

In the Beginning – Part 6

Gen. 4:1 Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she **conceived and bore Cain**, and said, “I have acquired a man from the LORD.” **2** Then she **bore again, this time his brother Abel**. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground.....**8** Now Cain talked with Abel his brother; and it came to pass, **when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother and killed him.**

- ✓ In our previous lesson, we saw Abel a ‘keeper of sheep’, a shepherd, killed by his brother when they were in the field together. We looked at **Heb. 11:4, Heb. 12:24** and **Mat 23:29-37**, and concluded that Abel was a type of Christ.
- ✓ Apart from seeing Jesus, the Word made flesh, being there in the beginning when God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit created the heavens and the earth, we would also see him in the Old Testament types. We previously saw how Adam is ‘a type of Him who was to come’ – Jesus Christ. **Abel** is therefore a type of **Christ in death (suffering)** but we saw that the blood, shed by Christ on the cross at the hands of His brother, the nation of Israel speaks better things than the blood, shed by Abel at the hands of his brother, Cain. Abel’s death pointed to Christ’s death and in **fulfillment of the Type, Christ’s death achieved something that Abel’s death did not, and never could achieve.**
- ❖ I would now like us to look at **Seth** who is a picture of **Christ in resurrection**. As we all know, Seth was the 3rd son of Adam and Eve.
- ✓ Remember also what Jesus said to the 2 disciples on the way to Emmaus on the day of His resurrection? That He must first **suffer before He could enter into His glory.**

Luke 24:25 Then He said to them, “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! **26** “Ought not the **Christ to have suffered these things and to enter into His glory?” **27** And beginning at **Moses and all the Prophets**, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself.**

- ✓ Following His death, if Christ was to ‘enter into His glory’, then He would have to be resurrected before He could ascend to the Father and receive that glory. We know that the Luke 24 passage took place on the 3rd Day, and Jesus had risen from the dead that very morning as He walked and talked with the two men on the road.
- ✓ To demonstrate how Seth pictures Christ in resurrection, a replacement seed was necessary because of Abel’s death. Together, Abel and Seth provide a complete type of Christ, and all for the purpose of fulfilling God’s purpose for the 7th Day.
- ✓ Now unlike Christ, Abel was not resurrected from the dead. But we do see a picture of the resurrected Christ later in Genesis chapter 4.

Gen 4:25 And Adam knew his wife again, and **she bore a son and named him Seth**, “For God has appointed **another seed for me instead of Abel, whom Cain killed.**” **26** And as for Seth, to him also a son was born; and he named him **Enosh**. Then men began to call on the name of the LORD.

- What does Eve refer to Seth as? - **Another seed!**

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- ✓ The 3rd son born to Adam and his wife was a replacement ‘seed’ for Abel, and because of that, Seth is a Type of the resurrected Christ. So, on a very foundational level we can see that;
 - Abel is a picture of Christ in death.
 - Seth is a picture of Christ in resurrection.
 - Together they provide a complete picture.
- ✓ However it is the picture of ‘The Seed of the woman’ who will fulfill the purpose for the 7th Day, which is only possible through resurrection, that the account of Seth leads us to.
- ✓ When Eve gave birth to Seth, she must have been thinking of the promise God made after she was deceived by Satan in the garden:

Gen 3:15 And I will put enmity between you [the Serpent] and the woman, And between [your seed](#) and [her Seed](#); He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel."

- ✓ We see here that there will be 2 seeds with two outcomes - one seed from the Serpent, and one from the Woman (Eve). The seeds referenced here are the [offspring of the Serpent](#) and the [offspring of the woman](#), hence the reason that, [after Abel's death](#), Eve would have referred to [Seth as 'another seed'](#). Between these two seeds there will be enmity, meaning hatred of each other. They will be enemies!
- ✓ It is here in Genesis chapter 3 verse 15, after the Fall, that we have the promise of the future Redeemer ([the Seed of the Woman, Jesus Christ](#)), who will crush the head of the Serpent, who is Satan. (Rom16:20)
- ✓ In the picture of Seth is the Seed who will fulfill God's purpose for the 7th Day. And because it is only possible in resurrection power, that is why the Christ must first suffer and be raised the 3rd Day. This takes us back to Genesis chapter 1 and the 3rd Day restoration of the ruined creation ([Please re-visit the 3rd day in our previous lessons- Gen.1:9-13](#)).
- ✓ Seth is the 3rd son and we can see from Eve's words that she sees him as ‘another seed’ – the Seed of the Woman who comes out of the death of Abel – this then is a picture of the Christ in resurrection, the Shepherd who gave His life for the sheep, demonstrating to us that it is only in resurrection power that we can overcome the man of the flesh.
- ✓ The number 3 is the number of Divine perfection as it is the number of the Godhead – God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.
- ✓ Seth is a 3rd son with whom the ‘Seed’ is connected and it is through Seth, one man, that God will ultimately fulfill His purpose. And it is of course through the lineage of Seth that our Lord comes.
- ✓ It's important to note that Seth is not the only 3rd son to be seen after this fashion. We have Noah's sons after the flood from whom the whole earth was populated.

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Gen 9:18 Now the sons of Noah who went out of the ark were Shem, Ham, and Japheth. And Ham was the father of Canaan. **19** These three were the sons of Noah, and from these the whole earth was populated.....**26** And he said: “Blessed be the LORD, The God of Shem, And may Canaan be his servant.

27 May God enlarge Japheth, And may he dwell in the tents of Shem; And may Canaan be his servant.”

- ✓ Shem is the only one of Noah’s 3 sons who has a God and as we know, for the other sons to be blessed they must dwell in the tents of Shem.
- ✓ And it is through Shem, one man, that we come to yet another 3rd son, another man through whom God will work to accomplish His eternal purpose.

Gen 11:10 This is the genealogy of Shem: Shem was one hundred years old, and begot Arphaxad two years after the flood. **11** After he begot Arphaxad, Shem lived five hundred years, and begot sons and daughters.....**26** Now Terah lived seventy years, and begot Abram, Nahor, and Haran.

- ✓ Here we now come to Abram [Abraham] who is the third son of Terah and it is to this 3rd son that God appears, and in this sense, Abraham like Shem, is the only son with a God.
- ✓ Each of these 3rd sons then is the conduit through which the promised Seed will come with the focus on the number 3 pointing us to the fact that the Seed would be a part of the Godhead manifested in the flesh to dwell among men for the purpose of redemption leading to rulership.

Acts 7:2 And he said, "Brethren and fathers, listen: The God of glory appeared to our father Abraham when he was in Mesopotamia, before he dwelt in Haran, **3** "and said to him, 'Get out of your country and from your relatives, and come to a land that I will show you.'

- ✓ These are the recorded words of Stephen to Israel’s religious leaders shortly before his martyrdom. And there are some things here that the Lord has recorded through Stephen’s address that are worthy of note.
- ✓ Look at how he begins, ‘The God of glory appeared to our father Abraham’ – now it might be very easy just to gloss over this, but notice how God reveals Himself, ‘the God of glory’ – this is quite deliberate.
- ✓ This account of God’s interaction with Abraham is the first recorded appearance of God to an individual since Adam and the Woman were driven from the Garden some 2000 years earlier – and what was lost in the Garden? The glory. The glory connected to rulership in the coming 7th Day.

Psalms 24:7 Lift up your heads, O you gates! And be lifted up, you everlasting doors! And the King of glory shall come in.

- ✓ To appear as the God of glory, a Messianic title, is to reintroduce at this point in man’s history the glory that had been lost and the redemptive process by which it will be regained, and this is seen connected to one man, Abraham, a 3rd son, through whom this redemption would be accomplished in his Seed.
- ✓ All of course with a view to that future Day when ‘the King of glory shall come in’, the One who is also called ‘the Lord of glory’, when the glory will have been restored with respect to Man through the redemptive process brought to completion by the ‘Son of Abraham’.
- **We will continue from here God willing!**

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Questions:

1. Please explain how Abel and Seth provide a complete type of Christ.
2. Read Genesis 4:25: What does Eve say about Seth and what should we learn from his birth?
3. Read Genesis 1:9-13: How is resurrection seen in these verses and what does it make possible?
4. What were the names of Adam and Eve's sons and which son did God choose to work through and why?
5. Read Genesis 9:18 – How many sons did Noah have and which of Noah's sons did God choose to work through?
6. Read Genesis 11:26 – How many sons did Terah have and which son of Terah did God choose to work through?
7. What is significant about God choosing to work through three 3rd sons?
8. Read Acts 7:2-3 – What title is given to God in these verses and what is significant about that?