth, followed by His present high priestly ministry in heaven), Jesus will, like Jacob, take His bride to His own country — to heaven. He will meet His bride somewhere between heaven and earth and then return to heaven with His bride ([Genesis 24:61-67](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+24.61-67&t=NKJV); [1 Thessalonians 4:13-18](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=1Thessalonians+4.13-18&t=NKJV)).

Here Comes the Bride

In the record of Jacob and his experiences, we’re given an insight into certain things concerning the servitude of Christ and the marriage of the Lamb that is not found in other types of the bride in Genesis. The remainder of this chapter will center on these events.

1) Two Sevens

After Jacob had left his home in Canaan and had journeyed to Padan Aram (a district of Mesopotamia, the country where Isaac’s bride had been procured) he met and fell in love with Rachel. Jacob bargained with Laban, Rachel’s father, to serve him *seven years* for Rachel’s hand in marriage. Laban agreed, and Jacob rendered seven years service. At the completion of seven years, Jacob claimed his bride; *but the rights of the firstborn prevailed*. Rachel had an older sister named Leah, who must be given in marriage first. Jacob then found himself having to serve an additional seven years to obtain Rachel ([Genesis 29:1-30](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+29.1-30&t=NKJV)).

“Seven” is one of the numbers showing *completion*. It signifies *the completeness* *of that which is in view*. In the type we have Jacob serving *two complete periods of time* to obtain Rachel. In the antitype we have Jesus also serving *two complete periods of time* to obtain His bride. *One period* was served in the office of “Prophet” during His earthly ministry, culminating in His death, burial, and resurrection. *The other period* is presently being served in the office of “High Priest” in heaven. This period will culminate immediately before He returns for His bride.

Jacob could not obtain Rachel at the termination of the first seven years because of the rights of primogeniture. Nor could Jesus obtain His bride at the termination of the first period of servitude because of these same rights. *Israel is the firstborn, and Israel must be reckoned with first.*

Jesus came to and sent His disciples only to “*the lost sheep of the house of Israel*” ([Matthew 10:5-6](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Matthew+10.5-6&t=NKJV); [15:24](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Matthew+15.24&t=NKJV)). At the termination of His first complete period of servitude, Jesus rode into Jerusalem publicly presenting Himself as Israel’s King ([Matthew 21:1ff](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Matthew+21.1ff&t=NKJV)). However, Israel rejected the King and the attendant offer of the kingdom of the heavens.

The primogeniture claim held by Israel was *satisfied*, and the kingdom was taken from Israel ([Matthew 21:43](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Matthew+21.43&t=NKJV)). Jesus was crucified, and, following His resurrection, He ascended into heaven. And, as Jacob, Christ is today serving an additional complete period of time to obtain His bride.

The present high priestly ministry of Christ in heaven is *strictly on behalf of His bride*, as Jacob’s second complete period of servitude was *strictly on behalf of Rachel* (though today all Christians would be included within the scope of Christ’s ministry, for the bride has yet to be singled out). Christ’s present ministry in heaven has nothing to do with either Israel or the Gentiles, as Jacob’s second period of servitude had nothing to do with anyone but Rachel. Christ is occupying the office of High Priest *to effect a present cleansing for the kingdom of priests, the king-priests, which He is about to bring forth*. Jews or Gentiles can participate in this cleansing only by relinquishing their national identity and becoming new creations in Christ, *i.e*., by becoming Christians.

2) The Wedding

In Jacob’s marriage to Leah at the termination of the first seven years, Jacob did not realize he had married the firstborn (Leah), rather than her younger sister (Rachel), until after the wedding. Man’s failure to understand how this could happen, resulting in confusion concerning the coming marriage of the Lamb, stems from the difference in Eastern marriage customs of that day and those prevailing in the Western world today.

When Jacob went to claim his bride at the completion of the first seven years, “*Laban gathered together all the men of the place and made a feast*” ([Genesis 29:22](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+29.22&t=NKJV)). This is where the marriage occurred. It was a legal transaction, and only the men were present. The actual marriage transpired with the groom in one place and the bride in another.

The bride was then brought in and presented to the groom, “*in the evening*” ([Genesis 29:23](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+29.23&t=NKJV)), after the marriage. She was *already* Jacob’s wife at this time, and the only thing that remained was for the marriage to be consummated. Thus, the reason Jacob didn’t recognize Leah at the wedding, realizing that he was marrying the wrong woman, is very simple: *Leah wasn’t present at the wedding*.

We have this same thing set forth in the marriage of Boaz to Ruth in the book of Ruth. The marriage took place in the presence of the *men* at the gate of the city while Ruth remained at home with Naomi, her mother-in-law from a previous marriage where Ruth’s husband had died ([Ruth 3:18](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Ruth+3.18&t=NKJV); [4:1-13](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Ruth+4.1-13&t=NKJV)).

It was all part of a legal transaction that was carried out at the gate of the city, where all legal transactions of this nature were carried out in that day. When Boaz left the gate of the city, *Ruth was his wife*. Nothing further was required. He was then in a position to go to Naomi’s home to obtain Ruth, whom he had *already* married.

This same pattern will also be followed at the coming marriage of the Lamb. *The bride will not be present at the wedding*. After Jesus terminates His *two complete periods* of servitude, the marriage will occur. The *first complete period is past*, and *the second complete period* will end immediately before Jesus descends from heaven to meet His bride in the air.

Jesus will shortly complete His present high priestly ministry, after the order of Aaron, on behalf of His bride. The marriage will then occur through *the redemption of the inheritance* ([Revelation 5:1ff](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Revelation+5.1ff&t=NKJV)), which will be *a legal transaction between the Father and the Son*, *apart from the bride being present*. And, following the marriage supper of the Lamb and the completion of this redemptive work ([Revelation 5:1ff](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Revelation+5.1ff&t=NKJV)), the bride will come forth with the Bridegroom — as His wife, as His consort queen — when He takes the scepter and rules over the redeemed inheritance.

The actual marriage ceremony itself, *a legal transaction*, is seen in the typology of Ruth chapters three and four as occurring following events surrounding the judgment seat ([Ruth 3:6ff](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Ruth+3.6ff&t=NKJV)) and being intimately connected with the judgments of the Tribulation ([Revelation 6:1ff](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Revelation+6.1ff&t=NKJV)). Within the typology of [Ruth 4](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Ruth+4&t=NKJV), the judgments of the Tribulation have to do with the redemption of the forfeited inheritance. And, in the type, the redemption of the inheritance is inseparably connected with Ruth becoming the wife of Boaz. Through Boaz’s redemptive work surrounding the inheritance, Ruth became his wife.

One (the redemption of the inheritance) was part and parcel with the other (the redemption of Ruth’s widowhood, marriage).

And this is how it must also occur in the antitype, with the antitype following the type in exact detail. The judgments that will occur during the Tribulation (revealed through the breaking of the seals of the seven-sealed scroll in [Revelation 5](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Revelation+5&t=NKJV)) are seen being concluded at the end of Revelation chapter nineteen. Then, immediately following the only true alleluia chorus that will ever be sung ([Revelation 19:1-6](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Revelation+19.1-6&t=NKJV)), full attention will be directed to two things: Christ’s bride, about to become His wife, and *Christ’s return to complete His work surrounding the redemption of the inheritance* ([Revelation 19:7ff](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Revelation+19.7ff&t=NKJV)).

L*et us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage* [marriage festivities] *of the Lamb has come, and His wife* [bride] *has made herself ready.*

*And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.*

*Then he said to me, “Write: ‘Blessed are those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb!’”. . .*

*Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war*. . . . ([Revelation 19:7-9](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Revelation+19.7-9&t=NKJV),[11](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Revelation+19.11&t=NKJV) [9a]).

The bride at the marriage festivities, in complete accord with the same timing of events seen in the type in [Ruth 3](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Ruth+3&t=NKJV); [4](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Ruth+4&t=NKJV), can eagerly anticipate that which is about to occur — Christ completing His work surrounding the redemption of the inheritance (as Boaz completed his work), at which time the bride will become the Lamb’s wife (as Ruth became Boaz’s wife at this time).

(For additional information on the redemption of the inheritance and the bride becoming Christ’s wife through this redemptive work, refer to the author’s book, in this site, [The Time of the End BOOK](https://www.koffeekupkandor.com/gods-word-in-revelation.php#The%20Time%20of%20the%20End), chapters 8, 9.)

The “*fine linen*” ([Revelation 19:8](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Revelation+19.8&t=NKJV)), called the “*wedding garment*” in [Matthew 22:11-12](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Matthew+22.11-12&t=NKJV), will be worn by the bride to attend the wedding festivities. Proper attire will be required in that day for entrance into the banqueting chamber (*cf*. [Matthew 22:8-14](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Matthew+22.8-14&t=NKJV)). And this attire — “*fine linen*” — will be comprised of the “*righteous acts of the saints*” ([Revelation 19:8 ASV](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Revelation+19.8&t=ASV)).

Note that Ruth had to prepare herself for meeting Boaz. One part of this preparation consisted of being clothed in the proper apparel — “*put on your best garment*” ([Ruth 3:3](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Ruth+3.3&t=NKJV)).

The coming Judgment Seat of Christ will reveal all things ([1 Corinthians 3:12-15](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=1Corinthians+3.12-15&t=NKJV); [2 Corinthians 5:10-11](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=2Corinthians+5.10-11&t=NKJV)). Every Christian’s work will be *tried “by fire,”* with some works withstanding the fire, and some works being consumed by the fire.

Worthless works performed for the praise, honor, and glory of man — symbolized by “*wood, hay, straw*” — will be burned. Christians possessing works of this nature will “*suffer loss*” and be saved “*yet so as through fire*.” They will appear naked and ashamed in the presence of the Lord ([Revelation 3:18](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Revelation+3.18&t=NKJV)). They will not possess the type material to properly array themselves and, consequently, will be denied entrance into the banqueting chamber.

Works performed by other Christians for the praise, honor, and glory of the Lord — symbolized by “*gold, silver, precious stones*” — will endure the fire. Christians possessing works of this nature will possess the type material necessary to properly clothe themselves for entrance into the banqueting chamber, where the marriage supper of the Lamb will occur. Nakedness, accompanied by shame, will *not* be their lot.

Christians are presently being granted the privilege of working on their wedding garments, looking forward to the coming marriage supper of the Lamb. The admonitions and warnings on this subject in Scripture are abundant and clear.

In the preceding respect, the question of the hour in Christian circles today is singular: “*Are you working on your wedding garment?*”

This thought should always be uppermost in the minds of Christians when they assemble together today, which is clearly seen in [Hebrews 10:23-25](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Hebrews+10.23-25&t=NKJV):

*Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful.*

*and let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works,*

*not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.*

There is no command in Scripture for Christians to assemble together apart from a specific, revealed purpose in view. And this specific purpose for Christian assembly is revealed, in so many words, in [Hebrews 10:23-25](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Hebrews+10.23-25&t=NKJV).

Christians are to assemble together in order to encourage one another in *the race of the faith*. They are to assemble together in order to encourage one another relative to *the hope set before them*. And such encouragement, of necessity, would have to center around the only place where information is provided on the subject — *the Word of God.*

The bride, through righteous acts emanating out of faithfulness, arrays herself, makes herself ready, for that which lies ahead.

Again, the question: “*Are you working on your wedding garment?*”

No *improperly clothed Christian* will attend the wedding festivities, as no *uncrowned Christian* will subsequently ascend the throne as consort queen with Christ.

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Chapter Four

**Joseph and Asenath**

**Beloved Son of the Father**

(Chapters four through six will cover the overall scope of events in [Genesis 37-45](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+37-45&t=NKJV). This section in Genesis is mainly about Joseph and his brethren, who typify Christ and the nation of Israel. The correct position that Christ’s bride occupies in relation to His dealings with Israel is set forth in that which is revealed about the position that Joseph’s bride, Asenath, occupied in relation to his dealings with his brethren.)

*This is the history of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was feeding the flock with his brothers. And the lad was with the sons of Bilhah and the sons of Zilpah, his father’s wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to his father.*

*Now Israel loved Joseph more than all his children, because he was the son of his old age. Also he made him a tunic of many colors.*

*But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him and could not speak peaceably to him.*

*Now Joseph had a dream, and he told it to his brothers; and they hated him even more.*

*So he said to them, “Please hear this dream that I have dreamed:*

*“There we were, binding sheaves in the field. Then behold, my sheaf arose and also stood upright; and indeed your sheaves stood all around and bowed down to my sheaf.”*

*And his brothers said to him, “Shall you indeed reign over us? Or shall you indeed have dominion over us?” So they hated him even more for his dreams and for his words.* ([Genesis 37:2-8](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+37.2-8&t=NKJV))

The life of Joseph forms one of the most complete, overall types of Christ to be found in Scripture. Joseph sets forth in type *the beloved son of the father* who was sent to his brethren, the son who was *hated by his brethren*, and the son who eventually found himself *exalted over all Egypt*. And, being *exalted over all Egypt*, his brethren are seen coming into his presence and *bowing before him*.

Things pertaining to Christ, from His pre-incarnate existence with the Father to His future appearance in glory, are depicted in the experiences of Joseph. In this respect, the life and times of Joseph in [Genesis 37-45](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+37-45&t=NKJV) set forth in type three main divisions pertaining to things foreshadowing Christ in the antitype:

1) *Past History* (with the Father in the beginning, and sent to His brethren about 2,000 years ago).

2) *Present Position* (exalted to the right hand of Power, with His brethren removed from the scene, during which time He takes a Gentile bride).

3) *Future Glory* (following His dealings with His brethren once again, His revelation to them, their bowing before Him).

Joseph – A Type

Some have questioned the authenticity of viewing Joseph as a type of Christ. It is sometimes stated that Joseph should not be viewed in any special way as a type of Christ because nowhere in Scripture is it specifically recorded that Joseph is a type. This though is not true at all. There are at least three separate references that, when viewed in conjunction with related Scriptures, leave no room to question the validity of typological teachings drawn from the life and times of Joseph.

1) Beginning at Moses

When Christ, following His resurrection, met the two disciples on the road to Emmaus, He began at “*Moses and ALL the Prophets*” and “*expounded to them in ALL the Scriptures the things concerning Himsel*f” ([Luke 24:27](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Luke+24.27&t=NKJV), [44](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Luke+24.44&t=NKJV); *cf*. [John 1:45](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=John+1.45&t=NKJV); [5:46](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=John+5.46&t=NKJV)). The specific reference is made that ALL of the Old Testament Scriptures are about Christ, about different facets of His person and work.

The life and times of Joseph can only be about one thing. They can only be about *the life and times of Jesus the Christ, forming an integral part of the Word that was made Flesh* ([John 1:1-2](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=John+1.1-2&t=NKJV), [14](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=John+1.14&t=NKJV)).

But how are *the life and times of Joseph* about *the life and times of Christ*? How can the account of Joseph be part of that which was *made Flesh in the person of God’s Son*?

(That which these questions reflect upon will form the main subject matter of not only the remainder of this chapter but the two chapters that follow as well [chapters 5, 6].

Also, refer back to the introduction to this book, along with that which has been dealt with in the previous chapters [chapters 1-3].)

2) All These Things

The apostle Paul called attention to the fact that *all of the things* that happened to the children of Israel under Moses “*happened to them as examples* [*lit*., ‘happened to them as types’]” ([1 Corinthians 10:6](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=1Corinthians+10.6&t=NKJV), [11](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=1Corinthians+10.11&t=NKJV) [the Greek word *tupoi*, “types,” appears in both verses]). The reference is to a number of events beginning following the death of the firstborn in Egypt ([Exodus 12](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Exodus+12&t=NKJV)) and extending to the overthrow of an entire unbelieving generation in the wilderness (through Deuteronomy).

However, the reference, of necessity, by comparing Scripture with Scripture, would include far more than just these particular events. It would have to include *the entire panorama of events beginning in Exodus chapter twelve and continuing through Deuteronomy.*

(For example, note that the author of Hebrews drew heavily from this section of Scripture [[Hebrews 3](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Hebrews+3&t=NKJV); [4](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Hebrews+4&t=NKJV); [8-10](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Hebrews+8-10&t=NKJV)] — Moses [type], Christ [antitype]; that which happened to unfaithful Israelites under Moses [type], that which would happen to unfaithful Christians under Christ [antitype]; the ministry of the Levitical priests in the earthly tabernacle [type], Christ’s present ministry in the heavenly sanctuary [antitype].

Also note that [Hebrews 3](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Hebrews+3&t=NKJV); [4](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Hebrews+4&t=NKJV) [forming the second of the five major warnings in the book] form the basis for an understanding of the third major warning in [Hebrews 6:4-6](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Hebrews+6.4-6&t=NKJV)]. It is not possible to properly understand this third major warning in the book apart from placing the warning in its contextual setting and viewing the overall type from which the warning draws.)

But what about the remainder of Old Testament history? Should it also be considered *highly typical* in nature? In the light of Christ’s statements in [Luke 24:25-27](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Luke+24.25-27&t=NKJV), [44](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Luke+24.44&t=NKJV); [John 5:45-47](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=John+5.45-47&t=NKJV), along with the evident structure of Old Testament history, one could come to only one conclusion: The entirety of Old Testament history, through divine design, could only be viewed *one way* in this respect — the same way Paul described that section of Old Testament history detailing the experiences of the Israelites under Moses, as *highly typical*.

The experiences of Joseph constitute a type (actually, one overall type that forms numerous individual types). And if not a type (or, types) of Christ, then who? However, we’re not left to our own imagination to ascertain the answer. The passage itself ([Genesis 37:1ff](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+37.1ff&t=NKJV)) and related Scripture (*e.g*., [Luke 24:27](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Luke+24.27&t=NKJV), [44](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Luke+24.44&t=NKJV)) determine the issue for us.

3) A Testimony

Joseph was *a testimony* ([Psalm 81:5](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Psalm+81.5&t=NKJV)) among his brethren concerning not only the promise that God would one day deliver them from Egypt, but also the promise that God would one day visit them in the person of His Son. The same Hebrew word translated *testimony* in [Psalm 81:5](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Psalm+81.5&t=NKJV) is used elsewhere in Scripture referring to the ark of the covenant ([Exodus 31:7](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Exodus+31.7&t=NKJV)), the two tables of stone upon which the law was given ([Exodus 31:18](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Exodus+31.18&t=NKJV)), and the entire tabernacle itself ([Exodus 38:21](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Exodus+38.21&t=NKJV)).

Since everything in the tabernacle (*a testimony*) reflects on some aspect of the person and work of Christ in a type-antitype relationship ([Hebrews 9:1ff](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Hebrews+9.1ff&t=NKJV); [1 John 1:6-2:2](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=1John+1.6-2.2&t=NKJV)), the same could only be said about Joseph (*a testimony*), particularly in the light of [Luke 24:25-27](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Luke+24.25-27&t=NKJV), [44](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Luke+24.44&t=NKJV); [John 5:45-47](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=John+5.45-47&t=NKJV). Not only does everything about the tabernacle typify some aspect of the person and work of Christ, but everything about the life of Joseph also typifies some aspect of the person and work of Christ. The fact that certain things occurred in the life of Joseph, forming the type, sets forth, in no uncertain terms, the fact that these same things will also occur in the experiences of God’s Son in the antitype.

Christians who desire to know about *the past history, present position, and future glory* of God’s Son can find innumerable truths concerning these things in the life and times of Joseph.

Then, even in death Joseph remained *a testimony* among his brethren. When Joseph died he was placed in a coffin in Egypt. This coffin remained in the camp of Israel, UNBURIED, for about two hundred years (about one hundred forty years in Egypt, forty more years during the wilderness journey under Moses, and the subsequent years in the land under Joshua until Joseph was eventually buried [about twenty-five additional years]). Joseph had known that God would one day visit his brethren, lead them out of Egypt, and place them back in the land of Canaan. And he had specifically instructed the Israelites that His bones were to be carried out of Egypt with them at the time of the Exodus ([Genesis 50:24-26](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+50.24-26&t=NKJV)).

The Israelites possessed no written Revelation during their stay in Egypt. Today we can turn to the Word of God and read the promises of God, but this was not the case before the Exodus and subsequent Revelation given through Moses. The Israelites, however, had *a coffin* during this time that contained the bones of Joseph; and within *these bones in that coffin they possessed God’s promise of deliverance from Egypt.*

Thus, this coffin containing Joseph’s bones, in one respect, was *Israel’s Bible in Egypt* for about one hundred and forty years. This coffin in their midst was the only tangible revelation which they possessed.

It is conceivable that during this time an Israelite father could take his son to a certain place in the camp of Israel, point to the coffin of Joseph, and instruct his son concerning the coming deliverance from Egypt, which itself is a type of the future deliverance from a worldwide dispersion by the One greater than Moses.

In this future deliverance, Old Testament saints will be raised from the dead and accompany the living back to the land. This fact is set forth in biblical typology in the person of Joseph — the dead returned with the living.

When Moses led the Israelites out of Egypt, the coffin containing the bones of Joseph was carried out with them ([Exodus 13:19](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Exodus+13.19&t=NKJV)). This coffin remained UNBURIED in the camp of Israel throughout the forty-year wilderness journey, and continued as *a testimony* during this time that God would ultimately lead His people into the land of Canaan. The bones of Joseph were buried only AFTER the Israelites entered into and possessed the land of Canaan, five generations later, about two hundred years after his death in Egypt ([Joshua 24:32](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Joshua+24.32&t=NKJV)).

The record of Joseph continues today as one of God’s great *testimonies* concerning His Son and His promises. Joseph, like Daniel later in Babylon, was *faithful* to God in a strange land, and God always rewards *faithfulness*. Consider for a moment where Joseph would be in the annals of biblical history if he had been unfaithful in Potiphar’s house ([Genesis 39:1-19](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+39.1-19&t=NKJV)), in prison ([Genesis 39:20-41:36](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+39.20-41.36&t=NKJV)), or on the throne ([Genesis 41:37ff](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+41.37ff&t=NKJV)). But such was not the case. Joseph was *faithful* in every recorded experience God brought to pass in his life, and God has set him forth as *a testimony* in things relating to His Son.

Thus, in life, Joseph’s experiences were *a testimony* for the Israelites by forming a type of subsequent things that Christ would experience in the antitype. And, in death, Joseph’s bones remained *a testimony* to the Israelites for generations that God would visit and deliver His people.

Then there is a future aspect, seen not only in that which will follow deliverance (blessings for the Israelites), but in the person of Joseph himself, apart from typology. Joseph is going to one day be raised from the dead, live on this earth again, and see with his own eyes that to which his experiences pointed. *Joseph is going to see God’s Son exalted in fulfillment of the things which were typified by his experiences millennia ago.*

Joseph is going to one day stand again in the land of Canaan among his brethren, and see for himself — *with his own eyes, and not those of another* — *the glory of the One whom his experiences have stood as a type for millennia* (*cf*. [Job 19:25-27](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Job+19.25-27&t=NKJV)). He is going to see Christ exalted over the entire world (as he was exalted over all Egypt); he is going to see Christ’s brethren (who hated Christ, as they had hated him) come and bow before Christ (as they had done in his presence); and he is going to see Christ’s brethren going forth with the same message that Joseph’s brethren went forth proclaiming in his day:

. . . *Joseph is still alive, and he is governor over all the land of Egypt* . . . . ([Genesis 45:26](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+45.26&t=NKJV))

*“Jesus is yet alive, and He is Governor over all the earth”* (*cf*. [Psalm 24](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Psalm+24&t=NKJV); [Isaiah 52:6-9](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Isaiah+52.6-9&t=NKJV); [53:1ff](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Isaiah+53.1ff&t=NKJV)).

A. W. Pink in his incomparable commentary on Genesis lists no less than one hundred and one specific analogies in the type-antitype relationship existing between Joseph and Jesus. Other great Bible scholars of past years who possessed an appreciation for types, such as F. B. Meyer and Andrew Jukes, list additional analogies in books written on this section of Genesis. And there are far, far more analogies that can be gleaned from Scripture by one who has a mind for the study of types.

The words of A. T. Robertson relative to the Greek New Testament would equally apply to the field of biblical typology in this respect:

“The Greek New Testament has a message for each mind. Some of the truth in it has never yet been seen by anyone else. It is waiting like a virgin forest to be explored. It is fresh for every mind that explores it, for those who have passed this way before have left it all here. It still has on it the dew of the morning and is ready to refresh the newcomer.”

In the remainder of this chapter and the two subsequent chapters on Joseph, a number of these analogies will be listed and briefly discussed. The reader can then conduct his own study concerning Joseph, which, in itself, is an inexhaustible study concerning Christ.

Joseph, the Beloved Son of the Father ([Genesis 37:3-11](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+37.3-11&t=NKJV))

1) The son of his father’s old age (v. 3)

“Old age” in typology speaks of *eternity*, Jesus has been God’s Son from eternity. He has no “*beginning of days nor end of life*” ([John 1:1](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=John+1.1&t=NKJV); [Hebrews 7:3](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Hebrews+7.3&t=NKJV)).

2) Loved more than any of Jacob’s other sons (v. 3)

God has many Sons. Because of *creation*, all “*angels*” are sons of God ([Job 1:6](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Job+1.6&t=NKJV); [2:1](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Job+2.1&t=NKJV); [38:7](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Job+38.7&t=NKJV)); through *creation and adoption*, “*Israel*” is God’s son, His firstborn ([Exodus 4:22](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Exodus+4.22&t=NKJV); [Isaiah 43:1](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Isaiah+43.1&t=NKJV); [Romans 9:4](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Romans+9.4&t=NKJV)); and Christians, presently looked upon in the sense of both “*children*” and “*sons*” (because of *creation* [[2 Corinthians 5:17](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=2Corinthians+5.17&t=NKJV); *cf*. [Romans 8:14](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Romans+8.14&t=NKJV); [Galatians 3:26](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Galatians+3.26&t=NKJV); [4:5-6](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Galatians+4.5-6&t=NKJV); [Hebrews 12:5-8](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Hebrews+12.5-8&t=NKJV)]), will one day be adopted (as Israel) and constitute *a firstborn son* as well ([Romans 8:14-23](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Romans+8.14-23&t=NKJV); [Hebrews 12:23](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Hebrews+12.23&t=NKJV)).

But Jesus has always been *God’s Son*. He has been, and remains, *God’s Son from eternity*. All other sons have come into their standing during *time* (not eternity), and all these sons occupy their position through either *creation* (*sons*) or *creation and adoption* (*firstborn sons*).

Jesus though is God’s “*ONLY BEGOTTEN SON*” ([John 3:16](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=John+3.16&t=NKJV)), providing Him with *the firstborn* standing ([Hebrews 1:6](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Hebrews+1.6&t=NKJV)) that adoption has provided for Israel and will, yet future, provide for Christians.

3) Received a coat from his father ([Genesis 37:3](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+37.3&t=NKJV))

The words “*many colors*” (KJV, NKJV) are not found in the Hebrew text. This was a long-sleeved cloak — possibly solid white — which extended not only to the wrists but also to the ankles. This was not a garment designed for work, but rather a garment designed to set the individual forth as *an overseer* or *a superior*, a garment designed *to distinguish him from a laborer, or a servant.*

“This sort of robe was worn by the opulent and noble, by kings’ sons, and by those who had no need to toil for their living.” — F. B. Meyer

Just as Jacob placed his elder son born of Rachel in this position, God has placed His eldest Son — His only begotten Son — in this position. Jesus is the “*appointed Heir of all things*” ([Hebrews 1:2](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Hebrews+1.2&t=NKJV)). He has been “*highly exalted*” by the father and “*given a name which is above every name*” ([Philippians 2:9-11](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Philippians+2.9-11&t=NKJV)). And following His return, He will not only rule over His brethren, the Israelites, but also over the Gentile nations of the earth as well ([Daniel 2:35](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Daniel+2.35&t=NKJV), [44](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Daniel+2.44&t=NKJV); [Luke 1:32-33](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Luke+1.32-33&t=NKJV)).

4) Hated by his brethren ([Genesis 37:4](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+37.4&t=NKJV), [7-9](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+37.7-9&t=NKJV))

Joseph was hated because of *his father’s special love*, and because of his dreams and words. They thus hated him because of *who* he was, *the position* in which his dreams placed him, and *what* he said.

Joseph had two dreams ([Genesis 37:7](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+37.7&t=NKJV), [9](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+37.9&t=NKJV)). Both dreams pertained to his dominion over his brethren. The first dream was about sheaves in a field and had to do with *an earthly dominion*. The second dream was about the sun, moon, and stars and had to do with *a heavenly dominion*.

Jesus was hated by His brethren because of who He was, *the position* in which His message placed Him, and *what* He said ([Matthew 26:59-68](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Matthew+26.59-68&t=NKJV); [27:17-18](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Matthew+27.17-18&t=NKJV); [John 5:18](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=John+5.18&t=NKJV); [7:7](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=John+7.7&t=NKJV)).

During the Messianic Era, Jesus will have *an earthly dominion* and *a heavenly dominion*. All authority in heaven and on earth has already been given to Christ, though He will not exercise this authority until that future day when He takes the scepter and ascends the throne ([Matthew 28:18](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Matthew+28.18&t=NKJV); *cf*. [Genesis 22:17](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+22.17&t=NKJV); [26:4](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+26.4&t=NKJV); [28:14](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+28.14&t=NKJV)).

Joseph Sent to His Brethren ([Genesis 37:13-16](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+37.13-16&t=NKJV))

1) Sent out from the vale of Hebron to seek and to find his brethren ([Genesis 37:13-14](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+37.13-14&t=NKJV))

Jacob, concerned about the welfare of his other sons, sent Joseph to find them. Joseph willingly accepted the commission of his father to go to his brethren.

Joseph was sent from “the vale of Hebron.” “Hebron” means fellowship, or communion; and the “vale” suggests the place of *peace and quiet* in this fellowship and communion with the father.

God is concerned about the welfare of His son, Israel. He sent His only begotten Son, Jesus, to His created and adopted son, Israel, in time past; and Jesus will be sent back to Israel once again at a time yet future in order to bring to pass that which could not be brought to pass at His first coming.

Jesus, in time past, willingly laid aside His glory and face to face fellowship and communion with the Father in heaven and accepted the commission to go to His brethren ([John 17:5](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=John+17.5&t=NKJV), [18](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=John+17.18&t=NKJV); [Hebrews 10:7](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Hebrews+10.7&t=NKJV)). At a time yet future, Jesus will appear to His brethren once again; but this time He will appear in their presence in *all His power and glory*.

2) Sent to and sought only his brethren ([Genesis 37:13-16](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+37.13-16&t=NKJV))

Jesus, likewise, was sent to and sought only His brethren. Jesus “*came to His own* [neuter pl. in the Greek text — lit., ‘His own things,’ having to do with regality], and his own [masculine pl. in the Greek text — *lit*., ‘His own people,’ the Jewish people] *did not receive Him*” ([John 1:11](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=John+1.11&t=NKJV)). When commissioning the twelve disciples Jesus specifically commanded them: “*Do not go into the way of the Gentiles, and do not enter a city of the Samaritans. But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel*” ([Matthew 10:5-6](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Matthew+10.5-6&t=NKJV)).

Jesus declared in [Matthew 15:24](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Matthew+15.24&t=NKJV), “*I was not sent except to the lost sheep of the house of Israel*.” The Gentiles could have no part in the Father’s purpose for sending His Son until Israel had been dealt with first.

3) Wandered about in the field seeking his brethren ([Genesis 37:15](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+37.15&t=NKJV))

“The field” (as “Egypt”) signifies *the world* ([Matthew 13:38](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Matthew+13.38&t=NKJV)). Jesus became a Wanderer, a Man without a home in the world, while seeking His brethren: “*Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head*” ([Luke 9:58](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Luke+9.58&t=NKJV)). Note [John 7:53-8:1](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=John+7.53-8.1&t=NKJV): “*And every man went unto his own house*,” but “*Jesus went to the Mount of Olives*.”

Joseph Finds His Brethren ([Genesis 37:16-19](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+37.16-19&t=NKJV))

1) Sought his brethren until he found them ([Genesis 37:16-17](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+37.16-17&t=NKJV))

For three and one-half years Jesus went about seeking His brethren, proclaiming the same message that Joseph had proclaimed, which had to do with *regality*. And this, as when Joseph had proclaimed this message, resulted in *His brethren hating Him*:

*Now Joseph had a dream, and he told it to his brothers; and they hated him even more.*

*So he said to them, “Please hear this dream which I have dreamed:*

*There we were, binding sheaves in the field. Then behold, my sheaf arose and also stood upright; and indeed your sheaves stood all around and bowed down to my sheaf.”*

*And his brothers said to him, “Shall you indeed reign over us? Or shall you indeed have dominion over us?” So they hated him even more for his dreams and for his words.* ([Genesis 37:5-8](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+37.5-8&t=NKJV)).

2) Found his brethren in Dothan ([Genesis 37:17](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+37.17&t=NKJV))

Some Hebrew scholars understand *Dothan* to mean “law,” or “custom”; others understand the word to mean “two wells.”

Jesus found His brethren dwelling under the bondage of the law and bound by the customs and rituals of the religious leaders of that day ([Matthew 15:1-3](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Matthew+15.1-3&t=NKJV); [16:6](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Matthew+16.6&t=NKJV)). He also found them dwelling by two wells. Note [Jeremiah 2:13](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Jeremiah+2.13&t=NKJV):

*For My people have committed two evils: They have forsaken Me, the fountain of living waters, And hewn themselves cisterns-broken cisterns that can hold no water.*

The Jews had deserted the Well of Living Water and were drawing from a well that had no water.

The Response of Joseph’s Brethren ([Genesis 37:18-36](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+37.18-36&t=NKJV))

1) Refused to receive him and conspired against him. His words concerning his dreams were not believed ([Genesis 37:5-9](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+37.5-9&t=NKJV), [18-20](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+37.18-20&t=NKJV))

The Jews rejected Jesus and conspired against Him. They attributed His miraculous signs — which bore visible witness to the nation of Israel concerning the message being proclaimed — to the power of Satan ([Matthew 9:34](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Matthew+9.34&t=NKJV); [12:24](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Matthew+12.24&t=NKJV)). *The Pharisees* “*plotted against Him, how they might destroy Him*” ([Matthew 12:14](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Matthew+12.14&t=NKJV)). And immediately before and during His crucifixion the religious leaders in Israel spat upon, beat, and mocked their Messiah ([Matthew 26:63-67](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Matthew+26.63-67&t=NKJV); [27:39-43](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Matthew+27.39-43&t=NKJV)). They, like the brethren of Joseph, did not believe His words.

2) Sold by his brethren to the Gentiles for twenty pieces of silver. Judah is the one who conceived this thought ([Genesis 37:26-28](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+37.26-28&t=NKJV))

Jesus was betrayed and sold by Judas, one of His brethren, for thirty pieces of silver ([John 13:21-27](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=John+13.21-27&t=NKJV); [Matthew 26:14-15](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Matthew+26.14-15&t=NKJV)). The name *Judas* comes from the Greek equivalent of the Hebrew name “Judah.” The One who had been born King, from the tribe of Judah, was then delivered into the hands of the Gentiles by His brethren.

3) Stripped of his coat and cast into a pit ([Genesis 37:23-24](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+37.23-24&t=NKJV))

Jesus was stripped of His garments and arrayed as a mock King, wearing a scarlet robe, a crown of thorns, and holding a reed in His right hand ([Matthew 27:28-29](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Matthew+27.28-29&t=NKJV)). And the Roman soldiers who had ridiculed Christ in this manner then crucified Him and cast lots for His garments ([Matthew 27:35](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Matthew+27.35&t=NKJV)).

Following His death, Jesus descended into the pit. And He was in the heart of the earth — in Hades, the place of the dead — for “*three days and three nights*” ([Matthew 12:40](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Matthew+12.40&t=NKJV); [Acts 2:27-31](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Acts+2.27-31&t=NKJV)).

4) Taken out of the pit alive ([Genesis 37:28](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+37.28&t=NKJV))

Jesus was also taken out of the pit, out of Hades, alive. He was raised from the dead on the third day, and, like Joseph, in a body of flesh and bones, stood among His brethren ([Matthew 28:6](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Matthew+28.6&t=NKJV), [9](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Matthew+28.9&t=NKJV); [Luke 24:36-39](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Luke+24.36-39&t=NKJV)).

5) Thought to be dead by one of his brethren ([Genesis 37:20-21](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+37.20-21&t=NKJV), [29](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+37.29&t=NKJV))

The brethren of Jesus, the Jews, today likewise believe that He is dead. Only those whose eyes have been opened know and understand the truth about Jesus ([Luke 24:31](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Luke+24.31&t=NKJV); [Romans 11:25](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Romans+11.25&t=NKJV)).

6) His coat dipped in the blood of a slain ram ([Genesis 37:31-35](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+37.31-35&t=NKJV))

The ram died in Joseph’s place. This coat with the blood was then presented to Jacob, and he accepted this as evidence of Joseph’s death.

Jesus has presented His own blood to the Father. He Himself is our Substitute, and the Father has accepted His blood (showing death) as evidence of our death (a vicarious death). Thus, those who have placed their trust in Jesus Christ *have already kept the appointment with death* ([Hebrews 9:27-28](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Hebrews+9.27-28&t=NKJV)).

Joseph Rejected – Jesus Rejected

Individuals often wonder why the nation of Israel rejected her Messiah when He appeared the first time.

Israel was in possession of the Word of God, which, in its entirety, was about the person and work of the One they rejected. This Revelation presented innumerable types of the coming Messiah, along with information giving the place of His appearance, the approximate time of His appearance, and that which would happen following His appearance ([Micah 5:2](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Micah+5.2&t=NKJV); [Daniel 9:24-27](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Daniel+9.24-27&t=NKJV); [Isaiah 53:1-12](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Isaiah+53.1-12&t=NKJV)).

Why were Herod the king and the inhabitants of Jerusalem *troubled* when the wise men from the East appeared in the capital of Jewry saying, “*Where is He who has been born King of the Jews?* *For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him*” ([Matthew 2:2-3](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Matthew+2.2-3&t=NKJV)). This Star (His star) was apparently identified by the wise men as the “*Star out of Jacob*” ([Numbers 24:17](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Numbers+24.17&t=NKJV)), which would signal the birth of Israel’s Messiah. The wise men *knew* that the Messiah was present; Herod *knew*; and the truth of the matter is that the religious leaders in Israel also *knew*.

It is understandable why Herod was *troubled*. His position on the throne was endangered by the arrival of the Jewish King.

But why were the Jews in *“all Jerusalem” troubled?* This should have been good news for them. They were under Roman rule, and the Deliverer promised time after time throughout the past 4,000 years of human history was at last present. The Messianic Era — wherein Gentile rule would end and Israel would be established at the head of the nations — could shortly be ushered in. But, instead of *joy* among the inhabitants of Jerusalem, they were *troubled*.

Over the years preceding Christ’s appearance, many false Messiahs had appeared to the nation of Israel. But the Jewish people had largely ignored these individuals. *They knew that they were false*. But when Jesus appeared, *things were different*. The Jewish people *could only have known* that it was about time for their Messiah to appear (*cf*. [Daniel 9:24-27](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Daniel+9.24-27&t=NKJV)), and when He did appear, *they were troubled*. *They were not ready* for His appearance, and would not have this Man to reign over them ([John 19:15](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=John+19.15&t=NKJV)).

Herod, who was only a Jew indirectly (an Edomite who had embraced Judaism), tried to kill Jesus shortly after His birth; and the religious leaders in Israel later spent three and one-half years trying to do away with Jesus.

The same situation that existed in Israel 2,000 years ago exists, as well, in Christendom today. The Jewish people were in possession of the Word and could know the things that God had revealed about the Messiah’s first appearance. Christians today are in possession of the Word and can know the things that God has revealed about the Messiah’s reappearance. The Jewish people sought to put the day of Messiah’s appearance far from them. And Christians today, concerning Messiah’s reappearance, are little different.

An apostate Judaism marked the closing days of that dispensation, and an apostate Christianity marks the closing days of this present dispensation ([Matthew 23:1ff](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Matthew+23.1ff&t=NKJV); [1 Timothy 4:1-2](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=1Timothy+4.1-2&t=NKJV); [1 Thessalonians 2:3](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=1Thessalonians+2.3&t=NKJV)). The condition of the Church at the end of the present dispensation is set forth in the degenerate condition of the Laodicean Church in [Revelation 3:14-21](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Revelation+3.14-21&t=NKJV), and the reason for this can be seen in the first four parables of [Matthew 13](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Matthew+13&t=NKJV).

Why are Christians troubled when the coming of the Lord is mentioned? Why is this message, so prevalent throughout Scripture, seldom proclaimed in the majority of pulpits throughout the land? The answer is the same in Christendom today as it was in the camp of Israel 2,000 years ago. The Jewish people were not ready for the Messiah’s appearance then, and Christians are not ready for the Messiah’s reappearance today.

Instead of *joy* among Christians, as should exist when the return of the Lord is proclaimed, *trouble* reigns supreme. Christians are unprepared for the intervention of the Messiah in the affairs of man once again, and they don’t want to hear about it. The return of the Lord will put an end to all of man’s plans, hopes, aims, ambitions, and aspirations performed apart from the power and leadership of the Holy Spirit.

The religious leaders in Israel should have been preparing the people to meet their Messiah. *But they were not, and, consequently, the people were not ready.*

Religious leaders today should be preparing the people to meet their Messiah. *But they are not, and, consequently, the people will not be ready.*

Joseph was mocked by his brethren because of his dreams concerning dominion over them, and they tried to do away with him ([Genesis 37:8](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+37.8&t=NKJV), [20-36](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+37.20-36&t=NKJV)).

The chief priests, scribes, and elders in Israel, in like manner, mocked Christ concerning His prophesied dominion over them, and they tried to do away with Him ([Matthew 26:59](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Matthew+26.59&t=NKJV); [27:20-22](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Matthew+27.20-22&t=NKJV), [39-43](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Matthew+27.39-43&t=NKJV)).

And the situation is no different in Christendom today. Many are openly belittling truths concerning the coming reign of Christ over the earth. They, like the Jews in time past, will have nothing to do with the Kingship of Jesus.

But, as will be shown in the subsequent two chapters, the type (the history of Joseph in Egypt) places Joseph and his brethren *in exactly the position set forth in his dreams — Joseph exalted (over all Egypt), with his brethren bowing down before him. And this alone necessitates a future fulfillment in the antitype in the person of Christ and the nation of Israel.*

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Chapter Five

**Joseph and Asenath**

**Hated by His Brethren**

(In Chapter 4, Joseph was seen as the beloved son of the father but hated and rejected by his brethren, who sold him for the price of a young slave, for “*twenty pieces of silver*” [*lit*., “twenty shekels of silver,” referring to weights of silver, not coins ([Genesis 37:28](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+37.28&t=NKJV); *cf*. [Leviticus 27:5](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Leviticus+27.5&t=NKJV))].

In the antitype it is Jesus who is seen as the beloved Son of the Father but hated and rejected by His brethren, who sold Him for the price of an adult slave, for “*thirty pieces of silver*” [[Matthew 27:3-7](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Matthew+27.3-7&t=NKJV); *cf*. [Exodus 21:32](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Exodus+21.32&t=NKJV); [Zechariah 11:12-13](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Zechariah+11.12-13&t=NKJV)].

God moved in the affairs of man, bringing these things to pass in the life of Joseph in order that He might have these experiences to draw upon in teaching Christians the deep things of God. God made the type to provide additional light for the antitype. God brought these things to pass in order to foreshadow and help explain great spiritual truths concerning His plans and purposes surrounding *both His Son and Man* [*cf*. [Psalm 81:5](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Psalm+81.5&t=NKJV); [Luke 24:27](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Luke+24.27&t=NKJV); [John 5:39](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=John+5.39&t=NKJV), [46](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=John+5.46&t=NKJV); [1 Corinthians 10:6](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=1Corinthians+10.6&t=NKJV), [11](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=1Corinthians+10.11&t=NKJV)].)

Following chapter thirty-seven in Genesis there is a break in the revealed chain of events covering the life of Joseph. In chapter thirty-eight God has seen fit to reveal certain things in the life of Judah before taking up the experiences of Joseph in the land of Egypt, beginning in chapter thirty-nine. On the surface, chapter thirty-eight would appear to have little connection with the life of Joseph, but such is not the case.

In this chapter, the experiences of Judah foreshadow the history of the Jewish people following their rejection and crucifixion of Jesus the Christ. This historical period — set forth in a type-antitype framework of events — which follows the events of Calvary ([Genesis 37](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+37&t=NKJV)), covers the entire two days (2,000 years) during which Israel’s Messiah is absent from the land of Judea (separated from His brethren according to the flesh) and leads into the Messianic Kingdom.

Two aspects of the history of Israel are seen in this chapter. One aspect provides an overall future history of the Jewish people; and the other is a continuing aspect of Israeli history, having to do with Israel’s harlotry, which had begun centuries earlier. Both aspects of this history cover the period that begins immediately following Calvary and leads into the Messianic Kingdom 2,000 years later.

Israel – From Calvary to the Kingdom ([Genesis 38:1-30](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+38.1-30&t=NKJV))

Judah married a Gentile woman, *Shuah*, whose name means “riches.” Out of this union three sons were born: The first son was named *Er*, which means “enmity”; the second son was named *Onan*, which means “iniquity”; the third son was named *Shelah*, which means “sprout.” And Shelah was born in *Chezib*, which means “false.”

Judah’s marriage to a Gentile — *Shuah*, whose name means “riches” — following the events of chapter thirty-seven sets forth in type the fact that following the rejection, crucifixion, and resurrection of Jesus the Christ, Israel *has gone out among the Gentiles, seeking wealth, riches.*

The first son, *Er* (meaning “enmity”), signifies that *enmity against Christ* is what has marked the Jewish people down through the centuries following Calvary.

The second son, *Onan* (meaning “iniquity”), sets forth *the state* in which the nation found herself following Calvary. Israel, though already *unclean through harlotry*, found herself in *a further unclean condition — unclean through contact with the dead body of her Messiah*; and the nation must remain in *this unclean condition* for two days (for 2,000 years).

Israel is presently separated from her temple and the sacrificial system connected with the temple, leaving the nation separated from the fulfillment of all Old Testament sacrifices — pointing to the sacrifice of the Lord Jesus Christ. Israel has slain the Lamb, but has yet to apply the blood (through belief). Israel, by sacrificing the Lamb apart from applying the blood, found herself separated from the efficacy of that sacrifice — cleansing, followed by reconciliation. And Israel cannot avail herself of cleansing, subsequently being reconciled to God, until the third day — the third one-thousand-year period following the offense ([Numbers 19:11-12](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Numbers+19.11-12&t=NKJV)).

(Actually, Israel will be cleansed of all her uncleanness at the end of two days, at the end of 2,000 years, immediately preceding the Messianic Era [[Daniel 9:24](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Daniel+9.24&t=NKJV)].)

The third son, *Shelah* (meaning “sprout”), born in *Chezib* (meaning “false”), points to something taking place in the life of Israel when the nation is *small* among the nations and everything is *untrue, false*. This can only point to a time at the end of this age — during the last seven years of Daniel’s Seventy-Week prophecy — when a small nation in the Middle East, the nation of Israel, will be confronted by the false Messiah, the man of sin. The Jews rejected the true Messiah, *who came in His Father’s name*; but they will receive the false Messiah, *who will come in his own name* ([John 5:43](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=John+5.43&t=NKJV); [2 Thessalonians 2:3-12](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=2Thessalonians+2.3-12&t=NKJV)).

During the Tribulation, when the man of sin is on the scene, there will be a division in the house of Israel. One segment of the nation will receive the false Messiah, but the other segment will reject him (note that “*many*,” not *all*, will receive this man [[Daniel 9:27](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Daniel+9.27&t=NKJV)]).

The type that is dealing with this fact is set forth by the twins whom Tamar bore in [Genesis 38:27-30](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+38.27-30&t=NKJV).

At the time of birth, one twin put forth his hand from the womb and the midwife tied a scarlet thread about his hand to identify the firstborn. However, his hand was drawn back into the womb and the other child, which was named Pharez, was born first. Pharez means “breach,” and points to that segment of the nation that will climax their breach with God by receiving the man of sin.

The second son, who was named *Zerah*, meaning “dawn,” possessed the scarlet thread and points to that segment of the nation that will reject the man of sin, looking forward to *the dawn of a new day.*

“Zerah” points to *the remnant that will pass through the time of Jacob’s trouble* (many in a place prepared by God [[Isaiah 26:20](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Isaiah+26.20&t=NKJV); [Revelation 12:6](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Revelation+12.6&t=NKJV)]) and be saved out of the destruction that will come upon the world, as Rahab, who, by the display of a scarlet cord, was saved from the destruction that befell Jericho ([Joshua 2:18-19](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Joshua+2.18-19&t=NKJV); [6:17](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Joshua+6.17&t=NKJV), [25](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Joshua+6.25&t=NKJV); [Hebrews 11:31](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Hebrews+11.31&t=NKJV)).

Israel — The Harlot Woman ([Genesis 38:12-26](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+38.12-26&t=NKJV))

Judah, in the type, is seen marrying a Gentile woman and later having *illicit relations* with his own daughter-in-law ([Genesis 38:2](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+38.2&t=NKJV), [12ff](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+38.12ff&t=NKJV)), with far-reaching ramifications. Judah’s action foreshadows Israel in the antitype, having *illicit relations* with the Gentile nations, also with far-reaching ramifications. *Repentance* is ultimately seen by Judah in the type ([Genesis 38:24-26](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+38.24-26&t=NKJV)), as it will one day occur in the camp of Israel in the antitype ([Hosea 2:2-3](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Hosea+2.2-3&t=NKJV); [14:1](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Hosea+14.1&t=NKJV), [4](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Hosea+14.4&t=NKJV), [8](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Hosea+14.8&t=NKJV)).

Israel, the wife of Jehovah in the Old Testament theocracy, began to have forbidden relations with the Gentile nations very early in Jewish history, committing *harlotry*. This early beginning of Israel’s harlotry is seen particularly in the book of Judges where Israel, time after time, found herself involved with Gentile nations, *with God sending a deliverer each time following the nation’s repentance.*

But the day finally came when Israel’s cup of iniquity became full (*cf*. [Genesis 15:16](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+15.16&t=NKJV)), and God allowed Gentile nations to uproot His people from their land and take them captive into Gentile lands (the northern ten tribes in 722 B.C. and the southern two tribes in 605 B.C.), *with deliverance awaiting their repentance and Messiah’s return.*

(For more information on Israel’s harlotry, refer to the author’s books, [Bible One - The Time of Jacob’s Trouble by Arlen Chitwood](http://bibleone.net/TOJT.htm) [the entire book deals with this subject] and, in this site, [The Time of the End BOOK](https://www.koffeekupkandor.com/gods-word-in-revelation.php#The%20Time%20of%20the%20End) [chapters 27, 28 — “The Beast and the Woman,” and “Judgment of the Great Whore”].)

Israel Set Aside ([Genesis 39-41](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+39-41&t=NKJV))

(Beginning in [Genesis 39](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+39&t=NKJV), Scripture provides commentary for that which is seen in both [Genesis 37](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+37&t=NKJV) and [Genesis 38](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+38&t=NKJV).

A structure of this nature is something seen quite often throughout Scripture. A complete sequence of events will be given, and Scripture will then drop back and provide commentary on different things presented in the complete sequence.

This is actually the way Scripture is structured as a whole. The complete sequence of events is given in [Genesis 1:1-2:3](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+1.1-2.3&t=NKJV). Then, the remainder of Scripture is simply a commentary on different things previously presented in the complete sequence, with the Sabbath day, the Messianic Era, always seen as *the goal* toward which everything moves.)

Following the account of the experiences of Judah throughout chapter thirty-eight — which typifies an overall history of Israel extending from Calvary to the Kingdom, along with Israel’s continued harlotry throughout this time — the type of Christ from chapter thirty-seven is continued in chapter thirty-nine through Joseph’s continued experiences. The type from this point throughout the remaining chapters sets forth:

1) Jesus in the hands of the Gentiles following His rejection by Israel.

2) The Gentile aspect of the crucifixion, death, burial, and resurrection.

3) The intervening 2,000-year period, during which time Jesus is separated from His brethren according to the flesh, and takes to Himself a Gentile bride.

4) The time of the Tribulation, which will come upon the entire earth.

5) The time when Jesus reveals Himself to His brethren the second time, followed by national blessings for Israel and blessings for the Gentile nations of the earth through the restored Jewish nation.

In [Genesis 39](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+39&t=NKJV) there is a new beginning in the type. [Genesis 37](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+37&t=NKJV) sets forth the Jewish aspect of the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ. Chapter 39 begins the Gentile aspect, covering these same events once again (*cf*. [Acts 4:25-28](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Acts+4.25-28&t=NKJV)); and the type is continued in the following chapters through the present dispensation on into the next, into the Messianic Era.

Joseph’s brethren are noticeably absent throughout chapters thirty-nine through forty-one, and they do not reappear until that time when a famine comes upon the entire land and they are forced to go to Joseph ([Genesis 42:1ff](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+42.1ff&t=NKJV)).

Israel was set aside following the rejection of Christ, and the nation will not reappear in God’s national dealings until a famine (the Tribulation) is upon the entire land once again and the Jewish people (as Joseph’s brethren) are forced to turn to the One whom they rejected (*cf*. [Hosea 5:15-6:2](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Hosea+5.15-6.2&t=NKJV)).

The Servitude of Joseph ([Genesis 39:1-6](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+39.1-6&t=NKJV))

1) Brought down to Egypt and became a servant in Potiphar’s house. The Lord caused all that Joseph did to prosper, and he gained favor in Potiphar’s sight ([Genesis 39:1-4](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+39.1-4&t=NKJV))

Jesus was sent to this earth, very God of very God, “*but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant* . . . .” The Lord caused all that He did to prosper, and Jesus “*increased . . . in favor with God and man*” ([Isaiah 53:10](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Isaiah+53.10&t=NKJV); [Luke 2:52](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Luke+2.52&t=NKJV); [Philippians 2:5-7](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Philippians+2.5-7&t=NKJV)).

2) Placed over all that his master possessed. Because of Joseph, the blessings of the Lord were upon all in the “house” and in the “field” ([Genesis 39:5](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+39.5&t=NKJV))

Jesus was born King of the Jews (born King in the “house” of Israel [[Matthew 2:2](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Matthew+2.2&t=NKJV); [10:6](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Matthew+10.6&t=NKJV)]), and He purchased those in the “*field*” (the world [[Matthew 13:38](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Matthew+13.38&t=NKJV), [45ff](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Matthew+13.45ff&t=NKJV)]) with His own blood. It is only because of Jesus, a Jew, that the blessings of the Lord extend to those in both the house and the field today ([Genesis 12:3](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+12.3&t=NKJV)). The entire world, after a measure, enjoys the blessings of the Lord today, though not in their fullness. The time when these blessings will be manifested in their fullness will be during the Messianic Era.

3) All of the master’s possessions placed in Joseph’s hands ([Genesis 39:6](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+39.6&t=NKJV))

The Father has placed all that He possesses in the Son’s hands. The Son has been appointed “*Heir of all things*” ([Hebrews. 1:2](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Hebrews.+1.2&t=NKJV); *cf*. [Genesis 24:10](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+24.10&t=NKJV), [36](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+24.36&t=NKJV)), and this inheritance will be received at the end of the present age and realized during the coming age.

The Temptation of Joseph ([Genesis 39:7-18](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+39.7-18&t=NKJV))

1) Tempted, but sinned not. Joseph was alone in a strange land when he was tempted by the wife of the captain of Pharaoh’s guard ([Genesis 39:7-13](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+39.7-13&t=NKJV))

Jesus was tempted while alone in the wilderness by the prince of this world ([Matthew 4:1-11](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Matthew+4.1-11&t=NKJV)). Jesus, the eternal Son of God, sinned not because He could not sin. He possessed no inward lust (which would have necessitated a sin nature), and was thus incapable of sinning ([James 1:14-15](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=James+1.14-15&t=NKJV)). Jesus wasn’t tempted to sin. He couldn’t be tempted in this manner, because God cannot be tempted with evil ([James 1:13](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=James+1.13&t=NKJV)). He was “*in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin*” (*lit*. “apart from sin” — *i.e.*, apart from being tempted to sin).

The face to face encounter between Jesus and Satan in the wilderness was necessary because of that which occurred 4,000 years earlier in the garden in Eden.

The first man, the first Adam, through an encounter with Satan, found himself in a fallen state and no longer qualified to ascend into the position for which he had been created ([Genesis 1:26-28](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+1.26-28&t=NKJV); [3:7ff](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+3.7ff&t=NKJV)).

Jesus, the second Man, the last Adam, met Satan in the wilderness to show once and for all that He was fully qualified as the eternal, impeccable Son of God to redeem that which the first Adam had lost in the fall. Jesus then bore the sins of the world in His own body on Calvary’s Cross to both effect man’s redemption ([2 Corinthians 5:21](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=2Corinthians+5.21&t=NKJV)) and to place Himself in a position where the forfeited inheritance (the earth) could subsequently be redeemed as well (*cf*. [Ruth 4:1ff](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Ruth+4.1ff&t=NKJV); [Psalm 2:1ff](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Psalm+2.1ff&t=NKJV); [Romans 8:14ff](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Romans+8.14ff&t=NKJV); [Revelation 5:1ff](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Revelation+5.1ff&t=NKJV)).

2) Falsely accused in order to remove him from Potiphar’s house ([Genesis 39:14-18](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+39.14-18&t=NKJV))

Jesus was falsely accused in order to remove Him from the house of Israel ([Matthew 26:59-60](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Matthew+26.59-60&t=NKJV)).

The Sentence of Joseph ([Genesis 30:16-40:23](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+30.16-40.23&t=NKJV))

1) Suffered the wrath of his master for sin, though he was not guilty. Potiphar’s wrath was kindled, but noticeably absent are the words, “against Joseph” ([Genesis 39:19-20](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+39.19-20&t=NKJV))

Jesus suffered the wrath of His Father for sin, though He was not guilty. The Father’s wrath was kindled against sin, not against His Son. The Son bore our sins in His own body at Calvary ([Isaiah 53:5-6](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Isaiah+53.5-6&t=NKJV); [2 Corinthians 5:21](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=2Corinthians+5.21&t=NKJV); [1 Peter 2:24](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=1Peter+2.24&t=NKJV)).

2) Offered no defense, though completely innocent ([Genesis 39:19-20](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+39.19-20&t=NKJV))

Jesus offered no defense, though completely innocent ([Isaiah 53:7](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Isaiah+53.7&t=NKJV); [Matthew 27:12-14](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Matthew+27.12-14&t=NKJV)).

3) Joseph was put in prison. It is evident that Potiphar did not believe the accusation against Joseph since he did not order him put to death ([Genesis 39:20](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+39.20&t=NKJV))

Jesus was put in prison, in the place of death. Pilate, like Potiphar, did not believe the accusation against Jesus ([Matthew 27:22-26](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Matthew+27.22-26&t=NKJV)).

4) All that were in the prison were committed into Joseph’s hands ([Genesis 39:22-23](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+39.22-23&t=NKJV))

All that are in the place of death have been committed into Jesus’ hands. Jesus possesses the “*keys of Hades and of death*” ([Revelation 1:18](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Revelation+1.18&t=NKJV)). The resurrection of all individuals (saved and unsaved alike) will take place only because the Son has been raised from the dead ([1 Corinthians 15:20-24](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=1Corinthians+15.20-24&t=NKJV)). And all judgment following resurrection will take place at the hands of the Son ([John 5:22](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=John+5.22&t=NKJV)).

5) Joseph was numbered with the transgressors. Two individuals are singled out who were placed in prison with Joseph. One fared well; the other did not ([Genesis 40:1-23](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+40.1-23&t=NKJV))

Jesus was numbered with the transgressors. Two malefactors were crucified with Christ. Two thieves were brought in later and also crucified with Him. One of the malefactors fared well; the other did not. Neither of the thieves fared well ([Isaiah 53:11](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Isaiah+53.11&t=NKJV); [Matthew 27:33-35](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Matthew+27.33-35&t=NKJV); [Mark 15:22-37](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Mark+15.22-37&t=NKJV); [Luke 23:26-46](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Luke+23.26-46&t=NKJV); [John 19:16-26](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=John+19.16-26&t=NKJV)).

(The malefactors and the thieves, crucified with Christ, are often viewed as being the same two individuals, but this cannot be correct. In Matthew’s and Mark’s accounts of the crucifixion, the two thieves were crucified with Him *after* the inscription, “*This is Jesus of Nazareth the King of the Jews*,” was placed above His head. In Luke’s account, the two malefactors were crucified with Him before this inscription was placed above His head. In John’s account, the order is the same as Luke’s, but they are simply called “*two others*.”

The word translated “*malefactor*” is a broader word in the Greek text than the word translated “*thief*.” A malefactor can be a thief, but he can also be guilty of numerous other crimes. Different Greek words are also used to describe the manner in which the thieves and malefactors spoke to Jesus. Both thieves spoke “*reproachfully*”; one malefactor spoke “*blasphemously*”; the other malefactor — often mistakenly called the repentant thief — believed that Jesus was the Messiah of Israel, and concluded his remarks with the request, “*Lord, remember me when you come into your kingdom*” [[Matthew 27:44](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Matthew+27.44&t=NKJV); [Luke 23:39-42](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Luke+23.39-42&t=NKJV)]).

The Deliverance of Joseph ([Genesis 41:1-36](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+41.1-36&t=NKJV))

While in prison Joseph interpreted the dreams of two individuals numbered with him. One was restored to his prior position, and the other was hanged, both as Joseph had foretold.

Later the Pharaoh of Egypt dreamed two dreams, and none of the magicians or wise men in Egypt could make known the interpretation. The Pharaoh was then told about Joseph’s ability to interpret dreams by the one who had been in prison with Joseph and had been restored to his prior position.

Joseph was then called forth from prison to make known the interpretation of Pharaoh’s dreams. As in the experience of Nebuchadnezzar and his dream about the great image ([Daniel 2:1ff](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Daniel+2.1ff&t=NKJV)), or the experience of Belshazzar and the handwriting on the wall ([Daniel 5:5ff](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Daniel+5.5ff&t=NKJV)), the wisdom of Egypt and Babylon were of *no avail* in the things of God. In each instance *a Jew* had to be called forth to make known the message from God.

A Jewish connection with the Revelation of God after this fashion has been in effect since the time that the Hebrew people were called into existence. According to [Psalm 147:19-20](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Psalm+147.19-20&t=NKJV),

*He declares His word to Jacob, His statutes and His judgments to Israel.*

*He has not dealt thus with any nation [Gentile]; and as for His judgments, they have not known them. Praise the LORD!*

According to [Romans 3:1-2](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Romans+3.1-2&t=NKJV); [9:4](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Romans+9.4&t=NKJV), the “*Oracles of God*” were committed to the Jews. The Word of God that we have today came through Jewish prophets, beginning with Moses. No part of the Bible, through its own internal testimony, could possibly have been given through a Gentile (as some look upon Luke, who wrote both the gospel of Luke and the book of Acts). [Psalms 147:19-20](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Psalms+147.19-20&t=NKJV) provides God’s own statement concerning the national origin of ALL those who wrote ALL Scripture.

1) Called forth from prison to make known future events ([Genesis 41:14-28](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+41.14-28&t=NKJV))

Jesus was called forth from the place of death and made known future events. The resurrection of Christ itself sets forth future events. The resurrection of Christ — God’s firstborn Son — took place after two days, on the third day. This sets forth the fact that all of God’s firstborn Sons — *Christ, Israel*, and *the Church* (following the adoption) — will be raised up after two days, on the third day. It will be after two days, on the third day — after two thousand years, on the third one-thousand-year period — that Christ will enter into His glory, accompanied by both *restored Israel* and *His wife* (*cf*. [Luke 9:32](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Luke+9.32&t=NKJV); [24:26](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Luke+24.26&t=NKJV); [John 11:6-7](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=John+11.6-7&t=NKJV), [43-44](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=John+11.43-44&t=NKJV)).

Following His resurrection, Jesus spent forty days instructing His disciples in things pertaining to “*the kingdom of God*” ([Acts 1:3](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Acts+1.3&t=NKJV)). Then, following His ascension, Jesus appeared to Paul in the Arabian Desert and personally instructed him concerning future events ([Galatians 1:11-12](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Galatians+1.11-12&t=NKJV), [16-17](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Galatians+1.16-17&t=NKJV)).

2) Revealed to Pharaoh that a time of plenty would be followed by a time of famine. Both of these periods were to be seven years in length ([Genesis 41:29-36](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+41.29-36&t=NKJV))

“Seven” is one of the numbers showing *completeness*. It signifies *the completion of that which is in view*. The dreams of Pharaoh, thus, set forth events transpiring within *two complete periods of time*.

Throughout the Word of God we are told about these *two complete periods*, which within their proper framework FOLLOW the resurrection of Christ. There is to be *a time of plenty* — the day in which we presently live; and there is to be *a time of famine* — the Tribulation period. And just as surely as the time of plenty ended during Joseph’s day and the time of famine followed, the time of plenty in which we now live will end, and the time of famine will follow ([Matthew 24:21](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Matthew+24.21&t=NKJV); [Revelation 6:1-8](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Revelation+6.1-8&t=NKJV)).

The Exaltation of Joseph ([Genesis 41:39-45](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+41.39-45&t=NKJV))

1) Following his removal from prison and his making known God’s Revelation, Joseph was exalted and seated on the throne of the ruler over all Egypt. Joseph was arrayed in fine linen, a gold chain was placed about his neck, he rode in Pharaoh’s second chariot, all were required to bow their knee to Joseph, and he was placed over all the land of Egypt ([Genesis 41:39-44](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+41.39-44&t=NKJV))

Following His resurrection and His making known God’s Revelation ([Acts 1:3](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Acts+1.3&t=NKJV)), Jesus was exalted and seated on the throne of the Ruler over all the earth, and the universe at large ([Psalm 110:1](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Psalm+110.1&t=NKJV); [Revelation 3:21](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Revelation+3.21&t=NKJV)).

God has exalted Jesus to His right hand to be “*Prince and Savior*” ([Acts 5:31](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Acts+5.31&t=NKJV)); He has been “*crowned with glory and honor*” ([Hebrews. 2:9](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Hebrews.+2.9&t=NKJV)); He has been clothed with garments befitting His position — a body enswathed with the glory of God ([Psalm 104:1-2](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Psalm+104.1-2&t=NKJV)); God has stated, “*that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth*” ([Philippians 2:10](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Philippians+2.10&t=NKJV)); “*All authority . . . in heaven and on earth*” has been given to Him ([Matthew 28:18 ASV](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Matthew+28.18&t=ASV)); and this is all with a view to the Anointed One exercising power from His own throne in the coming age ([Psalm 110:1-3](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Psalm+110.1-3&t=NKJV); [Revelation 3:21](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Revelation+3.21&t=NKJV)).

2) During the time Joseph was seated on the throne of another, and before the time of famine, he became the savior of the world, and he took a Gentile bride ([Genesis 41:45](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+41.45&t=NKJV))

During the time Jesus is seated on the throne of His Father, and before the time of famine, He is the Savior of the world, and He is taking a Gentile bride ([Acts 15:14](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Acts+15.14&t=NKJV); [Romans 11:25](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Romans+11.25&t=NKJV); [Revelation 19:7-8](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Revelation+19.7-8&t=NKJV)).

During the present time, the world is enjoying its *day of plenty*. But *the day of famine* is just ahead. The Church, of course, will not be here. Christ will remove His bride before the time of famine (which will involve the removal of *ALL Christians* at that time, for *the bride will not be singled out — the “called out” will not be removed from the “called”* [*cf*. [Matthew 22:14](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Matthew+22.14&t=NKJV)] — *UNTIL events surrounding the judgment seat, where ALL Christians MUST appear* [[2 Corinthians 5:9-11](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=2Corinthians+5.9-11&t=NKJV)]).

In the type, Asenath, the wife of Joseph, was not affected by the time of famine. She was noticeably absent during events surrounding the famine, which included events surrounding Joseph’s dealings with his brethren during the time of famine. Thus will it be in the antitype. The Church will have no part in events surrounding the Tribulation; nor will the Church have a part in Christ’s dealings with His brethren according to the flesh both during and immediately following this time.

In a corresponding type in the book of Exodus we find these same truths set forth. Moses took a Gentile bride during the time of his rejection by his brethren, but she had no part in his dealings with his brethren during the plagues upon Egypt and the subsequent Exodus of the Israelites from Egypt. Moses’ wife, Zipporah, did not accompany Moses to Egypt when he appeared to his brethren the second time and was not present during any of his dealings with his brethren in Egypt or with the Assyrian Pharaoh ruling Egypt.

She was separated from Moses during this time and reunited with him only *after* the Exodus ([Exodus 2:21](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Exodus+2.21&t=NKJV); [4:20-26](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Exodus+4.20-26&t=NKJV); [18:1-5](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Exodus+18.1-5&t=NKJV)).

As in the antitype of Joseph and Asenath, or in the antitype of Moses and Zipporah, Christ’s bride will have no part in the coming Tribulation, or in Christ’s dealings with His brethren according to the flesh, both during and immediately following the Tribulation.

Christ’s wife will not accompany Him to the earth when He returns to complete the judgments of the Tribulation and to deliver His brethren. She, as Asenath in relation to Joseph, or Zipporah in relation to Moses, will be separated from Christ during this time and be reunited with Him only *after* He concludes His dealings with Israel. Those who accompany Christ to the earth and witness concluding judgments of the Tribulation and His dealings with His brethren during this time will be *angels*, not Christians ([Revelation 19:14](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Revelation+19.14&t=NKJV); [Jude1:14](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Jud+1.14&t=NKJV); [1 Thessalonians 3:13](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=1Thessalonians+3.13&t=NKJV); [2 Thessalonians 1:7](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=2Thessalonians+1.7&t=NKJV); *cf*. [Deuteronomy 33:2](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Deuteronomy+33.2&t=NKJV); [Psalm 68:17](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Psalm+68.17&t=NKJV); [Acts 7:53](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Acts+7.53&t=NKJV); [Hebrews. 2:2](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Hebrews.+2.2&t=NKJV)).

Just as surely as night follows day, a time of famine will follow the present time of plenty. For those who dwell on the earth, many will come to realize too late that “*the harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved!*” ([Jeremiah 8:20](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Jeremiah+8.20&t=NKJV)) — which would have to do with both the saved and the unsaved.

(*Salvation* for those who have already “*passed from death to life*” has to do with an ongoing aspect of salvation, to be realized in the future — *the salvation of the soul*.

*Salvation* for those who have *not* “*passed from death to life*” is another matter though. They have yet to possess spiritual life. Consequently, they are *completely removed* from all aspects of the overall scope of salvation that God, through His Son, has provided for man.)

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Chapter Six

**Joseph and Asenath**

**Exalted Over All Egypt**

(In Chapter 5, Joseph was seen delivered from prison and placed at the right hand of power; and from this position, Joseph took a Gentile bride. The antitype, of course, is easy to see. Jesus was delivered from the place of death and placed at the right hand of Power; and from this position, Jesus is presently taking a Gentile bride.

The bride whom Christ is presently taking from the Gentiles is for a purpose that will be realized in the coming age. Christ, in that day, will hold the earth's scepter as He ascends His Own throne; and His bride, who will then be His wife, will ascend the throne and exercise power as co-regent with Him [[Revelation 2:26](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Revelation+2.26&t=NKJV), [27](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Revelation+2.27&t=NKJV); [3:21](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Revelation+3.21&t=NKJV)].)

Two Complete Periods ([Genesis 41:1-54](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+41.1-54&t=NKJV))

Joseph revealed to Pharaoh the interpretation of two dreams, and these dreams had to do with events transpiring during two seven-year periods. "Seven" is the number of *perfection*. It signifies *the completion of that which is in view*. Events transpiring during these two periods, thus, point to events transpiring during two complete periods of time in the antitype.

*A completeness* shown by the number seven is evident throughout Scripture. The six-day restoration of the earth in Genesis chapter one — an earth that had become "*without form and void*" as a result of Satan seeking to exalt his throne (*cf*. [Isaiah 14:12-17](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Isaiah+14.12-17&t=NKJV); [Jeremiah 4:23-28](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Jeremiah+4.23-28&t=NKJV); [Ezekiel 28:14-19](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Ezekiel+28.14-19&t=NKJV)) — was *incomplete* without the seventh day of rest ([Genesis 1:2-2:3](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+1.2-2.3&t=NKJV) [2b]). These seven days set forth in type, at the very beginning of Scripture, *the period of time* that biblical revelation covers, which is *the period of time* that God concerns Himself with the affairs of man on this present earth. From the point of man's fall, the complete length of this time will be *seven days* — *7,000 years* — one complete period of time (*cf*. [Matthew 16:28-17:5](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Matthew+16.28-17.5&t=NKJV); [2 Peter 1:15-18](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=2Peter+1.15-18&t=NKJV); [3:3-8](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=2Peter+3.3-8&t=NKJV)). God will work six days in the restoration of a ruined creation (ruined man, along with the ruined material creation once again) and then rest the seventh day, exactly as He did in the prior restoration of a ruined creation set forth in the opening verses of Genesis (*cf*. [Genesis 1:1-2:3](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+1.1-2.3&t=NKJV); [Exodus 31:13-17](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Exodus+31.13-17&t=NKJV)).

"The thought of a ruined condition of the earth succeeding its original creation...is required by the typical view" (F. W. Grant).

God later dealt with Israel, not only in complete keeping with this established pattern, but in related numeric fashions as well.

*The Sabbath* was given to Israel as a "sign" (pointing to a day of rest following God's present six-day restorative work [[Exodus 31:13-17](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Exodus+31.13-17&t=NKJV)]), and *the complete sacred calendar of Israel*, in both history and prophecy, was set forth in another septenary manner — in the seven "*feasts of the Lord*" ([Leviticus 23:1ff](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Leviticus+23.1ff&t=NKJV)). That which was depicted by these festivals begins in history with the birth of a nation the night of the Passover in Egypt, during the days of Moses; and this festival foreshadows that day when the nation will be reborn, that day when Israel will observe her national Passover (through appropriating the blood of the slain Lamb) during the days of the One Who is greater than Moses.

A deliverance from Gentile dominion occurred under Moses; and this was followed by the nation being led into the land covenanted to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, with the nation being placed in that land within a theocracy under Joshua (the Hebrew name for "Jesus," meaning *Salvation*). A deliverance from Gentile dominion is about to occur under Christ; and this will be followed by a restoration of the nation to the land covenanted to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, with the nation being placed in that land within a theocracy under Christ.

These are among events set forth by the "*feasts of the Lord*" in [Leviticus 23](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Leviticus+23&t=NKJV).

The time of the captivity of the children of Israel in Babylon was set by God at seventy years, which is "*ten*" *sevens*. "Ten" is the number of *ordinal completion* relating to the earth. "Ten," like seven, is a *complete number*, but from a different perspective (*cf*. [Matthew 25:1](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Matthew+25.1&t=NKJV); [Luke 19:13](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Luke+19.13&t=NKJV)).

Daniel's prophecy of the Seventy Weeks ([Daniel 9:24-27](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Daniel+9.24-27&t=NKJV)) constitutes a period of time (490 years) that equals seven times seventy, or seven times seven times ten. These 490 years constitute *a complete period of time determined upon the Jewish people and the city of Jerusalem*, which will be followed by the Messianic Era (([Daniel 9:24](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Daniel+9.24&t=NKJV)). Note also that the beast in [Revelation 13:1ff](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Revelation+13.1ff&t=NKJV), the end-time world ruler (who will appear during the final seven years of this 490-year period), will have seven heads and ten horns.

All Scripture rests upon *a divinely established numeric arrangement*, and, consequently, numbers in Scripture are fraught with spiritual significance and meaning.

The world is presently enjoying its *time of abundance*, set forth by the seven years of plenty in Pharaoh's dreams. But the world will shortly be ushered into *a time of trouble*, set forth by the seven years of famine in these same dreams. This time of trouble/famine is described in Genesis as being *so grievous that "the plenty shall not be known in the land by reason of that famine following"* ([Genesis 41:31](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+41.31&t=NKJV)). The antitype of this period is described in Matthew's gospel as *a time of trouble "such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be"* ([Matthew 24:21](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Matthew+24.21&t=NKJV)).

Throughout both the complete times of plenty and famine Joseph occupied a position at the right hand of the ruler over all Egypt in the type. In the antitype, Jesus presently occupies a position at the right hand of the Ruler over all the earth (and the universe at large) during the time of plenty, and He will continue to occupy this position during the time of famine that will follow.

(Note that God is the Supreme Ruler over the entire universe, which includes the earth. Then, messianic angels rule various provinces in the universe under God, with Satan [a fallen messianic angel] presently ruling the earth in this capacity.)

Joseph took a Gentile bride during the time of plenty. And Jesus is presently taking a Gentile bride during the time of plenty.

Joseph was arrayed in fine linen, a gold chain was placed about his neck ("gold," in Scripture, speaks of *Deity*), he was made to ride in the second chariot, all Egypt was commanded to bow the knee before Joseph, and he was given a new name — *Zaphnath-Paaneah* — which means, "Savior of the world." Pharaoh said unto Joseph, "*I am Pharaoh, and without your consent no man may lift his hand or foot in all the land of Egypt*" ([Genesis 41:40-45](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+41.40-45&t=NKJV)).

For those who have eyes to see, the antitype is clear. God the Father has placed His Son, Jesus, in exactly this same position ([Philippians 2:6-10](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Philippians+2.6-10&t=NKJV); [Hebrews 2:9](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Hebrews+2.9&t=NKJV); [1 Peter 3:22](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=1Peter+3.22&t=NKJV); [Revelation 3:21](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Revelation+3.21&t=NKJV)).

But, as previously seen, though the position that Christ occupies will remain unchanged (as the position that Joseph occupied), conditions on this earth *will change*; and these conditions *will change drastically*.

The time of plenty is going to come to an end, with *a time of unparalleled famine following* — a time so grievous that conditions existing during the previous time of plenty "*shall not be known*" throughout the earth because of the famine ([Genesis 41:31](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+41.31&t=NKJV)). And all of this is something that man not only seems to know very little about but also doesn't even seem to want to discuss today. Man wants to remove that day — when the time of plenty ends, and the time of famine begins — *far from him*. Scripture though *cannot be broken*. The time of plenty is going to end, and the time of famine is then going *to begin*:

"*Then the seven years of plenty which were in the land of Egypt ended,*

*and the seven years of famine began to come, as Joseph had said...*" ([Genesis 41:53-54a](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+41.53-54a&t=NKJV)).

In the type, the time of plenty *came to an end*, and the time of famine *followed*, *just as Joseph had said*. And in the antitype, the time of plenty during which we presently live *will come to an end*, and the time of famine *will follow, just as Jesus has said* ([Matthew 24:21-22](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Matthew+24.21-22&t=NKJV)).

Go unto Joseph ([Genesis 41:55-57](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+41.55-57&t=NKJV))

When the famine came upon Egypt, "*the people cried to Pharaoh for bread: and Pharaoh said unto all the Egyptians*,"

*"Go to Joseph; whatever he says to you, do.*

*The famine was over all the face of the earth, and Joseph opened all the storehouses and sold to the Egyptians. And the famine became severe in the land of Egypt"* ([Genesis 41:55-56](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+41.55-56&t=NKJV) [55b]).

This sets forth a truth that Christians appear to have little appreciation for today. Although the famine in this verse refers to the coming Tribulation in the antitype, the application to Christians during a time of famine (need) today is too evident to pass by without a few comments.

Do you have a need? Do you know how to obtain a supply for any need that might arise in your life? The answer is found in [Genesis 41:55-56](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+41.55-56&t=NKJV): "*Go to Joseph; whatever he says to you, do*." *He will then open "all the storehouses."* A similar thought is set forth in the words of Jesus in [John 14:14](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=John+14.14&t=NKJV): "*If you will ask anything in my name, I will do it*."

*Asking in the name of Jesus* is a very misunderstood subject today. These words do not constitute a magic formula that can be repeated at the end of a prayer merely to obtain things that an individual may desire to have. "In Jesus' name" implies that the person is acting on the Lord's behalf, using the talents and/or pounds left in their possession to bring forth an increase ([Matthew 25:14-20](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Matthew+25.14-20&t=NKJV); [Luke 19:11-27](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Luke+19.11-27&t=NKJV)). That would be to say, they would be trading and trafficking, using that which the Lord had entrusted to them in order to carry out business on His behalf during His time of absence. And, in the process of carrying out this business, a person would have certain needs that must be met. That person could then make requests "in Jesus' name," with the assurance that such requests would be answered and met.

If a person is truly conducting business on the Lord's behalf, in the manner that He has told them to conduct that business, it should go without saying that the person would be doing that which the Lord had told them to do. A person in this position could then go to Jesus with his needs, the storehouses would be opened, and the Lord would supply these needs (*cf*. [John 16:23-24](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=John+16.23-24&t=NKJV); [James 4:3](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=James+4.3&t=NKJV); [1 John 3:22](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=1John+3.22&t=NKJV)).

One of the main cries heard in Christian circles today is the plea for money to carry on the Lord's work. *That is a strange sound coming from the trumpet*. Reverse that into the type in [Genesis 41](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+41&t=NKJV), and you will have the people of Egypt going out trying to raise money to help Joseph. *NO!* The *only* correct biblical response is to *"GO unto Joseph; what he says to you, DO!" He will THEN open "ALL the storehouses."*

The attitude of too many Christians today is, "Tell the people, and trust the Lord." Arno Gaebelein, one of the great Bible teachers in past years, used to say that when you tell the people, you cease to trust the Lord. The attitude of Dr. Gaebelein in this area was far more Scriptural than the position many Christians are taking today. Not only are there certain pseudo-religious programs on radio and television, which are little more than fund-raising campaigns preying on the biblical ignorance of Christians, but many churches throughout the land are carrying on man-made programs that are little different. If Christians followed the admonition of Scripture concerning their needs in all areas, they would find that not only would many (probably most) Church-related programs of today cease to exist, but many others would come into existence; and *the Lord would supply the necessary funds to carry on His work*.

Any group of Christians doing what the Lord has told them to do need only ask of the Lord, and He will supply any need that might arise. Any church in financial straits today has not done one or both of two things: The members constituting that church have either not done what He has told them to do or they have not gone to the Lord for their needs.

What has the Lord told you to do? Two related thoughts will be set forth that individuals might consider, and which will perhaps shed light on the central reason why many Christian organizations and churches have been beset by problems — financial and otherwise.

1) *The Attitude of Christians toward the Word of God in General*

God has placed pastor-teachers in churches to lead Christians into a mature knowledge of the Word of God. Christians, in turn, are to take this knowledge and do what God has told them to do in His Word. God speaks to us today through His Word.

This Word is to be taught "*precept upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little*." The ones whom the Lord will teach "knowledge" and make to understand "doctrine" are those who are "*weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts*" ([Isaiah 28:9-13](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Isaiah+28.9-13&t=NKJV)). If one follows God's Revelation to man, his teachings will center on God's firstborn Sons — *Jesus, Israel*, and *the Church* (awaiting the adoption). Not only will his teachings center on God's firstborn Sons, but the goal toward which all things are moving — the earth's coming Sabbath rest, the Messianic Era — will be placed in its proper perspective.

Teachings concerning *Christ* begin in [Genesis 1:1](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+1.1&t=NKJV) (*cf*. [John 1:1-5](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=John+1.1-5&t=NKJV)). Jesus stated that ALL Scripture was about Him ([Luke 24:27](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Luke+24.27&t=NKJV), [44](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Luke+24.44&t=NKJV); [John 5:39](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=John+5.39&t=NKJV), [46](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=John+5.46&t=NKJV)). Thus, it matters not where a person turns in Scripture, he will find himself studying about some facet of the person and work of Christ.

Teachings concerning *the nation of Israel* also begin in Genesis. Not only was Abraham the father of this nation ([Genesis 11:26ff](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+11.26ff&t=NKJV)), but teachings concerning Israel can be seen much earlier in typology. [Genesis 4](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+4&t=NKJV), for example, sets forth Cain (responsible for the death of Abel) as a type of Israel (responsible for the death of Christ); and Noah passing through the Flood is a type of Israel passing through the coming Tribulation.

Teachings concerning *the Church* also begin in Genesis. Adam and Eve constitute the original type of Christ and His bride, and Enoch and Methuselah constitute a type of Christians being removed before the coming Flood (Tribulation) — some via death as Methuselah, others by being caught up alive as Enoch.

Teachings concerning *the kingdom* also begin in Genesis. The Sabbath day of rest ([Genesis 2:1-3](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+2.1-3&t=NKJV)), following six days of work ([Genesis 1:2-31](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+1.2-31&t=NKJV) [2b]), sets forth the fact that a Sabbath day of rest is coming following six days of work. And each one of these days will be 1,000 years in length (*cf*. [Exodus 31:13-17](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Exodus+31.13-17&t=NKJV); [Hebrews 4:4-9](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Hebrews+4.4-9&t=NKJV); [2 Peter 1:15-18](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=2Peter+1.15-18&t=NKJV); [3:3-8](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=2Peter+3.3-8&t=NKJV)).

Genesis is *rich beyond degree*. There's not a single biblical doctrine that cannot be found in some form in Genesis. In order to correctly understand the work of *the Son* — past, present, and future — along with the place occupied by *Israel* and *the Church* in God's eternal plans and purposes, one *MUST* begin in Genesis.

A teaching example for the servants of the Lord to follow has been set by Jesus Himself: "*Beginning at Moses and all the prophets*..." ([Luke 24:27](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Luke+24.27&t=NKJV)). Great spiritual lessons concerning *Christ, Israel*, and *the Church* can be drawn from the Old Testament Scriptures, beginning with the writings of Moses. And spiritual lessons of this nature can be derived only through extensive studies of the types.

Thus, the import of types in Scripture can immediately be seen. Not only will God's three firstborn Sons — *Christ, Israel*, and *the Church* — be placed in their proper perspective, but teachings drawn from "*Moses and all the prophets*" will be directed toward the earth's coming Sabbath day of rest — the coming Messianic Era, when God's three firstborn Sons (the Church, following the adoption) will be placed in their proper positions on and over the earth. No wonder it was said by more than one great Bible teacher of past years that types commend themselves to the spiritually minded.

2) *The Attitude of Christians toward the Word of God in Particular*

The central message of Scripture, the Word of the Kingdom, is the message upon which Satan has centered his attack throughout this dispensation. And this is perhaps nowhere better depicted in Scripture than in the parables of [Matthew 13](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Matthew+13&t=NKJV).

In these parables, Satan is the one who seeks to bring about barrenness in the lives of Christians as they find themselves placed in various parts of the world, with a view to their bringing forth fruit ([Matthew 13:4-8](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Matthew+13.4-8&t=NKJV), [19-23](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Matthew+13.19-23&t=NKJV)); he is the one responsible for sowing tares among the wheat, with a view to barrenness among Christians ([Matthew 13:24-30](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Matthew+13.24-30&t=NKJV)); he is the one who produced an unnatural growth in Christendom early in this dispensation, which continues today, resulting in his messengers finding ready acceptance therein ([Matthew 13:31-32](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Matthew+13.31-32&t=NKJV)); and he is the one responsible for the leavening process that has been occurring within Christendom throughout this dispensation, resulting in an every-increasing corruption, which will continue *until the whole has been leavened* ([Matthew 13:33](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Matthew+13.33&t=NKJV)).

Satan's attack in this fashion has not been an attack upon biblical doctrine in general. Rather, it has been an attack upon biblical doctrine in *a very particular and specific manner*. It would be an attack similar to that referred to in military circles today as "a surgical strike [an attack directed at one specific target, using computer-guided missiles, leaving that which surrounds the target untouched]." It has been an attack directed *specifically* at the Word of the Kingdom.

And the direct command to Christians in the Word of God runs *completely contrary* to that which can be seen occurring on almost every hand in Christendom today. To avoid being caught up in the wiles of Satan — in which almost the whole of Christendom finds itself today — Christians are commanded to study the Word, remaining in complete keeping with the Old Testament prophecies. It is *only through a knowledge gleaned from the Word after this fashion* that Christians can know how to properly array themselves in armor, know how to properly combat the enemy, know how to remain faithful, and know how to maintain a proper spiritual awareness (*cf*. [Ephesians 6:10ff](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Ephesians+6.10ff&t=NKJV); [1 Timothy 1:18-19](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=1Timothy+1.18-19&t=NKJV); [2 Timothy 2:15](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=2Timothy+2.15&t=NKJV)).

Further, Christians are commanded to strain every muscle of their being in the present race of the faith, something that they would know very little about apart from a proper study of the Word ([1 Timothy 6:11-19](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=1Timothy+6.11-19&t=NKJV); [2 Timothy 4:7-8](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=2Timothy+4.7-8&t=NKJV); [Jude1:3](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Jud+1.3&t=NKJV)). And Christians are to govern their lives after this fashion with a view to *a prize* that awaits the victors at the end of the race of the faith ([1 Peter 4:12](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=1Peter+4.12&t=NKJV), [13](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=1Peter+4.13&t=NKJV); [5:1-6](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=1Peter+5.1-6&t=NKJV)).

And it is not just any prize awaiting Christians who govern their lives after this fashion. Rather, *it is the highest prize of all prizes. It is the greatest thing that God could ever design for redeemed man* — that of one day being elevated into the heavens and being privileged to ascend the throne with God's Son, ruling the earth as co-regent with *the King of kings*, *and Lord of lords*.

Can Christians expect the storehouses to be opened and the blessings of the Lord to flow out, even though they have gone to Him for their needs, if they refuse to do what He has told them? Look once again at the order in [Genesis 41:55-56](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+41.55-56&t=NKJV): *GO...DO...and He will THEN open ALL the storehouses*.

Famine upon the Earth ([Genesis 42:1-38](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+42.1-38&t=NKJV))

*The time of famine is coming*. It came during Joseph's day, and it will come during the present day. The brethren of Joseph faded from view after he had been sold into the hands of the Gentiles ([Genesis 37:28](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+37.28&t=NKJV)), and they did not reappear *until the time of famine* ([Genesis 42:1](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+42.1&t=NKJV)).

The brethren of Jesus, according to the flesh, faded from view after He had been sold into the hands of the Gentiles. Israel has been set aside while God, during the time of plenty, takes out of the Gentiles a people for His name.

However, when the time of famine begins, just as the brethren of Joseph in the type reappeared, the brethren of Jesus in the antitype *will reappear*. And then, as Joseph dealt with his brethren, God will deal with Israel on a national basis once again.

1) *When the time of famine came, Joseph's brethren were driven from their land and forced to go into Egypt* ([Genesis 42:3](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+42.3&t=NKJV)).

During the coming time of famine, Jesus' brethren will be driven from their land and forced to go out into the Gentile world. The Jews in the land of Israel today are there in unbelief awaiting the man of sin. He will one day appear, exactly as foretold in Scripture, and make a seven-year covenant with many in Israel. After three and one-half years this covenant will be broken, and Satan, through the man of sin, will launch his final and most intense attack against Israel. The Jews in the land who do not escape to the place of safety prepared by God ([Revelation 12:6](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Revelation+12.6&t=NKJV)) will either be killed or sold as slaves throughout the Gentile world. And in his campaign against Israel, during a three and one-half year period, this man will succeed in destroying two-thirds of the world's Jewish population ([Zechariah 13:8](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Zechariah+13.8&t=NKJV)), though he will fail in his ultimate goal — the complete destruction of the Jewish people ([Revelation 12:13-17](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Revelation+12.13-17&t=NKJV); *cf*. [Jeremiah 31:35-37](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Jeremiah+31.35-37&t=NKJV)).

2) *During the time of famine, Joseph's brethren had no place to turn but to Joseph* ([Genesis 42:6](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+42.6&t=NKJV)).

During the coming Great Tribulation, Jesus' brethren will have no place to turn but to Jesus ([Exodus 3:2](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Exodus+3.2&t=NKJV), [7-9](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Exodus+3.7-9&t=NKJV)).

3) *Joseph's brethren confessed their guilt in his presence. The time was after two days, on the third day* ([Genesis 42:18-23](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+42.18-23&t=NKJV)).

Jesus' brethren will confess their guilt in His presence. The time will be after two days, on the third day ([Hosea 5:15-6:2](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Hosea+5.15-6.2&t=NKJV)). The Word of God states that Israel in that day "*shall look upon Me* [Jesus] *whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for Him, as one mourns for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for Him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn*" ([Zechariah 12:10b](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Zechariah+12.10b&t=NKJV)).

(In the Hebrew text of [Zechariah 12:10](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Zechariah+12.10&t=NKJV) there is an untranslated *Aleph* and *Tau* [the first and last letters in the Hebrew alphabet, equivalent to the *Alpha* and *Omega* in Greek, the first and last letters in the Greek alphabet]. Note Who declares Himself to be the "*Alpha and Omega, the first and the last*" [[Revelation 1:8](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Revelation+1.8&t=NKJV), [11](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Revelation+1.11&t=NKJV)]. It is none other than the pierced One in [Zechariah 12:10](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Zechariah+12.10&t=NKJV), the *Aleph* and the *Tau*.)

4) *Joseph helped his brethren and supplied their needs — without price — during the time of famine* ([Genesis 42:25-26](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+42.25-26&t=NKJV)).

Jesus will help His brethren and supply their needs — without price — during the coming time of famine ([Isaiah 55:1](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Isaiah+55.1&t=NKJV)).

The Silver Cup and the Confession ([Genesis 43](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+43&t=NKJV); [44](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+44&t=NKJV))

When Joseph's brethren journeyed to Egypt the first time, Benjamin did not accompany them. Benjamin was Joseph's full-blood brother. The other sons of Jacob were Joseph's half-brothers. Benjamin was the youngest of all Jacob's sons and was the only remaining son who had been conceived by Rachel. Rachel, the wife Jacob worked seven additional years to procure, had died at the time Benjamin was born; and since Jacob presumed that Joseph was dead, Jacob had refused to allow Benjamin to accompany his brothers to Egypt for fear that something might befall the only remaining son whom Rachel had borne.

The remainder of Joseph's brethren, on their first trip to Egypt, bowed themselves before Joseph in accordance with Joseph's dreams ([Genesis 37:5-10](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+37.5-10&t=NKJV); [42:6](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+42.6&t=NKJV), [9](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+42.9&t=NKJV)), pointing to that time yet future when the brethren of Jesus will be forced to come and bow before Him. Joseph knew his brethren, but they did not know him ([Genesis 42:8](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+42.8&t=NKJV)), pointing to that future day when Jesus will still be a stranger to the house of Israel, *after* they have gone to Him for help. He will know them, but they will not know Him until He reveals Himself to them, exactly as seen in the type.

Even in Israel's present state of unbelief, the attitude of Jesus toward the house of Israel is graphically illustrated in the attitude of Joseph toward his brethren. Note that Joseph turned aside and wept while his brethren were still unaware of his true identity ([Genesis 42:24](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+42.24&t=NKJV); [43:30](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+43.30&t=NKJV); *cf*. [Matthew 23:37-39](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Matthew+23.37-39&t=NKJV); [Luke 19:41](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Luke+19.41&t=NKJV); [John 11:35](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=John+11.35&t=NKJV)).

Joseph questioned his brethren concerning the welfare of their father and whether or not they had another brother who was not with them. Not knowing that he already knew one brother was absent, Joseph's brethren told him about Benjamin. Joseph then forced them into a position where they would have to bring Benjamin with them during their next trip into Egypt ([Genesis 42:14](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+42.14&t=NKJV); [43:15](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+43.15&t=NKJV)).

Then, when Benjamin was brought down with his brothers on their second trip into Egypt, Joseph had all eleven brothers brought to his house to dine with him. He had his servants place each brother before him, according to his birthright (which confounded the brothers, for they had no idea how Joseph possessed such knowledge about them); and Benjamin was given an amount of food which was five times greater than servings given to any of his brothers. And after they had dined together, Joseph then commanded the steward of his house to have their sacks filled and to place his silver cup in Benjamin's sack ([Genesis 43:33-44:2](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+43.33-44.2&t=NKJV)).

Then after Joseph's brethren had left for home, not knowing that the silver cup was in their possession, Joseph sent his steward to overtake them, retrieve his cup, bring his brethren back, and place them before him. After the brothers had been overtaken and the search conducted, the cup was found in Benjamin's sack (where Joseph had previously instructed that it be placed). Joseph's brethren rent their clothes (an outward expression of great grief); and, after they had returned, Judah stood before Joseph and confessed "*the iniquity of your servants* [referring to all eleven brothers]." Judah was *forced, through circumstances*, to relate that which had occurred years before, when Joseph was sold into the hands of the Gentiles by his brethren ([Genesis 44:3ff](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+44.3ff&t=NKJV)).

Benjamin and Judah represent the entire nation of Israel during that future time of trouble when the Israelites go to Jesus for help. Just as Benjamin's serving at the table was five times greater than servings given to his brothers, Israel, will be blessed above measure ("five" is the number of *grace — that which God is able to do totally apart from human intervention*). And just as the silver cup was found in Benjamin's possession, that to which the cup points will be found in Israel's possession in that coming day, among those who do not realize that they possess the cup.

"Silver" in Scripture speaks of *the price of redemption*. There is no redemption apart from the shedding of blood. The tabernacle, for example — the house of blood — rested entirely on a foundation of *pure silver.* This silver had been collected from the children of Israel and was called "atonement money" ([Exodus 30:11-16](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Exodus+30.11-16&t=NKJV); [38:25-27](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Exodus+38.25-27&t=NKJV)). The One to Whom the tabernacle in every detail points — the Lord Jesus Christ — was betrayed for thirty pieces of silver. He is the One Who has paid the price for our redemption with His Own blood.

The silver cup — found in Benjamin's possession, to be found in Israel's possession — sets forth the fact once and for all that this nation is guilty of blood, and this blood is none other than *the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ*. It matters little that large religious bodies — Catholic and Protestant alike — as well as others, have sought to absolve Israel of guilt in the death of Christ. *The cup was found in Benjamin's possession in the type*, and in that future day when Jesus deals with His brethren, *the cup will be found in Israel's possession in the antitype* (*cf*. [Acts 2:23](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Acts+2.23&t=NKJV), [36](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Acts+2.36&t=NKJV); [3:12-15](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Acts+3.12-15&t=NKJV); [4:8-10](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Acts+4.8-10&t=NKJV)).

After Joseph's brethren realized that the cup was in their possession, they rent their clothes; and then Judah stood before Joseph and confessed the iniquity of not only himself but that of his brothers as well.

In the antitype, after Jesus' brethren realize that the cup is in their possession, there will be a great mourning, not only in Jerusalem, but throughout all the land ([Zechariah 12:10-14](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Zechariah+12.10-14&t=NKJV)). Then, in the antitype of Judah's confession in Joseph's presence (in the presence of the one who had been offended), the Jewish people will confess their iniquity in Jesus' presence (in the presence of the One Who has been offended).

This will occur at the apex of the darkest hour of Israeli history. When it seemed that all was lost and Benjamin was about to become a slave forever, Judah confessed their guilt to Joseph.

During the Great Tribulation when it will seem that all is lost and the Israelites are about to be faced with slavery forever at the hands of the Gentiles, they will cry out to Jesus, acknowledge their offense, and He will hear (*cf*. [Leviticus 5:5-6](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Leviticus+5.5-6&t=NKJV); [26:40-42](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Leviticus+26.40-42&t=NKJV); [Deuteronomy 30:1-3](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Deuteronomy+30.1-3&t=NKJV); [Hosea 5:15-6:2](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Hosea+5.15-6.2&t=NKJV); [Joel 3:6-8](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Joel+3.6-8&t=NKJV)).

The Revelation of Joseph to His Brethren ([Genesis 45:1ff](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+45.1ff&t=NKJV))

*Then Joseph could not refrain himself before all them that stood by him; and he cried, "Cause every man to go out from me." And there stood no man with him, while Joseph made himself known unto his brethren.*

*And he wept aloud: and the Egyptians and the house of Pharaoh heard.*

*And Joseph said to his brethren "I am Joseph; does my father still live?" And his brethren could not answer him: for they were troubled* [*lit*., 'terrified'] *at his presence.*

*And Joseph said to his brethren, "Come near to me, I pray you." And they came near. And he said, I am Joseph your brother, whom you sold into Egypt* ([Genesis 45:1-4](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+45.1-4&t=NKJV)).

This, of course, is a type of that future day when Jesus reveals Himself to His brethren, the nation of Israel. To illustrate how any one type is incomplete in itself and must be studied in conjunction with other types and the antitype to obtain the complete picture, note a corresponding type in [Acts 9:3-6](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Acts+9.3-6&t=NKJV) and the antitype of both types in [Zechariah 12:10-12](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Zechariah+12.10-12&t=NKJV); [13:6](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Zechariah+13.6&t=NKJV).

In [Acts 9:1-7](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Acts+9.1-7&t=NKJV), the one later known as the Apostle Paul was leading a great persecution against Christians when Jesus appeared to Paul, personally, in His body of flesh and bones. Others were with Paul, but they neither saw Jesus nor entered into His dealings with Paul. Paul asked the question, "*Who are you, Lord?*" And the reply was, "*I am Jesus..*." ([Acts 9:5](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Acts+9.5&t=NKJV)). Immediately following this revelation, Paul was *troubled* (*lit*., "terrified") by the Lord's presence ([Acts 9:6](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Acts+9.6&t=NKJV)), just as the brethren of Joseph had been *troubled* (*lit*., "terrified") by his presence ([Genesis 45:3](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+45.3&t=NKJV)).

In [1 Timothy 1:15-16](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=1Timothy+1.15-16&t=NKJV), we are told that Paul was not saved just to obtain mercy, but he was saved for a "*pattern* (Gr. *hupotuposis*, 'a prototype') *to them that should hereafter believe on Him to life everlasting*." According to [1 Corinthians 15:8](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=1Corinthians+15.8&t=NKJV), Paul was "*born out of due time*" when Christ appeared to him on the Damascus road. The words "*born out of due time*" are a translation of a Greek word that literally means, "born before it was time to be born," or "abortion." The manner of Paul's conversion was a premature birth to establish a prototype. Paul's salvation experience constitutes a type of Israel's future salvation experience.

Drawing from the types in [Genesis 45:1-4](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+45.1-4&t=NKJV); [Acts 9:1-7](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Acts+9.1-7&t=NKJV) and the antitype in [Zechariah 12:10-12](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Zechariah+12.10-12&t=NKJV); [13:6](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Zechariah+13.6&t=NKJV), note what one finds concerning that future day when Jesus will reveal Himself to Israel.

1. Jesus will find Israel participating in a persecution of the people of God ([Acts 9:1-2](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Acts+9.1-2&t=NKJV)).

2. Jesus will be alone in His dealings with Israel ([Genesis 45:1](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+45.1&t=NKJV); [Acts 9:7](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Acts+9.7&t=NKJV)).

3. Jesus will weep once again because of Israel, but this time tears of joy will be shed ([Genesis 45:2](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+45.2&t=NKJV); *cf*. [Luke 19:41](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Luke+19.41&t=NKJV); [John 11:35](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=John+11.35&t=NKJV)).

4. Israel is going to ask, "What are those wounds in your hands?" And Jesus will reply, "Those with which I was wounded in the house of my friends" ([Zechariah 13:6](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Zechariah+13.6&t=NKJV)). It would appear that this question may very well come first, with Israel almost afraid to ask the next question, fearing the answer that the nation will hear.

But, nevertheless, Israel is going to ask, "*Who are you, Lord?*" ([Acts 9:5](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Acts+9.5&t=NKJV)). And the reply will be, "*I am Jesus*" ([Genesis 45:3](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+45.3&t=NKJV); [Acts 9:5](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Acts+9.5&t=NKJV)).

5. Israel will then stand *terrified and astonished* in the presence of Jesus as they gaze upon *the One Whom they crucified 2,000 years earlier* ([Genesis 45:3](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+45.3&t=NKJV); [Acts 9:6](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Acts+9.6&t=NKJV); [Zechariah 12:10](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Zechariah+12.10&t=NKJV)).

After the national conversion of Israel, set forth in type by Paul's conversion, Israel will then, like Paul, ask the question, "*Lord, what will You have me do?*" ([Acts 9:6](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Acts+9.6&t=NKJV)). After Paul's conversion, the good news that he had been called to proclaim was carried to the four points of the compass, and individuals throughout the entire Gentile world heard the message ([Romans 10:18](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Romans+10.18&t=NKJV); [Colossians 1:23](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Colossians+1.23&t=NKJV)).

After the conversion of Israel, the nation will carry the message of the one true and living God to the ends of the earth. Joseph's brethren went forth proclaiming, "*Joseph is still alive, and he is governor over all the land of Egypt*" ([Genesis 45:13](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+45.13&t=NKJV), [26](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+45.26&t=NKJV)). Israel in that day, like the brethren of Joseph, will go forth proclaiming, "Jesus is still alive, and He is the Governor over the entire earth."

Israel in that day will occupy her rightful place in relation to her calling ([Isaiah 43:9-12](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Isaiah+43.9-12&t=NKJV)). Israel will then carry the message of salvation through Jesus Christ and the message of the glory of the kingdom to the ends of the earth.

God's Three Firstborn Sons Exalted Together

God presently has two firstborn Sons — *Christ*, and *Israel*. "Christ" is *God's only begotten firstborn Son* ([John 3:16](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=John+3.16&t=NKJV)), and "Israel" is presently *God's only adopted firstborn son* (*cf*. [Exodus 4:22-23](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Exodus+4.22-23&t=NKJV); [Romans 9:4](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Romans+9.4&t=NKJV)).

In that coming day following Christ's return, God will have *another adopted firstborn son*. Following the adoption of Christians ([Romans 8:14-23](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Romans+8.14-23&t=NKJV)), which will occur following this present dispensation, God will have *a third firstborn son* ([Hebrews 12:23](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Hebrews+12.23&t=NKJV)).

"Sonship" implies *rulership*. Sons of God presently rule the earth. Satan and his angels presently rule and are sons of God through *creation*, as Adam, *created* to rule and to reign in Satan's stead, was a son of God [in both his unfallen and fallen state] (*cf*. [Genesis 1:26-28](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+1.26-28&t=NKJV); [Luke 3:38](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Luke+3.38&t=NKJV)). But, though sons of God presently rule, God is about to replace these sons with *a new order of Sons* ([Romans 8:19](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Romans+8.19&t=NKJV)). Satan and his angels are about to be put down, and a new order of Sons will then be elevated to the throne. And the entire creation — brought under the bondage of sin because of Adam's sin — presently *groans and travails in pain*, awaiting that day ([Romans 8:20-22](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Romans+8.20-22&t=NKJV)).

Within the framework of God's orderly arrangement of the earth's government, disorder presently prevails. *Satan* is out of place; his rightful place is consignment to the abyss, to be followed by consignment to the lake of fire. *Christ* is out of place; His rightful place is seated on His Own throne, ruling the earth in the stead of Satan. *The Church* is out of place; the Church's rightful place is to be seated on the throne with Christ, ruling in the stead of angels. And *Israel* is out of place; Israel's rightful place is to be positioned at the head of the nations on the earth.

A major change in the earth' government is in the offing. God's restorative work — lasting six days, 6,000 years (in complete keeping with the established pattern in [Genesis 1:1-2:3](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+1.1-2.3&t=NKJV)) — is *almost over*. The work of the Spirit in the world during the present dispensation — that of procuring a bride for God's Son, a part of God's restorative work — is *almost over*. And the past dispensation, with only seven years remaining, in which God will complete His dealings with Israel, is *almost over* as well.

The six days, the 6,000 years, are *almost over*. God's restorative work is *almost finished*, and *the new order of Sons* is about to be manifested for the entire creation to behold. *That day is almost upon us*. Man's Day is *about to end*, and the Lord's Day is *about to begin*.

And in that coming day, during the earth's coming Sabbath, that which is presently out of place will then be *in place*. In that day, following Satan and his angels having been put down, *God's three firstborn Sons will be exalted together. Only then will order be restored, with perfection once again existing in God's ordered structure of the earth's government.*