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ON THE EMMAUS ROAD

SESSION 1 - GENESIS



¹³ That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴ and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵ While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. ¹⁶ But their eyes were kept from recognizing him... ²⁵ And he said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶ Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" ²⁷ And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself. LUKE 24

OLD TESTAMENT

- The Bible is a **STORYLINE** that reveals God's unfathomable love for His creation.
- For everything written in the past was written to teach us, so that with the encouragement of the *Tanakh* we might patiently hold on to our hope. Romans 15:4

GENESIS - LIGHT

- 1:3 - Let there be light. Jesus is repeatedly called, or calls Himself, "the light." He is the light of men (John 1:4); the light of the world (John 8:12, 9:5, 12:46); and in the transfiguration "his face shone like the sun (Matt 17:2).
- I do not think it is a stretch to imagine that the picture of light presented in the creation account is a hint of the Light of the world - the Lamb of God - Who is revealed to us in the New Testament.

GENESIS - ADAM

- 2:21 - Can we see Jesus here? God takes a rib from his wounded side and creates Eve, who is a part of Adam, thus implying wounding and shedding of blood.
- Jesus, the last Adam, like the first, must be put to sleep to purchase His Bride, the Church, and Jesus died on the cross and slept in the tomb for three days and three nights. His side was also opened after He'd fallen asleep, and from His wounded side redemption came and the Church was born. The Church, like Eve was a new supernatural creation coming from His side.

GENESIS - ABEL AND HIS OFFERING

- God rejects Cain's sacrifice because it doesn't involve blood. Abel's offering is a type of Messiah because it is innocent, living creature — a lamb without spot or blemish — whose blood is spilled in sacrifice. Cain represents a religion of works that he offers "fruit of the ground" that is the product of his own labor.
- Further, Abel is a type of Messiah in that he makes his offering in his capacity as a shepherd (Genesis 4:2) — just as Jesus, the good Shepherd, "lays down His life for the sheep" (John 10:15)

GENESIS - NOAH AND THE ARK

- Noah is saved because of his faith in God's promise to spare him and his family, which prefigures the believer's salvation in Messiah through faith. Interestingly, though not something that can strictly be called a type, the ark has only one door and is controlled solely by God.
- The ark provides refuge for all creatures, just as Messiah's Church provides salvation for all human beings, Jews and Gentiles.

GENESIS - MELCHIZEDEK

- Genesis 14 introduces us to a great man, Melchizedek, king of Salem and “priest of God Most High,” who brings bread and wine to Abraham. He then blesses Abraham and receives his tithes. In Psalm 110:4, we find a prediction that Jesus will be a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek. His name means “king of righteousness” and that he is a king of peace. Not only is he a type of Christ but some see this whole event as a Christophany.

GENESIS - ISAAC AND THE RAM

- Some see Isaac as a type of Messiah because God commands Abraham to sacrifice him. Just as Abraham is ready to plunge the knife, God stops him and provides the sacrifice. Interesting that Isaac bore his own wood to his own execution. And Jesus did too! Isaac is further like Jesus in his miraculous birth, having been born to a hundred-year-old man and a ninety-year-old woman.

GENESIS - JOSEPH

- Joseph is authentically a type of Christ. Like Jesus, Joseph is born by God's supernatural action — he is born to Rachel, who had been unable to conceive (Gen. 30:22-24); is especially loved by his father (Gen. 37:3); is mistreated by his brothers (Gen. 37:4); is in constant turmoil and is rejected as a ruler over his brothers (Gen. 37:8); has his robe taken away from him (Gen. 37:23); is conspired against by those who want to kill him (Gen. 37:18); is rescued from prison (as Jesus is resurrected from death) and allowed to reign and rule (Gen. 41:39-41); is sold for silver (Gen. 37:28); becomes a servant (Gen. 39:4); is condemned despite being innocent (Gen. 39:11-20); is later received by his brothers and exalted as a savior and deliverer (Gen. 45:1-15); and uplifts his brothers to places of honor and safety (Gen. 45:16-18).

GENESIS - BENJAMIN

- Rachel dies giving birth to her son, who she called Ben-Oni, but Jacob the baby's father, calls him Benjamin (Gen. 35:18). Ben-Oni means "son of my sorrow," and Benjamin means "son of my right hand." Some see a connection between these names and Jesus. In the NT, the death of Mary's Son Jesus causes her unbearable sorrow ... So Jesus was the first Son of Sorrow, but would later sit at the right hand of the Father (Luke 22:69).

GENESIS - JACOB'S LADDER

- Jacob dreams of a ladder that reaches from earth to heaven. The angels of God are ascending and descending on it, and God reiterates to Jacob some of the promises He had made to Abraham (Gen. 28:10-17). Many see Jacob's ladder as a type of Christ in that it makes heaven visible (John 1:51; Matt. 3:16); reaches to earth (John 12:46); reaches to God (1 Peter 3:18); happens in a place of blessing (Eph. 1:3); is a gate of heaven (John 10:9, Romans 4:2); and involves a commitment to tithing by Jacob (Gen. 28:22, Acts 2:44-45, 4:32). The angels going up and down the ladder also resemble a saying of Jesus: "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man" (John 1:51; see also Heb. 1:6; Luke 2:9-18).

GENESIS - ADAM'S CLOTHING

- This is more than God tending to their physical needs. Note the stark contrast between the covering represented by Adam's fig leaves and the righteousness of Jesus: "Adam went to the fig tree for garments, and fig leaves yielded him such covering as they could. But we come to Jesus and we find, not fig leaves, but a robe of righteousness that is matchless for its beauty, comely in its proportions, one which will never wear out, which exactly suits to cover our nakedness from head to foot, and when we put it on makes us fit to look upon, even to Jesus Himself."

GENESIS - THE SABBATH

- The Sabbath is the rest of God that He gives to us. The fact is, is that we find our ultimate rest in Jesus. Also is this declaration from Paul: “Therefore let no one pass judgment on you in question of food and drink, or with regard to a festival or a new moon or Sabbath. These are a shadow of things to come, but the substance belongs to Jesus” (Colossians 2:16-17).
- Jesus said that the Sabbath was made for man and not man for the Sabbath and then claims to be the Lord of the Sabbath.