

The Fall and Redemption of Mankind

Where did it all begin?

Let's go right back to the beginning of history as we know it from God's Word. God created everything, and He did this by speaking everything into existence.

In Genesis 1 it says *'Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light.'*

The thing that is difficult for people to understand is that God Himself is not a created being. In 1 Timothy 6:16 it describes God *'...who alone has immortality, dwelling in unapproachable light, whom no man has seen or can see,...'*

The light that He dwells in is uncreated light.... He is light itself! He is The Light!!!

Revelation 21:23-24 says of the city of our God. *'The city had no need of the sun or of the moon to shine in it, for the glory of God illuminated it. The Lamb is its light.'* And the nations of those who are saved shall walk in its light, and the kings of the earth bring their glory and honor into it.'

Revelation 22:5 says... *'There shall be no night there: They need no lamp nor light of the sun, for the Lord God gives them light. And they shall reign forever and ever.'*

One day all those of us who have given our hearts to the Lord Jesus Christ, Yahshua Ha'Masiach, will live with Him, God forever!

God's plan of the ages has always been to have a family around Him. Children to fill His house. And the very culmination of that plan, the crown if you will, is ultimately to have the perfect spotless Bride for His Son. And so the whole kingdom plan centres around a wedding..... The Wedding!

Paul Billheimer in his book 'Destined for the Throne' puts it like this.....

The final and ultimate outcome and goal of events from eternity to eternity, the finished product of all the ages, is the spotless Bride of Christ, united with and seated with her heavenly Bridegroom upon the throne of the universe – ruling and reigning with Him over an ever expanding kingdom. He entered the stream of human history for this one purpose, to claim His Beloved.....From before the foundation of the world until the dawn of eternal ages, God has been working towards one grand event, one supreme end – the glorious wedding of His Son, the Marriage supper of the Lamb.

We will go more into understanding the Bride the of Christ and her place in God's kingdom as we progress.

So when God made the heavens and the earth, day one He created light and divided it from the darkness, day two He created the atmosphere and divided the water from it, then He created dry land and He called the dry land *earth* and the water *seas*.

Day three God created the vegetation of the earth and all its seeds, which it says yielded '*according to its kind*'. On day four He created the lights of the first heaven (the sun, moon and stars) to divide the day from night. These were made for seasons (Mo'ed) and signs, for God's order of things. On the fifth day God made all the sea creatures, birds and insects. On the sixth day God made all the beasts of the earth '*each one according to its kind*'.

And on that day He made man - '*male and female He created them*'

Adam was created into rest

Sabbath rest

God rested on the seventh day

Mark 2:27 '*And He said to them, "The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath."*

[Evolution is a doctrine of demons. *1 Timothy 4:1* '*...Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons...*']

[Some of the things the fall did, first estate lost, dominion lost, pain, disease, sickness, death, breakdown of relationships,but the biggest loss was relationship with God!]

He made us to be the pinnacle of His creation.

He made the whole earth just for us and He placed us in the earth as his creation of love

God said it was goodTov

Good to God is not as we understand good, because the way we measure it is not from the perspective of understanding who God is

God is so far beyond our understanding and perfect beyond measure....

I think an understanding that God is far outside of our understanding helps us to humble our hearts in being teachable and in realising that the Lord knows far more than we ever could

And in this we can build trust with Him in our relationship

He made us in His own image

But we must not make Him in our own image

Physical and spiritual senses [explain]

We must remember whose we are

Speaking critically [explain]

Carrying his name [explain]

Freedom of will, free will choices....

The Lord God wanted man to choose Him for who He is....

Lucifer chose to turn away from God and became evil, taking one third of the angels with him.

He drew Adam and Eve to turn away from God by disobeying Him

I'm certain that the eating of the fruit is allegorical or symbolic of something much greater and will be a mystery until if the Lord ordains it we see the whole picture.

Paul however, talks about fruit in his letter to the Galatians and we have a clear picture of the fruit which does not come from Holy Spirit.

Galatians 5:19-21

satan's whole purpose is to get people to turn away from God any way he can
To destroy God's creation
Pride is the worst of sins

The concept of sin, in my humble opinion is anything that is outside the holiness of God, it is therefore anything that makes us turn away from serving God as the only One and perfect Lord. So sin can exist anywhere, at any time, if we turn from serving Yahovah. It is betrayal of God.

God's original desire was to have a family and a Bride for His only begotten Son
He created these beautiful beings and a beautiful place for them to live
He desired they be in complete union and communion with Him forever

Adam and Eve chose to betray God and turn away from that love relationship
They chose to turn away from God

From this point on there was a war in heaven

But God determined to put into place the plan of the ages
The plan of redemption
The most extraordinary plan of Eternity

What the enemy meant for harm, God was going to turn to good!!

Adam and Eve's original condition was to live forever
The Flaming sword to stop them getting in to Eden so sin could not become eternal
Therefore Redemption is an eternal gift

Sin brought death

Cain killed Abel

Abel's Blood called out to the Lord from the ground

Life is in the Blood

As life is in the blood only blood could atone for the murder

If I kill someone I would have to offer up my life as a substitution

However, as I am infected with sin, my substitution is not enough

As more and more sin came into the world more and more blood cried out from the land

Genesis 6 - what happened here?

Nephilim

Mount Hermon

Yahshua saying that 'the gates of hell will not prevail'

The flood

Only 8 people not infected with genetic manipulation

Bible commentary Genesis 4:26 - just to give you a taste of how horrendous it was in the days of Noah.....

"In the days of Enos the sons of Adam erred with great error, and the counsel of the wise men of that age became brutish, and Enos himself was (one) of them that erred; and their error was this: they said, Forasmuch as God hath created these stars and spheres to govern the world, and set them on high, and imparted honor unto them, and they are ministers that minister before him; it is meet that men should laud, and glorify, and give them honor. For this is the will of God, that we magnify and honor whomsoever he magnifieth and honoureth; even as a king would have them honored that stand before him, and this is the honor of the king himself. When this thing was come up into their hearts they began to build temples unto the stars, and to offer sacrifice unto them, and to laud and glorify them with words, and to worship before them, that they might in their evil opinion obtain favor of the Creator; and this was the root of idolatry, etc. And in process of time there stood up false prophets among the sons of Adam, which said that God had commanded and said unto them, Worship such a star, or all the stars, and do sacrifice unto them thus and thus; and build a temple for it, and make an image of it, that all the people, women, and children may worship it. And the false prophet showed them the image which he had feigned out of his own heart, and said it was

the image of such a star, which was made known unto him by prophecy. And they began after this manner to make images in temples, and under trees, and on tops of mountains and hills, and assembled together and worshipped them, etc. And this thing was spread through all the world, to serve images with services different one from another, and to sacrifice unto and worship them. So, in process of time, the glorious and fearful name (of God) was forgotten out of the mouth of all living, and out of their knowledge, and they acknowledged him not.

And there was found no people on the earth that knew aught, save images of wood and stone, and temples of stone, which they had been trained up from their childhood to worship and serve, and to swear by their names. And the wise men that were among them, as the priests and such like, thought there was no God save the stars and spheres, for whose sake and in whose likeness they had made these images; but as for the Rock everlasting, there was no man that acknowledged him or knew him save a few persons in the world, as Enoch, Methuselah, Noah, Sham, and Heber. And in this way did the world walk and converse till that pillar of the world, Abraham our father, was born."

- Maim. in Mishn, and Ainsworth in loco.

- Clarke's Commentary on the Bible - << Genesis 4:26 >>

Romans 1:16-32

The Just Live by Faith

16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. 17 For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "The just shall live by faith."

God's Wrath on Unrighteousness

18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, 19 because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them. 20 For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse, 21 because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became

futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened. 22 Professing to be wise, they became fools, 23 and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man—and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things.

24 Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves, 25 who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.

26 For this reason God gave them up to vile passions. For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature. 27 Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due.

28 And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting; 29 being filled with all unrighteousness, sexual immorality, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, evil-mindedness; they are whisperers, 30 backbiters, haters of God, violent, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, 31 undiscerning, untrustworthy, unloving, unforgiving, unmerciful; 32 who, knowing the righteous judgment of God, that those who practice such things are deserving of death, not only do the same but also approve of those who practice them.

This emphasises the days we live in and our call for such a time as this....!

In Matthew 24:37 and Luke 17:26 Yahshua says....

And as it was in the days of Noah, so it will be also in the days of the Son of Man:

Noah And Ham

“Ham” uncovering his father’s nakedness is a Hebrew idiom, in Duet. 27:20 and Lev. 20:11

Deuteronomy 27:20 ‘Cursed is the one who lies with his father’s wife, because he has uncovered his father’s bed.’

Leviticus 20:11 The man who lies with his father’s wife has uncovered his father’s nakedness; both of them shall surely be put to death. Their blood shall be upon them.

And Leviticus 18:8

The re-entrance and re-emergence of the Nephilim

This is a mystery

One I personally am still studying

Many of those the Lord asked the Israelites to kill were giants

Like for example Goliath

Nephilim were not God's creation

Two seeds Genesis 3:15

And I will put enmity

Between you and the woman,

And between your seed and her Seed;

He shall bruise your head,

And you shall bruise His heel.”

Substitutionary blood sacrifices of animals (as I was thinking about this I was interested that animals were created on the same day as Adam)

All the death of God's creation, was totally the opposite of His desire

Especially for the pinnacle of His creation, mankind

Substitutionary blood sacrifices were not perfect, they were not enough

People continued to turn away from God people continued to be held in the bondage of the evil one

Continued to worship false gods

Human sacrifice

The Israelites were chosen to be a pure people

that the world would see God through them

that they would be a light to the Gentiles (more on that later).....

God warned them not to mix with the pagan nations

Their sins had to be atoned for, but it wasn't enough and they couldn't keep God's commandments

Hebrews 10:4 *For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.*

On Yom Kippur - which is the 'Day of Atonement', once a year, only could the High Priest enter the Holy of Holies.

The High Priest would have to make sacrifices to cover (atone) for his own and the nation of Israel's sin.

As gentiles we would not even have been included in this, before the one true God.

And yet now, today, we can fully enter in!!!! We can bow before our God and King, we can come before Him because of the once and for all atoning sacrifice of our Great High Priest Yahshua!

Because only a perfect sacrifice could be made

Yahshua born of a virgin and not of Adam's seed was born sin free

Fully God and fully man He could be the only substitutionary blood sacrifice for mankind

This was the plan of the ages to rescue God's children

To rescue His beloved

He would come Himself!!!

When we understand this, we understand who God is and we begin to understand the sacrifice that He made for us on the cross

The fall brought

- ◆ separation from God our creator
- ◆ God's wrath upon us in our rebellion
- ◆ sickness & disease
- ◆ curses
- ◆ death

1 Peter 3

'...Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit, 19 by whom also He went and preached to the spirits in prison, 20 who formerly were disobedient, when once the Divine longsuffering waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight souls, were saved through water. 21 There is also an antitype which now saves us—baptism (not the removal of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God), through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, 22 who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, angels and authorities and powers having been made subject to Him

We are now redeemed

We are pre-fall

We are blessed

We have dominion on the earth

We have His authority

We are saved from the wrath of God

We are healed

We are free of all curses

We are liberated in every way

We will not die

Hebrews 10:8-14

8 Previously saying, "Sacrifice and offering, burnt offerings, and offerings for sin You did not desire, nor had pleasure in them" (which are offered according to the law), 9 then He said, "Behold, I have come to do Your will, O God." He takes away the first that He may establish the second. 10 By that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Christ's Death Perfects the Sanctified

11 And every priest stands ministering daily and offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. 12 But this Man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down at the right hand of God, 13 from that time waiting till His enemies are made His footstool. 14 For by one offering He has perfected forever those who are being sanctified

Not only that, we will live with Him forever in His eternal kingdom!

John 1:12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name

Ephesians 1:7

In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace

Titus 2:14

who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works.

1 Peter 1:18-19

knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.

Hebrews 9:12

Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption.

Revelation 1:5-6

and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth.

To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Revelation 5:9-10

And they sang a new song, saying:

“You are worthy to take the scroll,

And to open its seals;

For You were slain,

And have redeemed us to God by Your blood

Out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation,

And have made us kings and priests to our God;

And we shall reign on the earth.”

Restored to right relationship with our creator through the atoning sacrifice of Yahsua Ha'Mashiach!!!

HalleluYah and glory be to our God forever!

Communion together.....