

ADAM'S RIB AND MANKIND'S SPIRITUAL MAKEUP

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KEY SYMBOLS OF MANKIND'S SPIRITUAL MAKEUP

Though there are no verses of scripture which specifically teach mankind's overall spiritual makeup, a general framework for a proper understanding can be pieced together from God's Word. Please bear with me as I assemble the pieces and present the sum of their truth (**Psa 119:160**).

Here are the key symbols related to mankind's spiritual makeup:

LIVING SOUL: an individual living person, spiritually consists of a spirit contained in a physical body w/mind.

QUICKENING SPIRIT: an individual living person, spiritually consists of a spirit contained in a spiritual body w/mind.

SPIRIT: The individual source of life that comes from God, contains the heart.

RIBS/BONES: The spirit of a person.

MARRIED SPIRIT: The spirit within mankind. The flaw in mankind's spirit is that it is weak. This weakness causes the spirit to have a carnal & religious nature which directly influences the heart. The heart, in turn, causes the head/mind to be sinful.

HEART: Originates the thoughts and beliefs of the spirit which it feeds to the mind.

MIND: Processes the thoughts & beliefs of the heart and is where the individual consciousness of the soul/person exists.

FLESH: Represents the marred spirit with an emphasis on its carnal nature. It can also represent the physical body.

CARNAL NATURE: The attribute of the marred spirit which causes it to place the needs of itself over the needs of others and God.

RELIGIOUS NATURE: The attribute of the marred spirit that causes it show that it can make itself acceptable to God by its own abilities/works.

GREAT HARLOT: Represents the marred spirit with an emphasis on its religious nature. Synonymous symbols are woman, Sodom, Egypt, Mystery Babylon the Great City, Natural/Old Earth, earthly Jerusalem & Damascus.

GREAT HARLOT W/DEVILS: Represents the marred spirit with the additional influence of the spirit of anti-Christ. This additional influence makes the religious nature of the marred spirit "worse than the first" (**Mat 12:43-45**).

DIVINE NATURE: Attributes of the spirit when it is governed by the Holy Spirit.

ADAM/MAN: Represents the husband/head/mind.

EVE/WOMAN: Represents the wife/body/spirit.

OLD/NATURAL HEAVEN: Represents the carnal mind.

OLD/NATURAL EARTH: Represents the marred spirit.

NEW HEAVEN: Represents the mind of Christ.

NEW EARTH: Represents the mankind's spirit when it is governed by the Holy Spirit.

OLD MAN/CARNAL MIND: Represents the head/mind which places the needs of itself over the needs of others and God.

MAN OF SIN: Represents the worsened Old Man/carnal mind when the marred spirit is governed by the spirit of anti-Christ. The spirit of anti-Christ causes the carnal & religious natures of the marred spirit to be "worse than the first", thereby making the Old Man/carnal mind to also become "worse than the first".

FALSE PROPHET: Can either represent the spirit of anti-Christ or an apostate believer who has the spirit of anti-Christ indwelling them.

RELEVANT FORMULAS OF THE KEY SYMBOLS

SPIRIT + BODY = A LIVING SOUL

When the BODY dies, the SOUL dies and the SPIRIT returns to God. Since the mind is contained in the body, the person's conscious existence ends. Since the heart is contained in the spirit, after the spirit is placed into another body, life/consciousness will return to the mind with all past memories remaining intact.

HEAD + BODY = ONE FLESH

MIND + SPIRIT = ONE FLESH

ADAM + EVE = ONE FLESH

HUSBAND + WIFE = ONE FLESH

When God created mankind, He gave mankind a "marred" spirit which was subject to "vanity":

Jer 18:4 And the vessel that he made of clay was marred in the hand of the potter: so he made it again another vessel, as seemed good to the potter to make it.

Rom 8:20 For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope...

The flaw in mankind's spirit is that it is weak. This weakness is what causes the spirit to have a carnal nature that puts the needs of the spirit above the needs of others and God. It is the carnal nature of mankind's spirit that causes the mind to become carnal as well.

Joel 3:10 Beat your plowshares into swords, and your pruninghooks into spears: let the weak (the “spiritually” weak) say, I am strong (spiritually strong).

Psa 6:2 Have mercy upon me, O LORD; for I am (spiritually) weak: O LORD, heal me; for my bones (spirit) are vexed.

The formula for mankind now looks like this:

CARNAL MIND + CARNAL SPIRIT = ONE FLESH

After a person receives the Early Rain of the Spirit, the formula will change to this:

CARNAL MIND + CARNAL SPIRIT + EARLY RAIN OF THE SPIRIT = ONE FLESH

Since the Early Rain of the Spirit is only a small amount of the Spirit (**Joel 2:23**), a spiritual war will develop within the believer between the carnal spirit and the Holy Spirit.

As the spiritual war progresses, the Holy Spirit slowly gains the upper hand over the marred spirit. But before a total victory is won (conversion), Satan comes to the aid of the marred spirit. Satan does this by planting the spirit of anti-Christ within the believer. With this support, the believer's marred spirit is made “worse than the first” (**Mat 12:43-45**). The worsened spirit will then no longer be influenced by the small amount of the Holy Spirit within the believer. With this development, the spiritual war will end and the worsened marred spirit will fully govern the believer. The new apostate believer will then begin dwelling in “peace and safety” (**1Thes 5:3**) feeling secure in their false & carnal beliefs which have come from the spirit of anti-Christ via their marred spirit.

The formula now looks like this:

WORSENERD CARNAL MIND + WORSENERD CARNAL SPIRIT + SPIRIT OF ANTI-CHRIST + EARLY RAIN OF THE SPIRIT = ONE FLESH

If the believer is one of Christ's Elect, Christ will come to the believer a second time and give the believer the baptism of the Holy Spirit. This time the Holy Spirit will come with power and will quickly dominate and govern the worsened marred spirit. With this dominance, the child of God will be born within the person.

After the new birth occurs, the judgment of the Day of the Lord will commence. In this judgment, the worsened marred spirit (Great Harlot), along with the spirit of anti-Christ, will be “taken” from within the person and cast into the Lake of Fire for destruction. This will leave only the Holy Spirit within the person which will make their spirit “new” with a divine nature. The person is now converted.

The formula will now look like this:

CARNAL MIND + DIVINE SPIRIT + HOLY SPIRIT = ONE FLESH

At this point, the believer is saved and has become a child of God. As a new child of God, the person still retains some of the carnal thoughts and beliefs it has always held which has made them sinful. To remove those carnal thoughts and beliefs from the mind, Christ will feed the child His truth along with His chastisement which will slowly change their carnal mind into the mind of Christ. After this judgment is complete, the person will be a fully matured perfect man of full age.

The formula will now look like this:

MIND OF CHRIST + DIVINE SPIRIT + HOLY SPIRIT = ONE FLESH

After the believer dies and is resurrected, the believer will be given a spiritual body to match their new spiritual state of being a son of God.

The final formula will then look like this:

MIND OF CHRIST + DIVINE SPIRIT + HOLY SPIRIT = A QUICKENING SPIRIT

TWO RELATED ANALOGIES

When we apply the formulas I have presented above with scripture, some conflicts seem to emerge. However, these conflicts will disappear when we “rightly divide” God’s Word.

With this in mind, let’s look at two analogies which are related to mankind’s spiritual makeup.

These two analogies should be viewed separately and should not be combined with any other analogy which is used to explain mankind’s spiritual makeup.

1). Two persons in one believer.

Scripture uses an analogy which teaches that there are two people within each believer (babe) after the person receives the Early Rain of the Spirit.

This analogy is taught in the story of Esau and Jacob.

Gen 25:21 And Isaac entreated the LORD for his wife, because she was barren: and the Lord was entreated of him, and Rebekah his wife conceived. 22 And the children (Esau & Jacob) struggled together within her; and she said, If it be so, why am I thus? And she went to enquire of the LORD. 23 And the LORD said unto her, Two nations are in thy womb, and two manner of people shall be separated from thy bowels; and the one people shall be stronger than the other people; and the elder shall serve the younger.

The two children in Rebekah’s womb can be called by various names in scripture; the child of the Devil/the child of God, the Old Man/the New Man and the Natural Man/the Spiritual Man.

The small amount of the Holy Spirit (Early Rain) is what produces the child of God/New Man/Spiritual Man. The person’s marred spirit with a carnal and religious spiritual nature is what had earlier produced the child of the Devil when the person first sinned.

Since both children dwell within a person after they have received the Early Rain of the Spirit, a spiritual war between the two children will commence. This war will continue without a clear winner until Satan comes to the aid of the child of the Devil. At that time, Satan will plant the spirit of anti-Christ within the person.

Satan's spirit will strengthen the child of the Devil and give him the ability to defeat the child of God. With the child of the Devil's victory, the spirit of anti-Christ will spiritually govern the child of the Devil, making the person "worse than the first" (**Mat 12:43-45**). This is when the Old Man becomes a Man of Sin; a worsened version of himself.

At some point after the person has become a man of sin (if they are Elect), Christ will return and strengthen the child of God with the Latter Rain of the Spirit. With this added power, the child of God will quickly defeat the spirit of anti-Christ and begin governing the person's marred spirit; making it a new spirit with a divine spiritual nature. This will also give the person a new heart. The person is now converted and born again as a child of God. The child of the Devil is now perished in the Lake of Fire (judgment). Then, by the nourishment of the truth and by the chastisements of Christ, the person's carnal mind will slowly be transformed into the mind of Christ. After this spiritual process is complete, the child of God will be a fully matured perfect man of full age.

And like the analogy of Esau and Jacob, the second born (Jacob, child of God) will be the heir and will rule over the first born (Esau, child of the Devil).

2). The Mind is the head which also gives a person their identity.

The name of an individual can sometimes be referring to the individual or to the mind of the individual.

Adam is the head (Mind) and Eve is the body (Marred Spirit).

This can be restated as:

ADAM + EVE = ADAM

The above formula can also be restated with these symbols:

OLD MAN + GREAT HARLOT = OLD MAN

When the spirit of anti-Christ is added, the formula can be restated with these symbols:

MAN OF SIN + GREAT HARLOT w/DEVILS = MAN OF SIN

These formulas can also be applied to a converted believer.

Christ is the head and the church (converted believer) is the body.

This can be restated as:

CHRIST + CHURCH = CHRIST

Scripture gives a converted believer the name of "Christ":

Acts 4:26 The kings of the earth stood up, and the rulers were gathered together against the Lord, and against his Christ.

Rev 11:15 And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for the ages of the ages.

Rev 12:10 And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.

This teaching is part of the Great Mystery of Christ (**Eph 5:32**).

When a believer is saved, they are “in Christ”. And being “in Christ”, the believer becomes one with Christ just as Christ is one with His Father:

This verse applies:

John 17:20 Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; **21** That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. **22** And the glory which thou gave to me, I have given to them; that they may be one, even as we are one: **23** I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.

With this understanding, the converted believer becomes “Christ” since they are in Him.

CHRIST IN THE FLESH vs. MANKIND IN THE FLESH

So how was Christ different from mankind when he was in a body of flesh?

When Christ came to earth in a physical body, he did not have the same spiritual makeup as mankind.

Christ was born with the full measure of God’s Spirit within Him:

John 3:34 For he whom God hath sent speaketh the words of God: for God giveth not the Spirit by measure unto him.

Even though Christ came in a physical body, His spirit never became carnal and thus, He never sinned.

With this truth in mind, we can discern what this verse below is teaching:

Jer 18:4 And the vessel that he made of clay was marred in the hand of the potter: so he made it again another vessel, as seemed good to the potter to make it.

Since both Christ and Adam were born with a body of flesh, the “marred” vessel mentioned above must be speaking of a “marred” spirit.

Mankind's spirit is "marred" because it is weak and subject to vanity. In other words, mankind's marred spirit thinks more highly of itself than it should and puts its own needs (includes those of its physical body) ahead of obeying the laws of God. Because of the flaws in mankind's spirit, the spirit developed a carnal and religious spiritual nature which was passed onto the heart and then onto the mind. As a result, mankind frequently disobeys the laws of God and sins.

In contrast to the marred spiritual makeup of mankind, Christ came into the world with a perfect spiritual makeup. Christ's was born with the full measure of the Holy Spirit to govern His own spirit. This gave Christ's spirit & heart a divine spiritual nature which is righteous and powerful. For this reason, Christ's mind never became carnal, religious or sinful.

2Pet 1:4 Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

With a divine nature, Christ always made His needs and desires secondary to obeying His Father.

When Christ's Father told Him to fast in the wilderness for 40 days, Christ was willing to starve to the point of death rather than disobey Him. The needs of Christ's flesh, even to the point of death, were no match for Christ's desire to obey His Father. And from this same strength of spirit, Christ willingly went to the cross and laid down His own life for mankind.

Luke 22:41 And he was withdrawn from them about a stone's cast, and kneeled down, and prayed, 42 Saying, Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless, not my will, but thy will be done.

The power and strength of the Holy Spirit of God is amazing!

After Christ finishes His work that His Father sent Him to accomplish (**1John 4:14**), all mankind will have the same divine spiritual makeup that Christ possesses. This is mankind's salvation. When that day arrives, God will have many new children who will be like Christ.

1Cor 15: 22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. 23 But every man in his own order: Christ the first fruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming. 24 Then cometh the consummation, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power. 25 For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet. 26 The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death. 27 For he hath put all things under his feet. But when he saith all things are put under him, it is manifest that he is excepted, which did put all things under him. 28 And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all.

ADAM'S RIB

Ribs/Bones are spiritual symbols which represent a person's spirit.

Consider these examples below which use the symbol "rib":

Eve was created from Adam's "rib".

Gen 2:22 And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man.

Adam is the Mind and Eve is the Spirit. Together, Adam and Eve are “one flesh” (**Gen 2:24**). For that reason, Eve was made from one of Adam’s ribs which is another symbol for the spirit.

In the verses below, Satan is shown to be a “bear”:

Lam 3:10 He was unto me as a bear lying in wait, and as a lion in secret places.

1Sam 17: And David said unto Saul, Thy servant kept his father's sheep, and there came a lion, and a bear, and took a lamb out of the flock:

Prov 28:15 As a roaring lion, and a ranging bear; so is a wicked ruler over the poor people.

In the verse below, Satan as a bear is shown to be eating three ribs:

Dan 7:5 And behold another beast, a second, like to a bear, and it raised up itself on one side, and it had three ribs in the mouth of it between the teeth of it: and they said thus unto it, Arise, devour much flesh.

The number three is a symbol which represents a spiritual process and the ribs represent mankind’s spirit. It is through mankind’s marred spirit (ribs) that Satan will “devour much flesh”. From this spiritual process of Satan consuming mankind through their marred spirit, a new believer (babe) will be made “worse than the first” (**Mat 12:43-45**).

When Satan tempted Christ in the wilderness, Christ never sinned. And because Christ never disobeyed His Father, scripture says that not a bone of Him was broken:

John 19:36 For these things were done, that the scripture should be fulfilled, A bone of him shall not be broken.

In other words, Satan (the bear) was never able to spiritually kill Christ through His spirit because Christ’s spirit had a divine spiritual nature from the governance of the Holy Spirit.

THE GREAT HARLOT

Eve is a symbol for mankind’s marred spirit which developed a carnal and religious spiritual nature. Adam is a symbol for the carnal mind.

In the marriage analogy used in scripture, Adam and Eve are married to Christ. Christ is the husband and Adam and Eve (one flesh) are the wife.

Satan came to Eve in the Garden of Eden because Satan tempts mankind through the source of their carnality which is the marred spirit. When Satan came to Eve, Eve is shown to already possess a carnal nature:

Gen 3:6 And when the woman (marred spirit) saw that the tree was good for food (LUST OF THE FLESH), and that it was pleasant to the eyes (LUST OF THE EYES), and a

tree to be desired to make one wise (PRIDE OF LIFE), she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband (Carnal mind) with her; and he did eat.

After Adam and Eve realized that they were naked (sinful), they made an apron of figs leaves cover their nakedness.

Gen 3:7 And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.

This act of covering one's sinfulness is representative of religion. Religion is when a person tries to make themselves acceptable to God by the works of their own hands. When a believer follows this crooked way, they have committed the sin that leads to death. It is with this sin that Satan (the crooked serpent) kills the saints.

After Adam and Eve committed spiritual adultery with Satan (following Satan's crooked way instead of the straight way of their husband), their sin remained and they spiritually died. This brought about the end of their marriage relationship with Christ.

Gen 3:23 therefore the LORD God sent Adam out of the garden of Eden to till the ground from which he was taken. 24 So He drove out the man; and He placed cherubim at the east of the garden of Eden, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to guard the way to the tree of life.

After the divorce, Adam and Eve (and their offspring) continued to fornicate with Satan (following the ways of Satan), and as a result, the marred spirit (Eve/woman) become the Great Harlot.

The scriptures below teach about the Great Harlot and her judgment:

Rev 17:1 And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither; I will shew unto thee the judgment of the Great Harlot that sitteth upon many waters: 2 With whom the kings of the earth (thoughts and beliefs of the mind) have committed fornication (following her ways), and the inhabitants of the earth (the babes in the church) have been made drunk with the wine (Old Wine/Old Covenant) of her fornication (the crooked way).

Satan deceives the Great Harlot in all mankind to follow his crooked way of works (religion/Old Covenant). She, in turn, fornicates with the kings of the earth (thoughts and beliefs of the carnal mind) so that they, too, follow the crooked way. It is in this way that the Great Harlot becomes drunk with the blood of the saints.

Rev 17:6 And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus: and when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration.

After the Great Harlot is made "worse than the first" by the spirit of anti-Christ, the Great Harlot becomes a habitation of Devils:

Rev 18:2 And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils (spirit of anti-Christ), and the hold of every

foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird. 3 For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies.

During each Elect believer's conversion, the Great Harlot w/Devils will be judged and destroyed.

Rev 18:9 And the kings of the earth, who have committed fornication and lived deliciously with her, shall bewail her, and lament for her, when they shall see the smoke of her burning 10 standing afar off for the fear of her torment, saying, Alas, alas, that great city Babylon, that mighty city! for in one hour is thy judgment come.

Important Note: God's Word teaches about the destruction of the child of the Devil who is representative of all mankind (**1John 3:8-10**). The child's destruction is a spiritual destruction which destroys the person's marred spirit (Great Harlot) and carnal mind (Old Man).

This spiritual destruction appears to show that the person has perished, and in God's eyes (and in scripture) they have. But before they perish, the person is spiritually recreated in such a way that the person's conscious existence will continue to live. The person and their spirit & mind are the same ones that they have always had, except now, they are "made new" (**Rev 21:5**) by the governing of the Holy Spirit within them.

So when you read about the destruction of the child of the Devil, keep in mind that the person will continue to live because they were spiritually recreated beforehand as a child of God. In God's eyes, the original person has perished in the Lake of Fire (judgment) and the new person has been created – but they are both the same person. Scripture frequently shows conversion in this way.

The verses below apply:

Isa 64:8 But now, O LORD, thou art our father; we are the clay, and thou our potter; and we all are the work of thy hand.

Jer 18:4 And the vessel that he made of clay was marred in the hand of the potter: so he made it again another vessel, as seemed good to the potter to make it.

The original marred vessel (marred spiritual makeup) is made into a new vessel (perfect spiritual makeup) with the same lump of clay (the person).

SUMMARY

Adam and Eve were created spiritually marred. The flaw caused their spirit to be weak and subject to vanity. In this condition, their marred spirit thinks more highly of itself than it should and puts its own needs (includes those of its physical body) ahead of obeying the laws of God. Because of the flaws in Adam and Eve's spirit, the spirit developed a carnal and religious

spiritual nature which was passed onto the heart and then onto the mind. As a result, Adam and Eve and all their offspring frequently disobey the laws of God.

Because of Adam and Eve's adultery with Satan in the Garden of Eden, Adam and Eve's marriage relationship with Christ ended.

However, because Christ loves his forsaken (divorced) wife, Christ decided to restore His marriage relationship with her. To restore the marriage, Christ came in the flesh with the full measure of the Holy Spirit. With this Spirit, Christ's spirit was strong and powerful and never developed a carnal or religious nature. As a result, Christ was always obedient to His Father. Because Christ never sinned, He was able to become the perfect and final blood sacrifice for the sins of mankind.

However, the blood sacrifice was not enough to restore the marriage relationship with mankind. To be restored, mankind must be "born again" with the same spiritual makeup which governs Christ so that mankind will no longer disobey God and sin.

To change mankind's spiritual makeup, Christ laid out a plan to individually come to each and every person who has ever lived (all who are "in Adam", **1Cor 15:20-28**). When Christ comes to a person, He will pour out the Early and Latter Rains of the Spirit upon them. With this Spirit indwelling the individual, the Spirit will bring judgment to their marred spirit. The Holy Spirit will then make the marred spirit "new" by governing it. The new spirit will then make the heart "new", which will, in turn, transform the carnal mind into the mind of Christ.

With a new and perfect spiritual makeup, mankind will finally be empowered to make their own needs and desires secondary to pleasing and obeying their God and Creator. With this new ability, mankind will never sin again and the marriage will be restored to God. This is salvation.

After the last person of mankind is saved, this scripture will then be fulfilled:

Luke 3:4 As it is written in the book of the words of Esaias the prophet, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. 5 Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be brought low; and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways shall be made smooth; 6 And all flesh shall see the salvation of God.